



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME This is the seventh issue of the Friends Volunteer Newsletter. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Delivery will be on the first of the month.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting announcements or reminders, social event meeting announcements or reminders, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be September 1, 2017. News should be submitted by Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

VOLUNTEER PICNIC REMINDER

August is the time for this year's Friends volunteer summer social event. This year you are invited to a picnic. On Thursday, **August 17, 2017**, at the Fairway Recreation Center Social Hall, the doors will open at 5:00 PM, and at **5:30 PM** food service by Famous Daves will begin. Be sure to sign up by Thursday, August 10.

AUGUST BOOKSTORE SPECIALS

Recent donations have made available many "new" **Civil War and World War II** books. The August half price author of the month is **Mary Higgins Clark**. Buy two **DVDs** of your choice, and get a free one of the same value as the two purchased.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF

This month's staff member to be recognized is **Librarian Jennie O'Leary**. For most volunteers, recognizing Jennie is no problem since she has been working in the Bell Library for 10 years, eight with MCLD and two with the private system. Her two favorite tasks as a part of her job are helping people with e-readers or tablets, and the scheduling she does for the branch at Bell.

As a reader, Jennie loves history. Within that topic, the Revolutionary

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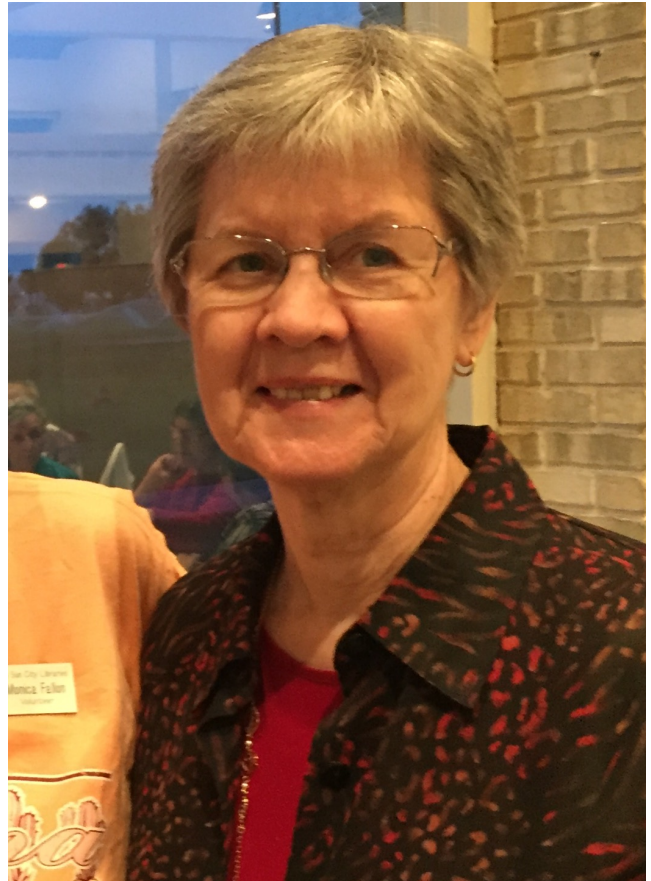
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War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Tudor period in England are of particular interest. Her history preference leads to one of her hobbies, genealogy. She also belongs to the Sun City Cribbage Club.

As she states it, Jennie is a proud aunt and great aunt, with three additions this past year. Her family includes two brothers in Wisconsin and one in Arizona.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS Starting with this issue, we will feature a Friends volunteer. We have nearly a hundred of them (you) out there; so, where should we start? A place to begin could not be better than with one of our 2017 Volunteers of the Year, **Janet Fanning**.



Janet has been a volunteer for 13 years, currently in Books Around the Corner. She has been involved with book sales for the Friends long before there was a Books Around the Corner.

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Janet most likes making people happy by assisting them find the books on their lists. Shelving books is a major part of her duties. When she selects books for herself, she heads for the mysteries shelves. She also enjoys recruiting volunteers to work in the Bookstore.

This North Dakota native moved to Sun City when it was time to retire. She is married and has three children.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM GOOD NEWS We have been notified that beginning September 1, 2017, current Fry's Rewards participants **do not need to reenroll**. If currently enrolled, you will automatically be reenrolled for the 2017-2018 program. If you have not signed up, it is easy, quick, and helps the Friends financially. Follow the instructions at <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>. The Friends code is 11377.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **September 14, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. Unless a need for a special meeting is identified, no August Board meeting will be held.

ASK TOM E The August question comes from a Friends volunteer who asked Tom E, **"As a volunteer who does not work in the library, I see all of those dedicated people; however, I don't know what their titles are. Help me!"**

Great question. It is so great that I had to ask, too. The answer is that there are five kind of workers in our Libraries. (Actually, there is only one kind--great; but that is not what you asked.) The Branch Manager is the head honcho. Brianna King, who you met in our feature last month, is that person for both Sun City branches. Then, there are three Librarians, Jennie O'Leary being one of them. Librarians are all full time and have an Information Science (or Library Science as we called it in our day) degree. They also work in both of our Libraries.

Library Assistants, Pages, and Volunteers make up the remaining staff. Some of them are full time, but most are part time. As a group, these five kinds of workers make up our library team. Things hum because of their team work, and the organization created by the Maricopa County Library District.

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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 September Newsletter!

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