



FRIENDS

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FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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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. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be May 1, 2018. News should be submitted by Friday, April 27, 2018.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER The Friends Spring Volunteer event was held at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City on Thursday, March 22. After a 5:00 PM **happy hour** where volunteers had the opportunity to renew 'Friend'ships, President Marcia Davis started the program with **introductions** of Board members and Board advisors. Library staff present were introduced by Library Manager Brianna King.



Marcia spoke to the Board's **emphasis on outreach** in 2017. She shared stories about the four presentations made to Sun City clubs. An assignment was given to all present: have clubs to which they belong make a request to have the Powerpoint presentation made to their clubs, by

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leaving a message for Sue Blechl at the Bookstore, 602-651-2014.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the Friends Volunteers of the Year. **Bruce Jacobs** was named Bookstore Volunteer of the Year; **Leda Rozanc** was named Bell Library Volunteer of the Year; and **Sharon McKinney** was named Fairway Library Volunteer of the Year. A story of each of them will appear in future *Newsletters*.

Dinner was preceded by an invocation by Charlotte Klose. After dinner, the **Sun City Bell Ringers** entertained.



Humorous antics added to the beautiful music provided by the ensemble. They obviously enjoyed what they were doing, perhaps as much as the audience enjoyed listening to them. The Bell Ringers invited all to their spring concert on

April 7, where all 26 members of the club will perform.

The evening included gifts for all volunteers. Camilla Kuberka and Cathy Weyers, Appreciation Dinner organizers, stated that the gifts were "a way to give a small token of appreciation for the volunteers' big contribution to our community."



NEW BOARD MEMBER At its regular March Board or Directors meeting, the Board named Ruth Polansky as a new Board member. Ruth has been a



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Friends volunteer serving as a Book Buddy, as well as a volunteer at Boswell Hospital.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Bonnie Moon**.



She has a rich background in libraries, having worked for 25 years in the Glendale Library. She started in Glendale part time, going on to get her degree in library science. Bonnie has

volunteered at the Bell Library for six months.

Bonnie's volunteer job primary is to shelve books. As a result, she gets the opportunity to interact with library patrons, which she enjoys. The "library environment" is what she likes best about her job.

Bonnie takes pleasure in a variety of reading, but leans toward thrillers. She is married, has two adult children, and three granddaughters.

BOOKSTORE NEWS Mary Anne McDonald reported at the March Board of Directors meeting, that over \$4,000 was made in Bookstore sales in February. The April author of the month is **W. E. B. Griffen**. All of his books will be half price. The Bookstore has a great supply of baseball books.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month's featured staff member is **Library Assistant Santo Maglio**. Santo has been with the Sun City Library since the fall of 2006, prior to the Maricopa County Library District's operation. He came to Phoenix after retiring from the Clark County Library



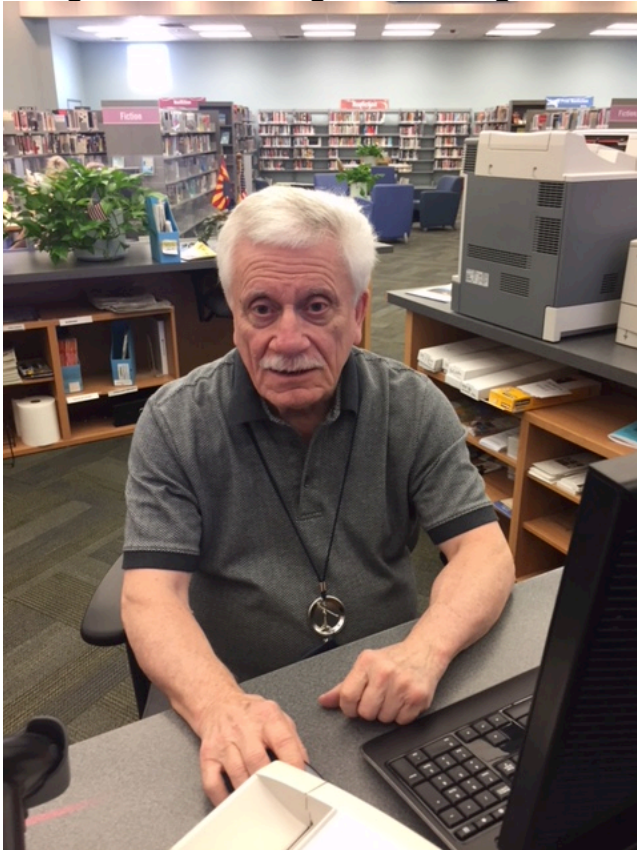
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District in Las Vegas. He has four daughters still living in Las Vegas.



In his spare time, Santo plays the keyboards in three or four groups. His reading preference is nonfiction, particularly history and biographies.

Beyond his general library duties, he is responsible for processing new books at both Sun City libraries. The thing he likes best about his job is the people with whom he works.

CLOCK PURCHASED FOR BOOKSTORE When Mildred Stephens retired as a volunteer after 22 years, she was eligible for a financial award from the Friends. Before she could be given the award for her service, she passed away. Her family suggested the money be spent on something to honor her work in the Bookstore. After discussion, the Board decided on a clock, pictured below.





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The pendulum has “Time to Read” engraved on it. A plaque will be added to the clock to indicate it is to honor the volunteer work of Mildred Stephens.

2017 ANNUAL REVIEW President Marcia Davis gave her 2017 Annual to the Board of Directors at their March meeting. Marcia called 2017 “the year of outreach.” She detailed how the Friends had gotten the word out about Library and Friends activities. The full review is at the end of the *Newsletter*. The report highlights are:

- 100 volunteers
- 10,604 volunteer hours
- \$40,945 in Bookstore sales
- 13,633 web site page views
- \$40,669 donated to Libraries
- \$7,900 donated to community support
- Over 500 hours delivering books to homebound
- New Book Friends program reading at care centers
- New scanning software for book valuations
- First online book store (E-Bay)
- First FaceBook account

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will

be Thursday, **April 12, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

ASK TOM E The April question comes from Ina Carr who asked Tom E, “**What ever happened to all that talk about a drive-up book drop at the Bell Library?**”

Dear Ina, Friends President Marcia Davis reported at the March Board of Directors meeting that a committee has been formed to complete the project. As you might imagine, this will be no easy, or inexpensive, task. RCSC must be involved because of their responsibility for the building and grounds, and the MCLD must be involved to assure it meets library staff needs. The project will start with a volunteer architect to draw preliminary plans.

As progress is made, Ina, we will keep you informed. The Friends feel this is a very important project, and want to do everything possible to make it happen.

Tom E

Email me with your **question**, **concern**, **idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at



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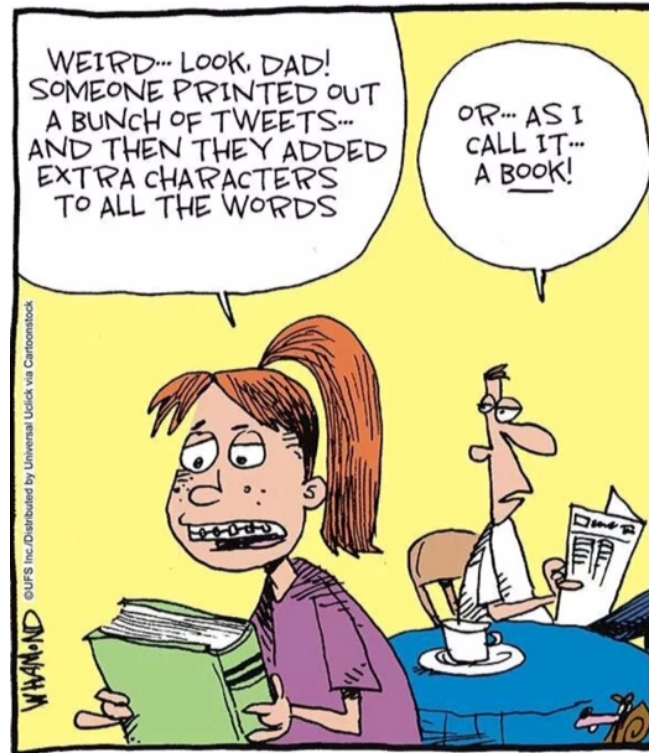
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work, or any **general inquiry** you have.
Maybe your matter can be featured
and answered in the April *Newsletter*!

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