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MISSY LEHAND, FDR, AND MYSTERIES!

Every year, the Friends of Dacus manages to find interesting speakers and programs from your enjoyment. This spring is no different.

On April 19, 7 p.m., in the Tuttle Dining Room, Kathryn Smith, author of *The Gatekeeper*, will regale the audience with the trials and tribulations of Missy LeHand, FDR's right-hand woman, secretary extraordinaire, unquestionably a romantic interest.

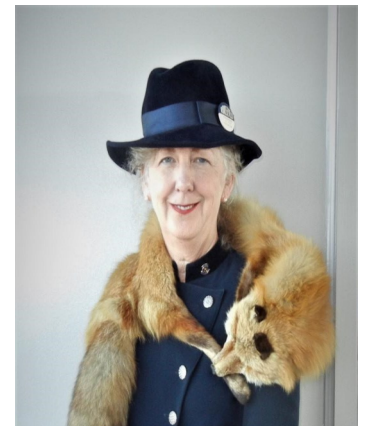
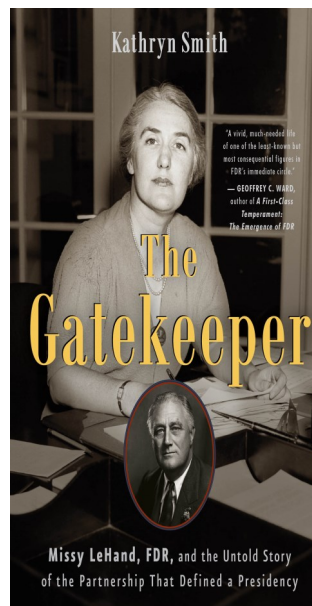
Is there any better way to spend a spring evening than to hear—FREE OF CHARGE—a program about how a brilliant woman helped to shape one of the nation's most memora-

ble presidents?

But that's only the beginning. In addition to Smith's detailing of her excellent book, she'll also wow our audience with a reenactment in period clothes.

You will not want to miss this event. Again, the program is FREE and open to the public (plus, students get cultural event credit). Smith's *Gatekeeper* will be on sale, as will her newest book, a Missy LeHand mystery about one, Shirley Temple. (Cash or check only, please!)

Don't miss out on what promises to be one of our most engaging and interesting events of the year. No need for reservations.



The author as Missy LeHand

MISSY LEHAND, AMATEUR DETECTIVE

Smith's newest book is a fiction mystery caper novel featuring Missy as an amateur detective whom she likens to "Nancy Drew Meets the New Deal." The novel, first in a series, is written with Kelly Durham and titled, *Shirley Temple Is Missing*.

Smith is a native of Georgia who grew up in Atlanta and Clemson. She attended the University of Georgia, where she received a degree in journalism and met her husband Leo. The Smiths have been married for almost 40 years and have lived for 30 years in Ander-

son. Her career path has included stints with three daily newspapers, management of a community theater, and the leadership of the Cancer Association of Anderson, which she helped found in 2003. Along the way, she wrote award-winning newspaper editorials and

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MISSY LEHAND MYSTERY, CONTNUED, PAGE 1



Smith's newest work is a LeHand mystery about Shirley Temple

columns and plays before landing a national publisher, Simon & Schuster, for her biography of Missy (Marguerite) LeHand.

This book will also be on sale at the April 19 event. Ms. Smith will be available to autograph the books as well.



The Gatekeeper is a hard-back and will sell for \$20. *Shirley Temple Is Missing* will sell for \$16.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP NEEDS YOU

“FRIENDSHIP IS UNNECESSARY, LIKE PHILOSOPHY, LIKE ART...IT HAS NO SURVIVAL VALUE; RATHER IT IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT GIVE VALUE TO SURVIVAL.”
C. S. LEWIS, *THE FOUR LOVES*, p. 71

Friends of Dacus Library executive board issues an appeal to all of you reading this newsletter to join and/or renew. Our membership is a stable one of about 110 members, but to remain vital, we need to recruit new and younger members.

Like most organizations and institutions, the Baby Boomers are all retiring and moving

away. In order to sustain this vital and important membership, we need to hear from you.

If you're faculty, staff or student at Winthrop and have not joined, why not do so today? If you live in the Rock Hill area, now is the best time to join.

All you have to do is go to our website and fill in the

appropriate information.

If you'd rather just call or email, do so now at herringm@winthrop.edu or call 803/323-2232.

We want to hear from you today.

CLOSING IN ON BOOK FUND!

The Friends of Dacus established a book endowment in 2014. The Board determined at that time that the goal would be \$100,000 and we would not touch it until we reached that mark.

We are so very close, standing now with just \$17,000 remaining to close out that fund.

The interest from this endow-

ment will buy books that students and faculty need, but for which we have no other means of acquiring.

Can we count on you to help us reach our goal? All you have to do is call or e-mail (803/323-2232 or herringm@winthrop.edu).



RUDY MANCKE REGALED AUDIENCE AT FALL EVENT

Well-known naturalist Rudy Mancke regaled the audience at the Friends fall dinner event on October 2, 2017. Mancke, a nationally known figure from his SCTV show *Nature Scene* and his blog *Nature Notes*, discussed his educational journey from grade school through college.

Mancke emphasized that naturalists are generalists, and that without a solid liberal arts education and access to libraries, he would not be

where he is today. He underscored for the students in the audience that subjects he discounted in college, thinking he'd never use them, became the foundation of his later national success.

Nature, he reminded us, is the great regulator and recycler.

With his inimitable conversational style and his 'show-and-tell' artifacts, he held the audience spellbound.



To see the world in a grain of sand
And Heaven in a wildflower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour."
William Blake

FALL EVENT 2018 UNDERWAY

Watch this space for news about the fall dinner event. The Friends Executive Board met on January 23 to discuss the upcoming event.

We discussed several ideas, all of which are certain to make your dining experience an unforgettable one.

Join the Friends today and be among the first to learn about this fall dinner event and

other exciting Friends of Dacus events.

We cannot do this work without you, and we're counting on you to join.

So, what are you waiting for?
JOIN TODAY!

"I SAW ETERNITY THE
OTHER NIGHT,
LIKE A GREAT RING
OF PURE AND
ENDLESS LIGHT,
ALL CALM, AS IT WAS
BRIGHT;
AND ROUND
BENEATH IT,
TIME IN HOURS,
DAYS, YEARS
DRIV'N BY THE
SPHERES
LIKE A VAST SHADOW
MOV'D; IN WHICH
THE WORLD AND
ALL HER TRAIN WERE
HURL'D."
HENRY VAUGHN

THE LIBRARY NEVER SLEEPS

Did you know that the library is open 24/5 during the school year? That's right, we open our doors on Sunday at 1 and do not close them again until Friday night at 7 p.m.. We open again at noon on Saturday until 6 p.m. and begin again on Sunday.

Believe it or not, students are in the building at ALL hours.

While our busiest times are from 7 a.m. until about 2 a.m., we still have a handful of students in the wee hours of 3-7 a.m.

Not only that, but the library remains open even during snow days. Remember a few weeks ago when it snowed and school was out? The library was in! We had close

to 200 students visit us over the two-day closing.

Yes, much is on the Internet, but what isn't are your friendly Dacus faculty and staff ever ready to serve.

We never close.



"The true university these days is a collection of books" Thomas Carlyle



SUPPORTING WINTHROP SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY SINCE 1996 (PHOTO BY JACKIE MCFADDEN)

The purpose of the Friends of Dacus Library is to encourage gifts, endowments, memorials, and funds for financial support of the library beyond the traditional budget. It seeks to attain this worthwhile goal via the contributions of members to the organization for either general or designated purposes. The current membership categories for those wishing to join the Friends group are:

Life (Individuals Only) \$1000 given in a calendar year

Corporate (Businesses/Organizations Only) \$500.00-\$999.99*

Patron \$200.00-\$499.99

Sustaining Member \$100.00-\$199.99

Member \$50.00-\$99.99

Winthrop Student \$10.00-\$49.99

*An individual who gives annually in this range is still classed as Patron.

<https://www.winthrop.edu/give/>

THE BEST LAID PLANS O' [LIBRARIANS] GANG AFT AGLEY!

For as long as I can remember, Dacus has been thinking about, planning for, and plangently beseeching legislators for a new library building. When I came almost twenty years ago, it was *the* topic of conversation. On several occasions we appeared to be close, but, alas, fell short.

Ours was a miraculous hope, an enormous undertaking. Coming in at \$50 million dollars, a new Dacus would have been a coup that a bibliophile could only dream about.

After more than two decades of making that request, Winthrop has finally decided to

go another route. Obviously, this isn't from a lack of trying or a will to succeed. But we have seen the handwriting on the wall, and it's pretty clear: even a floorplan with the markings of a football field just wasn't resonating with many legislators (I'm kidding about the football part).

This fall we asked the legislature to consider a request of \$7 million to renovate the basement and second floors.

Long-time followers of Dacus will recall that we renovated the main floor in 2012, and it continues to wow visitors. The other two floors still have that sixties

look about them, and I say that not in a good retro-cool sense. They simply look old and careworn.

The \$7 million would allow us to bring the entire building into the 21st century and make Dacus once again a showplace for study, collaboration and research.

We are counting on our legislators to look favorably on this request. Fifty years is long enough without a renovation. Ida needs a facelift!

