

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS**

### **PRESIDENT: Tom Romaniak**

Tom Romaniak has been involved with the Angie W. Cox Public Library since his arrival in Pardeeville in 2007. He enjoys books and reading and would often read to his children until they fell asleep. As a result, several of his children have become avid readers and frequent users of libraries. He strongly believes in lifelong learning and is passionate about providing financial education to those in the community. Tom has been part of the Friends of the Library for several years and was named President of the group in 2018.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Betty Reiter**

Betty has been a member of "Friends" almost since the beginning. Once retired from working at the Pardeeville School, she became more involved and has held multiple roles over the past ten years. Why did she join the Friends of the Library? The library is a vital part of the community where she can support literacy.

### **SECRETARY: Kristie Nielson Corning**

Kristie has been an advocate of the Friends of the Library since 2013, when she was hired as a library assistant at the Angie W. Cox Public Library (AWC). She took on the role of Secretary in 2017 and resumed that role in 2019. Retiring from Wisconsin State and University service in 2016, she served as interim AWC Director (2017-2018), and currently enjoys the Assistant Director position under the leadership of Joan Foster (Director, July 2018 - present). Kristie is a strong supporter of library activities and programs and always looks for ways to better serve the community. Her passion has led her to pursue an associate degree in the Library and Information Services Program through the Chippewa Valley Technical College.

### **TREASURER: Laureen Lueck**

Laureen Lueck has been connected to the Angie W. Cox Public Library whether it be for research, work, or volunteer purposes. Laureen was the "Story Hour Lady" in the 1970s and 1980s. She helped create the adult reading group, R.E.A.D (Read, Enjoy, and Discuss) in the 1990s and is proud to be the last one left in the group of original creators. She joined the Friends of the Library (FOL) in 2013 and became Treasurer, which is a position she continues to hold. She has helped to lead the Collaborative Summer Library Program with other FOL volunteers, cleaned book shelves, and organized closets. Don't be surprised if you see her shoveling the library walks as a member of the Lions Club. She works hard to give back to the community and her husband, Jerry, is right by her side helping with it all!

### **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Maude Bortz**

Maude has been an active member of the Friends of the Library (FOL) since 2009 when the group was "reborn" to their current structure. At about that same time, she became involved with the Collaborative Summer Library Program. She helped to organize and facilitate the program during some difficult times when the library was underfunded and understaffed. She continues her support through the FOL today. She took on the role of recording secretary from 2009-2017 and now serves as Communications Coordinator. Along with her husband, Lester, she assists with all things "Book Sale" to help raise money for library programs.

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Mitzi Manthey**

As Membership Chair, Mitzi coordinates and maintains membership contact information. She attends special events, promoting new memberships. Mitzi has been an advocate of the Friends of the Library since 2014. While working as a library assistant in the Angie Williams Cox Public Library, she discovered what a beautiful facility we had in Pardeeville and decided that the Friends of the Library was another way she might be able to help it grow. Mitzi participates in as many of the Friends' activities as her schedule allows, especially the summer book sale, pie socials and band concerts featuring the Dual County Community Band.