



## *Library Association of Brevard*

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### LAB Banquet meeting (page one)

The annual banquet for Library Association of Brevard was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Tuscany Grill restaurant. 21 people attended, enjoying the Italian food and lively conversation.

Adam Chamlers, President for this year, began the meeting by welcoming everyone. Also member Fran Reid spoke about his visit to the FLA Orlando conference in May. He had been awarded \$100 from LAB to attend the conference as part of an essay application. His notes from the conference are listed below.

Raffle drawings were done, with small token gifts given out.

New officers for the forthcoming year were introduced. They are:

Adam Chalmers, President; Madison(Maddie) Belliare , Vice-President, Lisa Petrillo, Treasurer, Lynn Bennett, Secretary. Also Ashley Huser will continue as Membership Chair, and Chelsea Stripling will be Past-President.

Chelsea thanked everyone for their support this past year as President. She received a small plant and recognition certificate. New member Madison(Maddie) was introduced as the incoming Vice President.

Adam, LAB President, mentioned upcoming events this year for members: planning a fall continuing education workshop, a mid-winter social event such as a play or musical, and meetings for board members for updating the by-laws as needed. LAB members will continue to receive updates through email list serv.

After dinner, the restaurant held a raffle for a bottle of wine, which member Mary Toupin won. The meeting disbanded around 9 p.m.

Fran's notes from FLA are continued on page two, as follows.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary Lynn Bennett



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Fran's notes on FLA:

In the 2017 FLA Annual Conference Program that I showed you Sat., the names of both authors who were guest speakers at the Closing Session with Lunch that I attended from 11:30 AM - 1 PM on Friday, May 12, 2017. They were Susan Cerulean, whose book was "Tracking Desire: A Journey after Swallow-tailed Kites," and Andres Pi Andreu, who had run out of the English-language version of his picture book for children, so I purchased a Spanish language one for my Tejada grandsons.

Before that, I spent my first hour visiting some of the vendor tables in the Exhibit Hall of the Caribe Royale Convention Center in Orlando until it was time for the Lightning Rounds in the Curacao Room from 10 AM -- 11:15 AM. There were ten 5-minute presentations on various topics by librarians from around the State of Florida, including Amber Downs from our Catherine Schweinsberg-Rood Central Library about "Simple, Cohesive Signage with Canva," and Leanna Fitzgerald from Franklin DeGroodt Library in Palm Bay about "Every Library Wants a Piece of the Pi" (aka "Raspberry Pi"). At the end of all ten presentations, there was time for questions to individual presenters from the group.

I'm sorry I didn't have more time to expound on their presentations Sat night, but maybe you can give a brief synopsis of my experience to the Conference and link to the program for anyone who might want more information about it! Once again, I'm very grateful that I had the opportunity to attend, and want to thank the Library Association of Brevard for making that possible for me!!

Sincerely, Fran Reid