A personal library collection captures the range of interests of its owner. It’s no surprise therefore that noted physician Dr. Sam Eichold II’s library includes works on medicine and Judaism—subjects of immediate relevance to his life. But his collection also reveals an intense curiosity about the world. There are books on Christianity and other religions, world history, U.S. presidents, men and women of character who changed world history, and opera. He had a particular love of certain authors: Robert Louis Stevenson and Charles Dickens. A special part of his vast library also included materials printed in Mobile, written by Mobile authors or written about Mobile.

Dr. Eichold bequeathed his prized Mobile Collection to Spring Hill College’s Burke Library both to preserve it and to honor his wife: Charlotte Eichold. These materials include a who’s who of Mobile names: Emily Staples Hearin, May Randlette Beck, Mary McNeil Fenelossa, Julian Lee Rayford, Caldwell Delaney and many others. They also include some particularly fascinating titles—an 1864 Confederate States Almanac printed in Mobile, the Batchelor Box, written by Thomas Cooper DeLeon, past editor of the Mobile Register and Mobile Mardi Gras Carnival manager, and a children’s book, Goopus of Oopus by late Mobile City archivist, Jay Higginbotham. The Eichold family is a longtime supporter of Spring Hill College and there is great appreciation to the family and especially to Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley, Sam and Charlotte’s daughter, who played a principal role in the Library’s receipt of this gift. A plaque in the Rare Book Room includes not only the collection name, but also a tribute to the Eichold family. It reads as follows:

This collection from the Eichold family reflects their love of scholarship, and, most especially, of Charlotte Eichold, devoted mother and community supporter.
Building your Jerusalem:

Fr. Williams’ published homilies benefit charity

Since 1986, Fr. Williams has been a member of the Spring Hill College English Department. During each summer break, however, he has a different mission: serving members of Our Lady of Assumption and St. Gregory Church in the west end of London. His impact there has been significant—assisting the elderly, the young and the poor, ready to “be of service whenever the need arose.” These are Sally Balfour’s words, who, inspired by the moral values in Fr. Williams’ homilies, asked if she could compile and publish them. She had previously recorded them for her children, attending a boarding school in Ghana, so they could both enjoy them and share them with fellow students. The end result is the 2016 e-book, *Building Your Jerusalem*.

All proceeds from sales benefit Thank U Libraries, a project using recycled materials to establish sustainable libraries in destitute places and thereby help children lift themselves out of poverty (see http://thankulibraries.org). The main reading room of the Thank U Library (Kwazulu, South Africa) will be named in Fr. Williams’ honor.

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Another amazing Annual dinner  
May 11th, 2017: celebrating Sherlock Holmes

Each year, the annual dinner celebrates a literary theme. This year it was the first novel of Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle: The Scarlet Letter, published 130 years ago in 1887. It was never a commercial success, but Doyle persisted, thereby ensuring his famous detective a long history of future success. Diners had a mystery to solve as well, with Lauren Jensen winning top sleuth honors. The evening included the traditional open bar, a fabulous dinner, and a silent auction that featured not only noteworthy books, but also crystal vases, original art work, and special items including silver bowls. A highlight was music by Mobile Symphony Orchestra violinist, Jim Lichtenberger (lower, left).

The evening included two special presentations. Tracy Parman, Friends’ secretary for eight years and now webmaster, won the rarely bestowed Special Volunteer of the Year award. President Dr. Puto accepted the only known surviving Latin diploma from the class of 1932, awarded to James Edwin Stuardi, who later became a diocesan priest and then a Monsignor. Funds to frame and conserve the diploma were donated by Drs. Samuel C. and Beverly L. Hadaway as a way of honoring Patrice Baur’s new Emeritus Board position.

2017 Annual dinner sponsors

The success of each annual dinner is due in large measure to generous sponsors. If you visit their homes, galleries, websites, and/or stores, let them know how much you appreciate their support of the Friends.

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Patrice and “Bro” Baur (two Subada pop-up books, large silver punch bowl, and eight assorted stacked baskets)

Robin Blackwell, (painting, Magnolia and Candle). Robin paints for and with children with autism. All her profits go to autism charities.

David and Beverly Brill (four books and a pair of matching cut glass vases)

Calagaz Photo (gift certificate for a canvas wrapped print)

CATS—Creative Artistic Treasure Studio (two gift certificates and a watercolor print). Owner Shery Polansky rescues kittens and places them for adoption at the studio.

Spot of Tea (gift certificate)

Merv White-Spunner (flowers, vases, and floral arrangements)

Wild Birds Unlimited (gift basket for bird feeding)

Remembering two beloved friends

Mobile, Spring Hill College, and the Friends lost two dedicated supporters this year. Friends 2005—2006 President and former Spring Hill Spanish teacher Nan Costello passed away on February 4th. John Calametti earned seven varsity letters while at McGill and then served as Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the city. After retiring he became a long-term volunteer at the Book Nook. He passed away on February 15th. We remember both with prayers, affection, and gratitude for their service.
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