

Bernardsville Library Association – Annual Report 2004

Who are we? The Bernardsville Library Association is a not-for-profit community group that assists the Bernardsville Public Library. Our fundraising and advocacy add substantial value to everyone's use of the Bernardsville Public Library. Anyone who contributes time or money to the Association or to the library is considered a member of the Association.

What did the Association do in 2004?

With the funds raised from last year's fund drive and drawn from our original Furnishings Fund, the BLA augmented the library's operating budget by \$75,734. Our gifts to the library included:

- All children's and teen programs including all craft programs and special performances;
- All large print books;
- Seniors' Day;
- Our popular *Sundays At Three* concert series;
- New computer training equipment for public computer classes;
- A self-checkout station;
- Expanded audio book shelving;
- Spanish language newspapers and English-As-A-Second-Language classes;
- New patio furniture; and
- A new website design, which goes live this fall.

Volunteers

Library volunteers give countless hours of service to the library. Volunteers assist with children's programs and craft projects, staff the Local History Room, provide income tax assistance at the library, arrange for and hang art displays, provide the English-As-A-Second-Language programs and some computer classes, run the bridge group, and process, cover, repair and re-shelve books and other materials. The Bernardsville Garden Club maintains and restocks the library's outdoor plantings and provides weekly indoor floral arrangements. We thank everyone who volunteered in 2004.

Officers, Directors and Meetings

Bimonthly meetings of the Directors of the Bernardsville Library Association are open to all members of the Association. Remaining 2005 meetings are on September 14 and November 9, 2005 (the Annual Meeting), at 7:00 pm at the library. The current board is:

Lorette Cheswick, President
Marilyn Dee
Madelyn English
Elizabeth Faulkner
Fran Fischer

Estrid Jones
Jeff Kinkley
Roni Larini
Fran Matson
Theo Mulgrum

Janet Murnick
Jay Parsons, Treasurer
Nancy Pierson, Secretary
Maureen Robinson
Tom Shea

Rita Stein, Vice President
Maud Thiebaud, Secretary
William Wilkie

Fund Drive

The Association's 2004 Annual Fund Drive ran from October 1, 2004 and brought in generous

contributions of more than \$30,000. Many, many thanks to all of you, listed below, who contributed to the

Association or directly to the library. Many thanks also to all of you who helped prepare or tally the results of the borough-

wide mailing, including members of Girl Scout Service Unit 7.

Further Information: If you would like to become active in the Association, email us at bla@hublib.lib.nj.us or call Lorette Cheswick at 766-3831. If you would like to volunteer time to the library, call Karen Yannetta at 766-0118. If we missed the name of a donor, it was an unintentional mistake; please let us know.