

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING

River Stone Manor
Glenville, New York
May 16, 2012

- MVLS Trustees:** Sarah Beekman, Jane Borrelli, Margaret Carballeira, Elizabeth Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patricia Franco, Barbara Madonna, René Roser, Jean Wildgrube
- MVLS Staff:** Valerie Catlin, Terri Flower, Lois Gordon, Kathy Insero, Sharon O'Brien, Sue Rokos, Joe Sherry, Maria Tse
- Joint Automation Staff:** Mary Hanley, Diane Robinson
- Guests:** Tim Burke, Linda Burns, Carol Clingan, Tom Clingan, Barry Finley, Theresa Finley, Jeremy Johannesen, Kathryn McCary, Dottie McVean, Carol Young

Library Trustees, Library Directors and Staff, and Friends

Fulton County

- Gloversville** Lance Gunderson, Donna Kuhner, Christine Pesses
- Johnstown** James Cleary
- Northville** Michael Burnett

Montgomery County

- Amsterdam** Nicole Hemsley, Robin Kappler, John Naple, Dawn Snyder
- Canajoharie** Eric Trahan, Lisa Trahan
- Fort Hunter** Norma Jean Bennett, Tina Shave, Sue Summerfield
- Fort Plain** Eileen Chambers, Catherine Clinton, Virginia Hill, Whitney Hubbard, Susanne Manclow
- Fonda** Linda Bell, Sherri Kirschman
- St. Johnsville** Sharon Fuller, Dawn Lamphere, Rebecca Sokol, Marta Zimmerman

- Schenectady County** Karen Bradley, Serena Butch, Andy Kulmatiski, Esther Swanker, Mary Ann Warner

Schoharie County

- Cobleskill** Devon Hedges, Dee Neary
- Middleburgh** Vicki DeGroff, Theresa Khars, Ann Lamont, Teresa Pavoldi

Schoharie

Cathy Caiazzo, Sharon Janik, Ray Luhrman, Johanna Luhrman, Sara Luhrman, Deb Paden, Arlene Price, Laura Rosenthal, Joe Schmid, Khris Schmid, Carl Stefanik

Sharon Springs

Mary France, Dawn O'Donnell, Mary Ellen Wolfe

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library System was held at the River Stone Manor in Glenville.

Sue Rokos, Interim Director, welcomed all and introduced Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblyman Peter Lopez. They both congratulated our award winners and stated how strongly they support libraries and the services they give to their communities.

Sue welcomed special guests Dottie McVean, assistant to Assemblyman Marc Butler, Carol Clingan, past Executive Director, and husband Tom Clingan, Tim Burke, Director, Upper Hudson Library System and new incoming MVLS Executive Director, Eric Trahan and his wife Lisa Trahan.

Sue congratulated The Community Library, Fort Hunter Free Library, Frothingham Free Library, Gloversville Public Library, Margaret Reaney Memorial Library, Middleburgh Library, and the Northville Public Library on their successful vote propositions.

Sue introduced the members of the Mohawk Valley Library System Board, MVLS staff and Mary Hanley and Diane Robinson from the Joint Automation Project.

Michael Burnett, Chair of the MVLS Directors' Council acknowledged member library directors from each library.

Business Meeting:

MVLS Board President Betty Cleary called the annual meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

She noted that 13 libraries were in attendance and recognized their trustees.

Betty noted copies of the 2011 MVLS Annual Report were on tables. The report highlights the activities of the past year, including statistics and report from each of the member libraries. An online version is posted on the MVLS website.

Minutes from the May 2011 meeting were on the tables. Robin Kappler moved, Patty Franco, seconded, approval and the motion passed.

Betty called for the report of the Nominating Committee:

Sarah Beekman, representing the Nominating Committee, presented nominations for the following seats on the MVLS Board:

- Mary France, representing Schoharie County
- Bonnie Kerr, representing Montgomery County
- Jane Borrelli, representing Fulton County
- Cheryl Cufari representing Schenectady County

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Betty asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked Secretary Patty Franco to cast a single ballot for the slate.

Betty Cleary presented staff recognition awards to Terri Flower, who has worked at MVLS for twenty-five years, Lois Gordon, who has worked at MVLS for fifteen years and Carol Clingan who retired from MVLS in December.

Betty recognized Patty Franco, representative of the Awards Committee, to introduce the annual MVLS Awards. Patty thanked Marion Grimes, Chair, and Bonnie Kerr for their work on this year's awards and thanked those who submitted nominations this year.

The Schoharie Volunteers from the Schoharie Free Library received the 2012 Harold & Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. Cathy Caiazzo, Director, received the award on behalf of the many, many volunteers who came to the rescue of the Schoharie Library after the Hurricane Irene flood. Specifically honored were the Raymond and Sara Luhrman family and crew of the Fox Creek Farm in Gallupville, and the Peter and Erika Schmid family and crew of the Lighthouse Fellowship Church, Howes Cave. Patty presented Cathy and the volunteers with a framed certificate. The library received \$200 in their honor. Dottie McVean, Assistant to Assemblyman Marc Butler presented the volunteers with a certificate from the New York State Assembly. Betty Cleary presented a certificate from Assemblyman Peter Lopez and a certificate from the New York State Senate on behalf of Senator Hugh Farley.

Patty Franco presented the 2012 Library Recognition Award to the Northville Public Library for their *Sacandaga Families* program. This project developed a genealogy research tool that creates family trees for those who have lived in or around the Sacandaga Valley since the late 1700s. Northville Director Michael Burnett described the program and accepted the award on behalf of the library. The library was awarded \$500, a framed certificate and certificates from the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly.

Slide shows of the flooded Schoharie Free Library and their clean-up efforts were available for viewing.

Betty congratulated the 2012 award winners on behalf of the MVLS Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The evening ended with the seventh annual Library Trivia contest hosted by Michael Burnett and assisted by Sharon O'Brien and Sue Rokos. Winners received books by answering book related questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Franco, Secretary