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NEWSLETTER**

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Our world has certainly changed in a short span of time. For many this is a time of challenge and uncertainty, with health and financial concerns, family issues, and the loss of so many personal freedoms. I hope that you are healthy and safe. If there is some way the Friends can assist you, just contact one of us. We are Friends in every sense of the word. We are hopeful that the Coronavirus is a temporary condition, and that our lifestyles will return to a new normal.

I, for one, am blessed. As a retiree, I do not have to worry about whether I still have a job, or whether I wish to risk my health and that of my family to work in a dangerous situation. I have no children to care for and educate. I have no responsibilities to be stressed about. I have a regular income, a car, a mask, and friends and family to keep in touch with by phone, text, email, etc. I have many ways to occupy my time while isolating; I am not yet bored, but restless.

Now I have time to consider our Friends of the Library. When the pandemic is over, and I'm confident that it will end, our Friends will need to review our programs and priorities. We'll want to restart our Bookstore, our Book Buddies, and our Book Friends with thoughtful changes that reflect the new normal.

I ask for your help to begin evaluating our operations. Our volunteers and our customers will be our priorities. What adjustments will we need to be safe? We'll be able to take some cues from the Maricopa County Library District and the RCSC and SCHOA, as well as state and national directives.

We must plan for health and safety concerns, including social distancing. We may have volunteers who do not wish to continue with our programs. We may need to rely on different marketing strategies. There may be new services that we can provide for our two branch libraries. Our finances may change. Our board may need to have new options for meeting and making decisions. The goals we set for 2020 may be unrealistic.



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Please know that together we will remain a valuable organization supporting our branches and providing worthwhile services. Together we will support each other too, with care and communication. Thank you for being a Friend.

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RUTH'S RAMBLINGS I often think of my position as Volunteer Coordinator...but guess what? I have no one to coordinate!!!! With that said, I had to write to you all to tell you again; we will be able to volunteer sometime, of that I am sure, if we just knew when??

We are happy to welcome Monica Fallon, Book Buddy Chairman, home. I hope all of you have a chance to touch base with her.

T-shirts were ordered and have arrived. Hopefully, sometime at the end of the summer, we will have a mingle (possibly social distancing but still!!). So much is uncertain, it's really hard to make any decisions.

Just know that we on the Board are all thinking of our worthy volunteers. We will be together again. Until then, stay in stay safe, and stay optimistic.

LIBRARY NEWS In case you have not already utilized it, by going to the Maricopa County Library District web site <https://mclidaz.org/about/whatsnew/?>, you can find out the details of: curbside pick up, Book-A-Librarian, new services accessible through RBdigital, five new video streaming services, new magazines in Overdrive, increased checkout limits, and Ancestry Library availability without coming into the Library.

Brianna King, Library Manager, reported on Monday, April 27, “. . . today was our third day of curbside hold pickup. On Friday we had 130 cars during 10am-2pm! Today was a lot more calm and steady, with only 44 cars. The rec center staff helped us put up an awning above our little tent which provided more shade, and the six staff members that are working are rotating through the various positions so none of us are out in the heat for more than an hour at a time.”



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MAY DOSE OF PANDEMIC HUMOR

You know if you keep a glass of wine in each hand you can't accidentally touch your face.

I am starting to understand why pets try to run out of the house when the door opens.

You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home schooled by day drinkers.

Home schooling question: Does having your children fix you mixed cocktails count as a chemistry lesson? (Sorry, I'm new at this)

If you get an email with the subject "Knock Knock," don't open it. It's a Jehovah Witness working from home.

I swear my fridge just said: "What do you want now?"



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Day 7 of SOCIAL
Distancing: Struck
up a conversation
with a spider today.
Seems nice. He's a
web designer.



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If anyone owes you
money, go to their house
now.

They should be home.

Homeschooling Day #3:
they all graduated.
#Done.

Coronavirus has turned us
all into dogs.
We roam the house all day
looking for food.
We're told "no" if we get
too close to strangers.
And we get really excited
about car rides.





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I'm giving up drinking
for a month.
Sorry, punctuation typo.
I'm giving up.
Drinking for a month.

2020 is a unique leap year.
It has 29 days in February,
300 days in March,
and 5 years in April.

Really sucks that
Coronavirus hit during
allergy season.
I'm over here like
I can't tell if I have
five days to live, or
if I need to take
a Claritin

Anyone else feel like
life is being written by
a fourth grader right now?
"And there was this virus
and everyone was scared.
And then the world
ran out of toilet paper.
Yeah, and then there
was no school for
like a month
and then it snowed!!"

Day 2 without sports:
Found a young lady
sitting on my couch
yesterday.
Apparently she's my wife.
She seems nice.

They said that a mask and
gloves were enough to go
to the supermarket.
They lied, everyone else
has clothes on.



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Our cleaning lady
just called and told us
she will be working from
home and will send us
instructions on what to do.

Remember when we used
to argue about which way
to hang the toilet paper.
Those were the days.

Grandpa, tell us a story
about the olden days.
“Back before the great
toilet paper war of 2020,
we had so much
toilet paper we used to
hang it off of the houses
and trees of our enemies.”

The world has turned
upside down. Old folks are
sneaking out of the house,
and their kids are yelling at
them to stay indoors.

I ran out of toilet paper
and had to start
using old newspapers.
Times are rough.

I invented a
new word
today:

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