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
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.
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
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)!

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

Friends of the Sun City Libraries       December 2019

Hail to Marcia, friend of libraries          Fa la la la la la la la la.
Tis the time to sing her glories            Fa la la la la la la la la.
Drive up book drop, web page too           Fa la la la la la la la la.
She's a doer, a friend good and true.      Fa la la la la la la la la.
See the rack cards, tote bags, more        Fa la la la la la la la la.
Designed with skill and love galore        Fa la la la la la la la la.
Tee shirts, mugs, and pens and fans        Fa la la la la la la la la.
Made to promote the Friends big plans.     Fa la la la la la la la la.
Surveys, stats, data and goals            Fa la la la la la la la la.
Defining Friends and tweaking our roles.    Fa la la la la la la la la.
Bookstore, Buddies, Readers, Board        Fa la la la la la la la la.
Friends activities can't be ignored.      Fa la la la la la la la la.
Thank you, Marcia, for all you share      Fa la la la la la la la la.
It's most apparent that you really care.   Fa la la la la la la la la.
Please continue to help in our quest       Fa la la la la la la la la.
To make our libraries the very best.       Fa la la la la la la la la.
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.

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Your Name
Phone Number (in case we have a question)

Your volunteer area(s):
- Library Volunteer
- Book Store Volunteer
- Book Buddy Volunteer
- Board of Directors Volunteer
- Other Volunteer

Type and size of shirt (circle one):
- Ladies Vee Neck
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  - S
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  - XL
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  - 4XL
- Unisex Crew Neck
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Return this form to your Volunteer Manager, Marcia, or the bookstore before January 15th.