



# FRIENDS

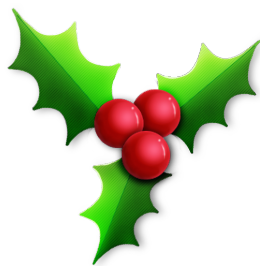
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### December 2019

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND TEA REMINDER** If you failed to sign up, you can still do so by calling Cathy Weyers at 623-876-0900 no later than Monday, **December 2**. If you did sign up and cannot attend, please call Cathy to cancel. We have to pay for the number of meals we submit.



Friends Volunteer  
**Holiday**  
Luncheon and Tea

Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
11:00-2:00  
Palmbrook Country Club

Please join us for soup, sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and lemon curd, hot and iced tea. The English Tea Lady will present a short program on tea. We will also honor our retiring board president Marcia Davis. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Please sign up no later than Saturday, November 30.

**NEW BOARD PRESIDENT** The November Friends Board of Directors meeting represented the completion of President Marcia Davis' six year term as a member of the Board. A motion was approved to have Sue Blechl move up to President and Cathy Weyers to Vice President until the Board's Annual Meeting in February. A complete slate of officers will be offered and voted on at that time.





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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** The Friends will have a booth at the **Discover Sun City** event on January 15 at Sundial.

**BOOK BUDDIES** Five new drivers and five **new readers** have been recruited.

**BOOK FRIENDS** Marcia Davis will be posting a brief **video** of volunteers' "testimonials" on the Friends website.

**VOLUNTEER GET-TOGETHER** Ruth Polansky, Volunteer Coordinator, reported at the November Friends Board meeting that she is pursuing a **February date** for the next casual volunteer get-together in the Gathering Place at the Sun City Library.

**BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER** The **Christmas Boutique** will start Monday, December 2 and run the entire month. A great variety of Christmas gift items will be available for sale.

The **Fairway sale dates have changed** from Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, to Friday **January 16** (8-4) and Saturday

**January 17** (8-11:30). (The December *SunViews* newsletter has the incorrect December sale dates because the newsletter already had been printed before we made the change.)

**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER** Our featured volunteer this month is **Linda McKnight**. Linda started in March of



this year as a reader for the Book Friends at The Woodmark assisted living facility. She then initiated the Book Friends program at Inn at the Amethyst, where she now schedules 10 readers, one each day every two weeks. She continues as a reader at the Woodmark, and fills in at the Inn of the Amethyst when readers are absent. If that isn't enough work for the Friends, she recently was elected to the Friends Board of Directors.



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Linda is a retired nurse; her last position was in Reno 10 years ago. During her career, she worked in intensive care facilities with babies, as a director of nursing, and directed three assisted living communities. As a military spouse, she worked from Florida to Hawaii.

Linda moved to Arizona two years ago. She enjoys reading mysteries and traveling, when she can. She has a daughter and grandson in the area, and a son in Seattle.

### FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS TEESHIRT

At the Holiday Luncheon and Tea on December 2, Marcia Davis will be distributing an **order form** for the Friends teeshirt. Information from the flyers will be assembled to prepare the order. Teeshirts will be distributed at the Spring Volunteer Dinner.

**TREE SANTA FOR SENIORS** Sue Wilson, RCSC Representative to the Friends Board, stated at the November Friends Board meeting that the RCSC Foundation's Tree Santa for Seniors at Fairway has been well received. **Donations of \$25 gift cards** to stores such as Safeway and

Walmart still would be appreciated. The tags will be hung on the tree.

### INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

**ARTICLE** If you missed the November 20 issue of the *Sun City Independent*, you missed a **great front page story** about Books Around the Corner. You can still see it on line at the *Independent* website. The Friends Board is greatly appreciative of Rusty Bradshaw and his continuing support of Friends programs.

**BOARD MEETING** The Friends Board of Directors next scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, December 12, 2019, 9:30 a.m.** in the Sun City Library North Wing room.

**ASK TOM E** The December question comes from E. Fishant, who asked Tom E, **"I see you use the term "all volunteer organization" when referring to the Friends. What exactly do you mean by that?"**

That term basically means no paid staff. Many volunteer organizations have a few staff members who are paid to coordinate the work of the volunteers. The Friends do not. None of our over 100 volunteers are paid for



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the annual 8,500 plus hours of work they donate.

Friends volunteers serve in our Libraries and Bookstore, and as Board members, Book Buddies, Book Friends, and general helpers in many capacities. To be a Friend of the Sun City Libraries, one becomes a volunteer.

The Friends of the Sun City Libraries are also able to operate because of the support received by two great organizations. The Recreation Centers of Sun City (RCSC) does not charge us for the space for our Bookstore, and provides the cleaning and facility support at no cost. The Friends do, however, pay for the use of other RCSC facilities, like room rental for Library programs the Friends sponsor.

The Maricopa County Library District manages our two Libraries. We are charged nothing for this service. In addition, their discarded books are donated to our Bookstore for us to sell. They are very supportive of everything the Friends do.

The most important supporters of the Friends, however, are the Sun City citizens. They donate their books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and other items used in our Christmas Boutique, all of which are sold in our Bookstore. They shop in our Bookstore, which provides funds for the Friends to support Library needs. Finally, they bequeath funds enabling us to afford expensive items like the book check in machine and the new outdoor book drop.

Bottom line is that our all volunteer organization, with the cooperation of other organizations and citizenry, provide excellent library service. Volunteers show pride in our organization by the excellent work they do. They are as proud of the part they play as we are of them.

Tom E

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





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Information or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at [4mymate@embarqmail.com](mailto:4mymate@embarqmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the January 2020, issue should be received by Friday, December 27, 2019.

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