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January 2020

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND TEA

Friends volunteers were treated to a holiday celebration at the Palmbrook Country Club on December 10. The event got off to an informative start with a presentation by the **English Tea Lady**, Jan Sandwich, pictured below with volunteers Sue Painter (left) and Mary Anne Bockmiller (right).



Following the luncheon, complete with a variety of teas, outgoing Friends Board President **Marcia Davis** was recognized for her six years of service on the Board. Marcia is pictured below (right) with incoming President Sue Blechl.



A number of volunteers came forward to thank Marcia for her leadership, including President Blechl. Sue lead



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the audience in a **song** she wrote about Marcia to the tune of “Deck the Halls. The song is at the end of this *Newsletter* on page 6.

Many volunteers expressed pleasure with the event. As a result, the Friends have booked Palmbrook for the 2020 event. It probably is too early to mark your calendars; but the next year’s event will be on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**.



HOURS DUE At the end of every year, non profits like the Friends, have to submit the total number of volunteer hours. Please turn your best estimate into your program coordinator or Ruth Polansky **no later than January 5**.

VOLUNTEER GET-TOGETHER The next casual volunteer get-together will be on Friday, **February 7, 2020**, 10:30-12:00, in the Gathering Place at the Sun City Library.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER **Sports** books and **craft** books are half price all January. The **Fairway sale dates** are Friday, January 16 (8-4) and Saturday, January 17 (8-11:30).

FRIENDS 2020 BUDGET The Board of Directors adopted the **2020 budget** at their December meeting. The amount will remain the same as 2019.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER Our featured volunteer this month is **Irene Nathanson**. Irene has been a volunteer for about a year. She works as a Book Buddy and Book Friend, and recently was elected to the Friends Board of Directors. She likes best about her job the ability to make a difference in people’s lives.

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Irene is a retired social worker. She spent her time in the mental health field, sometime in the hospital setting, and often with the elderly. After starting her working career in communications, advertising and public relations, she got her master's degree in social work and shifted careers.

Irene and her husband moved to Arizona eight years ago from the Chicago area. Not surprising, she

enjoys reading self improvement, personal growth, and psychology books. She is also very involved in her church, and describes herself as an animal advocate.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS Brianna King, Library Manager, reported at the December Friends Board meeting that she is receiving a lot of positive comments about the **book drop** the Friends financed.

The Sun City Library is having **roof leak problems** in the check out area. RCSC is aware of the situation, and is working to resolve it. Recent rains have caused adjustments to be made.

April 26, 2020, will be the **10 year anniversary** of the Maricopa County Library Districts opening of the new Fairway Library. Library staff and the Friends are planning the celebration.

WINTER READING PROGRAM The Maricopa County Library District's Winter Reading Program starts on December 16. This year's theme is **Branch Out**, with a focus on nature as well as branching out and trying new things! Each minute you read counts as one point. If you earn a total points



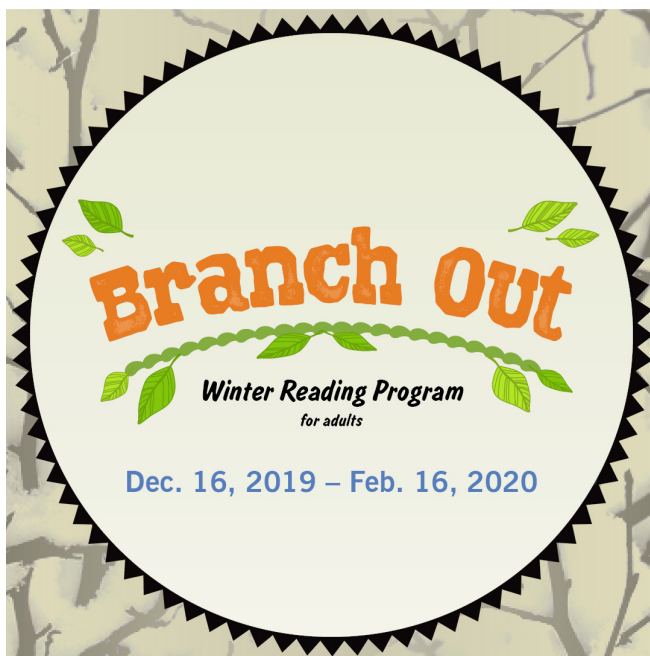
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by February 16, You will automatically be entered for a chance to win a one year annual membership to the **Desert Botanical Garden** for two (courtesy of the Friends of the Sun City Libraries)!



Each participant will also get a **free ticket to a spring training game** at Camelback-Ranch Glendale stadium. Sign up online at winter.mclidaz.org or at the Library customer service desk.

VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS You asked for Friends T-Shirts, so we are giving each volunteer a **free custom printed T-Shirt**, to wear whenever and wherever you want!

If you were at the Holiday Tea, you received a paper order form. Please return the **completed form** to your volunteer manager, or Ruth Polanski, or Marcia Davis, or to the Bookstore before January 15th.

If you were NOT at the Tea, or you lost your order form, you have two options. You can **print the form** found at the end of the *Newsletter* (page 7), and submit it as directed. OR you can submit your **request online** by clicking <https://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/volunteer-tee-shirt-order-form.html>.

Questions? Call Marcia at 303-514-4511

BOARD MEETING The Friends Board of Directors next scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, January 9, 2020**, 9:30 a.m. in the Sun City Library North Wing room.

ASK TOM E The January question comes from Wanda Noe, who asked Tom E, **"You stated in the last Newsletter that volunteers who signed up for the Holiday Tea and could not make it to the event should call because the Friends had to pay for all**



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ordered meals. Did any volunteers not attend and not call?"

Unfortunately, Wanda, yes. Thirteen volunteers who said they would be there did not show. There may have been good reasons; we really do not know. 80% is not good; but after 100% showed for the March banquet, the Board was disappointed.

These failures to cancel cost the Friends \$263.64. Spending that on our volunteers is no problem. Throwing it away is. That amount would buy 17 Friends T-shirts. We will have to sell 1,055 of our paperback books to make up that amount.

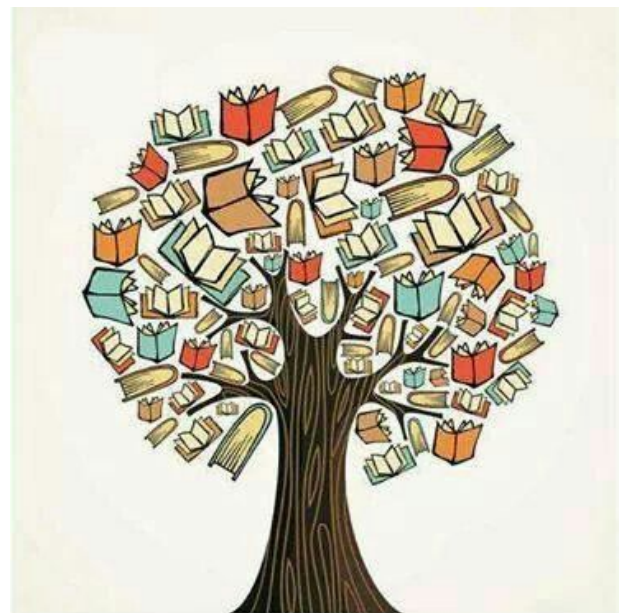
The Board loves its volunteers and wants to show its appreciation by holding meaningful events. The Board also loves our Libraries and wants to give them as much as possible. When monies generated by hard working volunteers are not spent wisely, the Board takes it seriously. Hopefully, this kind of disappointment will not occur again.

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.

Information or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embargmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the February 2020, issue should be received by Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

*Tom Everitt,
Writer and Editor in Chief,
Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.*



**Reading can
seriously damage
your ignorance**



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HAIL TO MARCIA (to the tune of Deck the Halls)

Friends of the Sun City Libraries December 2019

Hail to Marcia, friend of libraries
Tis the time to sing her glories
Drive up book drop, web page too
She's a doer, a friend good and true.

Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.

See the rack cards, tote bags, more
Designed with skill and love galore
Tee shirts, mugs, and pens and fans
Made to promote the Friends big plans.

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Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.

Surveys, stats, data and goals
Defining Friends and tweaking our roles.
Bookstore, Buddies, Readers, Board
Friends activities can't be ignored.

Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Fa la la la la la la la la.

Thank you, Marcia, for all you share
It's most apparent that you really care.
Please continue to help in our quest
To make our libraries the very best.

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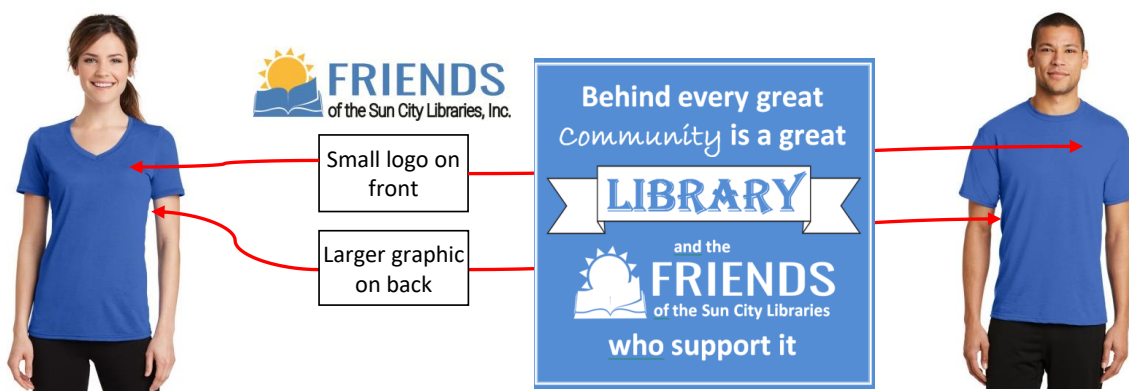
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A Thank You Tee-Shirt for all Friends Volunteers

In the last two volunteer surveys we conducted, one of the ways you told us that you would like to be thanked or recognized was with a Friends tee-shirt. We listened, and created a special Friends tee-shirt just for you.

This is FREE, and just our way of saying thank you. Yes, you CAN wear this during your volunteer work, but it is not required at all. Wear it for fun, for work, for good PR. Just enjoy the shirt, on us.

Please check the measurements below carefully, and select your tee shirt type and size. Note: These tee shirts are a cotton blend and DO NOT shrink. Please return the form no later than January 15th. We will distribute the tee shirts at our spring volunteer dinner. Questions? Call Marcia at 303-514-4511.



Women's Vee Neck	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
Chest Size	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55
Length at back	25	25 ½	26	27	28	29	29 ½	30
Sleeve Length	14	14 ½	15	15 ¾	16 ½	17 ¾	18	18 ¾
Unisex Crew Neck		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest Size		35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57
Length at back		28	29	31	32	33	34	35
Sleeve Length		16 ¾	17 ¾	18 ¾	19 ¾	20 ¾	21 ¾	22 ¾

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