



# FRIENDS

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### MARCH 2018

**WELCOME** The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter's* purpose 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.

*Newsletter* content will include Board or committee meeting notices, social event meeting announcements, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at [tjever40@gmail.com](mailto:tjever40@gmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be April 1, 2018. News should be submitted by Thursday, March 29, 2018.

**SPRING VOLUNTEER DINNER** The Friends Spring Volunteer event will be held at the **Palmbrook Country Club** in Sun City. Sign up sheets are available at your work site, or you may send an email to Camilla at [camik57@hotmail.com](mailto:camik57@hotmail.com) by March 18. On **Thursday, March 22**, the doors open at 5:00 PM for a Happy Hour (cash bar), the program begins 5:30 PM, and dinner will begin at 6:15 PM. The **Sun City Bell Ringers** will provide entertainment. There will be gifts for all. Please join us for this annual event where in a small way we thank you for your service to our community.



**2018 OFFICERS** At the February Friends Board meeting, officers were elected for the 2018 year. Continuing from 2017 will be **Marcia Davis** as President, **Pat Bates** as Secretary, and **Jessica Slider** as Treasurer. **Sue**



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**Blechl** was elected to replace Judy Wannamaker as vice-president. The Friends so appreciate the leadership provided by these individuals, and thank Judy for her past years of service as an officer.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER** The Friends Board voted to add **Arlene Schindler** to the Board of Directors. As a current Book Buddy, Arlene will assume the position of chair of the Book Buddy Standing Committee.

**MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF** This month's featured staff member is **Library Assistant Denise Shatto**. Denise has been with the Maricopa County Library District for 15 years. She spent the first eight of those years at the Northwest Regional Library in Surprise, starting as a page.

Previous to her library career, Denise worked for 28 years doing bookkeeping and accounting in Ohio banks. She retired from that profession, and moved to Arizona permanently in 2001.

Reading, quilting and traveling consume Denise's spare time. Fiction, particularly mysteries and



romance, are her reading preferences. Denise is married, and has four children and eight grandchildren.

"The people I work with" is how Denise describes the best part of her job. She has found the staff in Surprise, as well as Sun City, to make her work very pleasant. We couldn't agree with her more.

**BOARD SETS GOALS** At the Friends Board of Directors February 8 meeting

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**2018 goals** were adopted. Goals are established each year to provide a direction for activities. The new goals are attached on the last page of this *Newsletter*.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED** The Friends need volunteers in three areas.

1. A person is needed to be on call to **pick up donated books** from resident homes when the resident is unable to bring the materials to the Bookstore. This usually occurs once or twice a month. Contact Mary Anne at the Bookstore at 602-651-2014.
2. A person is needed to keep the **Friends Facebook page** up to date. Training is available. Contact Marcia at 303-514-4511.
3. A goal of adding four new **Board of Director members** in 2018 was adopted by the Board. Contact Cathy by leaving a message at the Bookstore 602-651-2014 or complete an application available at the Friends website, <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org> under "Volunteers" at the top of the page. Of particular interest in applicants are persons with strong computer skills.

**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS** This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Carol Jenkins**. She has been a



volunteer for seven years, at the Bell Library. Prior to volunteering in our Libraries, Carol was a youth librarian for 22 years.

Carol's primary responsibilities are to shelve books and DVDs. She most enjoys working with the people who come into the Library.



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Her reading preference is mysteries. John Grisham is one of her favorites. Carol is married, has two adult children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

**LIBRARY NEWS** The Friends recently bought **bulletin boards** for the children's section of both Libraries.



Those at the Bell Library are pictured above.

The Bell Library is also the home of a **Seed Library** where residents may obtain garden seeds. As pictured, it was in the final stages of being stocked using the card catalog cabinet previously used in the Bell Library. The Seed Library should be open by the beginning of March.



The Bell Recreation center will have a **Fun Fair on Saturday, March 24**. The Library and the Friends will have a table in the courtyard in front of the Library. The Bookstore will have a **half price sale on all paperback** books.

**BOOKSTORE SPECIALS** The March author of the month is **Danielle Steel**. All of her books will be half price. On Saturday, March 16, St. Patrick's Day, all **Irish books** will be displayed greenly. Many music **CDs** are available for \$1.00. A wide assortment of Blue Ray **DVDs** at \$3.00, and regular DVDs at \$2.00, are also on hand.



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**SUN CITY UKULELE CLUB** The Friends have been a great supporter of the Sun City Ukulele Club. The Club first donated six ukuleles, tuners, and how-to books to the Fairway Library for those who would like to try the instrument before buying it. The ukuleles can be checked out at the Fairway or Bell Library for three weeks at a time. The Club is now donating four more ukuleles, tuners, and how-to books, which will be presented to Library Manager Brianna King at a **Ukulele Dedication and Concert** on March 24, 7:00 PM, at the Fairway Recreation Center.

The Friends are thanking the Ukulele Club by hosting the reception, providing hors d'oeuvres and sparkling cider, and paying the room rental. The concert is to promote the Club, raise funds, and provide excellent entertainment.

The concert features Daniel Ward and Heidi Swedberg, who have presented concerts for the Club twice in the past. "Swedberg has gone from fabled 'Seinfeld' cast member to one of the country's top ukulele clinicians," stated Spring 2014 issue of *Ukulele* magazine. Ward is an accomplished



musician, composer, and educator, who has become one of the country's top clinicians and performers on the ukulele circuit. They are "great entertainers and wonderful people" according to Trudy Bryson, President of the Ukulele Club.

Tickets may be purchased:



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- in the Sundial Lobby on Wednesday and Thursday, March 7 and 8, from 9:00 AM to Noon;
  - at the Fairway Center during Ukulele Club meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 PM;
  - at the Fairway Center Spring Fling on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; or
  - at the door.
- Cash or check only!

For more information, contact Trudy Bryson at 623-594-6591.

**PEORIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** The Peoria Public Library and its Friends of the Library are sponsoring a community effort for their Scholastic Book Fair. Our Friends organization is supporting their efforts by encouraging individuals to make a tax deductible contribution to their cause. This effort is to provide books for low income students, many of whom

do not have books at home. A poster explaining this project is attached below. For additional information, contact Coleen McElroy at [McElroyC@convergentedm.com](mailto:McElroyC@convergentedm.com).



To a Peoria Elementary Pirate—  
A Book Is The Real Treasure!

### **Join Our Community Effort In Supporting the “Buy One Get One Free” Scholastic Book Fair At Peoria Elementary (PreK—8th Grade)!**

Let's make sure that EVERY ONE of the 650 students can attend the fair in May and buy books of their very own to take home.

For Every \$10 Raised, a student will be able to purchase \$20 worth of books!

We need a total of \$6500 to ensure that for the first time, every student at Peoria Elementary will be able to go to the Book Fair. Without sponsorships, only 1/3 of the students typically can participate.

Each child will choose their own books and the school earns Scholastic dollars on the books sold. Yo Ho Ho!!

We are inspired by the wonderful staff at this Title One school, especially their dedicated Library Paraprofessional Gina Robertson. They all do so much for their students, their families, and the community.

#### **Mail Your Tax Deductible Contribution To:**



The Peoria Pirates PTSA  
c/o Peoria Elementary School  
Attn: Gina Robertson  
11501 N. 79th Avenue, Peoria AZ 85345  
Tax Id # 90-0237274

Please mail this form with your contribution and provide an email address for a thank you and tax receipt by **April 15th, 2018**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_





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**BOARD MEETING** The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **March 8, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

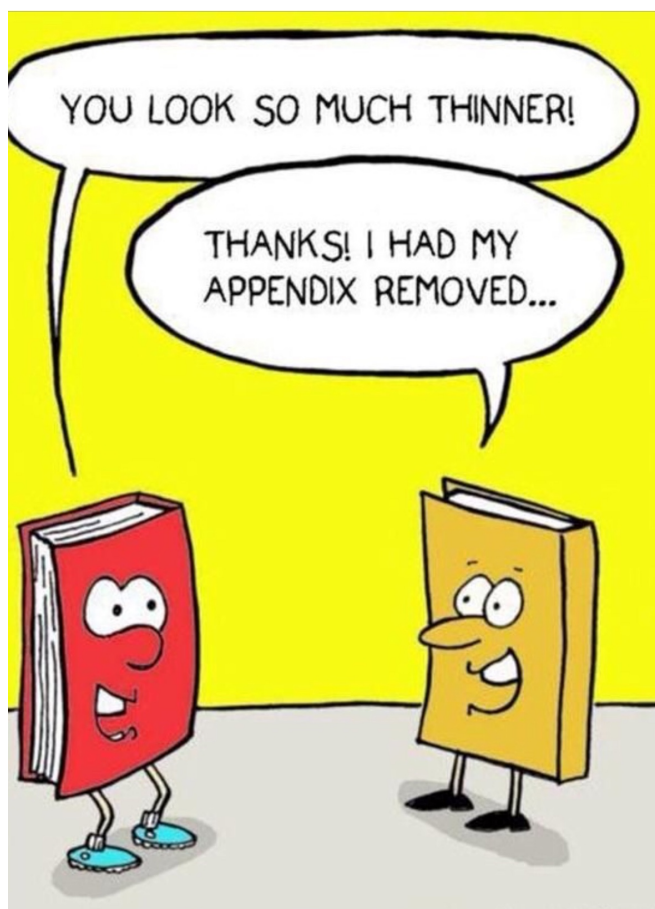
**ASK TOM E** The March question comes from Jim Dandy who asked Tom E, "**Do you have to live in Sun City to be a Friends volunteer?**"

Dear Jim, The simple answer is no. We currently have a number of volunteers living in other communities who want to give back through our Libraries. Even before we became a part of the Maricopa County Library District, we have always have, and still do, welcome applicants from anywhere in the USA. That would become obvious to you if you saw the number of winter residents who volunteer. We think that is just dandy!

Tom E

Email me with your **question, concern, idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at work, or any **general inquiry** you have. Maybe your matter can be featured and answered in the April *Newsletter*!

*Tom Everitt,  
Writer and Editor in Chief,  
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### 2018 Board Goals

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