

A Standing Ovation for Author Robin Oliveira

May Book Sale!

Please donate books for the
sale and come shop, too!

Preview Sale

May 13, 2-4

Sale to public,

May 14, 10-4

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What inspires someone to write a powerful historical novel and how does one go about it? While the answers may be varied and complicated, those of us who were present at the Roswell Reads Luncheon on March 5th were privileged to hear from one author of her lengthy literary journey from a vision through to the completion of a remarkable novel.

Robin Oliveira, the charming, outgoing author of our 2011 Roswell Reads selection, *My Name is Mary Sutter*, gave us insight into her inspiration and discussed with us her challenges as she worked to fashion the character, conduct, and daily life of Mary Sutter and recreate the mood of the Civil War. Robin told us that she strived to fill the story with rich historical details that would make us feel that we were present as the story unfolded. To accomplish this goal, she did research, research, and more research. She began in Albany, NY, and spent days at the Library of Congress, the National Archives and many other museums and repositories. She read hundreds of old newspapers on microfilm, war histories, midwives' and soldiers' diaries, recipes for pharmaceuticals, and Florence Nightingale's nursing textbook; she mined countless on-line

resources; she read 150-year-old documents protected in shrink-wrapped plastic; she read documents specific to the decaying Union Hotel Hospital including admissions ledgers, bed count tallies, sur-

veys, rosters of employed nurses, and doctors' employment contracts; and she was able to read a collection of Dorothea Dix's personal letters. In a stroke of remarkable good luck, she stumbled upon the diary of Rebecca R.

Pomroy, the nurse who sat at Willie Lincoln's bedside as he died and, from it, gained a view into the soul of the iconic President Lincoln. She spoke with awe and reverence of the resources she

found and how they informed her story. Robin also spoke glowingly of the many librarians without whose help she would not have succeeded.



Natalie Pizzuto and Laura McGaughey serve cookies at the Roswell Reads luncheon.

In addition to this rich and informative narrative, Robin treated us to a slide show of artifacts that pertained to the story. It was an extraordinary event and was concluded with a standing ovation for the author.



Robin Oliveira and the Roswell Reads Committee

How Do We Pay for it All?

You've read about all the good things Roswell Friends do such as Roswell Reads, the Summer Reading Program for teens and children, the Authors' Programs, the purchase of CD's, DVD's and Books on Tape for the library and support needed by the staff of the Roswell Library. It takes dollars to make it all happen.

The majority of our funding comes from lobby book sales, the Book Store, and the major book sales held several times a year. But we need more help! There are some things you can do...

1. *Donate* clean fiction and non-fiction books and magazines. Ask your neighbors, book clubs and friends to donate their books. Donations may be placed in the donation bins located in the alcove off the lobby of the library when the store is not open. It takes books to make a bookstore!
2. *Volunteer* your time to work in the Book Store or at the Book Sales. Our volunteers are there

because they love books and enjoy sharing with others. There is the added advantage of having first choice of the new books. If you'd like more information, email Carol Harrison at Roswellgafriends@gmail.com.

3. Buy at the Book Store and the book sales. The Book Store is located to the left of the lobby of the Roswell Library. Book Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The next book sale is Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Spread the word to others you think may be interested.

The Preview Party will be held for all members of the Friends of the Roswell Library on Friday, May 13, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Come meet with other Friends, browse, and have the first pick.

A little bit from a lot of people makes it possible for us to enhance the quality of the library we have in Roswell.

Thank You to our Wonderful Volunteers

The following people helped out in 2010 or early 2011 either in the library or with the Friends:

Del Alsina, Mary Apps, Joan Ayers, Adrian Astaphan, Giny Baethke, Frank Balakonis, Ellen Baxter, Kayron Bearden, Joanne Burke, Richard Babcock, Barney Barnhart, Deborah Childs, Cora Cramer, Ann Creech, Joe Creech, Katie Cox, Doris Croom, Vant Dantuluri, Nadia Dari, Ilya Dyagilev, Brekly Ellard, Britin Ellard, Charlotte Ellard, Clarin Ellard, Fernae Ellard, Roxie Ellard, Lynn Fisher, Joel Feldman, Nell Fernandez, Kelly Frommer, Lynda Fuller, Betsy Gaydos, Bernie Gaydos, Dominique Gray, Sonia Gurbaxania, Carol Harrison, Lillian Holst, John Heetderke, Cynthia Hilderbrand, John Hilderbrand, Dorothy Janusewski, Debbie Jacobs, Jan Johnson, Ravi Kolli, Katherine Kilgore, Barbara Knapp, John Knapp, Mary Ellen Kubis, Sherry Liou, Janet Laroway, Topsy Landham, Eda Long, Evangeline Lucio, Amanda Loudon, Paula March, Pamela Mason, James Moore, Mary Mitchell, Michael

Mesaros, Marcelle Male, Julie Neal, Brue O'Donnell, P.W. Olson, Adam Olejnicza, Nancy Puckett, Maisie Partridge, Judy Presont, Lisa Pizzuto, Rosemary Pizzuto, Debbie Rossignol, Phil Rossignol, Ann Roth, Mary Ratliff, Al Schnall, Dace Sheffied, Jane Slaugher, Richard Stephens, Sydelle Siberman, Nancy Speir, Jane Swift, Morgan Timmis, Janice Tedford, Jerry Tedford, Lynn Turley, Joanne Urvan, Nat Whitlow, Darlene Walsh, Denny Walsh and, last but not least, Whit Whittle.



Three wonderful volunteers: Nancy Speir, Joanne Burke, and Maisie Partridge, in the background.

Congratulations and thanks to...

Pamela Mason:
500+ hours of service in 2010

Janet Laroway and Giny Baethke:
400+ hours of service in 2010

Congratulations and thanks to the following volunteers for their years of service

Nancy Puckett and Joanne Urvan:
20 years

Kayron Bearden, Claire Biro and Maisie Partridge:
15 years

Joan Ayers, Joel Feldman, Janet Laroway,
Eda Long and Lynn Turley:
5 years

Congratulations and thanks to the following volunteers for their hours of service in 2010

Carol Harrison, Mary Mitchell, Julie Neal and
Janice Tedford
200+ hours

Kayron Bearden, Cora Cramer, Ann Creech,
Dorothy Janusewski and Katherine Kilgore
100+ hours



AARP volunteers will provide free tax prep assistance to anyone, although senior

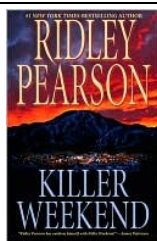
citizens take preference. Please bring copies of your taxes from last year, as well as any other important documents that will be helpful to the advisors.

**Mondays through April 18.
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



Noonday Nosh Book Club's April selection:
The Age of Innocence
by Edith Wharton.
Meeting is April 19th

Mystery Readers' Book Club's April selection:
Killer Weekend by Ridley Pearson. Meeting is April 26th, 6:30



Save the Date

All library volunteers will be honored at the annual AFPL system Volunteer Recognition Program. Special acknowledgement will be given to those outstanding volunteers celebrated in this newsletter for the outstanding service hours they have donated.

**Saturday, April 16, 2011
3:00 PM
Central Library Auditorium**

*The purpose of the **Friends of the Roswell Library** is to provide financial assistance to the library, to promote the library as a learning center for all citizens in the community, and to act as an advocate for improved library services.*

Membership Renewal

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Message from the President

What a wonderful Roswell Reads we had! Thanks to all who participated.

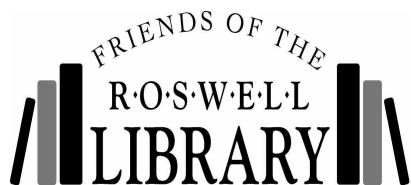
In this issue we are celebrating our 89 volunteers. Isn't that a remarkable list of people who give their time to help make our library what it is? These volunteers do all kinds of things: shelve books, take surveys, man the Book Store, teach ESL classes, help with book sales, serve on the Roswell Reads committee, etc. (We need more help in the Book Store right now, if you want to help.)

Together we worked at least 2,403 hours in 2010. That means we have given the library a lot of dollars worth of our time.

We also gave over \$35,000 in real money in 2010, that we made selling books! We bought the library many books, new CD cases, lots of DVD's, provided programs for all ages, and subscribed to *The Book Page*, just to name a few things that the County doesn't provide.

Jane Swift has been elected the new president of organization. We look forward to her leadership.

Janice Tedford



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*We make a living by what we
get, but we make a life by what
we give. ~Winston Churchill*

Welcome to Our New Members

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David Bledsoe
Sue Cabrera
Susan Farner
Jessica Epstein
Lynda Fuller
Tina Hightower
James Hunter
Robert McCune
Joan & Tom Marsh
Ronald D. Miller
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