

Friends of the South Coastal Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 7:00PM
President's Report

Big BIG BIGGGG News!

In January, Joan Gordon submitted a well-deserved nomination of Kathy Green to the **2024 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Services**. The nomination was on the basis of Kathy's countless hours of service to South Coastal Village Volunteers (of which Joan is a part), FOSCL and the BBCT, and Justin's Beach House. Representatives from the three organizations prepared written tributes for the nomination. In particular, Phyllis Rigotti, Judy Johnstone and Rosemary Hardiman wrote a lovely letter that Joan incorporated into the nomination form.



The Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, administered by the State Office of Volunteerism, honors exemplary service and the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals and organizations making a difference across Delaware communities through volunteering. Recipients of the Governor's Awards must exemplify the following characteristics:

- Demonstrate sustained volunteer commitment to meeting Delaware's most pressing human and environmental needs
- Engage in meaningful volunteer service that makes a measurable difference in the community
- Represent extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness: and through volunteerism, have an impact on Delaware communities.

Governor John Carney will present the 2024 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards to 17 individuals, six groups, seven emerging youth leaders, and one corporation during an April 4 ceremony to recognize their exceptional volunteer service.

On March 7, Kathy and Joan were notified by phone that Kathy had been selected as one of the winners of the award. Joan shared the good news with us then followed up a day or so later with information on the April 4 event at which the awards are to be presented. I shared that with the Executive Committee and the Tour Committee members involved in the process, but was remiss in not sharing the news with all of you right away. My apologies. I hope it may still be possible for some FOSCL/Tour

representatives to attend the reception/dinner event in Dover to see Joan receive the award on Kathy's behalf. The reception will be Thursday, April 4 from 5-8 PM at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Tickets are \$50, including a cocktail hour and dinner. A delegation of eight from South Coastal Village Volunteers will attend. If you are able to attend, please google **2024 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards Tickets**, go to **Eventbrite** and see if you can still purchase tickets; I would be more than happy to personally pay for four FOSCL/Tour Committee members to attend. If tickets are no longer available on the site, please reach out to Joan (Joan Gordon 302-537-2120 or 302-542-0016) who can check with the Governor's office on your behalf to see if something can be worked out. We're all so very proud of Kathy, one of the most gracious, hard-working, purpose-driven and fun leaders and collaborators I know. She makes each of us fortunate enough to work with her feel like a treasured sister/brother – a rare and utterly delightful quality. Kudos to our hero, Kathy Green!!

Finance: On a comparatively dour note, we now have less than 6 months to find our next Treasurer. (I'm covering for Tony while he is away for the month and am experiencing first hand what an important job it is.) Please help by: considering if your skill set would be a fit with this responsibility; and if you know anyone locally with an accounting, finance or business background who may be appropriate. Many thanks.

Donations/Contributions to FOSCL: Several of us have been working on generating an auto-acknowledgement to donations made to FOSCL from the website. This will reduce reply lag time to zero for online donations. Thanks to Rachel for sharing her experience with this, to KJ for researching the "how to" aspects, and to Connie, KG and others for contributing to the thought process and discussion.

Friends of Delaware Libraries (FODL): The FODL annual meeting will take place April 8, 2024 at the Georgetown Public Library. I plan to attend, and invite you to attend as well. Come along and meet representatives from our Friends groups in our state.



Looking Ahead: Please take a look at the meeting schedule at the end of my report and add them to your calendar. There were a couple of errors on the Members-Only section of the Website (**thank you, Dianna**) and I want to be sure everyone has the correct dates.

What to expect at the March meeting: Please be ready to discuss a **date change for the April meeting**, which unfortunately falls on Passover (thank you, Rachel). We can pull up the calendar with room availability and make the rescheduling decision.

Also note that the Nominations Committee report includes a draft of a proposed Board Commitment document. If we have a motion regarding this proposal at the meeting, we can discuss it and give the committee feedback, then either consider or table the motion for later.

Please let me know of any errors/omissions noticed in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Calkins

2024 Meeting Schedule

(January - no Board meeting)

(February - no Board meeting)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

?-day, April ??, 2024

(May - No Board Meeting)

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 (Nominations Meeting)

(July - No Meeting)

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (Annual Meeting open to the public)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (New Board Member Orientation Meeting)

(November - No Meeting)

Monday, December 2, 2024 (Annual Budget Meeting) **Please note the MONDAY date!**

Parking Lot of Ideas for Future Discussion

FOSCL Social Media Presence

FOSCL Board Strategic planning meeting?

Running list of bylaws corrections/additions for future attention