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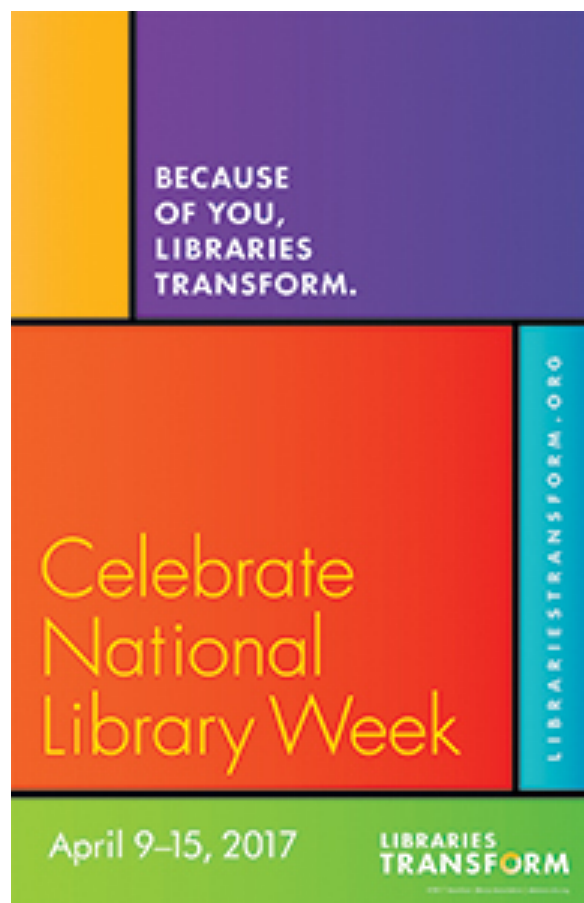
WELCOME This is the third issue of the Friends Volunteer Newsletter. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Delivery will be on the first of the month.

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 May 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by Tuesday, April 27, 2017.

APRIL 9-15 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support. Tuesday, April 11 is **National Library Workers Day**, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers.



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VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR One of the highlights at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held this year on March 30, was honoring the volunteers of the year. **Carl Watjen**, Fairway Library volunteer, was named the 2016 library recipient. Carl has contributed thousands of hours of service. He was said to be reliable, dependable, and always greeting patrons with a smile. Pictured below is Karl demonstrating that smile, with Camilla Kuberka, Appreciation Dinner organizer (left), and Marcia Davis, Friends President.



Monica Fallon was named the 2016 Book Buddy volunteer of the year. She has been working with homebound patrons for four years, and currently working with six patrons. She was described as always willing

to do as requested, and a joy with whom to work. Monica is pictured with Judy Wannamaker (left), Book Buddy chairperson.



The 2016 Bookstore volunteer of the year was **Janet Fanning**. She has been volunteering for 13 years, and plays a very important role in keeping the Bookstore in fine order. She was cited for her quiet demeanor, but helpful attitude. Janet is pictured with Bookstore Manager Mary Anne McDonald (left), and Marcia Davis.

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continue to volunteer, serving on the Finance Committee, assisting the new Treasurer, and working in the Bookstore. Sue is pictured below (left) with Marcia Davis.



RETIRING VOLUNTEERS At our age, some of us get to retire a second time. That is how it was for two of our long term Friends supporters. Both **Mildred Stevens** and **Norma Hoffman** each have 20 years of volunteer service. They were honored at the Volunteer Dinner for their outstanding work. Neither were able to attend--Mildred is in poor health, and Norma has moved to Colorado.

BOARD TERM COMPLETION **Sue Painter** also was honored at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for fulfilling her six years of service on the Board of Directors. She served as Board Treasurer for her entire time on the Board. Before serving on the Board, Sue was the RCSC representative to the Board. Like many ex Board members, she will

FRIENDS APPRECIATION DINNER ENTERTAINMENT The Sun City **Ukelele Club** provided those present at the Appreciation Dinner with lively ukelele music. They sang, they did the hula. We sang along, we didn't hula, but enjoyed their performance thoroughly.

In next month's Newsletter, look forward to a feature story about **checking out ukeleles** in the Library.

APPRECIATION DINNER PICTURES Additional **Appreciation Dinner pictures** taken by Board Member Tim

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FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK The Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. **Facebook page** is up and running. The page address is: <https://www.facebook.com/suncitylibraryfriends/>. Use the LIKE button to Like, and the FOLLOW selection button to select how/when/how often//etc. you see posts from Friends in your persona News Feed.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **April 13, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

APRIL BOOKSTORE DEALS The author of the month is **Jack Higgins**, whose books will be **half price**. During the week of April 3-8, some **best sellers** will be marked down from \$4 to \$2.

FAIRWAY BOOK SALE The next sale at the Fairway Library will be **Friday, April 21, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and Saturday, April 22, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. A number of times each year, boxes of books are toted from the Bell Library to the Fairway Library for a special sale. Although this requires quite an effort on the part of a lot of our volunteers, we feel the effort is

very worthwhile for our residents who cannot or do not go the the Bookstore at Bell.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SALE No, we are not selling volunteers! Help is needed between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM on **Thursday, April 20** to set up for the Fairway book sale. To assist, call Mary Anne at 623-640-5933.

BOOKSTORE DONATIONS You are aware that the Bookstore takes donations of used books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. What you may not know is that the Friends organization is a 501 3 C non profit corporation, those donations are **tax deductible**. Pass that along to your friends. All they need to do is request a receipt at the Bookstore when the materials are delivered.

STICKERS IN BOOKSTORE Not cactus stickers, but labels for **Local Author** and **Signed by Author** have been obtained to make shopping easier. Tell your collector friends.

HAVE A SEAT One of the features of Books Around the Corner is the ability to pull up a chair and shop more comfortably. Some seniors find this helpful. The Bookstore chairs are now more comfy than ever with new

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upholstery. Drop by and drop into a chair to check it out.

BOARD MINUTES The unapproved minutes of the Friends **March Board meeting** can be read in full at <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/>. These minutes will be presented for approval at the April meeting. The Board welcomes volunteers to attend the meeting and speak to any issue.

ASK TOM E The April question comes from a Friends volunteer who asked Tom E, “**How do you price the books in the Bookstore?**”

The obvious answer is “with tags.” That answer, however, is incorrect in more ways than one, as you are about to see.

Donated books are first placed in the storage room. As needed, boxes are brought across the hall to the workroom where they are sorted. Paperback books go to May Cullen, who prices paperbacks. Most of the older ones are priced at 25 cents. Newer ones are priced at 50 cents up to \$2.00.

Hardbacks are priced by Bookstore Manager, Mary Anne McDonald. They are first sorted into four categories--ready for regular sale, saved for rarity

or old book review, donated to other organizations, and recycled. Nothing is wasted.

Those ready for regular sale are priced according to age, from 50 cents to six dollars. Rare or old books are researched for value, some of which are sold on line. That will be a news item in next month’s Newsletter.

Pricing is done by pencil on the first white page. Many of our patrons do not want a book to have permanent marking anywhere. We joke that many book don’t have to be priced, because the donated book was bought from us.

We have no proof that we are the least expensive Bookstore in the area; but we will continue to say that until shown otherwise.

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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