



FRIENDS

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

Together
- is a -
beautiful
place to be

The Friends Board wants a chance to get to know volunteers better; so, just **drop in** and say hi. The first get-together was held last summer, and everyone present seemed to have a very nice time. With over 100 volunteers, it is hard to get to know one another without a gathering like this.

The theme of this gathering is **Favorite Books of 2019**. Be prepared to share your favorite author and favorite book, a summary of which will appear in the next *Newsletter*.

A **prize** will be awarded to the volunteer who is the best guesser of (you will have to attend to find out.) Last, but far from least, **home-made goodies** will be available!

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

Another **record** year for Bookstore sales was set in 2019, \$49,595.50, or 7.75% more than 2018.

The Christmas Boutique brought in **\$771**. Mary Anne McDonald expressed appreciation for all who donated items for the sale, and asked for volunteers to lay aside items for the sale next year.

The half-price author of the month for February is **Danielle Steele**. All month her hardback books will be **half-price**. She is the best-selling author alive, and the fourth best-selling fiction author of all time. The Bookstore does not have all of her 179 books, but you will have lots of choices.



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The Monday Only half-price sale on **soft back books** (not paperbacks) continues through April.

The Bookstore will have a **half-price store-wide sale** for the Bell Spring Fling on Saturday, February 29.

OUTREACH The Friends will have a booth for the **SCHOA New Resident** event on Friday, February 28, and the **Bell Spring Fling** on Saturday, February 29.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER REMINDER If you haven't already, mark your calendar now for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Thursday, March 26, 2020**. More information will follow.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER Our featured volunteer this month is **Dolores Hines**. In June, Dolores will have been a Bookstore volunteer for three years. Interacting with people in the Bookstore is what she likes best about her job. What she learns from other readers has "broadened the scope" of what she likes to read.

Besides her love for reading (mostly mysteries and historical fiction), she

enjoys knitting. For years, she has knitted hats for nurses here and abroad, to distribute to those in need.



Dolores worked in bookkeeping and accounting prior to retirement. As a minister's wife, she lived in a lot of locations. She also has traveled to Southeast Asia, Thailand and Myanmar, where, amongst other tasks, she taught women how to teach young children who were prohibited by the government from going to school.



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Dolores and her husband had two adopted children, a son and daughter. Their daughter, who is Korean, lives in the area.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS Brianna King, Library Manager, reported at the January Friends Board meeting that **more shelving** is needed for non fiction books. The space where Honor Books are now located will be used. The Friends agreed to purchase a free standing shelf for the Honor Books.

RCSC appears to have resolved the Sun City Library **roof leak problem**. RCSC also is installing a **light** near the drive-up book drop, which was a part of the funding provided by the Friends.

April 26, 2020, will be the **10 year anniversary** of the Maricopa County Library District's opening of the new Fairway Library. Library staff and the Friends are planning the celebration, including food and entertainment. The celebration will be on Monday, April 27, 8:00-4:00.

Brianna expressed her appreciation for the **support of the Friends**.

President Sue Blechl thanked Brianna for her kind words.

BOOK FRIENDS Charlotte Klose, chair, reported at the January Friends Board meeting that **growth** in the Book Friends program was shown by doubling the readers and tripling the reading hours in 2019 over 2018.

BOOK BUDDIES Ruth Polansky volunteered to temporarily take over as **Book Buddy chair** in Monica Fallon's extended absence.

NEW RCSC REPRESENTATIVE TO FRIENDS BOARD **Rich Hoffer**, RCSC Board member, has been assigned to be the RCSC representative to the Friends Board of Directors. The Board looks forward to working with Rich. The Board appreciates the cooperation and support that Sue Wilson provided as the 2019 RCSC representative.

BOARD MEETING The Friends Board of Directors next scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.** in the Sun City Library North Wing room.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Believe it or not, the first *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* came out in February 2017, making this **birthday number three**. This baby is still learning from the volunteers who read it. Keep those “cards and letters” coming!

ASK TOM E The February question comes from Mark Mywords, who asked Tom E, “**Every once in a while I come up with an idea of something I think the Friends should do, or a project they might take on. With whom should I share such brainstorm?**”

Mark, you asked the question at just the right time. The new Friends Board President, Sue Blechl, recently announced her “open door policy.” She defined that as welcoming any comments, suggestions, criticisms, or ideas.

Sue said call her at 620-803-2140, or email her at sueblechl@gmail.com. She is more than willing to talk by phone, respond to your email, or meet with you. She is quite excited about trying out new things, and would love to get ideas from other volunteers or library patrons.

Sue is the first former librarian to be the Friends Board President in a long time, and maybe ever. Her perspective will be very conducive to future Friends growth.

Mark, you probably also know that you are always welcome to attend a Friends Board meeting (second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Sun City Library North Wing room). The Friends Board is a great group of library lovers who willingly give their time to make our great Libraries greater. They also would really enjoy hearing your ideas.

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@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the March 2020, issue should be received by Thursday, February 27, 2020.

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