



# FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

A Monthly Publication by the Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

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**WELCOME** This is the first edition of the Friends Volunteer Newsletter. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers, whether they work in the Library, at the Bookstore, on the Board, on a Friends Standing Committee, or as a Book Buddy. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email is available. Delivery will be on the first of every month.

The 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](mailto:4mymate@embarqmail.com) by the 25th of the month. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be March 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by February 24, 2017.

**BOARD MEETING** The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be **February 9, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. February is the **annual meeting** where **goals** for the ensuing year are adopted, the **budget** is adopted, **officers** are elected, and the **annual report** from the President is delivered.

**FEBRUARY AUTHOR OF THE MONTH** The Bookstore half price February author of the month is **Mary Higgins Clark**.

**BOOK BUDDIES NEED CLIENTS** The Book Buddies are always looking for **homebound residents** of Sun City who need library materials delivered to their homes. If you know of anyone who is in that situation, call the Bookstore at 602 651 2014 and leave a message for Judy Wannamaker, Book Buddy Chairperson.

**LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE CLOSURE** Monday, **February 13** both Libraries and the Bookstore will be closed.

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**FRIENDS CONFERENCE** Nine of the Friends Board members attended the Arizona Friends of Libraries Conference 2017 in Phoenix in January. Many **good ideas** were learned from the sharing, and will be considered for implementation.

**SPRING BANQUET** The date for the Friends Volunteer Spring Banquet is **March 30** at 5:00 PM at Palmbrook. Details will follow.

**CHRISTMAS TABLE** \$460 was raised from the Bookstore Christmas Table sale. Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed items. Consider next year's Table as you do your spring cleaning. Check with Mary Anne at the Bookstore (602 651 2014) if you have questions.

**GOAL SETTING** Friends Board members met on January 26 to develop **2017 goals**. The goals will be approved at the February Board meeting.

**WEB SITE** Friends President Marcia Davis reported at the January Board meeting that the Friends web site had **5,879 unique viewers** in 2016. This was up from 3,366 in 2015. Keep up to date with the Friends at web site, [suncitylibraryfriends.org](http://suncitylibraryfriends.org).

**BOARD MINUTES** The minutes of the Friends **January Board meeting** are attached to the email which delivered this Newsletter. These minutes will be presented for approval at the February meeting. If you find them interesting, please know that you are more than welcome to attend the meetings and speak to any issue.

**ASK TOM E.** As kids, many of us had nicknames which wore off with age. Mine was Tommy. I am now reverting to that as a means of getting input from you. "Tom E" wants to answer your questions about what's up with the Friends. Email me with your **question, concern, idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at work, or any **general inquiry** you have. What bugs you, puzzles you, or thrills you in your Friends volunteer job? I will do my best to get you an answer, reply in this Newsletter, and not use your name unless you request it.

February's concern comes from a Board member who asked Tom E, "Why can't we have a **drive-through book-drop** at the Bell Library so we don't have to come inside?"

What a great idea! That matter was raised late last year, and the Friends Board has been looking into it. RCSC has asked the Board to provide more

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information about the need, location, and operation of our idea. The Friends Board has a committee working on it. The notion will be a real challenge to accomplish, and may prove to be impossible or too costly. Time, and Tom E, will tell.

Send me your question or concern. Maybe your issue can be featured and answered in the March Newsletter!

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