

**Crown Council Report
April 2017
Gustavus Library Associates**

Join us in celebrating our new name . . . *Gustavus Library Associates – Friends of the Library*. After a successful student project with Kathy Tunheim’s class, one outcome was the realization that many library organizations across the country are recognizable due to their name “Friends of the Library.” As a result of this project the GLA Board voted to change our name to Gustavus Library Associates – Friends of the Library. We hope this name helps the public to recognize we our looking for friendly supporters of the Library through donations and are not necessarily urged to get involved further with the Board. For those who choose to be actively involved, they will join the GLA Board. We will continue to use the recommendations from the students’ research project for future direction, including improving the GLA’s marketing message (print and electronic) which we hope will lead to increased donations.

We are always looking to raise awareness and funds for the Folke Bernadotte Library through our events. GLA has provided 20 - 25% of the library’s annual budget for 40 years.

- Fiscal Year 2017 (year to date)
Endowment Distribution \$114,821 plus Membership Dues \$20,596 = \$135,417
- Fiscal Year 2016
Endowment Distribution \$109,408 plus Membership Dues \$26,134 = \$135,542
- Fiscal Year 2015
Endowment Distribution \$102,215 plus Membership Dues \$29,513 = \$131,728

Our 6th Books in Bloom will take place in the Library May 5-7, during Honors weekend. Please visit the Library to see beautiful and interesting floral interpretations of the Library’s collections. More than twenty blooms will be displayed throughout the Library. These are designed by professionals and amateurs. Each bloom is sponsored for \$500; these funds go directly to the Library’s endowment. Additionally, we have two generously donated grants totaling \$5,000.

Please join us for:

- A reception in the GLA Reading Room (in the library) 6 - 8 pm on Friday, May 5 (please RSVP to Dana Lamb, dlamb@gustavus.edu).
- A visit to the Library to see our awesome blooms. Tour at your own pace with a bloom map or join a student led tour. Open 3 – 6 pm on Friday, May 5, 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, May 6, 11 am – 3 pm on Sunday, May 7.
- A special presentation this year: “Inside *The Saint John’s Bible*” by Mike Nordberg ’93 at 1 pm on Saturday, May 6 in the Library. Make sure to visit the rare book room home to the Saint John’s Bible and archives room both funded by the Fund A Need at the 2015 ARA.

We invite you to *Get your crown on!* for the biennial *A Royal Affair* fundraiser happening Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel - Mall of America. Enjoy food, drinks, music, dancing, and an auction at this Gustie gala you and your friends don’t want to miss. Advanced ticket price of \$150 per person are available until June 15. Funds raised will benefit scholarships for first-generation college students with high academic ability and high economic need, as well as the Gustavus Library Endowment. For more information and to order tickets, visit gustavus.edu/events/royalaffair. We will again honor several people with the Founders’ Spirit Award. For those who “embody the spirit and values” of GLA’s original members. The 2015 Founders’ Spirit Award went to Elaine Brostrom, Lee Jaeger, Evodia Linner, and Mignette Najarian.

Of course, we will host the ever-popular Festival of St. Lucia, Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Moving forward, we are re-structuring our Board's Executive Committee. This group includes the Past President, President, Vice President, Vice President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Liaison, Membership Liaison, Strategic Planning Liaison, and two President appointed positions. This committee will provide the leadership of GLA guiding decisions and will meet twice a year.

Please visit our website, www.gustavus.edu/gla. Submitted by Nacia Dahl, 2016-17 GLA President.