President’s Column ... **MARILYN HARCHARIK, FOL PRESIDENT**

The Friends Annual Meeting is April 26th at 10:00 AM at the Beaufort Library where we will vote on some bylaws changes and new Board Directors plus hear an update on the Library. The candidates for the 2019 Board bring incredibly impressive talents and skills — their bios are on page 3. HUGE thanks go to Carol Brown who will take over for me. As a previous librarian, she brings “inside baseball” skills as well as years of experience working with the Friends.

After the meeting, visit our Bookstore, which has been recently refurbished and is well stocked with the BEST buys! Think about stocking up for your summer beach and travel reading. You can’t beat our prices!

This will be my last Annual Meeting since I am “retiring.” I want to thank all the Board members who have served during my tenure — what a talented, fun, and hard-working crew! You will have my eternal gratitude and affection.

The journey would have been so much more difficult without the superb leadership of Library Director, Ray McBride. He has changed the face of the library — literally. The Scott Street Renovation turned a worn, sad looking place into a mecca for peace, quiet, study and research. We just put up a plaque in the lobby honoring the major donors for this project.

Most of all I want to express my appreciation to every person in our community who has reached in their pocket to give the Friends even one dollar for the library. Your generosity and support mean everything to the Friends, the staff, and our Patrons. The library is the heart of our community — it helps people grow, enriches lives, provides a safe haven for so many, teaches skills and crafts, provides summer reading, and so much more. Beaufort would be a sad place without our library. You can all be proud of what we have done to keep it vibrant and up-to-date.

Thanks!!! You made my job easy!

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This will be the Friend's **FINAL** printed newsletter. We are moving into the digital age!

All future Friends news will be posted to our website at [FriendsoftheBeaufortLibrary.com](http://FriendsoftheBeaufortLibrary.com)

We will regularly be sending out short concise e-mail blasts letting you know about upcoming events. Stay informed! Make sure we have your email Address!

Not sure? Send it to: [FriendsBeaufort@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsBeaufort@gmail.com) . . . and be sure to add that address to your Contacts list!

**Like us on Facebook to stay informed!**

Find us on Facebook at [Friends of the Library Beaufort St. Helena Lobeco](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Library-Beaufort-St-Helena-Lobeco-157139362464610)

**Not a FRIEND of the Beaufort Library?**

Fill out the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Or get the form on our website under Membership. You can either print it out and send it in with a check or pay online with a credit card.

When you visit our 3 Library branches (Beaufort, St. Helena and Lobeco), check out the Friends board for news! Stay informed of what the Friends are doing!
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Friends of the Beaufort Library
Thursday, April 26, 2018, 10–11 AM
Beaufort Library, 311 Scott St., Beaufort SC
Friends Annual Report & Financials
Library Update
Proposed changes to Bylaws **
Proposed Board Candidates and Officers
President: Carol Brown
Treasurer: Sandy Shuster
Secretary: Nancy Gilley
BSI: Pete Bongiovanni
Fall Book Sale: Deb Chevas
Carter Hoyt

**Proposed changes to Bylaws **
(New wording in red)
Vote to amend will be held at the Annual Meeting, April 26, 10 AM, Scott Street Branch
Purpose: Install officers after the Annual Meeting vote instead of at the next Board meeting.
Article V Board of Directors
Section 7. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of Board members who will interview and select nominees for Director positions, as well as determine the officer slate – President, Treasurer, Secretary, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. The slate of Directors and Officers will be approved by the Board before being posted for full Membership review 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting. Each proposed nominee must be a member of the FOL, a resident of Beaufort County, able to receive and respond to electronic communication, and must consent to their nomination.
Section 8. Directors elected at the annual meeting, as well as the officers, shall take office immediately.
Article VI Officers – Delete Section 1
Section 1. The Board at its first meeting after the annual meeting shall elect from its Directors the following officers to serve for terms of one year; President, First and Second Vice Presidents; Secretary and Treasurer.

YOUR Books Help to Support YOUR Library!
Selling books is the major fund-raiser of the Friends of the Beaufort Library. How do we get these books? From YOU! Many of these books are sold at our famous Annual Book Sale, held each year in Waterfront Park on the last weekend in September.

But you don’t have to wait until September to get wonderful books at rock-bottom prices. The Friends operate bookstores at all of our three branches. The Friends bookstore at the Scott Street Branch is located in a room just inside the front door, to the left of the old Circulation Desk. At the St. Helena Branch, the books for sale are just inside the door to the left. At the Lobeco Branch the books for sale are in the lobby. You can pay for your books at the Circulation Desk at all of the branches. You can buy books anytime the libraries are open. (See Library hours on page 4.) All money raised goes right back to supporting the three libraries North of the Broad — Scott Street, St. Helena and Lobeco.

We need your books to keep our book sales healthy. Your donations can be left at either the Scott Street Branch or the St. Helena branch. If you have a large collection of books to donate, you can contact our Book Sale Chair, Kinsey Baker, for pickup (kbakerbooks@centurylink.net).

Summer Reading . . . Libraries Rock!
Sign Your Children Up for a Summer of Reading FUN!
The 2018 theme for Summer Reading in Beaufort County will focus on Music! Bring your child to the Library and see how “Libraries Rock!”

The Scott Street Branch will have their kickoff on Thursday, June 4 at 2:00 PM, with a special drum celebration. The St. Helena Branch will be rocking the drums with their kickoff on June 2 at noon complete with hot dogs and popsicles. The Lobeco Branch will kick off summer reading on June 4 at 11:00 AM with a special program presented by Professor Whizzpop. Come enjoy his magic!

Stop by any of the three local Beaufort branches to find out about the many wonderful programs being offered each and every month in the children’s departments. Check out the books and materials that you can enjoy with your children at the Library and in your own home. There is something for everyone. Join in on the fun! All are welcome!
Bios of Proposed Board Members of the 2018–2019 FOL Board

**Carol Brown (Candidate for President)**
Carol began her library association serving as President of the Friends of the Guilford (CT) Free Library, where she worked for ten years before accepting a position at the New Haven Public Library, where she supervised the Library’s Foundation Center Co-operating Collection. She retired as Manager of Adult Programs and Communications in the summer of 2014, and moved two weeks later to Beaufort with her husband, dog and two cats.

Carol volunteered as Media Manager for Film Fest New Haven, served on the boards of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Council, and Literacy Volunteers for Greater New Haven. In Beaufort she has worked with the AAUW, Born To Read, Beaufort Indivisible and currently serves as secretary for the Friends of the Beaufort County Library. Carol practices yoga and enjoys corresponding and visiting with friends and family.

**Pam Brandon (Candidate for Membership Outreach & 2nd Vice President)**
Pam Brandon moved with her husband, daughter and grandson to Beaufort County nearly six years ago and has been very engaged with several non-profits and is also active in local and state politics. She can be seen almost everywhere with her camera, taking pictures and entertaining the crowds with her quirky sense of humor. She is a tireless Board Member and great ambassador for the Friends to the community.

In 2017, she graduated from The James Clyburn Fellowship program and was also appointed as a Disability Special Needs Commissioner for Beaufort County.

**Sandy Shuster (Candidate for Treasurer)**
Sandy earned her BS in Accounting from the University of Dayton and an MBA from Northern Illinois University.

She is a Certified Public Accountant with strong analytical, planning and operational management skills, committed to achieving results in a high-pressure, fast paced environment. Over 30 years of experience (Coca Cola, Nortel Networks, and Motor & Gear Engineering) as a financial professional with practical experience in both large corporations managing a shared services environment, and participating in the general financial and operational management of a small business. She is a qualified financial manager in every aspect of finance and accounting. She was an adjunct professor at Mercer University teaching Principles of Accounting and Managerial Accounting at the undergraduate level.

She and her husband moved to Dataw from Atlanta in 2016. Her interests include golf, sewing and oil painting. Currently she is attending USC, Beaufort, to obtain her BS degree in Studio Art.

**Nancy Gilley (Candidate for Secretary)**
Nancy was raised in Poughkeepsie, NY, and earned degrees from Russell Sage College and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1971 she moved to Beaufort, then a much smaller community, where she was welcomed despite — or because of — her “Yankee” roots.

Education is her passion and she spent the next 29 years as a teacher and administrator, most of that time with the Beaufort County School District. She was among the founders of the local League of Women Voters (1974-1992), served for eight years on the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board, and recently completed three terms as a Board member and Chairperson of Born To Read. Her other civic involvement includes Habitat for Humanity, the County Democratic Party and Beaufort County Historical Association.

Nancy and her husband, local attorney D. C. Gilley, enjoy their book clubs and travel.

**Pete Bongiovanni (Candidate for BSI Co-Chair & 1st Vice President)**
Pete grew up in Plymouth, MA, and attended Northeastern University in Boston for a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and Tina were married in 1970, have two children and two grandchildren. They spent most of their working careers in Northeast Ohio. Pete worked as a manufacturing executive in the rubber and plastics industries. Over the years he has volunteered as a Meals on Wheels driver, on church boards, with Friends of the Bainbridge Library, Ohio, and with literacy councils. In Beaufort, he is currently volunteering in Beaufort Second Helpings.

**Deb Chevas (Candidate for Co-Chair Book Sale Event)**
Deb married her high school sweetheart, Jim. They lived three years on a New York Air Force Base then moved back to Chicago-land to be near families. She was in the first group of a new program at Brookfield Zoo (part of Chicago Zoological Society) called Guest Guides.

Later, in Wisconsin, she volunteered with the Madison Film Festival, working up to site manager, and was VP of Friends of the Library where her focus was on selling specialty and higher priced books on-line.

Professionally, she worked 30 years in wholesale insurance and holds ARM (science of risk management) & CPCU designations. She was a Partner for ten years at True Benchmark Insurance Services. Deb was also VP then President of the OakBrook Insurance Association, part of a National society for increased education in insurance.

She and her husband moved to Beaufort last year.

**Carter Hoyt (Candidate for Co-Chair Book Sale Event)**
Carter’s early years were spent in Northern Virginia before moving in 1977 to Atlanta where she lived until relocating to Lady’s Island in 2013.

She received her undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College and worked most of her professional career as a legal recruiter.

In 2016, Carter completed the Beaufort County Senior Leadership Program, which she continues to support in a volunteer capacity, and completed the Master Naturalist Program in late 2017. She works part-time for and is a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Port Royal. She also served a two-year term on the Board of the Newport Community Association and chaired the Board Nominating Committee.

Carter loves history and most anything outdoors, including gardening and hiking. She is a true believer in the value of libraries and hopes her organizational skills will be an asset to the Friends Board.

**Terry Ebert (Candidate for Corresponding Secretary)**
The library in downtown Beaufort has figured prominently in Terry’s life since 1964, when she moved here with her family from Texas. Fond memories of this library are interwoven in her life — walking there after school from Beaufort Junior High, bike-riding there on hot summer days, using a “Xerox machine” for the first time, reading the exotic New York Times, discovering a diversity of reading opportunities, to recent years of extensive library computer use and gathering reading selections for children in her classrooms.

These library experiences provided the lifelong love of reading and learning that provided a strong base in Terry’s teaching career. For 36 years she brought this influence to her young students, from Texas to Columbia, and (coming full-circle 12 years ago) back to Beaufort.

This past year, her first year of retirement, has been filled with rest, reading, home repairs, gardening, yoga, and adventures with her two dogs.
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Become a FRIEND of the Library! Fill out the form below.

FRIENDS OF THE BEAUFORT LIBRARY
YES, I would like to become a Friend of the Beaufort Library!

____ New         ____Renewal         ________________Date

☐ Individual ($15)       ☐ Family ($25)       ☐ Patron ($50)
☐ Benefactor ($100)      ☐ Angel ($250)      ☐ Super Angel ($500)

Enclosed is my contribution of $_______

Special Designation or Instructions: _______________________________________________________

YOUR NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________ STATE:_____ ZIP:________________________

PHONE___________________________ E-MAIL___________________________________

To celebrate, honor or remember someone with this gift, complete this section:

☐To Celebrate ___________________________________________________________

☐In Honor of _____________________________________________________________

☐In Memory of ___________________________________________________________

Please send a Tribute Notification Card to:

NAME: _________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________ STATE:_____ ZIP CODE:________________________

PHONE___________________________ E-MAIL___________________________________

☐ Volunteer with the Friends! YES, I would like to volunteer with the Friends of the Beaufort Library. Please contact me to discuss what I can do!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Friends of the Beaufort Library
(All contributions are tax deductible)

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Friends of the Beaufort Library, 311 Scott Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

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