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FRIEND TO FRIEND The March question to Friends volunteers was:

**DESPITE COVID'S NEGATIVE
IMPACT, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU
THAT WAS POSITIVE?**

Here are the responses:

I totally enjoyed the time I had to just do what I wanted to do with no time constraints. Linda

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I don't feel like a hermit any more, I feel socially responsible. I've discovered the joys of ordering books from the library on-line. Four of us get together at Chez Moi for breakfast every week. Pretty good after 50 years.



I have been spending a lot of time at the WikiTree family tree web site, entering my family history (both my parents collected a LOT of data) there. It is a free site, easy, at least for me and I am no computer wizard, to navigate and I get maybe one email a week from them so they do not generate a lot of junk email. The site is at <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Special:Userlogin>. My work here is going to be a part of the legacy that I leave my kids.

This other one is more like the two of us sitting down - with appropriate social distancing, of course - and me droning on and on. Before I came to Sun City seven or so years ago I used to have a radio show on a low power public radio station in the village I lived in. There I developed the habit of collecting songs off my CDs and putting them in category files on my computer to help putting shows together. Since arriving here I have discovered a wealth of used music in the library book store and elsewhere, so continued, probably accelerated, my collecting habit. I now have about 300 files, some with only four or five tunes, others such as the "Dance" file with over a hundred. The "Dance" file also contains another file in it called "Twisting the Night Away" that has



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all Twist songs. There are eighteen titles in there but I am desperately seeking Frank Sinatra's "Everybody's Twisting" from 1962. Perhaps someone can help me out? Einar

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I have had plenty of fun sending Tom cartoons, jokes, and what have you for his newsletter. I miss reading for the residents at the Amethyst, so I started a little story instead. Didn't get very far. Such is the life of a sequestered wanna be author. Toni

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Friend to Friend is meant to bring us closer together by **sharing** fun experiences. For April the question is:

WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU SINCE YOU MOVED TO SUN CITY?

Join in on our "conversation." Send your answers to tjever40@gmail.com. Maybe the answers will be the humor section for the May issue. That will occur only if you respond. Do! Now!!

CHECK OUT "CITIZEN SCIENCE"
April is **Citizen Science Month**, our Libraries are celebrating, and YOU are invited to the party!

Citizen Science gives the average person the ability to help to **contribute to real scientific studies**. Whether you use your phone to share pictures to help track plant and animal species populations or take a walk in your own neighborhood with a personal air monitor, you can contribute!



A Citizen **Science Kit** is a small box that contains everything you need for a specific science experiment. Each Kit includes a printed activity guide, helpful tips, and any specialized tools or materials you need to complete the project. Our Libraries have five different Citizen Science Kits available to check out:

- Exploring Biodiversity
- Measuring Light in the Night
- Monitoring Air Quality

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- Zombee Hunting
- Stream Mapping

The Sun City and Fairway Libraries have a **Citizen Science display** that will show what is available for checkout. Ask a staff member at the desk to check out an item.

Visit mclidaz.org/subject/citizen-science/ for more information, or stop by your library today!

LIBRARIES On April 26, Phase 4 of the Libraries' reopening will be implemented. All the **stacks will be open** for full browsing. There will still be no computers, no seating, no Recorder Kiosk usage, and no use of the Gathering Place. Social distancing will still be in place. Staff will be wearing masks. Patrons are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks, which will still be available at the door. The bottom line to the new phase is "we are happy to have you back, but please browse quickly."

BOARD RESIGNATION **Charlotte Klose**, a Friends Board member since 2016, is resigning from the board effective April 1. Charlotte created and nurtured a new Friends program,

Book Friends, in which our volunteers presented a reading program to residents in memory care units. Since the pandemic began, Charlotte and her troupe were unable to carry out the regular visits. It is uncertain if or when the program will resume activity. The Board accepted Charlotte's resignation with sincere regret at the April 8 board meeting. We wish Charlotte and husband Gerhard well.

NEW BOARD MEMBER **Jennie O'Leary** was elected to the Friends Board of Directors at the April 8 Board meeting. Jennie has been a librarian



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since 1977. She became a staff member at the Sun City Library in 2007, and retired three years ago. As a volunteer since that time, she has managed the Friends Facebook, and now feels ready to add a bigger commitment. Welcome “aBoard.”

BOOKSTORE The **wall repair** in the Bookstore from storm damage has been repaired. Reorganization during closing is about complete. An account to sell books on **e-Bay** has been established. When Books Around the Corner is ready to reopen, hopefully soon, publicity will be abundant.

LIBRARY APRONS The **Friends provided funds** to the Libraries to buy aprons for staff. We received the following note and picture from Brianna King, Library Manager.

Hello, wonderful Friends!

I just wanted to say thank you very much from all of the Sun City and Fairway staff for providing us with our new work aprons! They help protect our clothes from all of the dirty courier bins we have to unload, and all of the other stuff we have to deal with during the day. This was such a useful gift for staff - we all

really appreciate your kindness and your support of our libraries!



Here you can see Carol and Yolanda modeling them at Fairway! ☺

Thank you!!! ☺ Brianna

IN MEMORIAM **Judy Wannamaker** (former volunteer and Board member) passed away on Tuesday April 6th. According to Terri, her daughter, she was surrounded by her children and transitioned peacefully.

The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. It is emailed to volunteers on the middle of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Information for the May 2021, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40gmail.com by Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Tom Everitt,
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SMILES

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

I thought growing old would take longer.

My bucket list: Keep breathing.

Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "Close enough."

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

At my funeral, take the bouquet from my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

Retired: Under new management. See spouse for details.

When you can't find the sunshine . . . be the sunshine.

I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.



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My heart says chocolate and wine, but
my jeans say, please, please, please,
eat a salad!

Never laugh at your spouse's choices,
you are one of them.

One minute you're young and fun.
The next, you're turning down the car
stereo to see better.

I'd grow my own food if only I could
find bacon seeds.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be
working for me, so from now I'm going
to concentrate on getting taller.

Some people are like clouds, once
they disappear it's a beautiful day.

Some people you're glad to see
coming; some people you're glad to
see going.

My body is a temple, ancient and
crumbling.

Common sense is not a gift, it's a
punishment because you have to deal
with everyone who doesn't have it.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was
doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost
on the way back. Now I have no idea
what's going on.

Some Photos that Guarantee Stress Relief





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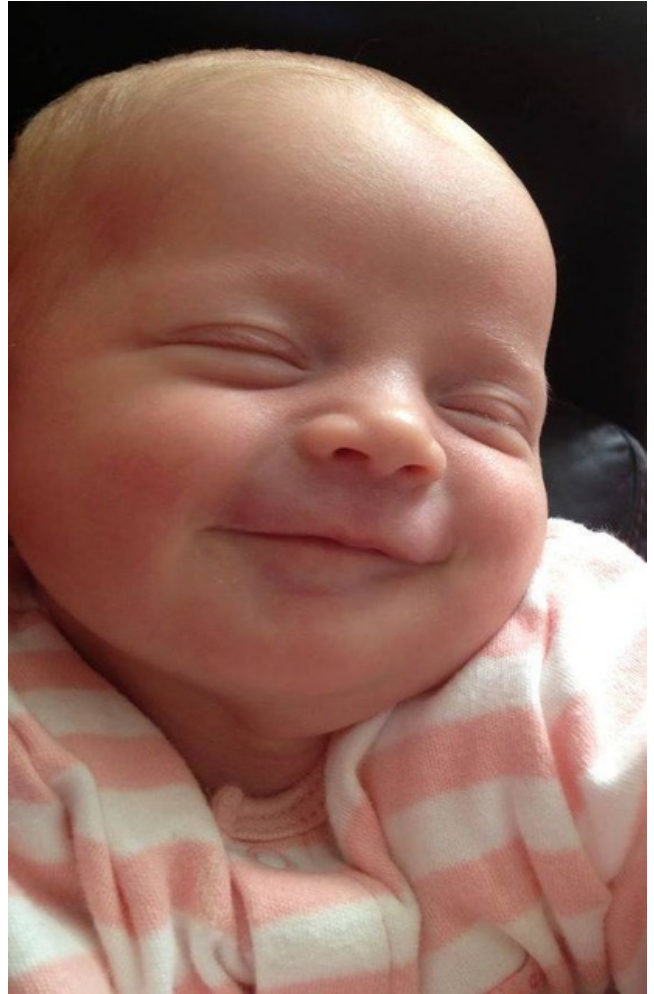


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