

# Attorneys Pulos and Rosell donate books to David A. Howe Library; 1,304 legal volumes in the stacks

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WELLSVILLE - Because they couldn't stand to see them go to a landfill, attorneys William Pulos and Tim Rosell rescued 1,304 legal volumes which are now in the proud possession of the David A. Howe Library.

According to Pulos, who with his wife Darcy also contributed \$500 to the Nancy Howe Auditorium and Terrace Renovation Project, his law partner in their Bath (Hornell) office, Rosell, found the books being thrown out.

He and Pulos decided to rescue them. The volumes were placed in boxes and stored in a dry basement.

Pulos, who grew up in Wellsville (Alfred), is the son of Dr. William L. Pulos and Juanita Whitaker Pulos. For the last few years he has been compiling information and writing the biographies of his parents.

At a recent ceremony in the Local History Room at the David A. Howe Library, the law books and biographies were officially handed over to the library. At the ceremony Pulos said when he began recalling how often the David A. Howe Library had played a role in his and his parents lives, he realized it was the perfect repository for the legal toms.

Earlier this year Pulos attended the Wine and Cheese Tasting hosted by the Exchange Club.

"That's when I met the new director Brian Hildreth," Pulos said. "I remembered coming here as a boy and how when I was 16 (12) I attended a DAR function here. I'd written an essay.

"My father had an extensive collection of art from Alfred University, some of it dating back to the founders of the school such as Charles Fergus Binns and Charles Harder," Pulos said, "In 1968, the David A. Howe Library displayed my father's collection.



Attending the ceremony for the contribution of 1,304 legal (volumes) to the David A. Howe Library are, from left, seated, (law office staff and family) Joreen Young, Kailey Pulos, Shannon Buckley, and Ellen Slaght and standing, (Exchange Club members) Rob Christman (Allegany County Clerk) and Keith Slep (Allegany County Asst. District Attorney), (brothers) Robert Pulos and Attorney Bill Pulos, Librarian Brian Hildreth, Attorney Tim Rosell, and family friend Doug Frank from Community Bank, Wellsville, NY

"My father was a psychologist at Jones Memorial Hospital and I remembered he'd sometimes come home at night with a bag full of dogs from the Texas Hot and a half gallon of ice cream from the Elmhurst. Those were great days (").

Pulos' mother was a teacher at Alfred-Almond school. Both elder Pulos' were involved with Alfred University.

"When I remembered the connections my family has to this community and to the library it seemed like the library was the natural place for the books," he said.

Pulos' wife, the former Darcy Beckman, also has extensive ties to the community.

Hildreth said he is pleased to accept the legal volumes on behalf of the library.

"As a public library we have a responsibility to provide fair and equal access to information for people of all backgrounds. In a county that is constantly battling economic hardships this collection of legal materials will insure that everyone knows their legal rights as citizens of the United States."

"The library is very grateful for the donations Pulos and Rosell, LLP made in the memory of Dr. William L. Pulos and Mrs. Juanita Whitaker Pulos. The addition to our collection will act as a legal supplement for the people of Allegany County and surrounding areas."

The collection is a Federal Case law Reporter series which covers opinions and decisions from 1933 to 2004 issued by U.S. District courts. Decisions issued by the U.S. Customs Court (now U.S. Court of International Trade) and Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation are also included. The published collection is enhanced with headnotes, key numbers and synopses prepared by the publisher's internal staff of highly trained attorney editors.

The collection is housed in the reference section of the downstairs stacks at the David A. Howe Library and can be accessed during regular library hours.

The biographies of Dr. William L. Pulos and Mrs. Juanita Whitaker Pulos, which were written and published by Pulos, are housed in the library's collection in the local history room.

The library is currently attempting to raise \$750,000 for the library project. The project involves renovation of the Nancy Howe Auditorium including reupholstering of the seats and installation of new lighting and sound systems. The project also includes rehabilitation of the back terrace. At this point in the fundraising effort is about a third of the total to be raised.

(corrections/additions from the original)