

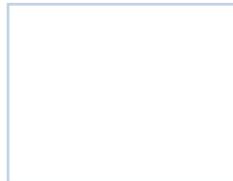
## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS

The FOOL's are selling notecards with images of our community including the Hulton Bridge. The set contains 7 images in a 14 card set for \$15.00. All proceeds will go towards children's and young adult programs at the Oakmont Carnegie Library. Cards are available at Embroidery From the Heart, Oakmont Historical Society, Borough Office, and the Library.



**SINCE 2010 THE FOOLS HAVE SEEN A 48% DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS!**

**Maintaining the quality and number of current programs depends on your membership and financial support.**



# FOOL'S FORUM

A Newsletter by and for the Friends of the Oakmont Library

(affectionately known by the acronym "FOOL's")

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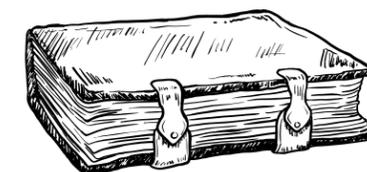
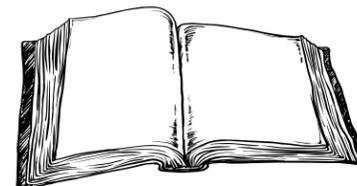
### A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OAKMONT CARNEGIE LIBRARY: BETH MELLOR

In case you did not know our new operating hours are: Monday 10-8:00, Tuesday-Thursday 10-6:00, Friday 12-4:00, Saturday 9-4 and closed Sundays. [We're looking at this change as a way of hitting a reset button.] This change was made because expenses to maintain your library have exceeded the revenues. In order to make some long needed building repairs and updates, we have shifted some funding away from library operations to library repairs.. The good news is that the library staff is still strongly committed to providing you the best service possible during the new hours and we hope you will continue to support your landmark 1901 Carnegie Library.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE OAKMONT LIBRARY: JOE SCHWEINBERG

As you read the above message from our Oakmont Carnegie Library director, you see that the jewel of a facility that we have as our library is no different from any other structure that requires not only constant maintenance but also occasional, unexpected and necessary repairs. And it is not so different from our own homes. When such occasions arise, we must find a way to allocate income to take care of emergencies requiring needed attention. Well, imagine the library is a home. The heads of the "household" have decided to meet needed maintenance and repairs, which requires changes in the operation of the household. But as in your home, the last change would be the quality of care and concern for everyone living there, especially the children. What our library has decided to do is to reallocate "income" to meet "home" repairs. What we as the Friends Of the Oakmont Library have the opportunity to do is to make sure that the quality, and the enjoyment, of children and young adult activities does not change. Our mission has always been that the FOOLs provide children and young adult books, materials and programs that the library would not be able to afford out of the regular budget. Now that budget is stretched thinner to meet demands and we can make sure the young ones who come through the doors don't miss a thing.

The Friends of the Oakmont Library budget has been stretched also due to declining membership over the years. We have since our beginning in 1992, and through this steady drop in membership, continued to provide funds to the library to ensure the existence and quality of the children's and young adult programs. If you are a returning member of the FOOLs, I thank you for your support on behalf of the children. If you are new to our community, please stop in to our library on any Monday or Wednesday morning to see the joy the library brings to the children, and consider helping to make that continue.





# Where did your donation to **FOOLs** go?

The pictures below are where your donated funds are being used.



- BUG BOTS:** Part of the STEM concept of incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in education.
- TRICK-OR-TREAT & HOLIDAY PARTY:** Children dress up and visit the various library desks for an indoor Trick-or-Treating. We celebrated the winter holidays with cookies, cards, and crafts!
- FALL STEAM AHEAD!** The STEAM Project incorporates the addition of Art to the STEM Project. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math are highlighted at these events. Below is one of our STEAM programs.
- BOOK BUDDIES STORY TIME:** Children 0-5 have free play, circle time, craft, and snack each week.
- SUMMER READING:** Fun programs at the library, outreach, and groups that are visiting. Summer is very busy.

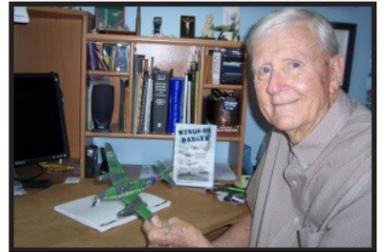


## 2016 Membership Roster

Mike Aivaliotis	Carolyn Czapor	Alexandra Gregory	Clete Lee	August Savio
Sam & Dixie Anderson	Carolyn A. Davis	Dr. Terry & Carolyn Griffin	Elaine Luther	Dick & Joan Schneider
Maureen Anderson	Nancy J. De Tar	Robert & Joan Gundersen	Louise B. Lytle	Diane & Thomas Schorr
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Maureen & Leo Bidula	Mary G. DiDiano	Paul R. Herrle	Chris & Sue Martin	Jeanne Siska
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Brigitte Bouchat	Renee DiMatteo	Lois A. Hlavac	Bill & Kathy McCall	Stan & Joan Sofish
Richard A. Boulden	Tom & Francie Dinnin	Charles & Audrey Holler	Bob & Diane McCutcheon	Bob & Joan Stewart
August Brancati	Mary - Isabel M. Doak	Frank & Gerry Hooper	Jean McFarland	J.R. Ambrose & Eliza Swain
Gail Braunger	Evelyn Doelfel	Steve & Shirley Hoops	William & Susan McHenry	Rachel & Lowell Swarts
Elizabeth Breslin	Peter Kovacyk & Paula Doelfel	Chris & Wendy Hudack	Mary Lou McLaughlin	William H. & Doris J. Tomlinson
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Patrick & Frances Connolly	Barbara Giarrusso	Pamela M. Kimmel	Vince & Dolly Provenza	Jerome & Evelyn Wrzosek
Maggie Conte	Aime Girard	Mary Lou Kissane	Michael M. Purtell	Dorothy J. Wygant
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George & Alice Coulter	Vic Friday & Sue Goodwin	Rick & Pam Knapp	N. C. Radcliffe	Dolores L. Zangrille
Pamela York & Charlena Cunningham	Mathew & Lucy Gregory	Barbara & Kevin Koszka	Jane D. Ries	Jean Zatlun
			Tom & Helen Roche	Richard & Ruth Zoller
			Ruth C. Rupert	Burket-Truby Funeral Home
			August Savio	Anonymous



## QUENTIN L. HARTWIG, Ph.D



Local authors abound in the Pittsburgh area but Oakmont has been a hot spot for many of them. Their genre is as varied as are the authors. Permit us to introduce Quentin L. Hartwig, Ph.D.

How does one find the way from Minnesota to Oakmont? For Dr. Quentin Hartwig, the road had many turns and stops until the draw of the Allegheny River lure him to Oakmont. As a young boy, Dr. Hartwig would spend afternoons with his father at the airport watching planes land and depart. Aviation became a fascination to him.



Published by Merriam Press, "Props and Jets" is a review of early aviation in the Pittsburgh area, which Quentin learned through his research was quite remarkable. This book covers an interesting event. That incident was the crash of a captured German jet at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport when it was an Army Air Base in 1945.

As a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, Quentin became intrigued with the exploits of a local legendary pilot, Homer Stockert, who operated the Stockert Flying Service at the local airport, Bendix Field, in South Bend, Indiana. Eventually, Hartwig wrote the book, *Bendix Field: The History of an Airport and Legendary Pilot Homer Stockert*.

Then he shifted gears and wrote two novels, *Wings of Danger* and its sequel, *Danger in the Wings*, both a love/action family read. The front cover description of Wings of Danger is: An immigrant's dream places others at risk. Reviews of all can be read at Amazon.com (click on book cover).



Hartwig has not finished writing about the history of early aviation in the Pittsburgh area. In an interview he stated "There are so many subjects such as seaplane bases, aviatrixes, and involved aviation proponents that still deserve recognition." Dr. Hartwig and his wife, Kathleen, will soon be traveling to begin research on these amazing topics.



## serious success learning station:

Join us at our Pop-Up Library, called the Serious Success Learning Station, in Verner Elementary School - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 pm. Activities may include a puppet show, pizza night, family movie night, and free books for the children. The Pop-Up Library is an after school hours hub and provides an opportunity for families to obtain internet access, sit in a quiet space while children complete homework, participate in guided and independent family literacy activities, engage in activities and learning experiences that support and develop STEM related skills, and participate in educational training and workshops. Community members who use the site will be provided with ongoing programs and activities that promote the development of reading, writing, listening, speaking, research, and collaboration through the use of technology and other 21st Century learning formats.

