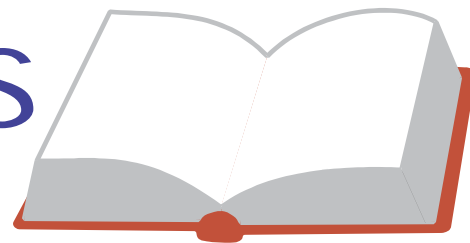


# Among Friends

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## NEW! You can now donate online from our website

Yes, it's easy, fast, and convenient! And you don't need an envelope, stamp, or mailbox. Just go to [iafriendslibraryfortheblind.org](http://iafriendslibraryfortheblind.org) and click on the Donate button (see right).

After entering the amount, you can elect to donate from your personal PayPal account or your debit or credit card. Our site uses PayPal® to transfer your donation to The Friends bank account.



With the current pandemic, many of our normal fundraising activities are unavailable. We hope you will take a minute to make an additional donation to The Friends so that we can meet our goal of giving \$12,000 to the Library again next year.

If you prefer to mail a check, you'll find our membership form and mailing address on our Donate page at [iafriendslibraryfortheblind.org/donate](http://iafriendslibraryfortheblind.org/donate).

If needed, page 4 includes a list of our membership levels.

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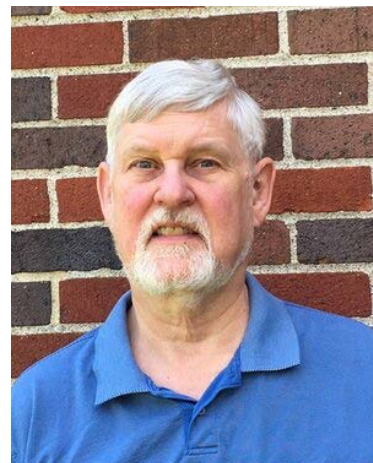
- Aug 12** Board meeting, 1 pm\*
- Sept 9** Board meeting, 1 pm\*
- Oct 14** Board meeting, 1 pm\*
- Nov 11** Board meeting, 1 pm\*
- Dec 4** Jolly Time (tentative)

**\*Note:** To attend the board meeting: 1) download Zoom to your phone or computer; 2) email [FrndsLibBlindPH@gmail.com](mailto:FrndsLibBlindPH@gmail.com) for the meeting ID number.

# Don Wirth joins The Friends Board

Welcome to Don Wirth, the newest member of The Friends Board.

A lifelong resident of the Ames area, Don attended Gilbert High School and Iowa State University. He had a nearly 40-year career in financial management with the State of Iowa Department of Revenue, WOI radio and TV and Iowa Public Radio.



Since retiring in 2010, Don has been involved in a number of blind organizations and activities including ICUB, NFBI, Ames Low Vision Support Group, Iowa Library for the Blind Consumer Advisor Council and now Friends of the Library. Welcome, Don!

To learn more about our Board members, visit the About Us page of our website. The complete list of board members follow; each member's name is linked to the appropriate web page.

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# NO FAIR—no Perowsky Volunteer Workshop

Like so many annual events, the Perowsky Workshop hosted by the Department for the Blind and partially funded by The Friends will not be held this year. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all concerned for the safety and well-being of patrons and volunteers.

We hope that next year we can have the best Perowsky Volunteer Workshop ever!

## Ready for Jolly Time in December?

We might be, too.

*Tentatively*, we have a date set of December 4 at Java Joe's in downtown Des Moines for our annual Jolly Time, barbershop quartet performances.

As you know, in these pandemic days nothing is set in stone. So pencil in the date on your calendar and watch for more news on our website, in your email box, and on our Facebook page.

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## Join The Friends Facebook group

Want to share some pictures or chat with others on Facebook? Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/552737972090519>.

Who knows—you just might make a new Friend!

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