



Small Town Life

■ Book 'Rembrandt Remembers' brings busy summer for Rembrandt Library.

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Christie Vilsack stopped by the Rembrandt Library booth during RAGBRAI. She had wanted to stop at the Library to promote her reading program, but instead came to the booth and encouraged the library board to keep working hard for the library. Pictured left to right are: Barb Sassman, Jan Klahs, Joleen Anderson, Phyllis Sennert and Christie Vilsack.

Busy summer for Rembrandt Library

We were sorry that the library couldn't be open on that day for Christie Vilsack who rode in RAGBRAI XXX. The Governor's wife had wanted to read to the children of Rembrandt when she came through town, but instead she stopped at our booth and encouraged us in our work for the library. Libraries are an important part of a community and free to everyone. Please come in and use our library.

The Rembrandt Public Library has a dedicated board that is working to improve our library. This spring the board helped the city to update the library with a handicap accessible bathroom, central air conditioning, painting and new carpeting. Many board members worked on the remodeling project, moving books and shelves back into place after the improvements were completed. It was quite a project, but the enhancements to the library have been well worth the effort.

The board and I did find our savings fund to be quite depleted after paying for these improvements though. Thus, when Vaughan Haraldson approached us wanting the library to have a booth when RAGBRAI came through Rembrandt, we decided to be a part of the event. The board set to work once again, making 900 Rice Krispie bars to be sold at our RAGBRAI booth. I want to personally thank each of our board members, Phyllis



Betty Foval Hoskins and Helene Ducas Viall, co-authors of the book "Rembrandt Remembers", signed copies for visitors at the Rembrandt Library. The book signing of "Rembrandt Remembers" 80 Years of Small Town Life" was a great success. Helene and Betty enjoyed visiting with everyone who came to purchase the book. All 400 copies of the first printing of the book have been sold. The First National Bank of Rembrandt is taking orders for a second printing. You may call them at 286-5491 to put your name on the list.

Sennert, Jan Klahs, Barbara Sassman, Peggy Andreasen, Bobbie Mitchell, Sheila Edwardson and Joyce Bennett, along with community members Judy Peterson and Jeanette Trimble for making the bars.

With the rest of Rembrandt, our day began early on Monday, July 22, preparing for 10,000 RAGBRAI bicyclists. Sheila, Jan, Barbara, Phyllis, Neal Sennert and I were busy all morning selling Gatorade, bottled water and those 900 Rice Krispie bars. Ronnie and Gloria Brown provided us with a canopy and a great location

near the entrance to the gym. Neal Sennert and Jason Anderson helped us set up the booth and Neal and Hal Christianson took it down when the day was over. I would like to especially thank Vaughan Haraldson for his encouragement, for ordering our Gatorade and water and for heading up the RAGBRAI committee along with Hondo Mosbo. And thanks to everyone on the RAGBRAI committee for all their hard work. We had a great day and were able to supplant our savings fund for other improvements to the library.