



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

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WELCOME This is the second 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 April 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH March 2 is Read Across America day, **Dr. Seuss' birthday**.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **March 9, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

MARCH AUTHORS OF THE MONTH Since March is Women's History Month, the Bookstore will have a table of **half price books** by women authors.

ANNUAL REPORT Friends Board President Marcia Davis delivered the Friends Annual Report at the February Board meeting. The upbeat summary of **2016 accomplishments** was well received by those in attendance. The Report can be read in full at web site <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/>.

2017 BOARD GOALS The February Board meeting also included the adoption of **2017 Board goals**. The goals provide focus for the Board on yearly priorities. They are available at <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/about-us-in-the-news.html>.

BOOK FRIENDS In January, Board Member Charlotte Klose initiated a new program at The Woodmark at Sun City. Charlotte, and eventually

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others volunteers who she will train, **read to Woodmark residents** one-on-one or in small groups. This program is designed to reach Sun City residents who could not enjoy books on their own. If the reading program is successful at The Woodmark, Charlotte hopes to expand it to other care centers who request it.

HAVE A FRIEND WHO WANTS TO BE A FRIEND? As a current volunteer, you know the rewards of your job. If you know of others who would like to become a **Friends volunteer**, invite them to join us in one of six areas. Volunteers serve: 1) at the **Bell Library**; 2) at the **Fairway Library**; 3) at the **Bookstore**; 4) as a **Book Buddy**; 5) on the **Board of Directors**; or 6) on a **Board Committee**. To apply to volunteer in either Library, go to <http://mclldaz.org/custom/branches/suncity.aspx> and click on Volunteer Form on the right side of the page. To volunteer for Books Around the Corner, fill out an application at the Bookstore. To volunteer as a Book Buddy, call the Bookstore (602-651-2014) and leave a message for Judy. To volunteer as a Board member, fill out an application at the Bookstore. To volunteer to serve on a Board committee, call the Bookstore (602-651-2014), and leave a message for Marcia.

SPRING VOLUNTEER DINNER The Friends Spring Volunteer Dinner will be at the Palmbrook Country Club on **Thursday, March 30**. Happy hour (cash bar) is at 5:00, a program will follow at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:15. The Ukulele Club will entertain us at 7:00. Sign up and choose your entrée at your place of work no later than March 26.

BOOKSTORE DONATIONS As Friends volunteers, most of us are good at spreading the word about our delightful Books Around the Corner. What we often forget to do, is tell our neighbors about **donating** their used **books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles**. All they need to do is drop them off at the Bookstore. If the quantity is too large, a volunteer usually can be found to pick them up at the resident's home. Call the Bookstore, 602-651-2014, to make arrangements.

BOOK BUDDIES NEED YOUR HELP The Book Buddies are always looking for Sun City **homebound residents** 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

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Chairperson. Judy will call you back to get the information on the person. We know there are many out there who could use this service. They just need a friend like you to tell us.

BOARD MINUTES The unapproved minutes of the Friends **February Board meeting** can be read in full at <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/>. These minutes will be presented for approval at the March meeting. If you find them interesting, you are welcome to attend the meeting and speak to any issue.

ASK TOM E The March question comes from a new Sun City resident and Friends volunteer who asked Tom E, “**How do I keep up online with what is going on in Sun City, the Library, and the Friends?**”

Great question, newbie! This answer will be far from complete; but at least let me get you started.

First, to be in the know about our community, subscribe to the **Sun City Independent** weekly newspaper. Call 623-972-6101 to start receiving your free subscription. The *Independent* has been a great supporter of the Friends, featuring a number of articles every year.

Second, to stay in touch with the Recreation Centers of Sun City (**RCSC**) activities in Sun City, sign up to receive "Your Sun City AZ Week" in your mailbox every Sunday at www.suncityaz.org. RCSC is a great partner with the Friends.

Third, to get on the Maricopa County Library District (**MCLD**) mailing list, go to their web site <http://mclldaz.org/> and sign up to receive their alerts by clicking on About Us and then on Subscribe to Our Newsletter. MCLD operates our Libraries and works in great partnership with the Friends. You will see that there is a site for each of their libraries, including our Bell (they call Sun City) and Fairway. To get program information, click on Events along the top of the page and select the branch you want. If you want to get only the Fairway and Sun City Branch Library program notices, select only Fairway or Sun City on the list of branches when you sign up for the newsletter.

After learning that information you will want to get a **Library card**. Go to either the Bell or Fairway Library and apply. Be sure to take something with you that shows your local Arizona address (driver's license, piece of mail). Ask lots of questions of the Librarian who creates your card, if the

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material provided does not tell you all you want to know.

Fourth, and most important (Tom E says in his most biased tone), go to <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/> to learn about the **Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.** Our web site should tell you all you want to know about the Friends operation. If you want to keep up with what is happening in Books Around the Corner, provide your email address at the Bookstore, and we will keep you up to date, including upcoming sales.

Thank you for volunteering. Welcome to your new home!

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 April Newsletter!

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