



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME This is the ninth issue of the *Friends Volunteer Newsletter*. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Delivery will be on the first of the month.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting announcements or reminders, social event meeting announcements or reminders, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be November 1, 2017. News should be submitted by Saturday, October 28, 2017.

MISSING IN ACTION If you change your email address, please let me know. In the September *Newsletter* mailing, I got nine back as **undeliverable**. Since my only means of reaching you is by email, I have no way to find out what went wrong. Just remember--new email, tell Tom.

Likewise, if you do not get *Newsletter* by the **first of the month**, let me know. Weird things can happen with email connections. If you don't hear from me, let me hear from you.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS As a result of some of the weird things that have occurred recently in mailing the *Newsletter*, I have a new email address to hopefully improve delivery. If you need to reach me for any reason, use tjever40@gmail.com, the address from which the *Newsletter* is mailed.

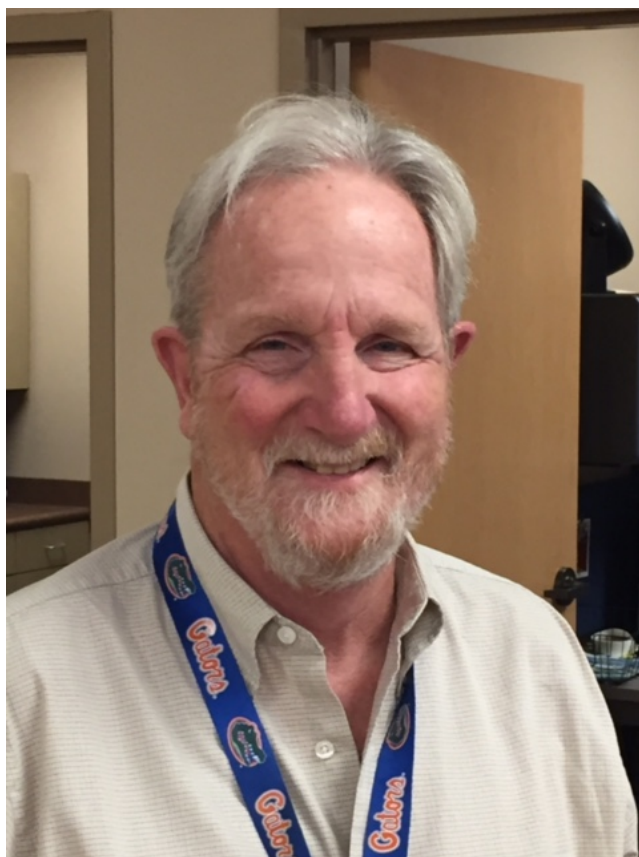
OCTOBER BOOKSTORE SPECIALS **Biographies** are half price at Books Around the Corner. **Iris Johansen** is the half price author of the month. Buy one **music CD** and get one free.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF In October our highlighted staff member is **librarian Steve Tompkins**. Starting in early 2007, Steve worked for the Sun City Library when it was private.

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When the Maricopa County Library District took over its operation, Steve was sent to the Northwest Regional branch in Surprise, where he served for six years before transferring back to the Bell Library.



Although his degree from Rutgers University is in Library Science, Steve worked in other occupations. He worked in the nuclear power industry for 25 years. His first library job was in Sun City.

He describes himself as a “picky” fiction and non fiction selector. He enjoys authors Jim Harrison and Thomas Penson; but Elmore Leonard is his favorite.

Steve is married and has triplet sons, all of whom are college sophomores. His hobbies include being a ham radio operator.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Monica Fallon**, the Book Buddy Volunteer of the Year in 2017. Monica



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has been a Book Buddy for four years, and most enjoys getting her readers to try different authors. She feels she has been successful at doing so.

When it comes to selecting books for herself, Monica says she enjoys everything. She does have about 20 favorite authors. She admits to being “into westerns,” and has done a lot of reading about Wyatt Earp.

Monica is a great fan of being in Sun City, having lived here for 15 to 20 years. She is a member of the Computer Club, Knitting Club, and Line Dancing Club.

Originally from San Francisco, Monica traveled a lot in her early married years, but eventually settled in the Phoenix area (Maryvale) in 1963. She has two sons, a daughter, as well as grandchildren.

SPEAKERS BUREAU The two Sun City branches of the Maricopa County Library District and the Friends have put together a Speakers Bureau. Its purpose is to inform residents about the resources and services of our two Libraries, to show how residents can support the Libraries, and to help Library staff and Friends learn how to better serve residents. A **PowerPoint presentation** has been prepared to

accomplish the purpose. The presentations will start with Sun City **clubs**, but are available also to community organizations or churches. Sue Blechl, Friends Board member and organizer of this effort, along with Jennie O’Leary, Librarian, are pictured below.



Sun City clubs have been emailed notifying them of the availability of presentations. As a bonus, treats and prizes will be provided if appropriate.

If you belong to a club which you believe would benefit from this information, talk to your officers or call Sue at 623-972-3409. You know we have a good thing going. Help us **spread the word!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The Volunteer **Christmas party** will be on December 15 at the Bell Social Hall #1. Times and details will be announced later.

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The next **Fairway book sale** will be on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9.

HOLIDAY ITEMS NEEDED If you have extra holiday items, the Bookstore would appreciate you donating them for the **Christmas Boutique**, which will begin December 1. Call Mary Ann at the Bookstore if you have questions, 602-651-2014.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **October 12, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

ASK TOM E The October question comes from a volunteer who wanted to remain anonymous.

"I always enjoy going to Friends volunteer events because I find those in attendance very interesting. What kind of facts can you tell me about our volunteers?"

Kurey Us

Dear Kurey, I love this question, because Tom E digs interesting facts, particularly numerical ones. Although you and I may be the only ones who like this kind of nothingness, here are a few fun facts about our volunteers.

Number on Friends email list: 87
(not all volunteers have email addresses)

Women: 75 Men: 12

Most first name starting letter: 17Js
10 Cs 8 Ss 7 Ms

Most common first name: 5 Carols
5 Janets 5 Marys 4 Sues 3 Pats

Most last name starting letter: 10Ks
10 Ss 8 Bs 7 Ps

No first or last name starting letters:
U, X, Z

Roberta Hawksworth, Dolores Kuykendall are tied at 17 for the longest names.

The shortest names title goes to Carol Ley, Jeane Gee, Pat Bates and Sue Clark, all with eight letters.

That is about all I have. Other information, like age, would be interesting. The best number I could get from those I asked was 29; so, I'm going with that.

Tom E

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Email me with your **question, concern, idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at work, or any **general inquiry** you have. Maybe your matter can be featured and answered in the November Newsletter!

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