



FRIENDS

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MAY 2019

VOLUNTEER SURVEY Board President Marcia Davis recently distributed a summary of the Survey taken at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner March 21, 2019. Of the 80 attendees, **65 surveys were returned**. The volunteer return was excellent. Library staff in attendance did not take the survey. In the highlights below, only responses made by more than one person are included.

Like Most

Work with others	65%
Feeling needed	20%
Love of books	20%
New friends	10%
Supporting library	10%

Like Least

Nothing	78%
Bookstore cash register	2
Not enough to do	2
Not enough energy	2
Walk too much	2
Not utilized enough	2

What would make job more enjoyable

Nothing	71%
T-shirts	7
Cookies	3
More gatherings	2
Call more often	2

How to be recognized (top two)

Dinner at Palmbrook
Christmas Party

Other recognition ideas

Local restaurants	6
Movie theatre	5
Visa card or cash	4
Dairy Queen	3
Theatre	2
Fry's	2
Safeway	2
Bookstore	2

Entertainment ideas

Comedian	4
Magician	4
Music/singer	4
Ukulele Club	3
Sing-along	2
Famous author	2

Party ideas

Theme (Italian, Greek)	3
Hawaiian/luau	2
Ice cream social	2
Picnic/BBQ	2

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The annual **Mother's Day sale** will be from Monday, May 6 through Saturday, May 11. All women author books, hardback or paperback, will be **half price**.



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Mark your calendars now for the similar **Father's Day sale** on Monday, June 10 through Saturday, June 16. All men author books, hardback or paperback, will be **half price**.

Bookstore sales through March are \$14,020, \$2,000 over last year's sales.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Based on the results of the survey done at the 2019 Friends Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, **T-shirts** for Friends was a very popular suggestion. In order to work on this project, the Friends Board would like to involve volunteers in the determination of how the T-shirts should look. If you have an interest in that, you are requested to become a part of our **T-shirt Selection Committee**. Call Ruth Polansky, Board member and Volunteer Coordinator, at 415-264-1117.

As indicated in the email blast sent in mid April, Monica Fallon has found a number of homebound residents who need a **Book Buddy** to deliver library materials to them. We very much want to fulfill their needs; but we need more drivers (beyond the 22 current

drivers) to work with the residents and deliver their materials. This volunteer job is very rewarding and requires only a few hours per month, pretty much the time you determine you would like to give.

Monica, Board member and Book Buddy Chair, can explain what is involved if you have questions. Reach her at 623-977-7246. If you are not interested but know of someone who might be, give that person Monica's number to inquire about this opportunity.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Ada Weimer**, Bookstore Volunteer of the Year. If this article sounds familiar, Ada was the featured volunteer in the October *Newsletter*. Not much has changes since then; but Tom E does owe her an apology for misspelling her name in the last issue.

Ada volunteers in the Library at Bell on Wednesday four hours a week, as well as Books Around the Corner on Monday three hours a week. She has been a volunteer since February, 2000. Shelving books for the Library and operating the cash register in the

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Bookstore are her primary responsibilities. As with most volunteers, she gets tapped to assist with other special Bookstore projects as well.

Prior to her retirement, Ada worked in merchandising for the McKesson Corporation in Phoenix. She and her family moved to Arizona in 1965, when her husband went to school at ASU for his engineering degree.

The part of Ada's volunteering that she likes best is the interaction with people. She enjoys helping patrons find what they are seeking.

Originally from South Dakota, Ada and her immediate family are now all in the Phoenix area. She is widowed, has three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. When not involved with family, she enjoys reading mysteries and historical fiction, particularly author James Michener.

LIBRARY NEWS At the April Friends Board meeting, Library Manager Brianna King reported that effective April 1 **new software** was in use for the Library District. Although it is an improvement, the learning curve can be challenging.

She also added that workers at the desk get requests for **bags to carry library materials home**. She suggested that the Friends might consider buying some inexpensive, reusable ones which could be distributed at the desk. Another branch library Friends group had done that, and had a box at the desk where the patron could deposit the purchase



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amount. The Board agreed it would look into the prospect.

The Friends recently bought a **new shelf** for the Fairway Library. The Express collection (new, 7-day only items) are now displayed in an appealing way. The shelf allows customers to browse much more easily.



August 12, 2019, will be the **10 year anniversary date** of the Maricopa

County Library District taking over the Sun City Libraries' operation. A committee is working on plans to celebrate the event.

BOOK DROP Sue Wilson, RCSC representative to the Friends Board, reported at the April Friends Board meeting that the engineers have almost **completed the plans** for the drive-through book drop at the Sun City branch. Bids have not been requested yet; but completion should be sometime in **August**.

NEW BOARD MEMBER At the April Friends Board meeting, **Monica Fallon** was approved as a new Board member. Monica will serve as the Book Buddy chair.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors is Thursday, **May 9, 2019**, 9:30 a.m., North Wing Room, Sun City Library. This will be the last formal Board meeting until Thursday, August 8, 2019.

ASK TOM E The May question comes from Clair Ickle, an attendee of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, who asked Tom E, **"Why do you put your**



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general information about the Newsletter as the lead article? It belongs at the end. Lead stories deserve the front page.”

Those of you at the Banquet probably recall Tom E asking for suggestions. He got one right away. Yea! Three emails followed with other ideas. Thank you for listening. The Newsletter is for you. Tell Tom E what YOU want.

Most probably didn't even notice that Tom E took Clair's suggestion and moved the info to the end of the last Newsletter; but Tom E bets Clair did!

Tom E

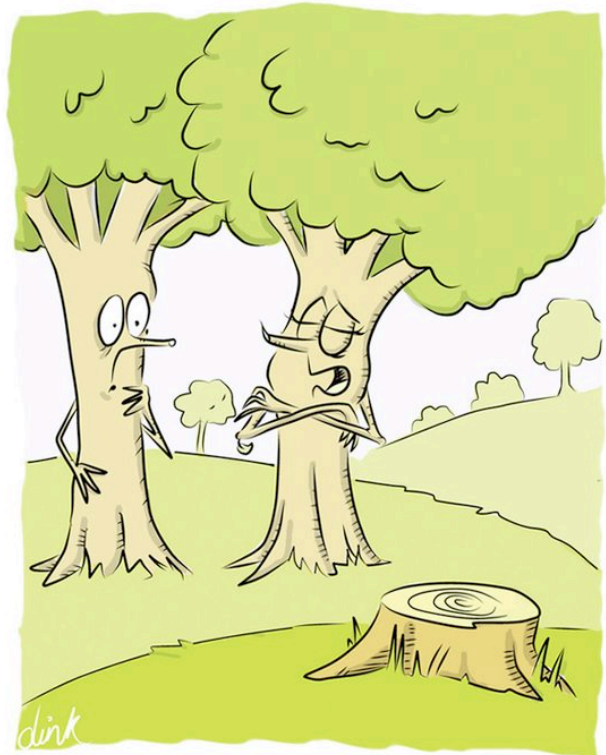
Email me with your question, concern, idea for improvement, pet peeve at work, or any general inquiry you have. Maybe your matter can be featured and answered in the May Newsletter!

Tom Everitt,
Writer and Editor in Chief,
Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

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 should be submitted to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News for the June 2019, issue should be received by Tuesday, May 28, 2019.



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