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MAY 2021

BOOKSTORE TO REOPEN Finally, we are able to reopen the Friends Bookstore, Books Around the Corner. This coming Monday, May 17, the **Bookstore will open** its doors at 9:30 a.m. for the first time in over a year.

With some **restrictions** in place and in an abundance of caution, the following protocols will be used:

- Limit of four customers at a time
- Visits limited to 15 minutes
- Hand sanitizer available
- Masks available
- Bookstore volunteers will wear masks
- Customers encouraged to wear masks
- New hours, 9:30 to 3:30

Customers may have to wait for their turn to shop. For the first week of opening, a **greeter** will meet shoppers at the door to assist in crowd control.

Donations will not be accepted until June 1.

The Bookstore shelves are full and organized, thanks to many helping

hands during closure. We are ready for customers!

LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM The theme of this year's program is "Tails & Tales", encouraging readers to explore the many stories of the animal kingdom by reading, completing challenges, and attending virtual events and participating in community experiences. The program begins on **Tuesday, June 1.**



The Summer Reading Program encourages readers of all ages to **read 20 minutes a day**. Participants earn one point per minute for reading physical or electronic books (including graphic novels) or listening to audiobooks. Additional points are earned for attending virtual events hosted by librarians and local performers, completing online library



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challenges, and participating in community experiences to find secret codes outside of the library.

Prizes vary based on the amount of points readers achieve. After reaching 500 points, participants receive a free food coupon from various participating restaurants. After reaching 750 points, participants receive an Arizona State Park Pass. Readers who achieve 1,000 points can choose a free book for their home library, or to donate to a local Head Start classroom. Grand Prize drawings will also take place at each participating library for the chance to win a Phoenix Zoo Bundle, or family passes to Legoland Discovery Center and Sea Life Aquarium.

For **more information** go to <https://mclidaz.org/news/2021-04-30-the-libraris-summer-reading-program-is-back>

FRIEND TO FRIEND The April question to Friends volunteers was:

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

These are the two responses:

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Although I was not in Sun City at the time, Mom and Dad were and if you bring this up in a group of Sun Cityites 2/3 will laugh a lot and the other 1/3 will be disgusted. That was the famous Sun City Sex Scandals, covered in one newspaper like this: "There have been two dozen sightings over the past year of senior citizens engaged in sexual activity at several recreational sites -- pools, spas, golf courses and parked cars."

I am with the laughers.

--Einar

Nothing funny.....Just lots of fun, fun, fun, fun and more fun.

-Linda

Friend to Friend is meant to bring us closer together by **sharing** fun experiences. If these past two months are any indication of interest in doing this kind of communication, we may



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move on and try something else. The question for the June *Newsletter* is:

WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU IN YOUR LIFETIME?

Join in on our “conversation.” Send your answers to tjever40@gmail.com. We will continue this section only if you care enough about this venture to respond.

LIBRARIES As of this date, it appears Library volunteers will not be returning until the fall.

NEXT MEETING At the May Friends Board meeting, the Board voted to continue to meet during the summer months. The next Board meeting will be by Zoom on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Our Bookstore reopens on Monday - hooray! We've been working out all the issues, and have just learned of the new CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing.

We will follow the current policy of the Maricopa County Library District until further notice, with masks and social distancing encouraged. Personal responsibility is important.

We look forward to seeing many of you as volunteers and as customers! It will be so nice to again be active in our Sun City community. Thank you for your past and future service to the Friends and the Library!

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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.

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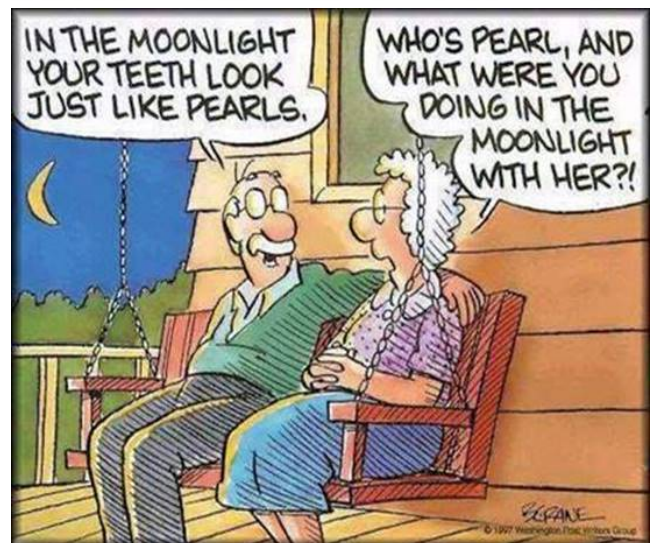
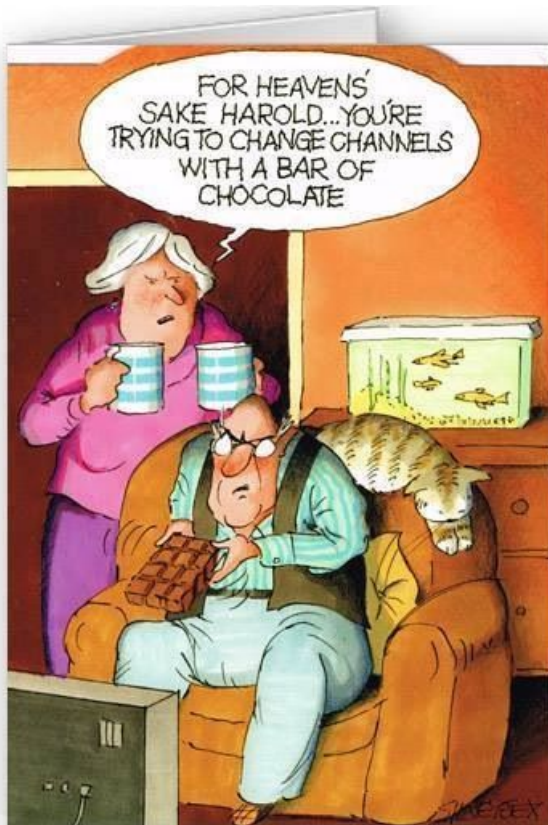
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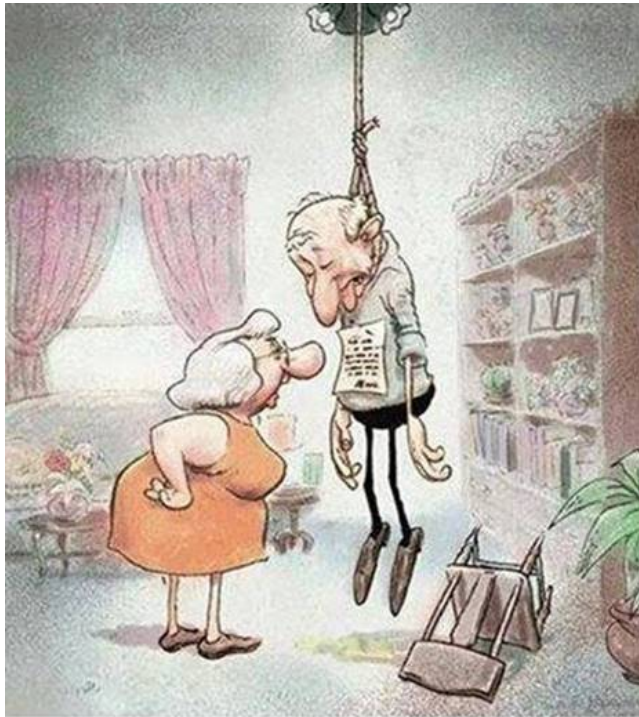




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"You misspelled 'constant criticism'."

CrazyHgen.com

Am I Getting To THAT Age???

I found this timely because today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me

and asked, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?"

I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."



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The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about

your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up, sags or leaks.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth. May you always have:
Love to share, Cash to spare,
Tires with air, And friends who care.