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## Calendar of Events

**Now:** [Sign up for Book Sale shifts](#). (Members must volunteer for 3 shifts to remain in good standing.)

**January 11:** Member meeting (mandatory for all members), 10:30 social, 11:00 a.m meeting. Community of Christ Church, 4224 North 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

**January 16:** Last day to drop books at the warehouse.

**January 17:** Sorting party at the warehouse.

**March 7:** Joint Board Meeting, 9:00 am, Literacy Volunteers Lynn Reed Center.

**March 28:** Save the date for Spring Fling



## From the President's Perch Leslie Chesser

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year's celebration. Most of us can still remember how we used to bring in the New Year: the celebrations, parties, staying up to watch the ball drop in Times Square. Now, we just wake up on January 1 and wonder what year to put on everything and how long it will take before it sinks into our brains. Oh well, with age comes wisdom, right?



I'm very sorry if you missed the Holiday Party hosted at Cathy McAllister's home. It was truly wonderful! All of our charities, including the ones that received the supplemental funding, were there. GREAT!! My charity, Valley Life, was also there to receive the many

gift cards that were donated by our members. Thank you to all who participated in this. She got a big bag full of gift cards from Target, and I am sure it will be put to good use. A representative from each charity gave a short speech about their organization and what they do; it was really inspiring. Again, pat yourselves on the back because we work really hard all year long, but a lot of special organizations benefit from our labors. Besides, it was fun just to be with everyone outside of the warehouse to eat, drink, and visit. It was a really fun evening, and one that was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Joyce, for putting it all together, and thank you again, Cathy, for allowing us into your lovely home.

With the New Year comes the crunch to get ready for the Book Sale. I know we will be scrambling to get all of our books ready. Plus planning our set-ups for the sale. Good Luck. Be sure to mark your calendars for the General Meeting on **January 11** at the Community Christ Church located at 4224 N. 44th Street in Phoenix. This is our **mandatory meeting** so we are all informed about the sale. The next couple of months will be really busy, but we can do it.

My wish for all of you is a very, very Happy New Year for you, your families, and, of course, VNSA.

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## Vice President

### Cindy Gruben

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! With January upon us, the 2020 VNSA Book Sale is five (5) weeks away! The most exciting time of the year!

- We have a new VNSA member, Michon Leigh. Michon has completed her new member requirements and is the newest VNSA member. Welcome Michon! We are excited to have you as part of the VNSA family!
- 2020 Membership and Patron dues are due no later than March 31, 2020. I will be collecting member/patron dues at the General Member meeting on Saturday, January 11.
- This year, we will be accepting payments by credit/debit card or check. You can pay dues, buy merchandise, and pay for social events using either method.
- If paying by check, if you wish to write one check, the Treasurer asks that you include a specific notation in the memo line or otherwise include with the check a break-down of amounts (dues, refreshment center donation, Grazi party, Spring Fling, etc.).

Happy New Year everyone!

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## Personnel Chair

### Cathy McAllister

Once again it is time to sign up to volunteer for the Book Sale so that Personnel can begin staffing the positions!

If you know when and where you want to work, sign up early and pick the shifts and jobs you want. You can use the link below to sign up friends and family. Complete one form per person volunteering. Members provide the link to individuals who are asking to work, so please ensure they list you as their sponsor. We will not be posting the link on our website. Please remember that Saturday morning shifts are the most popular, so encourage your volunteers to sign up for Saturday afternoon or Sunday shifts. Members need to volunteer for three shifts in order to maintain their good standing in VNSA.

#### **Saturday, February 8, 2020**

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2020**

Sunday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sunday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Sign up for Book Sale shifts now!**

Click on the blue button above to complete the online form to sign up to work Book Sale 64. Once there, copy the URL from your browser and forward that URL to any friends and family members who wish to volunteer.

Those members without access to a computer can call Cathy McAllister to sign up. Please leave a message so that she can contact you.

Thank you for your early signups!  
Cathy McAllister, Personnel Chair  
[mrsmcallister@cox.net](mailto:mrsmcallister@cox.net)  
602-795-1618

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#### The Refreshment Center Needs Your Help

As final planning continues for our upcoming Book Sale, we have a great need for volunteers to help set up and staff the Refreshment Center during the Set-Up period Friday, January 31 -Sunday, February 2, 2020. All members and their friends and family are encouraged to sign up for a two hour or longer shift. It will be fun and a great learning experience to see just what needs to happen to produce a successful event feeding about 1,000 people over the four day period. As a special incentive, non-VNSA members who help for more than four hours will receive a special, abbreviated Shopping Pass for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Shifts start at 6:30 am and continue to 3:00 pm. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the January General Meeting, as well as sending an email to Suzanne at [azspiper@cox.net](mailto:azspiper@cox.net) any time before January 22, 2020, detailing the times you will be available.

## Educational Moment

### *Educational and Sorting Hints for the Science & Cookbooks Categories*

By Barb Simonick and Leslie Chesser

#### Sorting Out Science

One of our most re-sorts is with the Religion section. I think this is because our sorting box is next to the Religion box. So please be careful when you put Religion books in their box. Make sure it is not the Science box instead.

Another resort the category encounters is with Children's books. If it has an animal, flower or science symbol on it, it doesn't necessarily go to Science. Please check inside the book for the print size and see if it should go in the children's section. A helpful clue might be if it is a children's publisher such as Scholastic or publishers for young children. But we do take all of the dinosaur books.



Although UFO books sound like they should go in our Space section, they actually go to Suspense.

Creationism sounds like a book for Science, but it should be sorted to Religion.

Astronomy goes in Science for our Space section, and Astrology goes to Religion for their New Age category.

Textbooks are often sorted to Science; however, they go to Text. As an insight: thick books with publishers like McGraw Hill, Prentice-Hall, Lippincott, and University Presses are likely to be textbooks.

We hope these insights into the Science category will help you be more familiar with the books that are kept in Science, and will help get some titles sorted through to their first home from the front table. With thanks to all who keep the general sort going!

Thanks to Sarah Fox for helping with this article.

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#### Cooking with Cookbooks

Cookbooks is a fun category and just about everyone has written one. We keep them ALL. Plus, we sell just about all of them too, which makes us very happy. We have very few exceptions.

1. NO microwave – that era has passed and by now, we all know how to microwave popcorn.
2. The only magazines that we keep are Cook's Illustrated and HP Magazine. We just get too many to keep them all.

We have also started keeping books about chefs and their stories about cooking. Some are quite amusing. So keep them coming and we will keep on sorting and selling them.

I hope everyone had a nice holiday and will have a healthy and happy new year! A big thank you to Cathy McAllister for opening her home for our Holiday Party. It is one of the highlights of the year and a chance to see all those people we don't see while we are coming in on our specific sorting days.

It's hard to believe that we are actually closing in on the **64th Book Sale**, but it is just around the corner. We have a lot going on in the next month and a half. We will have more information on the check out at the mandatory General Meeting quickly coming up on **January 11**. There is a lot of information to be discussed, so please make every effort to attend. The last sorting party of the year will be on **January 17** sponsored by Arizona Friends of Foster Children, with the final category checkout is at noon on **January 22**.



My time as book sale chair, year 2, is coming to a close and I wish to thank everyone for all the hard work that goes into making the book sale a success.

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## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair

Your donation to Literacy Volunteers helps us provide needed services to adults in Maricopa County. Give support at any level to support our program cost. Examples of how your donation can be used are:

- **\$35** covers the cost of orientation for one new student
- **\$50** provides a set of GED books
- **\$200** pays for five cases of paper
- **\$600** provides instruction for one student for one year

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## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

Mark your calendars and save March 28, 2020 for VNSA's Spring Fling. This will be an opportunity to meet the 2020 board and win fabulous prizes. Look for more information next month.

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## DropBox Chair

Rich Hansen



Our collection of homeless dropboxes is growing. If you know of a corner, plaza, shopping center or space that is willing to allow us to place a dropbox, please contact Rich Hansen at richhansenvnsa@gmail.com.

We have placed a new box at 1735 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ, 85254 (located just inside the south entrance of the North Scottsdale United Methodist Church parking lot. Near the corner of N Scottsdale Rd and E Cactus Rd.) [map](#).

And we have replaced the missing box at 10633 W Peoria Ave, Sun City, AZ, 85351

(Located on the SW corner of 107th Ave & Peoria Ave, across the parking lot from Dollar General) [map](#).

## Nominating Committee

Raime Manch

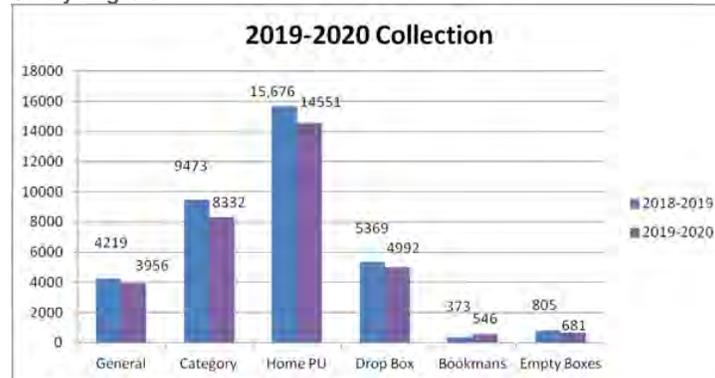
The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of 2020 officers, to be voted on at the January member meeting:

President: Leslie Chesser  
VP: Cindy Gruben  
Recording Secretary: Catherine Mallen  
Corresponding Secretary: Sue Kapp  
Treasurer: Sandra Stirnweis  
Ways and Means (Book Sale Chair): Karin Fedo

VNSA thanks these members for their important contributions of leadership, all of the Nominating Committee members for their helpful and positive contributions to this process, and all of the members for their kind consideration when asked to serve.

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the year-to-date totals for the warehouse as of the end of December. If you have any problems entering your time or collections please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net)

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:

Books about Names, such as baby names, should be sorted to Relationships.

Books about Meditation should be sorted to Religion.

"Book lovers never go to bed alone" - Unknown



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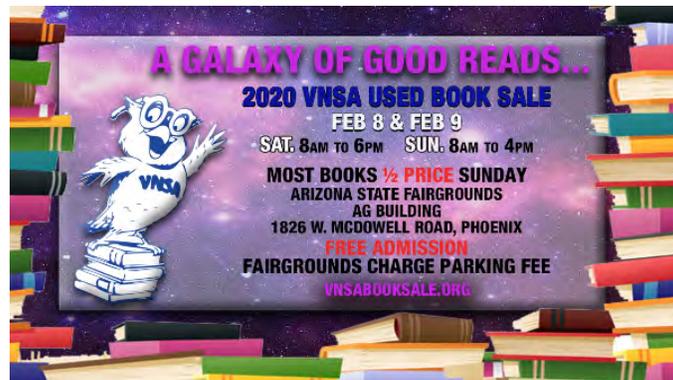
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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

The shelves are empty, the warehouse is bare and there are new, bright red stripes all over the floor. It looks like we have abandoned the warehouse. WE DID!! It's Book Sale Time! YEAH!! The books have all been delivered to the Fairgrounds and are just sitting there waiting for us all to work very hard to sell them all. What fun!

The last General Meeting was fabulous. It was standing room only with so many people there. What a treat! I really wish more of you would plan on attending all of the General Meetings – they are very informative. It's only a couple of hours out of our busy Saturdays, but time well spent. It always includes a short program that would be of interest to us all and then the short meeting. It's amazing what you can learn just by attending and listening to what your Board has been up to, to improve the flow of our books and the people involved. Besides being another way to meet with all of our members outside of the warehouse. So, with that said, I hope to see you all at the next General Meeting in April.

On January 17th of this year, something truly wonderful happened to one of our members. Megha Choudhari became a United States citizen. She spent years working towards this goal and it finally happened. Congratulations Megha – way to go!



Remember as we venture into the sale: keep a smile on your face, Advil in your pocket, and a bottle of wine waiting for you when you get home at night. The most important thing to remember though is to sell lots of books and HAVE FUN!

## Vice President

### Cindy Gruben

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! With January upon us, the 2020 VNSA Book Sale is five (5

## Book Sale Committee

### Angela Cade

We are heading toward the finish line! The final move-out went very smoothly, the warehouse has been re-stripped and soon we will be ready to start getting ready for Book Sale 65! The move-in at the fairgrounds went off without a hitch. On February 1 the Alhambra guys and teamsters helped unload all the pallets and we started setting up for the sale.



We are looking forward to a great sale and it will be nice to see how all of our hard work has paid off.

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work during the year.

In the final move-out, we took 3 trucks and 60 pallets of books to the Fairgrounds. Here are the highest and lowest percentages of change by category:

	Change over prior year	
<b>Top 5 High / Low sorted by # of boxes</b>	<b># boxes change</b>	<b>% change</b>
Suspense and Sci-Fi	76	18%
Biography	67	48%
Cookbooks	59	16%
Children	55	49%
Sports, Games, and Trans.	47	12%
Rare and Unusual	-11	-14%
Science and Nature	-14	-8%
AZ Highways	-24	-44%
Good Read	-26	-7%
Paperbacks	-182	-36%

	<b># boxes change</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>Top 5 by Percentage</b>		
Computers	14	78%
<b>Children (bold means also above)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Biography (bold means also above)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48%</b>
Relationships	26	33%
Sets	43	24%

Note: same 5 categories were at the low end for %

## Move-Out Committee

### Patti Fenner

This last move-out breakfast and lunch went very well, due entirely to so many members pitching in, in one way or another! Here's the list:

First, Patricia Cahill for making her wonderful burritos that everyone looks forward to.

Next, to everyone who brought chairs - we seem to have fewer in the warehouse every time! Heather, Leslie, Alan Rogers, and even Mary Ann Murphy's husband brought some. Even though Mary Ann was very sick and in the hospital, she was thinking of us.

The 3 grillers - Bob Smith, Bill Cassel and Alan Rogers. They bring their own grills and charcoal and go to work with great good humor.

We missed Pat Kland this year - she broke her arm or she would have been there. And Martha, who's working too much overtime right now and couldn't make it. Hope they're back next time. We did recruit a new set-up person, Mickey Munger. She quickly made herself an indispensable part of our team. Julia, Angela, Mickey, and Suzanne made everything go smoothly. A special thanks to Julia, who stays to help me with the unglamorous job of cleaning up and taking home so many dirty dishes/silverware to wash.

And then there's everyone who made food for the awesome lunch: Julia, Pat Matthias, Raimie Manch, Sandie Straub, Sue Kapp, Shari Eband, Sarah Fox, Susan Goldsmith, Melita Hillman, Leslie, Cartha, Teri Harnisch, Pam Brown-Elwood, Jan & Don Maxwell, Catherine Mallen, Carol Rogers, Angela Cade, Cathy McAllister, Michelle Schrade, Trish Henry, Betty Johnson, and Karen Lattin. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

It seemed like half the membership participated. Thank you! There was so much food, but the inmates managed to tuck away nearly all of it, which is fortunate because we no longer are able to donate homemade food to MANA House (or any other church or homeless shelter or food bank or food kitchen that we could find). If anyone knows of a place that accepts leftover homemade food, please let me know, as we will probably have leftovers at future move-outs.



## **VNSA Yearbook Photo Station at Presale; Checking Print Yearbook Information**

Thanks to Jan McLaughlin (photographed above on the right), we are continuing to collect photographs of members and patrons for an electronic VNSA photo yearbook.

This yearbook will be available to members and patrons only. It is designed to help us be better connected to one another in this day and age where often member names are names attached to an e-mail or a phone call that we do not get to see in person except on rare occasions.

Some of you have been photographed at prior events or presale (like Joyce and Jan above). Stop by the presale on Wednesday and see Jan, preview your past photo (or have a first one taken), and help us complete the photo yearbook for VNSA! Jan will be set-up in the area near check-out from approximately 1 pm to 5 pm. If you prefer to submit your own casual photograph, rather than sit for one, you can e-mail your digital photo to Teri (ptbharnisch@cox.net) or Jan (janmclaughlin@cox.net).

Please also take a moment to review your information from the 2019-2020 Yearbook to confirm your name and address and VNSA information is accurate. This is your chance to communicate any updates that we might have missed.

The photo yearbook will also include some historical photos from book sales past. If you have any photographs that you would like to contribute, please send them to Teri Harnisch (ptbharnisch@cox.net) or Jan McLaughlin (janmclaughlin@cox.net).

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## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

Mark your calendars and save March 28, 2020 for VNSA's Spring Fling at Aunt Chilada's mexican restaurant in Phoenix. This will be an opportunity to meet the 2020 board and win fabulous prizes. Cost is \$21.00 for a delicious lunch. Come enjoy time away from the piles of books waiting for us at the warehouse!

Do you like Country Music? Rich Hansen in Paperbacks will perform "My Country, America's Favorite Music," a free event, Sunday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m. at North Scottsdale United Methodist Church, 11735 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85254. Enjoy a fun evening of music and dance!

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## Nominating Committee

Raime Manch

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## Corresponding Secretary

Sue Kapp

Get well cards were sent to Paula Bostock for eye surgery, to Pat Kland for a broken wrist, and to Maryann Murphy who is hospitalized with a viral infection.

A card of congratulations was sent to Megha Choudhari, who recently became a United States Citizen.

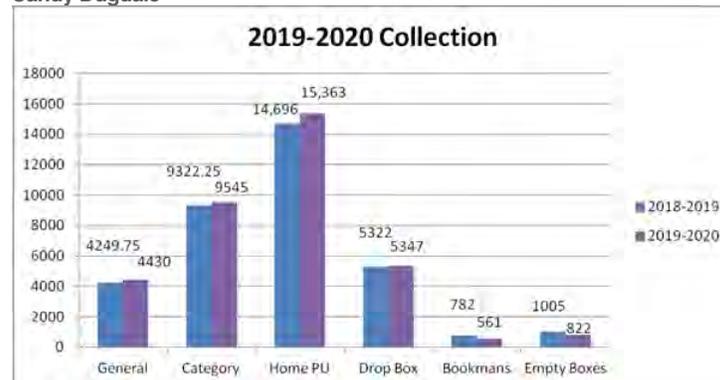
Lastly, all Patrons were sent an invitation to the Salad Luncheon on February 5th at the Fairgrounds.



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## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the final or End of Year totals for 2019-2020. Home Pickup and Drop Box numbers were slightly higher than last year. So great year!

### TAXES

If you would like to get a listing of the trips and pickups you did during the year, to help you

calculate mileage for taxes, please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951  
or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net)

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## Category Quiz

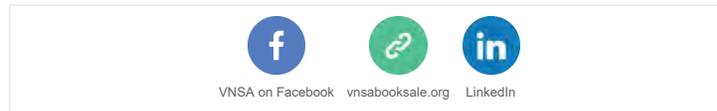
Shirley Allen

Do you know:

All music cassette tapes should be sorted to Disposal. AV does not bring them to the sale. (They do bring fiction books on cassette tape to the sale).

Computer games, Nintendo, and Play Station should be sorted to Sports.

"Books are many things: lullabies for the weary, ointment for the wounded, armor for the fearful, and nests for those in need of a home." --Unknown



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Leslie Chesser

WOW! What a Sale!! All of our year's long, hard work comes to an end in a huge two-day event and we did it with pizzazz! I was so impressed by the dedication, and especially the stamina, of our group.

The Salad Luncheon was great and the decorations were adorable. Suzanne did a superb job making sure all of us were fed, and fed well. There was always something to eat that could please everyone's palate. Members, patrons – you should all just take a minute – take a bow and congratulate yourselves on jobs well done. I was also impressed, but not surprised, when on Sunday, it was announced that more help was needed in the Check Out area. I looked up from my Cashier's spot and saw a huge "blue wave" of aprons coming, ready to pitch in and help. That's what we do. The camaraderie among us never ceases to amaze me – it was totally fantastic!

Several people always ask during the sale: When do we start collecting for the next year? My answer: Tomorrow. So now, we get to start on our "New Year" and, of course, we are ready. The Joint Board Meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and we will have to say good-bye to Angela Cade as Book Sale Chair. She did a tremendous job and we will miss her in that capacity, but she will still be around to lend a hand wherever needed. We won't let her go too far. Thank you Angela! The new Book Chair will be Karin Fedo and I know everyone will give her all the support and encouragement she will need in the upcoming year. As for the rest of the Executive Committee, they decided, along with me, to stay for another year. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. One can only be as good as the people around them, and I am very lucky to have the best of the best working with me.

Our next fun event will be the **Spring Fling on March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this great get-together. Always a delightful afternoon. Until then, keep sorting, and sorting, and sorting . . .

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## Vice President

### Cindy Gruben

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The 64th VNSA Book Sale is in the books and we were able to knock it out of the park because of you! The members and patrons of this organization are an amazing group of people that will do just about anything to make this important community event happen.

As we move into March, my focus is on retaining our members and patrons and finding new members that want to join us and have as much fun as we do!

- Membership and patron dues are due by March 31st. Thank you to everyone that has already paid your dues! If you still need to pay, please place your dues in the Vice President folder in the office at the warehouse and I will pick them up when I come in on the weekends.
- The call for new members at the sale yielded a great number of prospective new members. We will be holding at least one and possibly two orientation sessions in the next month to introduce VNSA to the individuals that have an interest in joining.

Thanks again for all that you do.....and enjoy the wonderful spring weather.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Sandra Stirnweis

#### How much money did we make?

\$381,000.00 – this is how much we brought in at the sale itself. This does not include presale disposal or disposal income. Feel free to tell people how much we brought in but please do not tell them that's how much we "made". "Made" implies profit and the final profit (which is used to determine how much money to give to our service organizations) cannot be determined until the books have been closed out at the end of March, which is the end of our fiscal year. 80% of Saturday sales were made by credit/debit card payment.

#### How come it doesn't look like that on the Profit Loss Statement?

I have not received the bank statement ending Feb 29th so not everything has been entered in. There are still outstanding merchant payments (credit/debit) and until they can be reconciled, the total cannot be entered on the sheet.

Attached you'll find the [Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual](#) April 2019 through March 2020.

#### I have some receipts...

TURN IN ALL RECEIPTS FOR THE 2020 BOOKSALE BY MARCH 15. I need 2 weeks to close the books and get the financials to the Auditor on April 1. If you don't turn them in on time, thank you for your donation. If you have receipts for the 2021 book sale, again, thank you for your donation. Until a budget is approved by the membership, there can be no expenses for the 2021 Sale Year (except for normal operating costs like electricity).

#### How do I get things I want for my committee or category?

Send me an email at [ynsatreasurer@cox.net](mailto:ynsatreasurer@cox.net) and let me know what you need and how much you think it will cost. Please do this by March 15. The Budget Committee will be meeting during my Spring Break to create a budget that is then presented to the board for approval before it goes before the membership. Wants and needs are not necessarily the same thing, so a good justification for what you need is helpful for the committee.

#### Final Bits...

We will be closing our PO Box in June. Since mail comes to the warehouse there is no need for it to also go to a PO Box. If you produce anything for the organization with our address and have the PO Box, please change it to our street address: 2336 E. Mulberry Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85016. We will be replacing the cash drawers with something that closes. If you know of anyone who wants a bunch of old cash drawers let me know. We will try to have a tablet at every general meeting for those of you who want to buy VNSA swag or pay for things that way.

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## Book Sale Committee

### Angela Cade

WHERE SHOULD I PUT THIS BOOK?

Sometimes it's downright hard to know which category a book belongs in. For example, graphic novels for youth were popular at the 2020 sale. Did you know that they go to Suspense? No matter how long you've been a VNSA volunteer sometimes it's hard to know where to sort a book.

So, your Board provides the following 13-page, "Where Should I Put This Book?" cheat sheet for your reference. This is also posted on the VNSABookSale.org website.

[Where Should I Put This Book Cheat Sheet.pdf](#)



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## An Update from the Personnel Chair

Many thanks to all of you who went above and beyond again this year. To all of you who said, "Sure, I'll do that." To all of you who stayed and worked an extra shift. To those who covered for a member who was out sick or needed to sit down. To all of you crazy people that checked "Any" on your job sign up. To all of you who said, "Sure, I'll help serve the food." To all of you who kept your sense of humor even when your backs were tired and your bones ached. A special thanks to Lisa Nguyen, who showed up before sunrise both days to help me with check-in when she didn't have to. And to those of you who cheerfully volunteered to wash aprons: Debbie Gilman, Char Smith, Susan Goldsmith, Martha Karlen, Marian Ragel, Julia Lunn, Martha Little, Lisa Nguyen, Jennifer Doan, Karen Lattin, Patti Fenner, and Betty Johnson. And to those of you who took aprons home and didn't sign up and whose names I don't have...bless you, too! Clean aprons can be returned to the warehouse and left in HWP or in the office.

I am retiring as your Personnel Chair now, but it was a privilege to work with you over the past five years. I am grateful to have come to know you better (and to have become acquainted with many of your family members). We are a wonderful group of caring people who are doing good in the world.

Blessings,  
Cathy McAllister

## Social Committee Joyce Nolan

Some of us attended the My Country-America's Music Concert on February 16th. Who knew that our own Rich Hansen in Paperbacks was such a talented singer and dancer! It was a wonderful event that highlighted the history of country music and was highly entertaining.

Joyce Nolan will be performing with the Las Palomas Bell Choir on March 8th. This free event is at 4:00 p.m. at Dove of the Desert UMC, 7201 W Beardsley, Glendale (75th Ave and the 101).



Our Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th at Aunt Chilada's, 7330 N Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85020. Members who have earned at least 50 points will have an opportunity to win raffle prizes. You can't win if you don't play so plan to attend this festive event beginning at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$21.00. Deadline to sign up is March 24th. Here is the link to sign up by email. If you have signed up in the warehouse, no need to sign up again.

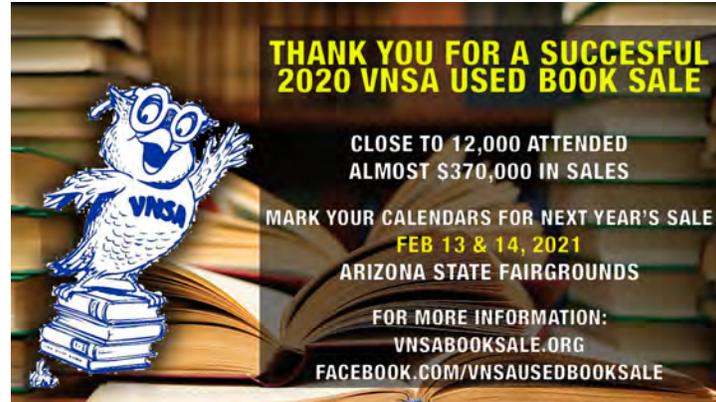
<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/DyV2nbm9ZKrt1d3v>

VNSA is full of talented people. If you or someone in your category is performing, please let us know so we can come and support your talents.

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## Publicity Committee

Jennifer Doan



3 articles on Phoenix New Times:

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/vnsa-book-sale-arizona-state-fairgrounds-february-8-9-volunteers-11435872>

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/restaurants/phoenix-vnsa-used-book-sale-has-cookbooks-and-more-in-2020-11436383>

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/guide-vnsa-used-book-sale-in-phoenix-how-to-get-best-books-11200541>

6 pieces on Fox 10:

<https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/191826105553309/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/199635541225382/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/1019753315068553/>

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/thousands-attend-annual-vnsa-used-book-sale>

<https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/170403131044740/>

2 pieces on 3TV/CBS5:

[https://www.azfamily.com/video/th-annual-vnsa-book-sale-in-phoenix-this-weekend/video\\_2390a7ed-8be7-5a1b-985f-70eb222aa3d6.html](https://www.azfamily.com/video/th-annual-vnsa-book-sale-in-phoenix-this-weekend/video_2390a7ed-8be7-5a1b-985f-70eb222aa3d6.html)

Channel 12's Arizona Midday and ABC15 also covered the sale but I don't have links to video.

### Total Facebook Engagement in the month before the sale:

- 457 New page likes (up 1135%)
- 70,000 post reach (up 4,435%)
- 33,000 post engagements (up 19,331%)

### Total Facebook Engagements in the week leading up to the sale:

- 334 post likes
- 54,600 post reach

- 28,200 post engagements

**Total Website Engagements in the two weeks prior to the sale:**

- 7100 page hits

Please follow us on Facebook, like, comment, share posts because that will get more eyeballs and engagement about our organization (for free).

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## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

Here's a way to support one of the nonprofits that benefited from our supplemental funding grants this year...SOUNDS Academy which works with kids to provide music lessons and experiences. On March 29 at 3:00 p.m. the Orpheus Male Chorus will present a free concert at 5510 N. Central Ave, Phoenix. This concert will benefit SOUNDS so there will be an opportunity for attendees to make a contribution to SOUNDS. There are fliers in the office at the warehouse.

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## Drop Box Committee

Rich Hansen

Kudos to Melita Hillman for finding a new drop box location for us!  
A box has been installed at 7025 E Osborn Rd., located in the back (south) parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Scottsdale. This box replaces the box that was in the Papago Plaza before it was demolished.



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## A Thank You Note

Megha Choudhari

Dear Book Lovers,  
Thank you very much for your kind and welcoming words on my U.S Citizenship. I am very touched by the magnitude of congratulations I received from all of you. This speaks for itself of what America and Americans are all about. I am very happy to join this exclusive club of good human beings and book lovers.



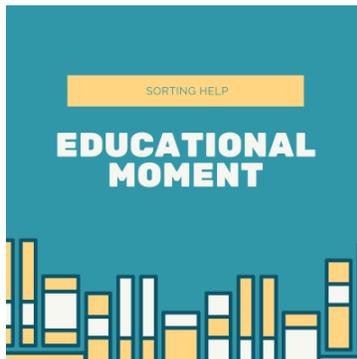
Warm Regards,  
Megha

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## Educational Moment

By Gail Plache

The Religion and Philosophy category takes many unusual books; books on Wicca, Angels, Religious based history and novels. Religion does not get Mythology (to Classics) or any magazines. Only self-help books based on scriptures in Bible are accepted. (others to Relationships) Also no children's Bibles or books (to Children). Be sure to read category sign over our box if you are unsure!



## Educational and Sorting Hints for the Dictionary Category

By Shirley Allen

Dictionary is not actually a true 'Resource' category. Many resource books should be sorted to other categories. For example Atlas (maps) should be sorted to Travel if the information

is current day. Books on historical maps should be sorted to History. PDRs should be sorted to Text, and books such as Time Magazine: The First 50 Years should be sorted to History.

Dictionary sells books providing Trivia information. Examples include book titles such as 'Why are Flamingos Pink' and 'Why Do Men Have Nipples'. Sports sells trivia quizzes/tests. Dictionary sells many different types of books about word usage and Business sells books about how to become a writer and how to write specific types of books such as children's books. Trivia often sells out at the book sale. (Men have nipples because nipples form on the fetus before the sex of the baby is determined).

Dictionary sells all English language dictionaries and all foreign language dictionaries are sold in Foreign Language. There are many different types of specialty dictionaries and Law dictionaries are best sellers for us.

Famous Quotes and Anecdotes of Famous People are also good sellers in the Dictionary category.

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## Corresponding Secretary

### Sue Kapp

In February, a get well card was sent to Julia Lunn, who has been hospitalized and now is recovering at home, and a Thinking of You card went to Nancy Edwards as she is dealing with her husband 's serious condition. A card will be sent to him when he is able to enjoy it.

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## Volunteer Services

### Candy Dugdale

#### Top Ten Lists

Shout outs to the following members who really racked up the points and went above and beyond this year. Thank you for all you did to make the 2020 Book Sale a success!

Last	First	Home PU	Last	First	Empty
Chesser	Leslie	300	Pierce	Brenda	181
Harnisch	Carl	246	Litin	Curt	133
Litin	Curt	243	Eckstrom	Heidi	108
Mallen	Dan	231	Lattin	Karen	106
McLaughlin	James	231	Ragel	Marian	38
Nolan	Joyce	225	Frazier	Sandy	26
Gruben	Cindy	210	Chesser	Leslie	21
Lunn	Bob	201	Mallen	Catherine	18
Simonick	Barbara	192	Julien	Bob	15
Lattin	Karen	159	Cox	Ann	15

Last	First	Sort Pts	Last	First	Total Points
Munger	Mickey	500	Chesser	Leslie	838.5
Kland	Pat	385.5	Gruben	Cindy	685.25
Chesser	Leslie	343.5	Munger	Mickey	667
Gerodimos	Betty	321.5	Nolan	Joyce	667
Brown-Elwood	Pam	313.25	Brown-Elwood	Pam	574.25
Stirnweis	Sandra	308.75	Gerodimos	Betty	551.5
Gruben	Cindy	279.25	Lunn	Bob	503
Denny	Rod	278	Lattin	Karen	492
Boardman	Ginny	273.5	Rayner	Heather	457.5
Magee	Sharon	270.5	Denny	Rod	418

#### Taxes

If you would like to get a listing of the trips and pickups you did during the year to help you calculate mileage for taxes, please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net)

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## Category Quiz

### Shirley Allen

Do you know:

The definition of a **mystery** is something that cannot be explained or fully understood, the unexplained, secret, or unknown.

The definition of **suspense** is the state or quality of being undecided, anxiety or apprehension resulting in uncertainty.



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April 11: VNSA Board Meeting CANCELLED  
Saturday, April 25: General Member Meeting CANCELLED

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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser



Wash your hands while singing Happy birthday (twice); disinfect everything around you; and the best one – Social Distancing. These are not words that we normally hear every day, especially if you are in the warehouse much. We are a very social group. But, with COVID-19 in the air and all around us, we haven't much choice. We've had to postpone our Spring Fling (it now may be a Fall Fiesta); who knows. The Board and General Meetings have also been postponed and, so far, there's not a timeline yet as to when we can hold them. But we will persevere. We are VNSA and we can do anything!!

As of March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m., Governor Ducey has declared a Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Policy. This basically says STAY HOME unless it is absolutely necessary to be out. Groceries, Dr. Apps., work related issues are considered necessary. Going to the warehouse is not. If you still need to go, just be very careful. Our Drop Boxes are still being filled, so we still have to empty them. We have stopped home pickups, and the phone recording states that. There are always exceptions, so just please be cautious, wear gloves and keep your distance from each other. We will have to wait and see like everyone else and just try to adapt to day to day decisions. I do thank all of you for your patience and understanding.

I have a feeling that when this is all over, we will be very busy. Right now, everyone is staying home and really doing a very thorough Spring Cleaning. When things get back to "normal," they will be calling us to remove all of their treasurers. So, rest up, stay calm and get ready.

There are some positive things we can be doing during this difficult time. We are some of our best buyers at the Book Sale, so now is the time to read all of those wonderful books that were purchased. Or, do a puzzle, or play a game with the family. Whatever you do, stay safe and take care.

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## Corresponding Secretary

## Sue Kapp

If you missed the VNSA Hotmail sent that same day, we share here again, with extreme sadness that our member, **Julia Lunn**, passed away at home on the morning of March 30, 2020, with family at her side. At this uncertain time, no services have been planned, but prayers go out to her family.

Cards or notes to her husband and VNSA member, **Bob Lunn**, can be sent to their home.

Bob Lunn  
301 W. Conrad Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85023



For those who knew Julia well, you know the warmth of her smile and the generosity of her heart. Joining VNSA in 2009, in her more than decade of volunteer service, she made positive contributions to the work of VNSA in so many ways, including serving as Chairperson of House & Garden, on the Board as Social Chair, and as an executive officer, as Vice President.

She was creative and talented and could add a touch of beauty or "bling" to most anything she encountered (including a VNSA visor).

The loving partner of member, Bob Lunn, Julia will be missed by us all. Together, we will carry forward the love and goodwill that was at her core. She would insist that of us, in a very loving and understanding way.

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## Vice President

### Cindy Gruben

Hi all! Hope you are all staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times that we are experiencing.

I have a couple of requests for the VNSA members/patrons:

- If you have not paid your 2020 VNSA dues, please do so now. Due date was March 31st, so please get them to me as soon as possible. You can leave them in the Vice President folder in the Warehouse office or you can send them to me at 8132 E. Jan Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85209.
- A reminder that a member/patron CANNOT move to a different category without bringing that request to me (Vice President) for approval.
- Please include me in ALL discussions regarding members changing categories so that we can work towards having the appropriate number of members in a category based on volume of books in the category.

Courage = grace under pressure – Ernest Hemingway  
Thank you for your courage during these uncertain times,  
Cindy

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## Book Sale Chair

### Karin Fedo

"There is no known cause, widely available testing, or therapeutic vaccine." This is the status today and our new normal. In this time of uncertainty, we hope that you are taking seriously the only defense we have at this time: stay at home; stay healthy, stay connected.

As Ways & Means Chair, Section 8 of the VNSA by-laws and Standing rules states that I am responsible, with Board approval, for the fundraising projects, including major changes, purchasing decisions, and keeping the membership informed. On Saturday, I met with the full Executive Committee, and Book Sale co-chairs Bern Peterson and Betty Gerodimos and invited guests, Paula Bostock and Joyce Nolan (set-up team), utilizing the Zoom meeting platform. Here are the agreed-upon results of that discussion:

- Effective immediately, we will post on our website that we are not accepting books in any form, in the strict following of the governor's mandate.
- We have asked Rich, our drop box chair to coordinate with all drop box captains to post signs on the boxes to this effect.
- **NO ONE IS TO GO TO THE WAREHOUSE.** This is to protect you and all our volunteers. We are not a critical service.
- George Siordian and Bob Lunn will monitor the property for operational functions and potential vagrancy issues.
- On Sept 12, the full Board will meet and decide whether a 2021 Book Sale is still viable.
- This same group will have a standing monthly meeting to keep tabs on the situation and keep you informed on the latest.
- As a precaution, key personnel will draft an addendum to the fairgrounds contract to ensure minimal financial loss to VNSA.
- Sandra, our Treasurer, will be checking with our recycle vendors to understand the best solution for the boxes in front/behind the building.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our prior year contribution commitment has been recently provided to our charities.
- The contribution for the FY21 sale has not yet been calculated or approved. You will be notified as soon as that decision has been made.
- We have plenty of funds to cover our current year operational expenses.

Please understand that books are not the issue here. YOUR health and safety are priority #1. Even when restrictions are lifted, we do not yet know enough about recurrence rates (we'll know soon as China is ahead of us on this).

Not only is this a good time to clean your closet, your yard, your head, but this is also a good time to pick up the phone. Let's get a call tree version of a sewing circle going. I ask you to commit to opening up that great VNSA yearbook that Teri puts together and making a call a day, week or month to one of our wonderful VNSA volunteers. You miss them, you know you do!

I'm incredibly grateful for this wonderful group of leaders working with me to put this communication out to you.

Your "you only have to stock the tape" chair,  
Karin

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## Educational Moment

### Educational and Sorting Hints for the Relationships Category By Deborah Gilman

Relationships has the following subcategories:

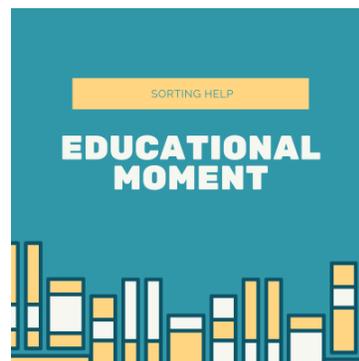
**Self-Help/Older and Wiser.** Takes recent and a few classic books on getting older, dying, retirement, finding your way through life's difficulties.

Does NOT take books with religious themes/motifs (to Religion) business success (to Business). Good condition only!!!! Authors like Martha Beck, Elizabeth Gilbert, John Gray, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

**American Experience:** Takes books of any age about people's experiences coming to America, growing up here, serving in the military; national issues such as education, health care, economic inequities, etc. Authors like Philip Caputo, Jonathan Kozol.

**African-American:** all African American history from slavery to present; all literature by African American writers, fiction and non-fiction; everything on the civil rights movement; African -American cooking/cookbooks, music, art, political ideas. Also books about African American figures by non African American authors, pamphlets, soft and hardcover. Authors like Henry Louis Gates, Toni Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston.

**Parenting:** takes books on raising kids, being grandparents, foster parenting, blended families. Please try to sort the ones with religious messages to Religion's Christian Living section.



LGBTQ: all fiction by and about LGBTQ people. All books about issues faced by LGBTQ people, fact and fiction, poetry, etc. Sex changes etc go here too.

Dating, Marriage and Divorce: all books, usually advisory, about finding mates, marrying and divorcing, including recovering from divorce. Fact and fiction; how to start/end relationships, improve them, etc.

Men and Women: Recent and older facts and fiction about issues men face in life (being a partner, being a parent, etc). Fact and fiction about issues women face in life (being a partner, being a parent.) Women's history for all readers (texts on Women's History go to Text). And how the sexes see each other and how to get along.

Sex and Erotica: all books on how to have any kind of sex - pictures preferred! Histories of sexual behaviors in various countries and eras. Sexual massage and Kama Sutra. Kinky stuff is fine - just no pictures of child pornography - throw those out. Playboy etc magazines ok.

Beauty and style: recent books on hair, makeup, fashion for current American women of all ages, shapes, sizes and colors. Also some volumes on fashion and dressing history (texts go to Texts)

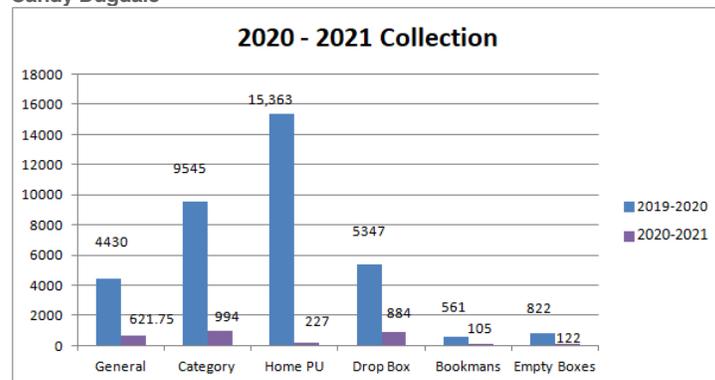
Relationships take: NO JOURNALS, NO MAGAZINES EXCEPT PLAYBOY ET. AL. WE TAKE DVD'S AND BOOKS ON TAPE ON THE ABOVE TOPICS

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## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above our the year-to-date totals for the warehouse. If you have a problem with entering your time or collection points please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

You can also contact Candy to get your list of trips to the warehouse to claim mileage for taxes.

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## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:

West accepts library books and they take magazines too. In fact, they take books that are also sold in other categories such as Fiction, Suspense, and others. For example, Dictionary passed along an encyclopedia to them on Saddle Making.

Paperbacks is no longer selling serial romances. Please sort these books to Disposal.



"Children are made readers in the laps of their parents".

Emile Buchwald

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Stay home, safe healthy, stay connected!

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## From the President's Perch

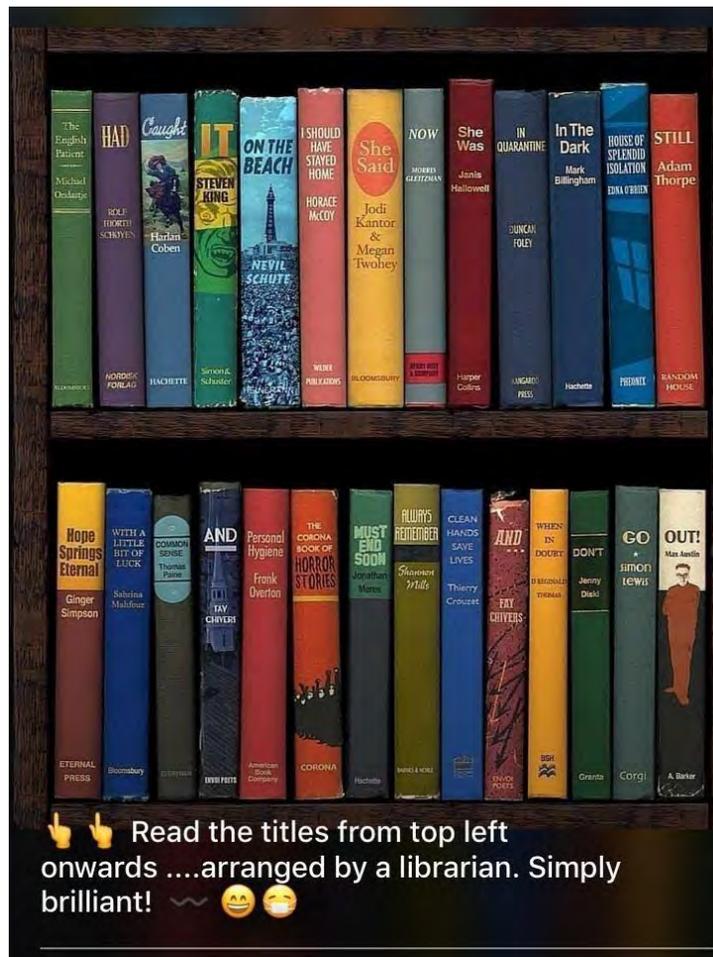
Leslie Chesser

First and foremost, I sincerely hope you are all safe, secure, and healthy. I know it is difficult times for all of us, but, I hope everything is doing well in your homes. Hopefully, we will be able to gradually re-enter public places again and get back to our daily schedules. I also like the way we are still keeping in touch with each other via silly text, emails, and yes, even phone calls. It shows just how much we care about each other. I have noticed a few people have gone to the warehouse to work and I am sure you are taking great care in being around others. I do ask though, when you are finished for the day, please make sure you empty your trash (if you have any) or if you see it needs to be done. Also, make sure you take care of any empty boxes. We do not want a repeat of last year's "Ralph" problem. Thanks.

Below is an example of one of those funny emails that I have received. When you run out of daily chores and have had enough of cleaning out closets, try this with your home libraries.

Have fun and Stay Safe

THE ENGLISH PATIENT - HAD - CAUGHT - IT - ON THE BEACH - SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME - SHE SAID - NOW - SHE WAS - IN QUARANTINE - IN THE DARK - HOUSE OF SPLENDID ISOLATION - STILL - HOPE SPRINGS - WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK - COMMON SENSE - AND - PERSONAL HYGIENE - THE CORONA BOOK OF HORROR STORIES - MUST END SOON - ALWAYS REMEMBER - CLEAN HANDS - AND - WHEN IN DOUBT - DON'T - GO - OUT



## Vice President

Cindy Gruben

2020 is a year that most of us will not forget. All of us have had our daily lives upended; working remotely, unable to go to the warehouse, travel, go out to dinner and most importantly, spend time with family and friends. I am not sure when we will get to the "new normal" of life but know that we need to be patient and do what we are asked to do. The VNSA warehouse is my happy place ...after a hectic week, I can come to the warehouse and immerse myself in books and recharge for the next week. I miss that and I miss seeing all of you but understand the need to be safe regarding this virus that we don't know a lot about yet.

I look forward to the day that I can see your smiling faces at the warehouse. I hope this finds you healthy and well my friends. Please stay safe.

Cindy

## Treasurer Sandra Stirnweis

### Let's Talk Money

The Board is moving forward as if it is business as usual. We are planning as if our beloved Book Sale will happen in February as expected. Contracts are being negotiated and the budget has been prepared. Please look it over because you will be asked to approve the budget when we have our first General Meeting of our new fiscal year. Since we did not get to meet in April it will probably be a big one.

You can help make the meeting flow more smoothly by sending me any questions you have about the budget ahead of time. Please email me [treasurer@vnsabooksale.org](mailto:treasurer@vnsabooksale.org) and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Don't be afraid to ask either. If you have a question, someone else might wonder the same thing too. In addition to answering you individually, I will compile all the questions and answers together and send out to everyone so you can all be part of the process. This is our 65th Anniversary year and the proposed budget reflects anticipated expenses related to that as well as any extra community outreach that might be needed related to Covid-19.

I have also attached our end of the year Budget vs actual statement so you can see how we ended the year. Other tidbits from the money side include our waiver of property tax being accepted and the preparation of our FY2020 tax records being prepared for the accountant. In the meantime, you can relax knowing that the day-to-day bills continue to be paid and we are financially healthy.

[Proposed 2021 Budget](#)  
[FY 2020 Actual Budget](#)

## Corresponding Secretary Sue Kapp

As this space in the previous Bulletin was used for a tribute to Julia Lunn, here is a wrap-up of the items for both March and April:

- Get Well cards were sent to C.A. Edwards, husband of Nancy Edwards, Jan McLaughlin, Julia Lunn, Barb Simonick, and Dennis McAllister.
- A Thinking of You card was also sent to Julia Lunn.
- A Sympathy card was sent to Bob Lunn.
- Donations were made from VNSA to Barrow Neurological Foundation in memory of Paul Zimmerman, husband of Sue Zimmerman and to Arizona Animal Welfare League in memory of Julia Lunn. Notes were sent to each family to let them know of the donations.

## Book Sale Chair Karin Fedo

Greetings to all! I miss your smiling faces! Thank you to George, Helen and Bob for “minding the gap” at the warehouse. I know everyone is anxious to get into the warehouse and see old friends and touch those precious books. I know, I get it. It is with the utmost concern for your safety that I continue to honor the “shelter in place” order. We cannot possibly foretell the future, so as Book Sale chair, I must follow leaders with more intelligence, more access to better information, when asking you to be patient. Now is the time to think about yourself and not take unnecessary risks. The VNSA leadership is meeting regularly and will most probably make a decision in September about whether a 2021 Book Sale is feasible. There will be many decisions to make at that time, including how to address charity funding. I ask you all to be vigilant in your safety and generous in your support.

Karin

## Educational Moment

### Educational and Sorting Hints for the Fine Arts Category

Welcome to the Fine Arts category. Here is a list of what we take, our most common mis-sorts, and the right places for our mis-sorts.



Our subcategories	Most common mis-sorts/toss out	Where to send the missorts.
Architecture, building design, urban planning, interior design (as a business)	Home decorating and painting	House and Garden
	Home gardens and pictures of garden and parks	House and Garden
	Architectural Digest magazines older than the most recent 2 years	Toss out
Art –individual artists, art history; art museums, general art	Ancient cultures (just because it has a few pictures of art or relics doesn't make it fine arts)	-Archeology/Anthropology to science -Story of a civilization to history
	Antiques, collectibles (e.g.	House and Garden

	Ladlow figurines); china & dishes (e.g. fiestaware)	
Art How To – primarily for people who want to do art as a profession or serious hobby (painting, watercolor, oil, sculpture, tapestries)	Crafts – scrapbooking art, decoupage, stenciling, Etiquette books	House and Garden
Professional Fashion and costume; history of costume	-Personal appearance and fashion (what to wear, how to look better -Needlework – how to knit, sew, tat	Relationships
	-Needlework – how to knit, sew, tat	House and Garden
Poetry and poets; poetry criticism  We will take literary journals that include poetry, but often wind up putting those in the jail bin.	Books with sayings and quotes  Literature texts; Literary criticism, prose work by poets	Dictionary (unless it is little book with pretty pics, then to Treasures)  Varies, classics, texts, or if philosophy then to religion
-Music (opera, rock, classical, jazz, blues, folk, international, country); musical instruments; how to play music; bands -Sheet Music -DVDs of musicians and musical groups in concert	Hymnals	Religion
Theatre, plays, play scripts, playwrights Broadway musicals, stage craft (producing plays); stage acting guidance	Shakespeare and plays by Shakespeare	Classics
Entertainment: radio, TV, movies, circus, celebrities	Guides to 'best' movies that predate the last 5 years;	Loss
-Photography – books of photos <b>when the book gives credit to the photographer;</b> history of photography -How to take photographs	Books that have pretty pictures not attributable to a specific photographer.	Depends on the topic of the photos.

**Do not take any cassette tapes or VHS tapes. Will take DVDs on category subjects**

## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

The Spring Fling, aka "Lets Get Out of the House Celebration" has now been rescheduled for Sunday, October 25th at Aunt Chilada's Restaurant. Please realize many spring events have been canceled and rescheduled. There were no Saturdays in October available for our event and many of our members do not return to Phoenix until October. The search is on for finding a venue for the 2021 Spring Fling. If you have suggestions of restaurants or connections for a golf club or hotel, please contact Joyce Nolan.

## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

### New Representatives to VNSA Nonprofits' Boards

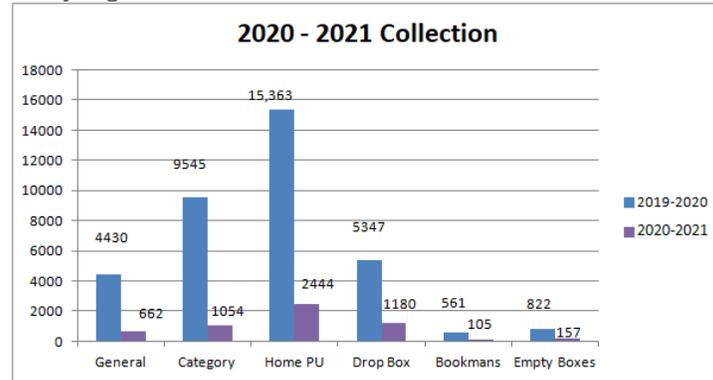
As you all know, VNSA raises money in order to give it away - what a great job! We have two primary non-profits we support each year: Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County and Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. Your Monitoring Committee manages this part of our work. Susan Goldsmith is chair of the committee and there are two representatives from VNSA to each of the non-profit boards. Each representative serves a two year term. Leading up to the 2020 sale, the representatives were Joyce Nolan and Raimie Manch to LVMC and Karin Fedo and Colleen Cotier to AFFCF.

In the coming year Joyce and Karin are finishing their terms - we thank them for their service and for helping keep us informed of the activities of both these organizations. In the coming year Raimie will be joined by Patti Fenner representing VNSA on the LVMC board and Nancy Edwards will join Colleen representing us on the AFFCF board. This is

one of the great jobs in VNSA. If you might be interested, please let Susan Goldsmith or Leslie Chesser know. Meantime, welcome Patti and Nancy to this vital part of our work.

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the year-to-date totals for the year. With the warehouse closed, numbers are obviously down. Also, I noted that I had a typo error I listed home pick-up last month as 227 instead of 2279. If you have any problems entering your hours or home pickup in the database please contact Candy on 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:  
Paperbacks does not sell any serial romance books. Please sort to Disposal.

I met a dragon face to face,  
in the year when I was 10,  
I took a trip to outer space,  
I braved a pirate's den,  
I wrestled with a wicked troll,  
and fought a great white shark,  
I trailed a rabbit down a hole,  
I hunted for a snark.

I stowed aboard a submarine,  
I opened magic doors,  
I traveled in a time machine,  
and searched for dinosaurs,  
I climbed atop a giant's head,  
I found a pot of gold,  
I did this all in books I read,  
when I was 10 years old.

Jack Prelutsky



## What We're Doing at Home Instead of Sorting Books

VNSA is full of creative and talented members. With the warehouse closed, here are a few ways our members have spent their time in quarantine. Our president, Leslie Chesser, was able to finish some UFOs. (Unfinished Projects). Paula Bostock is quite the artist and Ashley Nebelsieck and her boys [recorded her book Skyote](#) on YouTube.

I know there are other talented people in our organization. Let us know what projects you have been working on instead of sorting books.



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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

Oh Joy!! Summer is upon us which means it will be getting hot and then hotter at the warehouse. It's the time of year when we say goodbye to all of our lucky members who have someplace cool to go and to say "I'm sorry" to the ones that get to stay. Plus, this year, we have those of us who had someplace to go and couldn't because of the situation we find our world in right now. Hang in there; it will get better and we now have something to look forward to next year.

Your VNSA Board has formed a Task Force that is meeting at least once a month and is diligently working to make sure we stay safe and can also safely return to the warehouse and resume our duties. Please pay very close attention to the newsletter as very important information and updates will be made available as soon as possible. We are very fortunate to have Cindy Gruben as part of our team as she works at Sonora Quest Laboratories and has access to firsthand information and all of the current guidelines. So much news that is out there contradicts what the last news report says; it's nice to have someone who really knows and can help the rest of us.

On a couple of light notes:

1. Next time you come to the warehouse, notice that you can actually park along the street to the east of the building. The city finally came and cut down that awful tree. Thank you, Candy, for knowing who to call and getting that accomplished. Our heads thank you, as well.
2. The Arizona Republic has celebrated it's 100th year anniversary. One of the things listed to commemorate the occasion was a list of 130 reasons why we love Arizona. The VNSA Used Book Sale made number 23!! Good for us! We even beat out Camelback Mountain, Monument Valley, and Whiskey Row. Further proof that people still like to read and they like to come to our sale. Give yourselves a HUGE pat on the back – well deserved.

Remember, please only come to the warehouse if you feel safe in doing so – we want everyone to feel comfortable and never stressed.  
Take care and I hope to see all of you soon

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## Book Sale Chair

Karin Fedo

It appears that we have hit that milestone mark (100 degrees) when we cannot wait to get back into the warehouse. So, wishes do come true and the warehouse will "officially" open in June.

State & local guidelines, including restrictions on large gatherings are still in place.

Accordingly, useful information and protocols that will be in effect until further notice are below. We ask that you **respect others** by following the guidelines and **respect the protocols** as we are considering the sale, move-outs, ability to store sorted books longer than usual, etc.

#### Survey results

- There were 107 responses, 70% indicated they felt safe returning.
- Common concerns were wearing masks, maximum capacity at one time/sort distances, sanitation of common areas and contamination of books.

#### Drop boxes/"home" pick-ups

- Drop boxes will resume.
- Pick-ups WILL NOT. We are placing a moratorium on this service until end of summer.

#### Warehouse/Sorting

- No more than 10 people in the warehouse at once; mandatory masks. Signs will be posted in the warehouse with additional information (included below). These were written by our VP, Cindy, Sr. Director of Risk Management at Sonora Labs.
- We recommend you shift your normal days/times.
- Any questions around coordinating shifts, contact Betty G. at [jagandbag@aol.com](mailto:jagandbag@aol.com) or 602.320.0696.

For additional warehouse safety, we are having the common areas undergo a one-time professional cleaning. We will provide Clorox wipes and computer wipes at common areas, as gurneys, carts, computer, etc. and ask that you clean anything you've touched. Due to the store limitations, we are requesting each category bring disinfecting wipes for their area. Reimbursements should be coordinated with Sandra @ [sdstirnweis@gmail.com](mailto:sdstirnweis@gmail.com).

#### Book Sale/Categories

- Consider categories that may need additional help and reach out to Leslie @ [mrsarguy@cox.net](mailto:mrsarguy@cox.net).
- We are considering that a book sale may be cancelled or delayed due to flu season, ability to attract +300 volunteers, and any enforced restrictions that may in place.
- Consider tossing sub-standard books as we may need to store them longer than normal.

#### **NO ONE SHOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO RETURN. DO NOT CONFRONT OTHERS.**

We are asking you to self-police only; just go home if you feel unsafe.

Special thanks to Bern, Betty, Leslie, Cindy, Sandra, Paula, Joyce and Catherine for continuing to meet on a regular basis to brainstorm and provide leadership during this unusual time. You are in good hands with this team. Know that our focus continues to be our membership safety and good organizational stewardship.

#### **VNSA Return to Warehouse (RTW) Guidelines**

**Effective Monday, June 15, 2020**

- **No one is required to come to the VNSA Warehouse. Do not come to the Warehouse unless you are comfortable in doing so. No one in VNSA (Board member, Member or Patron) has the right to make you come to the Warehouse.**
- **DO NOT come to the Warehouse if you are sick. If you have a fever or are exhibiting non-allergy related respiratory symptoms, STAY HOME.**

#### **VNSA Warehouse COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

**As a VNSA Member/Patron, if you choose to work at the Warehouse, you will be required to abide by the following protocols. If at any time while at the Warehouse, you become uncomfortable, please finish up and leave.**

- **Warehouse Capacity – No more than 10 people should be working in the Warehouse at the same time.**
- **Hand Washing – Wash your hands for 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday song!) often.**
- **Cleaning/Disinfecting – A Member/Patron should disinfect all common surfaces before they start and after they are done using disinfectant provided by VNSA.**
  - **Common surfaces include:**
    - **Common touchpoints – light switches, door handles, garage door opener, computer, etc.**
    - **Bathroom**
    - **Gurneys, Pricers, Tape guns, grocery carts, small book carts**

- **Physical Distancing** – A minimum of 6-feet should be maintained between individuals at all times.
- **Masks- Members/Patrons** are required to wear masks while in the VNSA Warehouse.

Wearing a mask does not protect you, it protects everyone around you

## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

CELEBRATE! AND NOMINATE!

**Time to celebrate!** This year VNSA has \$244,000 to distribute to nonprofits in the Valley. The Monitoring Committee met and has decided that our primary nonprofits, Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation and Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County (which are both doing well financially and also doing excellent work), will each receive the same amount of money they received last year - \$116,762, leaving \$11,476 for supplemental funding.

While in the past we have presented them half the grant in September and the other half in March, the committee decided that it makes more sense to give them the entire amount in one check as soon as they submit their funding agreements. We hope to do that in June.

**This is also the time to nominate** nonprofits to receive smaller grants. We have \$11,476 for these smaller grants which we call supplemental funding. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the monitoring committee feels quite sure that by fall our local food banks will be stressed to their maximum capacity. We would like to suggest that, for this year, we focus our nominations on organizations engaged in feeding people.

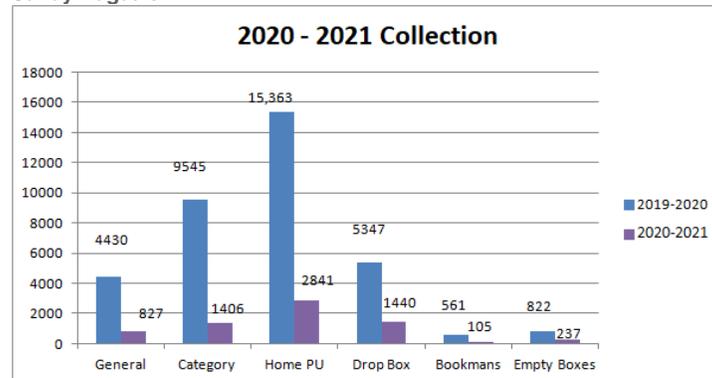
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- All submissions must be received **by August 15, 2020**; the Monitoring Committee will determine eligibility and all organizations will be on the ballot for members to vote on at the September general meeting.
- Please give your submissions to Monitoring Chair, Susan Goldsmith, send them to her by email, or place the paperwork in the Monitoring folder in the warehouse office. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at [sgoldsmith25@cox.net](mailto:sgoldsmith25@cox.net).

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## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:

All books about sign language and braille should be sorted to Foreign Language.

Classics has a list hanging by their category sign at the general sort table that provides the names of many authors that should be sorted to Classics. (The book 'Jane Austin and the Zombies' is not a classic).

"Some day you will be old enough to read fairy tales again." - C.S. Lewis



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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

It was with a sad and heavy heart when I called the meeting to order on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The entire membership had to make its toughest decision in the history of our great organization to postpone the 2021 Book Sale. I must also say how proud I am of all of you for your careful and well-thought-out questions that needed to be answered prior to casting your votes. Karin did an exceptional job fielding all of your concerns and patiently listened and took great care in making sure everyone was well informed and understood what needed to be done. On a lighter note, I think that our decision should most definitely be added to the history section of our yearbook. Not only did the Board decide unanimously to accept the Task Force recommendation, but so did the membership! I don't think that has ever happened before. Hopefully, we will never have to be put in that position again.

Now to move forward!!

It is still summer, therefore it is still HOT and HUMID in the warehouse. Those of us who are still here are wearing our masks, working away, and practicing our social distancing.

I especially like to see how everyone is helping each other in categories not their own so we don't fall behind anywhere. That is who we are! We smile; we work, and we will persevere.

Keep it up VNSA. You are totally awesome!!



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## Book Sale Chair

**Karin Fedo**

My thanks to the wonderful VNSA volunteers for attending the General Meeting to let your voice be heard. The task force has started a discussion about future options to keep the community engaged. Stay tuned for more.

Also, many of you know that the library continues to be closed to foot traffic. I thought you would find it interesting that Jason Peterson (no relation to Bern), Director of Friends of Phoenix Library, mentioned to me recently that his volunteers have not been allowed back into their facility. Appreciate everyone's cooperation and diligence in keeping the warehouse in tip-top shape!

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## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

### Supplemental Funding Nominations Needed

In the June bulletin, the Monitoring Committee called for nominations for supplemental funding grants (see below). We set a deadline for nominations of August 15th. However, given the general state of the world (and everyone wondering what day of the week it really is, or what month of the year), let's make that August 25th.

In our call for nominations, we suggested that we focus nominations on organizations (not religious or political) that provide food for people in need. This is a suggestion - not a requirement - and we welcome other nominations. The membership will vote on the nominations at our next general membership gathering. Questions? Contact Susan Goldsmith.

Here is the notice I provided in June:

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### Checks delivered and thanks received!

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County and Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation have received their checks for the year. Traditionally we have made distributions twice a year - half in the fall and half in the spring. The Monitoring Committee decided that it makes better sense to distribute the money as soon as it is available so each of our primary nonprofits received a check for \$116,762.

We have also communicated with each of the organizations that although we will not have a book sale in February 2021, barring some unusual and unforeseen event (with which we are all familiar right now!), we anticipate (but are not making a firm commitment) being able to provide a similar level of funding next year. Both directors and boards are extremely grateful for our funding every year - and this news about next year was very welcome!

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## Warehouse Snacks

Somehow during all this pandemic disruption, the snacks at the warehouse keep being replenished. Every time I go in, often bringing some kind of snack, there is something new - soda, chocolate, granola bars. So THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to however many of you have been doing that.

During this pandemic, I won't be bringing big containers of "loose" things - like Pub Mix and trail mix and potato chips. And - just a reminder - if there are snacks you want to see at the warehouse, please let Susan Goldsmith know!



## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

As the hot months continue to roll on, our members have been busy crafting. If you have a project to share, please send Joyce Nolan a picture.

Colleen Cotier is trying her hand at adding some pizzazz to flower pots and a side table.

Alison Schroder created several wall hangings and a tote.

Joyce Nolan has been busy crocheting hats- hoping cool weather will soon be here.

Candy Dugdale created folding boxes made of material and a tote.

Informal poll:

How many books have you read this summer?

How many puzzles have you put together?

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## A Message of Thanks From Carol

Dear Friends,

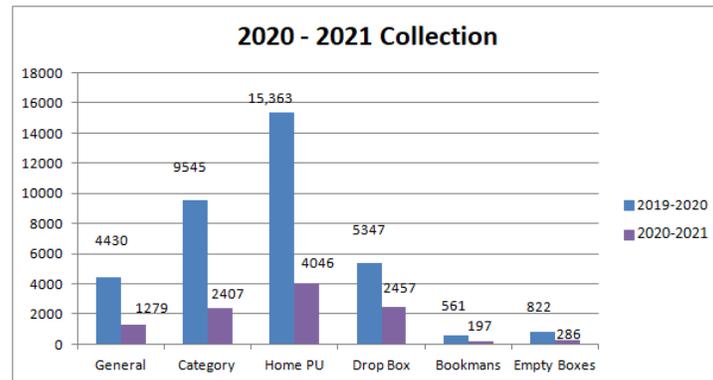
Thank you for the lovely sympathy cards I received from so many of you on the loss of my husband, Richard. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I was fortunate enough to have had 60 amazing years with Richard and my many memories of our times together will help me through this next chapter. Thank you again for thinking of me.



I look forward to seeing all of you when the world returns to somewhat normal circumstances. Until then, please stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Carol Carnicky

## Volunteer Services Candy Dugdale

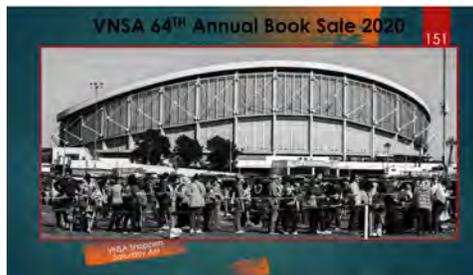


Listed Above are the warehouse totals to date. We are obviously down due to the very limited number of home pickups we are doing but looks like our dropbox pickups are up. Totals are still far down from the boxes we would normally be processing but actually a good thing since we have delayed our sale. If you have any problems logging your points for working or collections please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cd1231@cox.net](mailto:cd1231@cox.net).

## Let's Stay Connected!

### News about the Yearbook

Teri Harnisch



We share our continuing gratitude to Vista Brown and Blue Cross-Blue Shield for their renewed commitment to donate the printing of the 2020-2021 Yearbook, even though our sale has been suspended. I would like to ensure that the information in the Yearbook is accurate prior to printing. The electronic version has also been posted to the [VNSA Members Only Pages](#).

Please review the electronic copy of the 2019-2020 Yearbook and provide Teri Harnisch ([ptbharnisch@cox.net](mailto:ptbharnisch@cox.net), 602-316-3241) with any corrections to your contact and member information on or before August 9, 2020. If you do send a correction, please call or text if you do not get a confirmation from Teri that the change was received.

In these days of missing opportunities to be together socially in a larger group, what welcome timing to have access to the VNSA Photo Yearbook! Thanks to all who agreed to be photographed or submitted a photo, and to Jan McLaughlin for her hard work on completing the project, the VNSA Photo Yearbook is available for your viewing in the Members Only section of our website. Remember, the password is the numeric code to the building. If you have trouble connecting to the [Members Only pages](#), please contact Heidi Capriotti.

YOU CAN HELP add and contribute to the history in the VNSA Photo Yearbook. If you are someone who we do not have a photo for, please submit a digital file to Teri or Jan McLaughlin. If you would like to build some PowerPoint pages about VNSA sorting parties or other events in

our history from this year or years past, please contact Teri for the slides format, or feel free to develop some pages of your own and scan and share them electronically to be added to our VNSA Photo Yearbook history.

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:

Books on Metaphysical subjects should be sorted to Religion.

Books on UFO's should be sorted to Suspense.

"Books are like rivers, meandering this way and that, but taking us on a steady, flowing course to somewhere different." --Carla H. Krueger



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**VNSA Board Meeting: September 12, 2020, 9:00 am**, Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa Lynn Reed Center and by Zoom

**General Membership Meeting: September 19, 2020, 10:30 am Social, 11:00 am Business** (to be held by Zoom (see meeting information below))

**Oct. 25: Fall Fiesta, 10:30 a.m., [Aunt Chilada's Mexican Restaurant](#).** There is plenty of room to social distance. To attend, please contact Joyce Nolan at [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com) or call 602-690-8383.

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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser



It's still HOT!! We are still social distancing! We are still wearing masks wherever we go! Gee, what else is new?!

I always like to think of September as the beginning of Fall – just wish the Arizona weather did too. However, as far as VNSA is concerned, it means that it's time for our 2nd General meeting of the year. It will be held via zoom, on **Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please look for more information on it in this bulletin. Teri Harnish has graciously agreed to let us use her facility again to hold this meeting. Huge thanks to Teri. She has been a great help to me and our group in so many ways.

We will be covering a couple of very important issues during this meeting, so please mark your calendars. First, the Monitoring Committee will give us a report on our supplemental funding for this year. And, second, it's nominating time - you know, that time of year when you don't want to answer your phone if you see it's someone from VNSA. Please, please look into your hearts and give a lot of thought about what you can do to help keep our organization going strong. I can honestly say that since I first, and maybe reluctantly, became a board member, I have enjoyed doing my jobs. Mostly it was the fun of getting to know other members better. We are really a social bunch and this is one more way to do that.

I know this has been a lousy summer, but better times are ahead. I sincerely hope that you and your families are staying safe and well. Look forward to seeing all of your smiling

faces at the meeting.

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## Book Sale Chair

**Karin Fedo**

Just a quick note of thanks to everyone 'taking care of business' at the warehouse; it looks great!

As an FYI to the membership, the VNSA Task Force met on August 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss alternate pathways forward. In general, it was decided that mini-sales were not worth pursuing at this time. We also pursued alternate means of disposal which is extremely limited as vendors no longer find large book inventories a viable means of profit. Lastly, we decided that it is worth looking into online sales (again). A smaller team met again on

August 23<sup>rd</sup> to ferret out some details and we wanted to get a sense of our current membership's willingness to be involved on this transition team. Understanding that we need new skillsets, I am asking anyone who is interested or knows of non-member talent that would volunteer time to assist in media, website building, and /or general management. We are thinking we need 8-10 strong candidates. Please contact me @ [kjfedo@cox.net](mailto:kjfedo@cox.net).

Continue to stay strong. As Aesop wrote "the little reed, bending with the force of the wind, soon stood upright again when the storm had passed."

Karin

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## Monitoring Committee

**Susan Goldsmith**

### VNSA can help feed folks in need!

As you all know, the Monitoring Committee determined in the spring that we have \$11,476 for supplemental funding grants this year. We put out a call to members for nominations in June, and a reminder in August. The membership will vote on the committee's recommendation at our September 19, 2020 all member meeting.

We received one qualified nomination - [the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank](#). This food pantry is totally private and entirely staffed by nearly 100 volunteers, many retirees but also young people who assist after school. They serve residents of the PV School District. Most of the non-perishable food donations come from food drives conducted at schools in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Perishable foods are donated by groceries and others.

The website tells more: <http://www.pvefb.org>

The Monitoring Committee is very pleased to have a food bank nominee - and one that is so closely aligned with our own volunteer dependent philosophy - and our own reliance on retired folks for the work! We enthusiastically recommend that the membership approve donating the entire \$11,476 to the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank.

## General Membership Meeting Zoom Information

**Please Join us on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 10:30 am for Social, and 11:00 am for Business. Please help ensure we have a quorum to transact VNSA business by logging in and attending.**

### HOW TO LOG INTO ZOOM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020.

You can log into ZOOM video presentation from a laptop, tablet, or computer,  
OR

you can use an ANY phone and call into the meeting without using the video option.  
For either option, you will need the Meeting ID and Password below.

The meeting room will be open at 10:30 a.m., 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time to ensure attendees have time to log-in and test their audio capabilities.

To join on a computer, tablet, or smartphone with video (turning on your video is optional):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83486782916?pwd=eE9xRFYxQ2owMmRpTTdvNTFLWEdhUT09>

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Please contact Teri Harnisch ([ptbharnisch@cox.net](mailto:ptbharnisch@cox.net), cell 602-316-3241 if you have any questions about ZOOM.

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## Pricing Gun Chair

Don Maxwell

If you need help loading the pricing guns, please ask someone! We found this at the warehouse and are concerned 1.) that people may not have been taught how to load the pricers; and 2.) that tape is being wasted. One roll costs \$35, so please don't waste it! We are happy to help you load the pricers. Just ask!



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## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

The Spring Fling has become the Fall Fiesta!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 25th. Social time will start at 10:30 am.

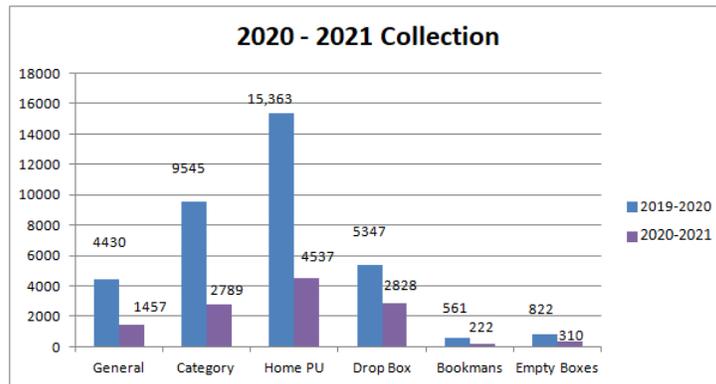
Foodservice will begin at 11:00 am. The garden patio at Aunt Chiladas is a covered outdoor facility <https://www.auntchiladas.com> There is plenty of room to social

distance. The space holds 250, but we are limiting the number of people to 50. If you have not previously signed up in March and would like to attend, please contact Joyce Nolan at [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com) or call 602-690-8383

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## Corresponding Secretary Sue Kapp

This report covers most of the summer. While I have sent a number of cards, I am very thankful that none of them have been to members having Covid-19. Please continue to stay safe from this virus!

Cards have been sent to Donna Eyring, who broke her arm, Ray Cox, who was hospitalized, Ann Cox, who had surgery, Brenda Pierce, who had surgery, Pat Cahill, who was hospitalized for treatment of an infection, and Patti Fenner, who also had surgery.

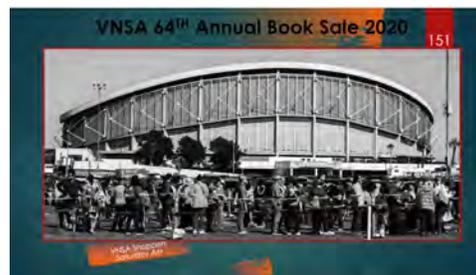
Dr. Richard Carnicky, husband of member Carol Carnicky, passed away July 17th. A sympathy card was sent to her, and a memorial donation has been made by VNSA to the Hospice Unit of Banner Health Foundation. A note has been sent to Carol to let her know about the donation.

I am always pleased to send cards and notes when they are needed. Please keep me informed so that I can do that.

## Let's Stay Connected!

## Yearbooks Available for Pick-up

Teri Harnisch



We share our continuing gratitude to Vista Brown and Blue Cross-Blue Shield for their renewed commitment to donate the printing of the 2020-2021 Yearbook, even though our sale has been suspended. Printed inserts (Yearbook only; Policies & Procedures were not changed in the last year) are available at the warehouse. If you are not able to pick-up your paper copy, you can access an electronic copy of the Yearbook on the [members' only page](#), and the password is the 4-digit warehouse code. If you are not able to pick-up your paper copy or access the electronic version, please contact Teri.

We hope you enjoy the VNSA Photo Yearbook! Thanks to all who agreed to be photographed or submitted a photo, and to Jan McLaughlin for her hard work on completing the project, the VNSA Photo Yearbook is available for your viewing also in the [members' only section of our website](#).

YOU CAN HELP add and contribute to the history in the VNSA Photo Yearbook. If you are someone who we do not have a photo for, please submit a digital file to Teri or Jan McLaughlin. If you would like to build some PowerPoint pages about VNSA sorting parties or other events in our history from this year or years past, please contact Teri for the slides format, or feel free to develop some pages of your own and scan and share them electronically to be added to our VNSA Photo Yearbook history.

Let's stay connected!

Teri Harnisch, [ptbharnisch@cox.net](mailto:ptbharnisch@cox.net), Cell 602-316-3241

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

### Do You Know:

Books about death and dying should be sorted to Relationships.

Books about burial customs should also be sorted to Relationships.

*"There is space on everyone's bookshelves for books you have outgrown but cannot give away. They hold your youth between their pages, like flowers pressed on a half-forgotten summer's day".*

- Unknown



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## Calendar of Events

### Move Out Dates

**Sunday, October 11:** Last day to bring in books - 8 p.m.

**Monday, October 12:** Category Box Count Sheets placed in category

**Saturday, October 17:** Category check out at noon

**Saturday, October 17:** Category Box Count Sheets placed in your category -  
Category check out at noon

**Wednesday, October 21:** Move Out – only Book Sale workers please

**Saturday, October 24:** Warehouse will remain closed until this date to allow time for cleaning and exterminating. Drop-offs and general sorting resumes.

**Sunday, Oct. 25: Fall Fiesta, 10:30 a.m., [Aunt Chilada's Mexican Restaurant](#).** There is plenty of room to social distance. To attend, please contact Joyce Nolan at [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com) or call 602-690-8383.

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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

Welcome to Fall!! Maybe somewhere in the state the leaves are turning colors and just maybe we will be able to turn off our air conditioning by the end of the month. One can only hope.

We had another very successful Zoom meeting last month. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Teri Harnisch for allowing us to use her office and equipment again. She was truly the mastermind behind all the electronics we needed to make it work. Zoom meetings are here to stay for a while, but I will really be glad when we can get back to being together in person.



This is going to be a very busy month for us – we have our first Move Out; the Fall Fiesta; and it's nominating time. Please pay extra attention to your newsletter as there are some very important dates that you need to remember.

As the summer draws to a close and our members start returning from their summer homes, I would again like to say a very heartfelt Thank You to all of the members who stepped up this summer to help out. It's always so nice to see how we all work so well together to get things done, whether it's the extra hour devoted to General Sorting, helping out with a category that needs help, or just bringing in some "goodies" for all of us to enjoy. Always remember to wear your masks and I know there are a lot of smiles underneath them.

Take care and stay cool!

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## Book Sale Chair

Karin Fedo

Hi fellow readers,

According to Aesop, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." As we sludge through the lingering days of summer, the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the pandemic, and shake off the muck of that embarrassing first debate, I encourage you to continue to be kind. Though all different shades of humanity, what binds us together is that we are a community of life-long givers. We know that we are here today because of the 64 years of givers who came before us. We ask that you be kind to those of us who are interested in preparing the future of VNSA. We are new to VNSA and need your support. VNSA is not immune to what is happening all around us and we need to prepare to pivot our sources of revenue should social conditions force our hand. On that note, we had a really good showing of hands from the VNSA PT2025 call to action. A healthy 13 people stepped up (two have since dropped off), making for a total of 14 that will kick this initiative off. We are excited to announce that our goal is to bring a rough sketch phased project plan to the board within 90 days. We will focus on 3 areas: Marketing/Media, Fundraising, and Volunteer/Outreach support. There is still time to join. Our meeting information is below in case you curious.

Topic: PT2025 Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 10, 2020 09:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86557148698?pwd=VnhQNmQyTmVqZF AveCjQUtVS05HUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 5714 8698

Passcode: 879559

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## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

The Spring Fling has become the Fall Fiesta!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 25th. Social time will start at 10:30 a.m. Food service will begin at 11:00 a.m. The garden patio at [Aunt Chiladas](#) is a covered outdoor facility. There is plenty of room to social distance. The space holds 250, but we are limiting the number of people to 50. If you did not previously sign up in March and would like to attend, please contact Joyce Nolan at [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com) or call 602-690-8383

Our holiday coffee is on hold. We are looking for an outdoor location. If you have any interest in hosting the holiday coffee in your backyard, please contact Joyce Nolan

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## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

Yay for our supplemental funding this year! At the September VNSA meeting, members voted to donate supplemental funding of \$11,476 to the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank. The food bank serves families in the attendance area of the Paradise Valley School District (which includes parts of North Phoenix and of Scottsdale but has no schools in the Town of Paradise Valley). The interim director, Kay Norris, is thrilled with our contribution. They traditionally rely on schools and congregations to do food drives which aren't happening and, of course, demand in this time of pandemic and unemployment is way up. So they must now buy some of the food they give to families in need of assistance so the added income is most welcome. The food bank sends many thanks to us all!

Some of you will remember that we usually present the supplemental funding checks to the recipients at the holiday party - but since the party is in doubt and since the need is now, we are sending the check now and will invite food bank representatives to the spring luncheon.

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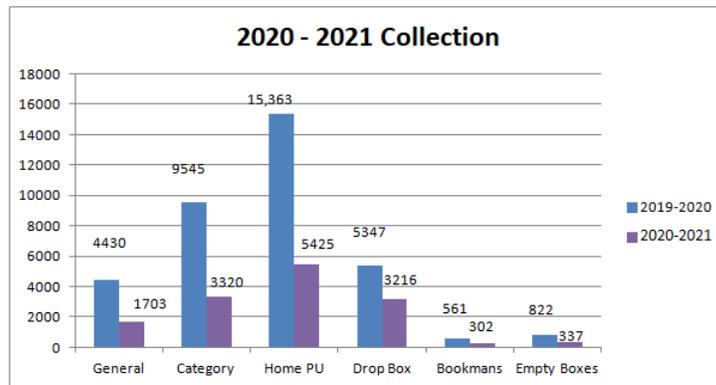
## Corresponding Secretary

Sue Kapp

VNSA received a lovely note from Carol Carnicky thanking members for the support she received at the passing of her husband Richard, and for the donation from the group in his memory to Banner Health Hospice Center. I was not notified that anyone needed a card or a note, so I hope that means we are all being careful and doing well.

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## Volunteer Services Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the totals year to date for the warehouse. If you have any problems entering your hours or collections please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

## Category Quiz Shirley Allen

### Do You Know:

All computer games should be sorted to Sports, including DVDs and CDs.

Law books should be sorted to Disposal except for Law Dictionaries because Law books do not sell. Law Dictionaries are good sellers at the book sale and should be sorted to Dictionaries.

"The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts and the stupid ones are full of confidence." -- Charles Bukowski



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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

We finally get to welcome in our Fall season – it sure took long enough. But, we are glad it's finally here. The coolers will be turned off by next week, so please, pay attention and do NOT try to turn them on as of Monday, Nov. 2nd.



Move Out went really smoothly and quickly. Candy had "Murphy's Law" hanging over her head every step of the way, but managed to persevere. She did a fabulous job of organizing the entire operation and we were done in 3 hours. That's a lot of boxes to load in that short time, but we all worked together and got it done. A job very well done and I sincerely thank you, Candy.

Soapbox Time. The only problem that occurred was with our own people. When we say that the warehouse is closed for Move Out, that's exactly what we mean. There are notices in the newsletter, hotmails that go out, and signs all over the warehouse. Pay Attention!!! Every foot of space in the warehouse is used when we move the boxes out and when people ignore the rules and we find gurneys filled with boxes, it just makes it harder. Now we have to stop what we are supposed to be doing and figure out where to put boxes that need to be sorted and are in the way. Please, please, please do NOT bring boxes in when we are moving out. It really creates an unnecessary nuisance. Thank You.

November is a time for giving and what better way than to share. The Monitoring committee had two suggestions for supplemental funding for this year and decided on one. I really like it when our members take the time to submit an organization that can use our help, so I have picked the other nominee for my Holiday charity. Arizona Pet Project is focused on supporting and improving the physical, social and emotional health of the entire family, both two and four-legged, with a concentration on supporting Maricopa County's most vulnerable residents. Pet ownership is not a luxury, rather a necessity for improving health outcomes, stability, and quality of life. Nobody should have to decide between relinquishing their pets and a place to live. We can give Target gift cards to them and they can then use them in whatever capacity they need. This is a small way to help keep pets with their owners. Towards the end of the month, I will have a pretty gift box in the office at the warehouse so we can deposit our Target gift cards there. Since we cannot have a Holiday party this year, Jane Rasor (she is the one that brought this organization to our attention) and I will personally deliver the cards to their offices in the middle of December. I thank you all in advance for your always generous and continuous support in helping any charity.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

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## Book Sale Chair Karin Fedo

### De-mystifying Move-out

We had another great Move-out thanks to Candy, Dave, Betty, Joyce, Alison, Matt H., Leslie, and family recruits Andy and Sam. Being my first, I now know the true importance of “levelers” (basically, we stack 5 or 6 rows of boxes onto a pallet. If you have one box packed slightly below the lip and one box slightly above the lip, the rows will be uneven and topple over – consistency is key!). For the low price of \$500 (and the high value of no VNSA injuries), six gentlemen from Joseph’s movers had us palletized by 10:30 am.

Fast facts:

- We get about 35 apple or 56 citrus boxes onto one pallet
- We get 22 pallets stacked onto one semi-trailer
- We packed 3 semi-trailers
- I ate 2 donuts



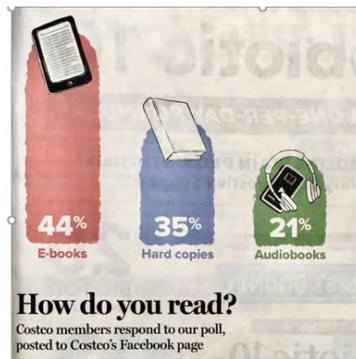
### VNSA 2025 Taskforce

The official mission statement of VNSA is to *provide financial support to human service agencies in Maricopa County* through an annual book sale. I have been on the Board for four years and, yet, I didn’t know that.

While I am grateful that we support two very worthy charities who have their own fundraising efforts, I am proud that VNSA provides low-cost books to people who may not have any other way to get them.

While I don’t believe physical books will ever go away, how people get their books has changed. And I personally want VNSA to be well-positioned to handle those micro-disruptions to the booksellers’ market.

Fellow Costco-lovers may have seen this statistic in their most recent magazine. I bet this statistic looked different 10, or even just 5 years ago.



Even though I have a landline, in our household we answer it less than 5% of the time that it rings. Communication has expanded to a level that landlines cannot handle. I still recall “the brick” cell phones and old-guard companies who initially refused to invest in this fangled gizmo.

The purpose of the task force is not to eliminate the AMAZING physical sale. In fact, the main reason I stay with VNSA is because of February. Can I hear an Amen?! We are not reducing socials; we are looking to expand them.

Our mission must expand if we are to survive. Our priority must be to tap into the 400+ volunteers who have already proven their interest in supporting VNSA. Our transition must include having the infrastructure to support more than just an annual sale.

Imagine how much more we could do for our community of volunteers, teachers, children, and fellow book-lovers. Imagine people who would love to devote time, talent, and money to support our cause and yet we haven't asked. We have been successful for 65 years. Let's invest in the future so that we can be successful for another 65 years.

Our task force has met, separated into two groups, and gathered some initial research.

We meet again as a large group on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We are taking the next 75 days to brainstorm ideas, research the most viable few, and put together a high-level plan of what it would take to execute those ideas. That plan will be brought to the Board for funding & resource approval.

There is still room in the groups if you would like to sign on and be assigned tasks to assist. We welcome all members!

## Nominating Committee

### Ginny Fields

The VNSA Nominating Committee presents the slate of officers for the coming year:

President	Sandra Stirnweis
Vice President	Matt Hinrichs
Recording Secretary	Candy Dugdale
Corresponding Secretary	Pam Brown-Elwood
Treasurer	Steve Radvak
Ways and Means	Karin Fedo

We will vote on this slate of officers at our January meeting.

## Social Committee

### Joyce Nolan

As we slowly return to the warehouse, please remember to wear your name tag. With half our faces covered and our COVID hairstyles, it can be a challenge to recall names. We have new members ready to join, and it would be beneficial for them as well.

If you have misplaced your name tag or want a new style please contact Joyce Nolan. [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com), or 602-690-8383

The three fabulous styles are :

clip \$7.00

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Put your payment in the treasurer's folder and include a note as to whom and what the payment should be applied.

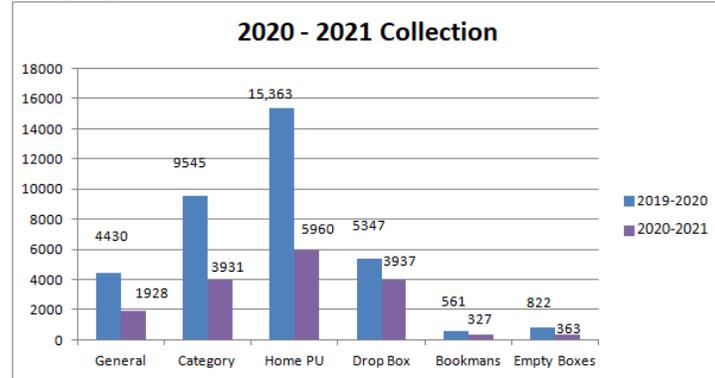
## Corresponding Secretary

## Sue Kapp

During the month of October, I received no requests for get-well or thinking-of-you cards, so I am cautiously optimistic that our members are taking care of themselves and staying well. I am always ready to send cards when needed, but please let me know, as I do not have ESP!

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Above are the year-to-date totals for the warehouse. This is a little more than 8 months of collecting and sorting, and in most categories we are at about 40% of a normal year, if there is such a thing as normal. If you have any problems entering your time or collection information into the system please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

### Do You Know:

Books about books should be sorted to Treasures. This includes such titles as "The 100 Greatest Books Ever Written," "Adventures in Literature," etc.

Biographical novels should be sorted to Biography.

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them".

-- Mark Twain



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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!! I hope your Thanksgiving was an enjoyable one. Whether you spent it with family, friends, or just by yourself, I hope you had a safe and not too stressful a day.



As we now head into the "Holiday Rush" please remember that my President's Charity, the Arizona Pet Project, gift box container is in the office. You have until December 15 to place your Target gift card in the bag. Unfortunately, we cannot have our traditional Holiday Party, so Jane Razor and I will deliver the cards to Leanna Taylor at her office. Look into your hearts and give generously (as you always do) to this wonderful organization. 'Tis the season to give. Thanks!

As this year ends, my wish for all of you is for a very happy holiday season – one that is safe and one where we all stay healthy. Let us pray that next year we do not have to learn more new words, like Coronavirus or COVID-19. It will truly be a Christmas gift if we don't have to use those words again. Also, that Social Distancing will become a thing of the past and we can start to celebrate our wonderful organization together again.

May God Bless all of you and have a very Merry Christmas!

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## Book Sale Chair

Karin Fedo

The VNSA 2025 task force continues to diligently research creative ways to keep VNSA engaged in its core mission to sell books and support our charities. The workgroups have brainstormed many ideas, some of which are simple to implement at no cost, and others require additional planning. One no-cost idea we have fully vetted is the "pop-up sales". This suggestion as well as some recommended enhancements to the website will be brought to the January Board meeting for their input and approval.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone for their efforts in performing tedious research and creating a game plan.

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## Monitoring Committee

Susan Goldsmith

We want you to know how you might make a tax credit contribution to Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. AFFCF is eligible for the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit. An individual may make up to a \$500 contribution and joint filers may make gifts up to \$1000 and that donation is returned in a dollar-for-dollar CREDIT on your Arizona state taxes.

This [link to the AFFCF donation form](#) will give you the information you need to make a Foster Care tax credit donation to AFFCF.

Tax credits are a great way to benefit eligible organizations but they can be complicated. Please do consult your tax advisor for complete details about tax credits.

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County is a qualifying charitable organization under the Arizona Tax Credit program. As a taxpayer, you have the opportunity to make contributions to LVMC. Tax credits provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your income tax liability. The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is independent of the Public Education Tax credit. You can take advantage of both on your tax return. Use Arizona Form 321, "Credit for Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations" to claim your tax credit. Enter QCO Code 20480 when taking the tax credit on your income tax returns. The credit limit is \$400 for a single taxpayer and up to \$800 per married couple.

You may mail your donation to:

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County  
729 E Hatcher Road  
or you may donate online  
[Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County](#)

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## Corresponding Secretary

### Sue Kapp

Gary Fields, husband of long time member, Ginny Fields, died December 6. Last month he had broken bones in his leg and spent some time in a rehab facility to gain strength so he could return home. A celebration of life will be held at some future time. In the meantime, Ginny would appreciate cards and notes.

### Ginny Fields

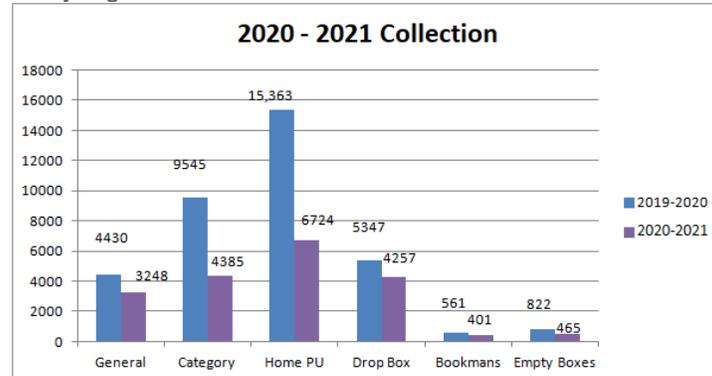
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Get well cards were sent to member Shari Epand and her husband Don, who have been affected by Covid. We wish them continuing recoveries.

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## Volunteer Services

### Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the totals year-to-date for the warehouse. I will cutover for the next calendar year on February 1st, which is pretty much in line with when we would have moved out and placed a new database in the warehouse. If you have any questions about how to enter your hours or need a correction please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

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## Category Quiz

### Shirley Allen

**Do You Know:** Books on Etiquette should be sorted to House and Garden.

Funny novels should be sorted to either Fiction or Good Read, depending on the copyright date of the book. **Funny novels should not be sorted to Humor.**

"She gathered books like clouds and words poured down like rain". - Unknown



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