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2005 Spring Gala: A Salute to the Grand Old Game

Former Cy Young Award Winner **Jim Lonborg** to Serve as Honorary Chairman

Since 2003, the Spring Gala Dinner Dance has become the major fund-raising event of the Scituate Library Foundation (SLF). You and your friends are enthusiastically and cordially invited to be in attendance with hundreds of other area residents and businesses, supporting this very special event.

The **Grand Old Game** will be the theme of the Scituate Library Foundation's Third Annual Spring Gala Dinner Dance being held **May 27, 2005 at the Barker Tavern**.

Former Cy Young Award winner **Jim Lonborg**, will serve as Honorary Chairman of this black-tie (optional) dinner, while former *Sports Illustrated* and *Boston Globe* sportswriter **Leigh Montville** and nationally syndicated sports commentator **Bill Littlefield** will be guest authors.



Montville

Montville is the best-selling author of *Ted Williams: The Biography of an American Hero* and the recently published *Why Not Us?: The 86-year Journey of the Boston Red Sox Fans from Unparalleled Suffering to the Promised Land of the 2004 World Series*.

Bill Littlefield wrote his first commentary for WBUR in 1984, and shortly thereafter, his *It's Only a Game* began airing on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*. He is the author of *Fall Classics*, a collection of the best writing about the World Series in its first 100 years.



Littlefield

The baseball theme for this year's dinner dance, while particularly timely, was selected by the Gala Committee last May, well before the historical 2004 Boston Red Sox run to the World Championship.

This year's Gala will also feature a silent auction that shouldn't be missed by any sports memorabilia enthusiast. A sampling

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President's Message

Welcome to the premier issue of *Bookmark*, the first in a series of newsletters published by the Scituate Library Foundation.

Our mission is to support the Scituate Library with funding for education, public programs, materials and special projects that are beyond the financial support of the state or town. We do this through a series of charitable events and activities you will find described in *Bookmark*.

Our library, one of the finest in the area, receives approximately 1.8% of the town's budget, yet serves 98% of the population.

Last year, an average of 2,000 patrons utilized the library *every week*. Circulation increased to nearly one quarter of a million materials distributed in 2004. The library, through the work of many dedicated volunteers, also provided 89 programs dedicated just for your children.

The trustees of the Scituate town library have long felt that



SLF President Skip DeBrusk thanks the many supporters at the 2004 Spring Gala.

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an endowment would very much increase the library's services to all the residents.

What was needed was a way to generate increased funds, invest them, and in time, use the interest earned by such an endowment to provide the variety of special programs and resources for the library.

Together we are building the library's future

So, in 2002, the library trustees created the SLF to do just that: build and manage an endowment for the future. That work, such as the Spring Gala Dinner Dance, is well underway through the guidance of the SLF Board of Directors. You, as a citizen of Scituate, are a crucial part of the endowment effort when you support the SLF programs.



Lisa and Peter Finnegan enjoy their time on the dance floor at the 2004 Spring Gala.

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of the many special items to be auctioned include **three autographed baseballs** donated by Jim Lonborg and **signed by Hall of Famers Carl Yastremski and Bobby Doerr** and soon-to-be Hall-of-Famer **Wade Boggs**.

So plan to join us on May 27. You'll be treated to a full-course dinner, entertained by a lively dance band, charmed by special honorees from the



William Bulger, member of the Boston Public Library Board of Directors, receives the Silver Paddle Award from SLF Gala Dinner Chairman Art Dunphy.

literary and sports world, and be inspired as we present the SLF's *Silver Paddle Award* to the 2005 recipient.

Based on the Gala's success the past two years, the Committee fully expects this year's dinner to be another sell-out, so do not delay. To guarantee your "seat at the table" you should purchase tickets in advance by mail or drop off your check at the Scituate Town Library (payable to: Scituate Library Foundation). The Gala fee is \$125 per person (tables of 10 \$1,250). A donation form/return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Also see **Silent Auction and VIP Reception** on page three for more 2005 Gala activities.

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fundraisers available to support the work of the Foundation. All of these programs and much, much more are being planned for the Scituate Library, and it all begins with your generous support. Look for the enclosed donation form/return envelope to send in your gift or to request further information from the SLF.

Please open your heart, mind, and imagination to discover how you can effectively make the future of the Scituate Library your own future.

Thank you for your support,
Skip DeBrusk,
President, SLF

Our Message of Purpose and Need

There are many ways you can support SLF: gifts of money, stocks, bonds, property, and other bequests. Consider requesting monetary donations be sent to SLF on the passing of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. All contributions are tax deductible. **100% of your contribution is applied exclusively to the long-term needs of the Scituate Library. There are no administration fees.**

And, the Scituate Library Foundation is an Internal Revenue Code 501-C3 Tax Deductible organization.

Virginia Heffernan (r), receives the first plaque for the award named in her honor, from Helen Forsgard. The award is in recognition of contributions to the Scituate Town Library.



Did You Know?

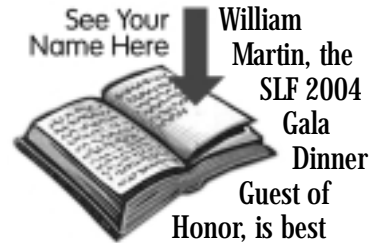
The SLF and the Front Street Book Shop collaborate on the very popular **Author Series**. Below is a partial list of past events and authors presented:

- * **Mark Fenton** – *Complete Guide to Walking Fitness for Health, Weight Loss and Fitness*
- * **Claire Cook** – *Multiple Choice, Must Love Dogs, Ready to Fall and Just Write It* (a workshop for writers and emerging writers).
- * **Lynne Griffin** – *The Promise of Proactive Parenting: Seachange*
- * **Suzanne Strempek Shea** – *Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama, and Other Page Turning Adventure for a Year in a Bookstore. And, Songs from a Lead Lined Room: Notes High and Low from my Journey Through Breast Cancer and Radiation.*



Speaking of Authors

Your Name Will Become Famous!



known for his epic, century-spanning works that combine historical events with seductive mystery. His last novel, *Harvard Yard*, was his third novel to make it onto *The NY Times* bestseller list.

In his upcoming novel, *The New Englanders*, Mr. Martin has authorized SLF to auction off the opportunity to have the winning bidder's name used as a character in the novel!

Visit the SLF Website for further announcements on this unique bidding opportunity.

Support the Walkway To Knowledge



The Scituate Library Foundation, is selling custom-engraved bricks, to raise funds for a facelift to the island in the library parking lot. These bricks, engraved with your family name, a special message, a personal dedication or memorial to a loved one, will be used to not only build a new walkway, but all additional funds will be used to facelift the entire island itself.

Help Support the Walkway to Knowledge.

For further details, contact Tom Reed at (718) 545-9879.

Visit www.scituatelibraryfoundation.org

SLF Gift & Naming Opportunities

100% of your contribution is applied directly to the needs of the Library

Many gift opportunities exist at the Scituate Library to leave a living legacy, remember loved ones, or gain publicity for a business or institution.

The Benefactor's Board

The Benefactor's Board is a permanent display found at the main entrance of the Scituate Library and is viewed by an estimated 2,000 people every week.

The specially designed name plaques for the Benefactor's Board are \$1,000 each and if requested, can be payable over an extended period of time (contact SLF for details).



The Benefactor's Board in the Scituate Library.

Naming Opportunities

Naming Opportunities cover a wide range of options from entire rooms to individual chairs. Keep in mind, if a naming opportunity isn't your cup of tea, we welcome any monetary gift you can offer with our whole-hearted **thank you**, for whatever



The Reference Center, sponsored in loving memory of L. Jean Dunphy.

The Children's Room is sponsored by the J. Paul and Evelyn M. Finnegan Family.



you can share at this time. The entire naming list is available at the Library. A brief summary is below:

\$20,000 to \$50,000 Range

Main Reading Room; Lower Meeting Room; New Book Room; Historical Room; Children's Picture Book Cove

\$2,000 to \$10,000 Range

Circulation Desk; Children's Room Story Time Area; Historical Room (table); Magazines and Newspapers Area; Six Internet Stations

\$250 to \$1,000 Range

Two Large Print Book Collections; New Non-fiction Section; Four DVD Display Bins; Two Atlas Stands; 12 Children's Room Chairs

Silent Auction and VIP Reception

At the 2005 Spring Gala Dinner Dance

This year's Spring Gala includes two additional ways for you to help SLF reach its financial goal. The first, a Silent Auction, is an opportunity to bid on a variety of generously donated items – from sports memorabilia to a round of golf. At the time we published this issue of *Bookmark*, the partial list of Silent Auction items include: **Carl Yastremski**, **Bobby Doerr** and **Wade Boggs** – autographed baseballs; autographed NE Patriots game jerseys from **Tom Brady** and **Adam Vinatieri**; your name will be used as a character role in author William Martin's next novel *The New Englanders*; a round of golf for a threesome with member Jim Canfield at Hatherly Country Club; A framed print of "Thomas Lawson" by Scituate artist Charles Stockbridge...just to name a few. For bidding information, instructions and an updated list of auction items, visit the SLF Website at: www.scituatelibraryfoundation.org (If you can donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact SLF.)

The second opportunity, an intimate closed-door VIP Reception prior to the Gala, offers you face-to-face time with the 2005 Gala guest authors **Leigh Montville** and **Bill Littlefield**, as well as **Jim Lonborg**, the Gala's Honorary Chairman. Seats to this exclusive reception are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis to those who meet a specific donation criteria. Complete reception details are on the SLF Website.

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STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For inquiries regarding *Bookmark*, The Scituate Library Foundation, 2005 Spring Gala tickets, Silent Auction donations, Benefactor's Board, Naming Opportunities or other information, please select or write-in your request and include your contact data using the enclosed donation form/return envelope or visit us at your convenience on-line.



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**On Display Now Through April 10
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and the Scituate Library**

If you follow country music, country music history, or the history, art and culture of the American South, sooner or later you're bound to run into the letters, images and unmistakable "look" of Hatch Show Print. One of the oldest working letterpress print shops in America, the posters have featured a host of country music performers ranging from Hall of Famers Hank Williams, Bill Monroe and Johnny Cash to present-day stars Garth Brooks, Wynonna Judd and Shania Twain.

For more information or directions to the South Shore Art Center, visit: www.ssac.org or call (781) 383-2787.

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