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Save the Date: A Royal Affair

Gustavus Library Associates proudly presents *A Royal Affair* on November 14, 2015, at Radisson BLU, Mall of America. Join us in a gala celebration benefiting the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library at Gustavus Adolphus College, with emcees Colleen Brady Lindstrom '99 (MyTalk 107.1) and Adam Carter '98 (WCCO Radio).

Enjoy a fabulous dinner followed by the music of Kim Beyer Fragodt '83 and the Benny Weinbeck Trio for dancing and listening.

Bid on an exciting auction of fun and hard-to-find items!

It will be a *Gustie gala* extraordinaire!

AUCTION ITEMS, GIFT CARDS & BOOKS! HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

GLA is seeking donations for auction items for *A Royal Affair* in the following categories:

- **Athletics:** sports equipment, rounds of golf, sport event tickets, classes, team sweatshirts, memberships, etc.
- **Dining Service:** food items, restaurant certificates, cooking utensils, dinners, cooking classes, wine, etc.

- **Experiential Learning:** travel, condos, spas, Nobel Conference, wine tasting, etc.
- **Fine Arts:** music concerts, theater tickets, museums, artwork, jewelry, sculptures, framed photography, etc.
- **Residential Life:** household items, toys, clothing, tools, handmade items, electronics, etc.
- **Gift Cards:** (\$25 or greater)
- **New Paperback Books**

To donate auction items and arrange for delivery, please contact Lois Allen at 952-888-2735 or 612-581-7425, or Kerry Dressen at 952-217-5086.

We also welcome and appreciate donations of gift cards of \$25 or greater for the special "Treasure Chest." Be sure the amount is indicated clearly on the card itself.

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From Your President . . .

I'll admit, I often struggle to keep up with new technology which seems to crop up and improve overnight. I stay current with technology to keep up with the times, to keep up with my kids, and to keep up with our ever-changing world.

Over the years, my photographs have gone from printed copies in albums with their negative images stored safely in a box in the basement, to images shared on Facebook and Instagram and stored digitally on my computer. The music I listen to has gone from shelves of CDs to playlists on my iPod. Even the way I read has changed, as I am now the proud owner of a Kindle.

Let's face it, although there is still value in the tangible, if you will, it appears that digital is here to stay! Just ask any of our stellar librarians at the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. They purchase electronic journals and databases for many departments, which often come at a hefty price. The costs of some of these have increased 50 percent in the past five years, and a single database can cost as much as \$30,000 annually.

Meanwhile, on the third floor of our library, our Archives continue to preserve records and documents that have accumulated over the course of Gustavus's existence. These two topics may not seem related, but if one considers all of the digital information that seems to be fleeting, the Archives become even more important for us and for future generations.

At our upcoming *A Royal Affair*, we will be lifting up the Archives, as well as our Rare Book collection. Your generous support will help us to achieve our goal to protect our rare books in a way that still allows them to be viewed by the public, and to expand Archives space so that students may do research in that area.

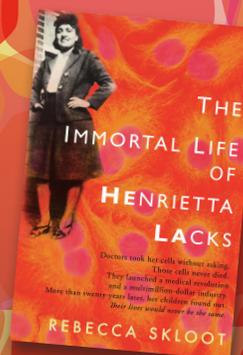
Just as GLA was formed in 1977 to raise our library to Phi Beta Kappa standard, we continue our financial support for the needs of the library for the next generation. As we move further into the digital age and beyond, let us support the Archives—they are as important as ever.

See you at *A Royal Affair* on November 14, 2015 at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. You won't want to miss it!

Lynn McGinty '84
President, Gustavus Library Associates

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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks



READING IN COMMON BOOK EVENT

Alumni Hall | 7:00 p.m.

A Meet and Greet and Q&A session with two members of the Henrietta Lacks family.

This event is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about the Reading in Common program or to order the book, visit gustavus.edu/orientation/readingincommon.

Reading in Common Book Selection Announced

Gustavus Adolphus College has selected *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot as its Reading in Common book for the 2015–16 academic year—the 16th year of the program at Gustavus. All first-year students are expected to read the book during the summer months before meeting with faculty members and other Gustavus students during New Student Orientation to discuss it.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks touches on themes such as race, trust, ethics, human culture, and social standing while telling the story of Henrietta Lacks, a poor, southern, African American farmer diagnosed with cervical cancer. Months before her death in 1951, samples of Lacks' cells were taken without her knowledge. Those cells eventually became known as HeLa cells and became one of the most important tools in medicine, assisting scientists in key developments such as the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. The book also explores how Henrietta's family continued to live in poverty and frequently poor health, and when they discovered her unknowing contribution decades later, it left them full of pride, anger, and suspicion.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks was published in 2010 and has been a popular common reading selection ever since. Besides being a New York Times bestseller, the book garnered several awards including the 2010 Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the 2010 Welcome Trust Book Prize, the

American Association for the Advancement of Science's Award for Excellence in Science Writing, and the 2011 Audie Award for Best Non-Fiction Audiobook.

Books for the Reading in Common program are chosen based on their literary quality, reading manageability and interdisciplinary nature. Copies of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* are available for purchase from the Book Mark for \$16 (excluding tax and handling) or by calling 507-933-7588. More information about the Reading in Common program at Gustavus can be found online at gustavus.edu/orientation/ReadingInCommon.php.

Gustavus Library Associates' MEMBERSHIP EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 5-6:30 p.m.

Three Crowns Banquet Room,
C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, Gustavus

Come join us! GLA's annual membership event is celebrating current members and seeking new ones! All are welcome!

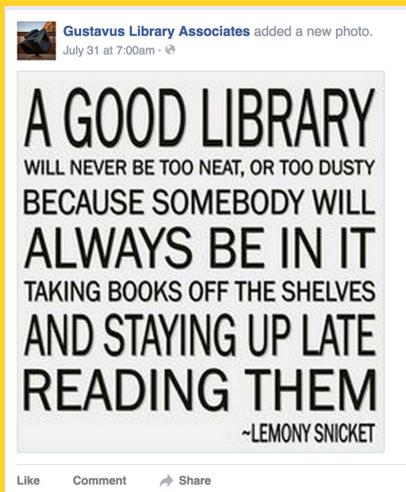
Light appetizers and punch will be served. A short welcome and book review by Miriam Sponberg Kagol '67 will be presented at 5:30 p.m. *No reservations required.*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WE'RE KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES...

From now on, all of the important news and upcoming event information that has always been found in Ex Libris, will come to you by email. Instead of watching your mailbox for information quarterly, watch your inbox for monthly emails. You'll get information in a more timely and convenient manner!

Please email dlamb@gustavus.edu to be added to this monthly update. If you are not able to receive emails, you can receive a quarterly printed copy of the digital information by requesting it from Dana Lamb at 507-933-7550.



“Like” Gustavus Library Associates on Facebook to keep up with current events and information.

Keeping Up

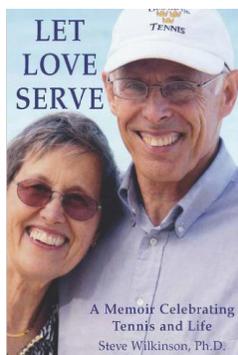
Tackling faith, doubt, and transformation, National Book Award winner **Pete Hautman**, an Author Day guest in Spring 2005, explores a unraveling allegiance to an insular cult in his newest release, *Evil West*.

Alumna **Kaethe Schwehn '00** won a 2015 Minnesota Book Award in the Memoir and Creative Nonfiction category for her book *Tailings: A Memoir*. The book is set in Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center nestled in the Cascade Mountains of Washington, and is a memoir of her search for a personal “Eden,” resulting in a passionate and awkward journey embracing the in-

between times in our lives. Schwehn currently teaches creative writing and composition at St. Olaf College.

Minnesota poet **Matt Rasmussen '98** was the recent recipient of the Theodore H. Holmes and Bernice Holmes National Poetry Prize, awarded by the Lewis Center for the Arts Program in Creative Writing at Princeton University.

Minnesota Poet Laureate, **Joyce Sutphen**, English professor and Author Day speaker (spring 2009), has published her sixth book of poetry, *Modern Love & Other Myths*.



Let Love Serve: A Memoir Celebrating Tennis and Life by Steve Wilkinson was featured as an arrangement at Books in Bloom 2015. It was sponsored by the Gustavus After Chapel Group. Pictured are Barb Wilkinson and designer Bert Ledder, Edina.

Membership Update

ERIN WILKEN, GLA board member

It's hard to believe that summer is wrapping up, but the excitement of a new school year and gorgeous fall weather makes it easy to transition to our next season. There are so many exciting opportunities with GLA this fall—don't miss our membership event on September 15, *A Royal Affair* on November 14, and the Festival of St. Lucia on December 10.

One of the challenges today for our membership committee is communicating all of these opportunities. While we use email and snail mail, we also want to share the exciting news on a more casual and

consistent basis. One way to do this is via the Gustavus Library Associates Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please take a moment to not only “like” the page, but also invite your friends to “like” it as well. We'll be posting library cartoons, sharing library stories, and highlighting books that you are currently reading. Want to share a favorite book? Just email Erin at erinwilken@gmail.com and we'll add it to our *What are you reading?* feature.

A big thank you to our new members! Looking forward to seeing you all soon—both in person and online!



Eric Dregni, author of *In Cod We Trust: Living the Norwegian Dream*, entertains the crowd at Spring Author Day at Edina Country Club in March.



Books in Bloom 2015 display, *In Cod We Trust: Living the Norwegian Dream*. Pictured are designer Karen Lund Brust, Minneapolis, and sponsor Marilyn Johnson, Eagan.

A Pencil Dive

DAN MOLLNER, Head Librarian

I always over-pack one thing when I go on summer vacation: books. I don't have a tablet, so that means I am stuffing actual books into my suitcase and any other bags I lug to the cabin. It probably adds up to a grocery bag full of books. Doing so doesn't really seem like such a terrible offense; I am a librarian after all, and I spend the school year building stacks of books I want to read—come summer. The real crime is that I find myself reading less and less at the lake.

There are always so many distractions that cut into reading time. Not always the really good relaxing distractions, either. There seems to be more of the project kind than ever (this year it was installing new windows in the bunkhouse and transplanting a lot from the houses in the city). Although work is blissfully far away, there are lots of work calls and emails, too, when the signal is clear. There are also enjoyable distractions—friends and family dropping in for drinks and dinner, games and the like; chasing after the beagles; watching the birds and listening to the wind. Truly fun, yet I refuse to believe it is age that is making me fall asleep as soon as I pick up that book and choose to blame work, the family, the friends and the dogs instead!

However, things took a surprising turn last week. Feeling quite hot, and being bothered by my bickering sisters (!), I checked my pocket and did a quick pencil dive over the side of the pontoon. The water was cool and it felt just the right thing to do as I went down and down. For some reason,

it was only then that I checked my other pocket. Yes, my phone was in that pocket and together we were maybe 10 feet down in the water. Using language unsuitable for a family publication such as *Ex Libris* underwater is actually quite fun. But I have to confess, I continued with the same salty language once I surfaced. Some shaking, some sun and four days in a bag of rice resurrected the phone and it put me into a grand isolation. Projects done, dogs more relaxed and telephone out of commission, I turned to my stack of books and found some real gems.

A Slight Trick of the Mind by Mitch Cullin (read it before you see the movie!), *My Last Days as Roy Rogers* by Pat Cunningham Devoto and *The Dark Vineyard*, a mystery by Martin Walker, were the fiction stand-outs. *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo, *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Faith and Truth in the New China* by Evan Osnos, and *The Good Spy, the Life and Death of Robert Ames* by Kai Bird are all excellent non-fiction reads. I recommend all of them.

There are campaigns for turning off devices, to talk at dinner, to visit with each other more, to reclaim time. I don't suggest jumping into the lake with your phone, but I do recommend finding a little more time in your day to read a book—during summer or any other season.

2015 COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
GLA Membership Reception
5 p.m. | Heritage Banquet Room

Reading in Common Presentation
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks with members of the Lacks Family
7 p.m. | Alumni Hall
(No reservations necessary)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 26, & 27, 2015
“Nature: A Walking Play”
Various times | Linnaeus Arboretum
(Visit gustavus.edu/arboretum for more information. For tickets go to gustavustickets.com.)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2015
51st Nobel Conference:
“ADDICTION: Exploring the Science and Experience of an Equal Opportunity Condition”
9:30 a.m. | Lund Center Arena
(Visit gustavus.edu/nobelconference for more information)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015
A Royal Affair
5 p.m. | Radisson BLU
Bloomington Mall of America
(Invitations will be mailed in September)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4, 5, & 6, 2015
Christmas in Christ Chapel
“Shalom, Salaam Bethlehem”
December 4, 2015
7:30 p.m. | Christ Chapel
December 5 & 6, 2015
3:30 & 7:30 p.m. | Christ Chapel
(Ticket information to follow)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015
St. Lucia Luncheon with guest musician, Paula Lammers '87
11 a.m. | Alumni Hall
(Invitations will be mailed in October)

Editor's Farewell Note . . .

DEAN WAHLUND, GLA executive director

On a summer evening in 2012, I shared this “story” with GLA board members and special guests in celebration of the organization’s 35th anniversary year.

“Once upon a time, in the heart of rural America, there stood a 100 year old, small, Swedish, liberal arts college. The college was pretty good academically, but the “powers that be” at the time were anxious. Could this college be better than...pretty good? With a Phi Beta Kappa key in hand...could the college move beyond pretty good...to pretty outstanding, or perhaps even pretty extraordinary! But much work had to be done to achieve that prestigious and coveted gem of Phi Beta Kappa.

The college would set its sights high...an already quality faculty was working to build its ranks and fine-tune its curriculum. Admission standards, retention rates, and endowment growth were carefully being watched and attended to, but it was the library, yes, the library needing the most attention of college officials. Of course, dollars were scarce at the time. The college was doing the best it could at the time. So, it was time to meet the challenge...to go “beyond” the college...and with the help of new leadership, and a “first lady” (Patty Lindell) who held a passion for books and learning...a notion, the beginning of an idea...the thought of a “friends of the library organization” began to percolate in all corners of the little college.

And soon, it took amazing shape. The energized and enthusiastic college staff met with good friends of the local community, and friends in the “big” city, and friends across the state at coffee parties, style shows, and membership teas to “pitch the story”...raising awareness to the importance of a strong college library, and also, raising some “serious” dollars to increase the numbers of books and library resources so urgently needed for the “student” to be well prepared in the classroom and for life beyond college.

Bravo! Bravo!, the College hailed, and embraced the “friends of the library group” and its phenomenal, dedicated, and loyal-to-the task board of directors who went on to gather those “serious” dollars from thousands of memberships, serious dollars that went directly to the acquisition budget (putting books on the shelf), and those “serious” dollars from gala affairs that went directly to library endowment, thus securing the greatness and future of the library.

Yes, this little college gained Phi Beta Kappa; it gained national recognition, greatness, and respectability in higher education, and is, most assuredly, living happily ever after.”

I went on to thank them for the special privilege of serving as the executive director of Gustavus Library Associates and stood in awe of the phenomenal, dedicated, loyal-to-the-task leaders of this incredible organization...an organization of friends that had taken upon itself to support, in exceptional ways, the work of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College!

The GLA board today totals 76 women (29 of whom hold emerita status), and although the by-laws do not state this fact...they virtually serve for life! Now we don’t see all at a typical board meeting, but nearly all of them have continued to be somehow involved in one or more of the myriad “friend and fund” raising



GLA Board Members gathered at a summer picnic to wish Dean farewell. | photo by Mike Wilken

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activities...like Author Days, A Royal Affairs, The Cookbook Project, Membership Teas, the St. Lucia Luncheon, and Books in Bloom. Incredible dedication!

The college recognizes the impact of GLA, which has provided nearly \$3 million for books and book collections, expansive library resources, and technology. What a tremendous legacy!

I'm retired now, having served the college for 43 years in a variety of capacities...one, being 21 years as the staff liaison to Gustavus Library Associates. I wish my dear friends well as the legacy continues!

From Your New GLA Executive Director, Dana Lamb



I am pleased and honored to join the Gustavus Library Associates as your new executive director. I have worked alongside Dean Wahlund with GLA for over 12 years, so I am very excited to continue my relationship with this amazing group! I am fortunate to “hit the ground running” in my new role and have been busy getting things organized for the fall membership event and *A Royal Affair*. I look forward

to continuing to see you at GLA events. Should you have any questions regarding membership or GLA events, feel free to contact me at 507-933-7550 or dlamb@gustavus.edu.

Save the Date: A Royal Affair continued from page 1

A new fundraising activity, “Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover,” will involve books. We are looking for donations of new paperback books, of any genre or subject matter, that you think someone attending *A Royal Affair* would enjoy.

Questions about gift card or book donation? Contact Deb Johnson at djohnsoncdt@comcast.net or 952-881-2364 or Susan Ripley at sripley@comcast.net or 612-619-4042.

Please deliver/mail gift cards and books to Gustavus Library Associates, Attn: Dana Lamb, 800 W. College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082.

For more information, visit gustavus.edu/events/royalaffair or contact Dana Lamb at dlamb@gustavus.edu or 507-933-7550.



The *Gustie Gourmet II* Cookbook, now in its second printing, features nearly 450 recipes from "soups to (Swedish) nuts."

The easiest way to order your cookbook is to contact the Gustavus Book Mark at 1-800-847-9307, or online at bookmark@gustavus.edu. The cost is \$25 (including tax) plus a \$5 postage and handling fee.

Gustie Gourmet II Featured Recipe

Seafood Bisque

½ c. onion, chopped
1 c. butter
½ c. flour
1 qt. water
1 T. chicken base
11 oz. chopped clams with juice
½ lb. shrimp, uncooked and chopped
⅓ lb. cod fish
⅓ lb. salmon, skin removed
1 c. heavy cream
1 c. half and half
⅔ lb. imitation crab
½ c. dry sherry
Chives for garnish, chopped

Sauté onions in butter until soft. Add flour and stir with a whisk for 5 minutes on low heat. Set aside. Bring 1 quart water to a boil. Add chicken base, clams, shrimp and whole pieces of cod and salmon. Return to a boil, lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Strain the stock into a bowl (saving it), and also reserve the seafood. Stir the onion mixture into the stock. Flake the fish and add it with the chopped shrimp and clams to stock, reserving the whole shrimp. Add the heavy cream, half and half, and the crab meat (sliver some and reserve for garnish). Bring to a simmer. Add sherry and heat through before serving. Garnish with reserved shrimp, slivers of crab and chopped chives. Serves 10

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