BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB

About 10 readers gathered on Tuesday, Sept 8th in the private dining room of the Plaza Restaurant in the Kiewit headquarters building. We were favored with excellent local arrangements provided by Terry Haney, who maintains an office in the building.

After lunch, and a short introduction to the book by Steve Wiitala, we launched into a reflective discussion of THE FAITH CLUB, our selection for the month.

We marveled at the long arc of individual friendships developed between three former strangers: Muslim, Christian and Jewish women who began a writing project together, that led to deep interpersonal bonds which transcended their diverse religious orientations. This unusual outcome seemed tied to their initial commitment as a group, to build mutual trust by being absolutely honest with one another; willing to explore beliefs, conflicts and mutual stereotypes, and also to embrace open disagreements in a search for common threads of understanding and personal acceptance. Most of us, but not all, liked the book very much.

A long list of alternative titles were discussed for the next meeting. The final choice was FOUNDING BROTHERS: The Revolutionary Generation (2002, 288 pp.) by Joseph Ellis (a National Book Award winning author of several founder biographies). Kent Kirwan volunteered to moderate the discussion to be held on Wednesday, December 2 (11:30 a.m) at the BRAZEN HEAD IRISH PUB (319 N 78TH ST.) Terry Haney has again arranged for reserved BBC space in the lounge (turn to the right just inside the front door).

We look forward to seeing you there. Your reporter welcomes questions and comments (rrunyon@unomaha.edu; 393-3320)