



FRIENDS

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MAY 2022

NEW LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER

Osvaldo “Ozzy” Beristain is a new Library Assistant, spending the majority of his time at Fairway. He stated, “I am very thankful to now have this new position at Fairway Library. I can't wait to make great memories with my new team!”



Ozzy was born in **Mexico City**, moved to **New York City**, and lived there until he graduated from Junior High. He then moved to **Mesa, Arizona**, and went to Westwood High School. After graduation, he attended Mesa Community College, Gateway Community College and then to Estrella Mountain Community College.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

Effective immediately, the Bookstore is **not accepting book donations**; however, audiobooks and puzzles are still being accepted.

In May all books by **women authors** are half price, as well as all **gardening books**.

Because Father's Day is in June, all books by **men authors** will be half price, as well books on **pets**.

New volunteer applicants are being interviewed for open positions. More **volunteers**, however, are still needed at the Bookstore. Applications are available at the Bookstore.

Books Around the Corner will be **closed** on Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day



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LIBRARY NEWS Both Libraries will be **closed** on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Apple iPhone/iPad Help Desk will resume every Wednesday at the Sun City Library @ 1:30 – 3:00pm.

Fairway has [Drumming the Talk](#). On June 7th.

Sun City has [Robot Soldering Workshop](#) . June 1st.

And [Clarinets Del Sol](#) will be performing and providing ambience music to the whole library on June 10, 1:00 p.m.

For **more information** on these programs, contact Acting Library Manager Glen Brown at GlenBrown@mclldaz.org.

VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS The T-shirts ordered at the beginning of February have finally **arrived**. Any Friends volunteer who would like one, should contact Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Polansky at 415-264-1117.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
On Thursday, May 5, 2022, Austin

Roe, Community Outreach Director for the 8th Congressional District (under Congresswoman Debbie Lesko), presented the Friends with an **award**. Below is the text of Mr. Roe's comments, and a picture taken of Mr. Roe and Friends Board members.



(left to right) Austin Roe, Joyce Voss, Jessica Slider, Sue Blechl, Denny Nichols, and Jennie O'Leary

"The Friends of the Sun City Libraries is a volunteer-run initiative that operates with the overarching goal of supporting their local libraries. By collecting and selling various donations and used books, the Friends of the Sun City Libraries has raised tens of thousands of dollars over decades of dedication. That money has gone directly back into



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supporting the partner library branches. Through actions like coordinating and financing an anniversary celebration for the Sun City Library, and providing additional furniture, resources and materials to support the local, thriving community, the group has continued to generously steward both their time and energy to help one of the most important ecosystems across any community: the wonderful libraries.”

“So, on behalf of Congresswoman Lesko and the United States House of Representatives, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the organization, for the continued commitment and dedication serving their local library branches. With that, I would like to present the Friends of the Sun City Libraries with this Congressional Recognition for their outstanding service and dedication across the community.”

SAVE THE DATE It is almost time to Celebrate! A volunteer luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 19, 2022**, at the Palmbrook Country Club to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. More info will follow.

SUMMER MEETINGS At the May 12 Friends Board meeting, the Board voted to hold meetings through the summer months via Zoom. In past years, meetings were not held during **June, July, and August.**

IN MEMORIAM **Camilla Kuberka** passed away April 21, 2022. She started with the Sun City Library as a volunteer in 1999, and became a staff member in 2007. She retired in 2013 and joined the Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. Board of Directors for a six year term. She continued her volunteering for the Friends in Books Around the Corner until her health no longer allow her. She contributed to the Friends organization in so many ways, and will be significantly missed.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT Greetings! I want to congratulate our many bookstore volunteers! On May 17 we will celebrate one year of being open after 14 months of closure for Covid. It feels great to have some of our activities resuming, but the Friends and our world are both different entities now, and we all must make adjustments.



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Our bookstore managers (Pam Danneman, Roberta Hawksworth and Cathy Weyers) have ably administered our major fundraising activity, and we are grateful for their efforts and dedication. It's time to review this operation, though, and evaluate what's going well, and what needs changes. The managers plus three members of the board, including me, will meet this week to discuss our bookstore program. Please know that this is just a start to making improvements, as we hope to continually assess and adjust.

We will be involving our volunteers this summer in brainstorming and training, so that everyone is comfortable with any changes. Thank you in advance for being part of these activities.

Our bookstore relies on volunteers, of course, to operate. At this time we have openings in the schedule. We would like to maintain our hours over the summer, but we can only do that with the support of current volunteers and new ones. Help us to recruit new workers; you are the best advocates!

In the fall we are excited to have a volunteer luncheon on the calendar. Many of us are feeling out of touch and disappointed that we have fewer opportunities to socialize and relax. Mark Wed. October 19 on your calendar, please. We hope to gather at Palmbrook Country Club for the first time since December of 2019.

Thank you again for your continuing support of the Friends!

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NEXT MEETING The Friends June Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **June 9**, 2022, via Zoom. If interested in attending by Zoom, please contact Friends President, Sue Blechl.

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 June 2022, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com by Monday, May 13, 2022.

Tom Everitt,
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Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.



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MAY

MOANERS

I couldn't resist. 😊



***They sing because
they can.***

Before my surgery, the
anesthesiologist offered to knock me
out with gas or a boat paddle...

It was an ether/oar situation.

I have a pencil that used to be owned
by William Shakespeare.

But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell
if it's 2B or not 2B.

Astronomers got tired of watching
the moon go round the earth for 24
hours.

So they decided to call it a day.



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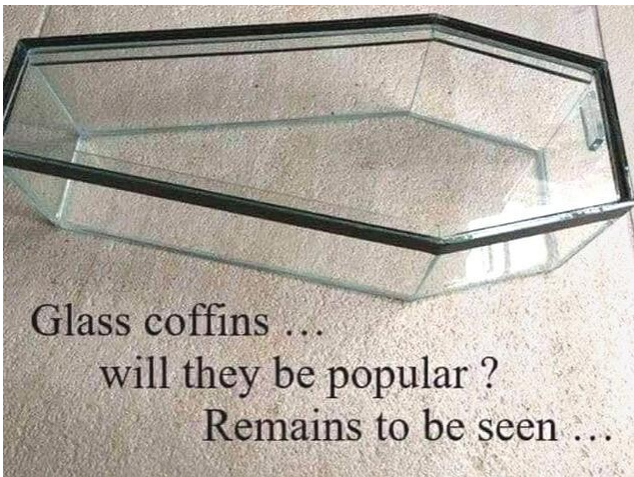
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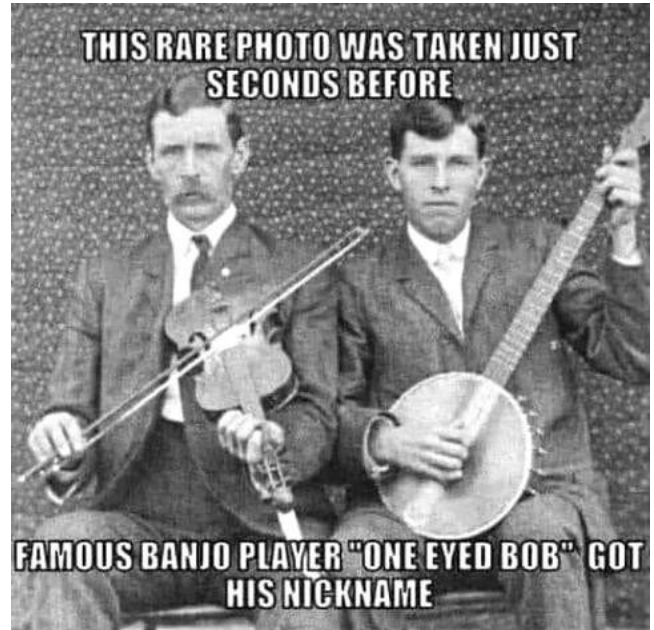
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THAT GLORIOUS MOMENT WHEN THE SIGN
INSTRUCTS YOU TO DO A BURN OUT



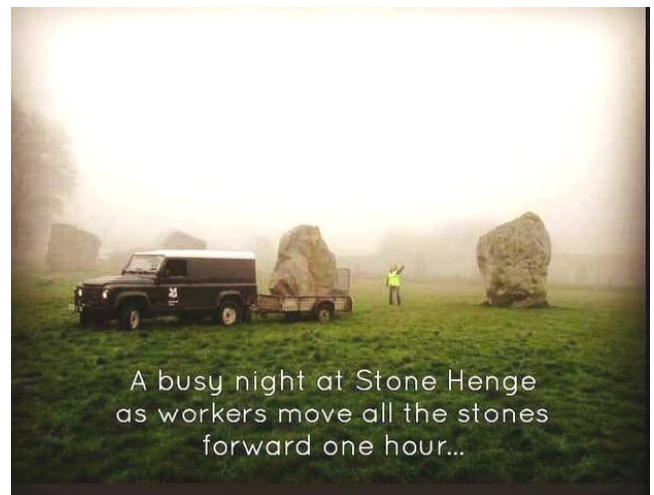
Glass coffins ...
will they be popular ?
Remains to be seen ...



THIS RARE PHOTO WAS TAKEN JUST
SECONDS BEFORE

FAMOUS BANJO PLAYER "ONE EYED BOB" GOT
HIS NICKNAME

The tale of one eyed Bob



A busy night at Stone Henge
as workers move all the stones
forward one hour...



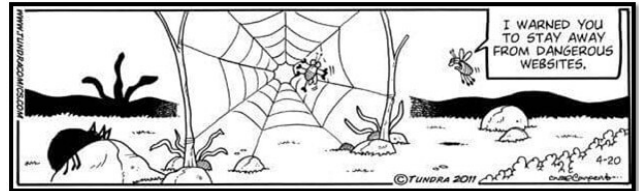
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**If you boil a funny
bone it becomes
a laughing stock.
That's humerus.**



**I relabeled all of the jars in
my wife's spice rack. I'm not
in trouble yet....but the
thyme is cumin.**

**I'M TAKING CARE OF MY
PROCRASTINATION ISSUES;
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE.**

**NURSE CAME IN AND
SAID DOC, THERE'S A
MAN IN THE WAITING
ROOM WHO THINKS
HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT
SHOULD I TELL HIM?
THE DOCTOR SAID TELL
HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM
TODAY.**



“This Recipe Really Adds Up The sum of the cabbage is directly proportional to the square root of the carrot divided by the mayo. That is Cole’s Law.”



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**THE YEAR
WAS 1955.. (If I
hadn't lived
through it, I
wouldn't
believe it
myself.)**

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging **7 cents** just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to **\$1.00**, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday **cost 25 cents a gallon?** Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

Did you see where some baseball **player just signed a contract for \$50,000** a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.



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I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Thank goodness I won't live to see the day **when the government takes half our income in taxes.** I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.



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The fast food restaurant is **convenient for a quick meal**, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

If they think I'll pay **30 cents** for a haircut, forget it.

There is no sense going on short trips any more for a weekend. **It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel .**

No one can afford to be sick anymore. At **\$15.00 a day** in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.