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VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED Over the second weekend of September, a special three day celebration was held for two volunteers: **Mary Anne McDonald and Sue Painter**. Mary Anne is the former Friends Board President and current Bookstore Manager. Sue is the former Friends Board Treasurer and current financial volunteer and Bookstore worker. Both have significant volunteer hours every year.



A **parade** of eight cars with lots of honking and cheers passed by each of their Sun City homes as a part of the celebration on one day. On another day, a **“singing telegram”** was delivered to each. On a third day

wine, flowers, and chocolates were delivered.

The two were going to be honored at the April Volunteer Dinner. When it was cancelled because of the virus, Board members decided not to wait another year to express thanks to these two **very special volunteers**.

POP-IN AND PICKUP The Sun City and Fairway Libraries started their Pop-in and Pickup service on October 5th. While in the library, customers can **pick up holds, handle library account needs, and browse** a limited selection of the library’s collection. In-person events, computers and recorder kiosks will not be available at this time. Online events and Book-A-Librarian will still be available. In early **November, MCLD hopes to open** with full operating hours and library services, with additional policies and safety precautions in place. The safety of all who enjoy are libraries is our top priority so this timeline is subject to change based on data from the CDC and Maricopa County Department of Public health.

— **SUN CITY LIBRARY:**
Pop-In Pickup Hours:



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Mon 9 am – 7 pm

Tues – Sat 9 am – 5 pm

Sun Closed

FAIRWAY LIBRARY:

Pop-In Pickup Hours:

Mon -- Sat 9 am – 5 pm

Sun Closed



Masks are required in both Libraries. Valve masks are not allowed; but paper masks are available for those without.

When the Libraries do open fully, **computer** utilization will be limited, probably every other one, and on a limited time basis. The **Gathering**

Place will be closed. There will be no in-Library programming at least until next year; however, lots of **virtual programs** are now available, and new ones are being developed.

BOOKSTORE NEWSFLASH

Communication is everything, especially in times like these while we have been isolating and keeping our distance. As most of you know, throughout the Library closure, the Friends Board has continued to meet and discuss **ways to re-open the Bookstore** and promote its services to the community.

Thankfully, Library customers can now enjoy our Pop-In and Pickup service; but the Bookstore will continue to remain closed to the public until further notice. In preparation for its re-opening, to **enhance communication**, and to **increase awareness** of what the Bookstore has to offer, we are happy to announce the development of our newest communication tool, the *NewsFlash*.

The *NewsFlash*, a monthly email message, will spread Bookstore **updates** to its patrons and other interested parties. Furthermore, it will inform readers about Bookstore



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specials, author **highlights**, **events**, and other relevant alerts. We hope to begin its distribution later this year.

If you, a friend, neighbor, or co-worker would enjoy getting the *NewsFlash*, please contact Irene Nathanson at IreneorRena@cox.net to add the name to the **mailing list**.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It surely is hard to be patient! I struggle every day to keep our pandemic situation in perspective and to count my blessings. We are pleased that our Libraries are able to add some services this month, providing more resources and flexibility in hours.

As for the Bookstore, we are working to be ready, when the time is right, to reopen. We know that many people are frustrated, but the Library and the Friends Board realize that our small space and our at-risk volunteers and customers, make for an unsafe situation for a while longer.

At this time, no RCSC social clubs have resumed their activities. It's just not prudent and safe. So we encourage you to stay in and stay well. When the Bookstore reopens,

we will make sure that all of our volunteers are well-informed and prepared. Your continued patience is most appreciated!

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NEXT BOARD MEETING At the Zoom meeting held on Thursday, October 8, the Board set a date of **Thursday, November 12**, 10:30 a.m. for its next meeting, which will be by Zoom.



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COVID HUMOR

*Let me
entertain you.*

I'm as bored as an
Amish electrician.

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Ontario has banned  
groups larger than 5.  
If you're a family of 6,  
you're all about to find  
out who's the least  
favorite!

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The longer this goes
on, the harder it will
be to return to a
society where pants
and bras are required!
Happy hour is starting
earlier and earlier.
If this keeps up, I'll be
pouring wine in my
cereal!

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### Today's Weather? Room temperature

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30 Days Hath
September, April,
June and November
All the rest have 31 ...
except March which
had 8000.

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Smoking pot and  
skipping school had  
me in trouble  
constantly.  
Now weed's legal and  
schools closed ... kids  
are living' the dream!

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This is stupid. I just
tried to make my own
hand sanitizer and it
came out as a rum &
coke!

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If you get an email  
with the subject  
"Knock Knock", don't  
open it.  
It's a Jehovah  
Witness working from  
home





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After a few days of not going out, I saw someone I knew walking by on the sidewalk outside. I immediately ran to the window and started yelling to them. Now I understand dogs.

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Day 8 of social isolation and it's looking like Vegas in my house:  
We're losing money

by the minute.

Cocktails are acceptable at any hour.

Nobody knows what time it is.

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Due to COCID 19
Sweet Caroline
Is Banned

There will be no:
Touching Hands
Reaching Out
Touching Me
Touching You



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Side effect of quarantines  
is it's really hard  
to end phone calls.  
Twice today I almost said,  
"Okay, I have to run,"  
before realizing  
there is nowhere  
to run to.

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So, everyone will be
quarantined
to their houses.
No sports to watch.
And in nine months
a boom of babies
will be born.
And, we will call them the
Coronials.

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Don't forget to  
check on your  
extroverted friends  
in this time of  
isolation.

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Day one of
working from home:
My wife has
already filed a
harassment
complaint to
HR.



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Eat  
Sleep  
Stay home  
Repeat

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The spread of Corona
virus is based on two
factors:

1. How dense the
population is.
2. How dense the
population is.

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Here's a very  
appropriate analogy:  
"The curve is  
flattening; we can start  
lifting restrictions  
now."

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"The parachute has  
slowed our rate of  
descent; we can take it  
off now."



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Ending social
distancing when the
numbers are finally
going to plateau . . . a
bit like stopping
halfway through a
bottle of antibiotics
because you “feel
kinda better.”

The Friends Volunteer Newsletter is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter is emailed to volunteers on the middle of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available.

Information or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the November 2020, issue should be received by Thursday, November 12, 2020.

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