

2022-2023 Development Report

A fundraising event was held on November 5, 2022 at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck. It was a luncheon and "Theatre on the Road", a creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette and his wife and producing partner, Kristen. This event raised funds for Poughkeepsie Branch community initiatives and scholarships. Members who were unable to attend were asked to make a donation.

Joan Monk donated a basket to be raffled.

Eighty- five guests attended the Woman of the Year luncheon where Jewel Ratzlaff was honored. As the Public Information Officer for the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Jewel spearheaded the community-wide Big Read project. Jewel served as board chair of Mid-Hudson Love INC which handles over 900 Calls for Help annually, she worked closely with the AAUW Leading to Reading project to publicize the importance of reading for all children. Several donations were made in her honor to support the branch initiatives and scholarships.

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