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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, Jan. 5:** VNSA Board meeting, 11 a.m. at Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation, 360 E. Coronado Rd., #190, Phoenix.

**Saturday, Jan. 12:** VNSA General Member meeting, 10:30 a.m. social, 11:00 a.m. meeting, at Community of Christ Church, [4224 N 44th St, Phoenix](#).

**Thursday, January 17:** Deadline for books to warehouse.

**Friday, January 18:** Final Sorting party hosted by Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation.

**Sign up now** to get your preferred Book Sale shifts (members are required to work at least 3 shifts between Sat., Feb. 9 and Sun., Feb. 10.)

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

# From the President's Perch

**Heather Rayner**

## VNSA Holiday Party

Thank you ALL for the warmth, joy, comfort, and care you shared with one another, our charities, and our community at the Holiday Party in December. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and/or a gift card to the New Life Center.

It was a wonderful event hosted by Marian Ragel at her home, along with her 'Elves,' Judy Bender and Trish Henry.

*Photo: Judy Bender, Marian Ragel, and Trish Henry hosted the VNSA Holiday Party at Marian's home. Heather Rayner, president, joins them.*

I especially enjoyed our holiday entertainment brought to us by the Beginning Hand Bell Choir of the North Scottsdale United Methodist Church. Our very own past president Joyce Nolan led it. Thank you very much, Joyce, for bringing your talented friends for our entertainment!



## Book Sale 2019 Changes

Last week our quilting members Shirley Allen and Candy Dugdale let us know there was a possible conflict with our set up weekend and the annual Quilt show. The Fairgrounds did indeed schedule the Quilt show through Saturday night, February 2nd in the exhibit hall.

Book sale chair Angela Cade, Set up Chair Paula Bostock, Joyce Nolan and I have been working on options.

We will be presenting our ideas to the board this Saturday. As soon as we have a plan approved by the board I will have a Hotmail sent out to let the membership know what the plan is.

## General Membership Meeting

Please plan to attend our general membership meeting on January 12, 2019, to begin our final preparations for the sale and to vote on our upcoming 2019 officers.

This meeting is more important than ever with the changes in this year's sale. So please attend and get all the information from Book Sale Chair Angela Cade and her co-chairs

Betty Gerodimos and Suzanne Piper. Copies of the book sale pamphlet will be available for everyone.

The meeting begins with a social at 10:30 and the general meeting at 11 a.m. Please sign up at the warehouse to bring an item for the social.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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## Vice President's News

### Julia Lunn

"Volunteerism is the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for financial reward." Dictionary.com

VNSA relies on you for the continued success of our organization. We are fiscally responsible to assure proceeds from the annual used book sale go to Maricopa charities. Some of our apple and citrus boxes have been around for years. We work without heat in the winter and without air conditioning in the summer.



"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." Sherry Anderson

As a total volunteer organization, at one time or another, we are needed to help in leadership roles. We cannot rely on the same people to continue year after year to serve. Who knew I would be Vice President? Not me! I wanted to be a worker bee in my category. Now I am thankful for the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people on the board of directors as well as other VNSA members. I have learned a lot (and still have a lot to learn.)

The Nominating Committee, Char Smith (Chairperson), Leslie Chessser, Debbie Gilman, Raimie Manch, and Sandra Stirnweis was responsible for presenting a slate of candidates for the 2019 board of directors. Thank you for a job well done!

The nominees are: President, Leslie Chessser; Vice President, Cindy Gruben; Treasurer, Sandra Stirnweis; Corresponding, Secretary Sue Kapp; Recording Secretary, Catherine Mallen; Ways and Means, Angela Cade. Thank you for your willingness to serve. You are awesome!

Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting, January 12, 2019. Additional

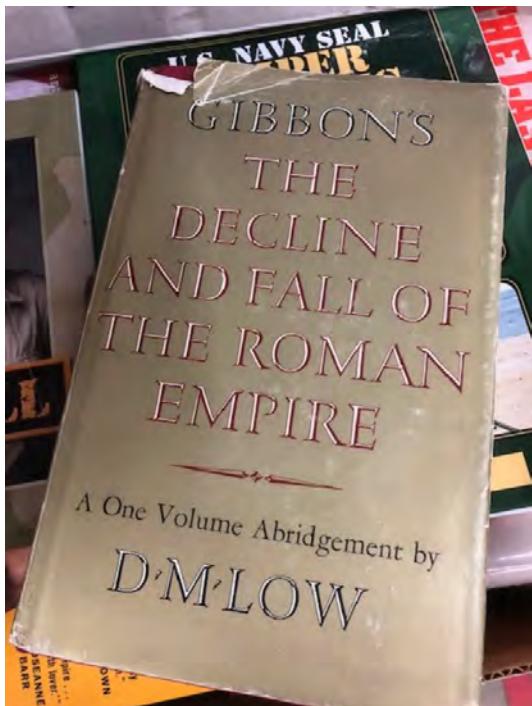
nominations may also be presented at this time.

During the morning of the meeting, there will be a table set up to review your VNSA Medical Emergency Form. Please note any changes in address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts, and physician contact.

In addition, there will be a station to pay your dues for 2019. I will process your checks, note any changes, and give check/monies to the Treasurer. If you desire to change your status, e.g. from Patron to Active Member or vise versa, I will take your written request and present it to the board.

Warp speed continues.....what happened to 2018?

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy, and a Safe New Year!



In Oct., I was working alone in my category (HWP), and was in the process of discarding books that I knew wouldn't sell. I was tossing the rejects into a shopping cart when I picked up an old and tattered copy of *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*. This is not exactly a big seller, so we keep only the most pristine copies and I prepared to send it flying into the cart. Some impulse made me stop and thumb through the book. When I opened the cover, I was surprised to see that someone had carefully cut into the pages and hollowed out space. Inside that cavity rested what I first thought was Monopoly money. Upon closer examination, I determined that the money was real! There were four packets of new \$100 bills totaling \$4,000. Fortunately, the owner of the book had placed an address label inside the cover, and he had an unusual name. He had also placed a note inside the book, instructing the recipient to share the news with her siblings, all of whom were named. Armed with that information, I was able to track down the family in less than ten minutes. I spoke to the man's daughter, and she arranged to meet me at the warehouse within the hour. To my surprise, her father (the owner of the book) came with her! She was

understandably exasperated by what he had done and insisted that he give us a reward.

He willingly peeled off a \$100 bill, but would not accept a receipt. He denied having put money inside of any other book, but our category workers will be flipping through any large books we put out at the sale! Before you toss a book, take a peek inside. You never know what you might find! --Cathy McAllister

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## Treasurer's News

Cartha Cassel

Please see the [P&L statement as of Dec. 29, 2018](#). If you have any questions contact Cartha at [cartha1@cox.net](mailto:cartha1@cox.net).

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### BOOKMANS PICKUP TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

VNSA has a five (5) person team that shares the responsibility of the Bookmans (8034 N 19th Ave, Phoenix 85021) pickup on Sundays. Each person takes one Sunday a month. Responsibilities include bringing boxes to Bookmans, packing the books and transporting them back to the warehouse. The average pick up is between 20-25 boxes and takes about 90 minutes to two hours.

There is an opening in this group for the fifth Sunday of the month starting in March of 2019. Please contact Joyce Nolan at 602-690-8383 if you would like to join the Bookmans team.

## Book Sale Committee

Angela Cade, Betty Gerodimos & Suzanne Piper

Happy New Year to all from the Book Sale Committee. It's hard to believe we are in a new year. December was a busy month. We had several large pickups and a wonderful Sorting Party sponsored by AV, Health and Religion. Once again, we made a serious dent in the stack as we approach the end of the year.

Please note the following **important** dates:

Saturday, January 12, 2019 - General Member meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019 - Deadline for books to warehouse

Friday, January 18, 2019 - Final Sorting party

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - Category final checkout

Saturday, January 26, 2019 - Final move out of books from warehouse

Saturday, January 26, 2019 - Friday, February 9, 2019 - **WAREHOUSE CLOSED**

Sunday, February 10, 2019 - Warehouse open for drop-off only. No sorting.

VNSA Gift Certificates will be available for sale at the Salad Luncheon in January.

We are on our way to another great book sale and I appreciate the efforts of everyone throughout the year to make it as successful as possible. I look forward to seeing everyone at the General Meeting in January.

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Back Surgeries!

Health Issues!

Small cars!

My dropbox teams are dropping like flies. I desperately need help with several drop boxes, especially West Side drop box at 107th Avenue and Peoria. It is a 3-4-hour round trip for me from north Phoenix.

Please step up and help.

Call Pam Brown-Elwood at 602-493-5103

Thank you!

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## Personnel Chair

Cathy McAllister

A big thank you to the nearly 150 of you who have completed the sign-up form to work the 63rd VNSA Book Sale! If you have not signed up, please don't wait, as I expect a surge of signups now that the holiday season is over. Even if you "always" work a certain position, I have no way of knowing what you want to do this year or how many shifts you will work. Please remember that Saturday morning is the most popular shift, so encourage your volunteers to choose a Saturday afternoon shift or either shift on Sunday.

You may not realize that even if all of our members signed up to work four shifts, we would only have 50% of the help we need to put together the sale. Each year we need at least 950 shifts, so please continue to recruit your family and friends! Without enough workers, we won't be able to staff the necessary positions and our customers will be unhappy. Use the link below to sign up friends and family, completing one form per person volunteering.



Please make sure they list you as their sponsor to ensure you get them a parking pass. If you have questions or any trouble with our signup form, please call me at 602-795-1618 and leave a message.

### **Saturday, February 9**

Saturday AM 8 am to 1 pm

Saturday PM 1 pm to 6 pm

### **Sunday, February 10**

Sunday AM 8 am to 12 noon

Sunday PM 12 noon to 4 pm

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

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## **Corresponding Secretary**

**Barb Simonick**

Happy New Year everyone! Here are the correspondences that went out in December. Remember the old request, if you hear it, please let me know.

12/12/18 A get well card was sent to Patti Fenner who was recently hospitalized for knee replacement surgery.

12/18/19 Received a thank you letter from Outreach International for the contribution we made for Heather Rayner's Mother passing, Donna Clisby.

12/18/19 Received a thank you letter from the Bartlett and Meyer families for the contribution made to the Donor Network due to the passing of Toni Bartlett's, daughter of Jeannie Meyer and sister of Lori Meyer.

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## **Monitoring Committee**

**Joyce Nolan**

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County is a Qualifying Charitable Organization under the Arizona Tax Credit program. 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 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.

Your donation to Literacy Volunteers helps provide needed services to adults in Maricopa County. 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

**Mail check or money order to:**

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Inc.

Attention: Accounts Receivable

729 E. Hatcher Road

Phoenix, AZ 85020

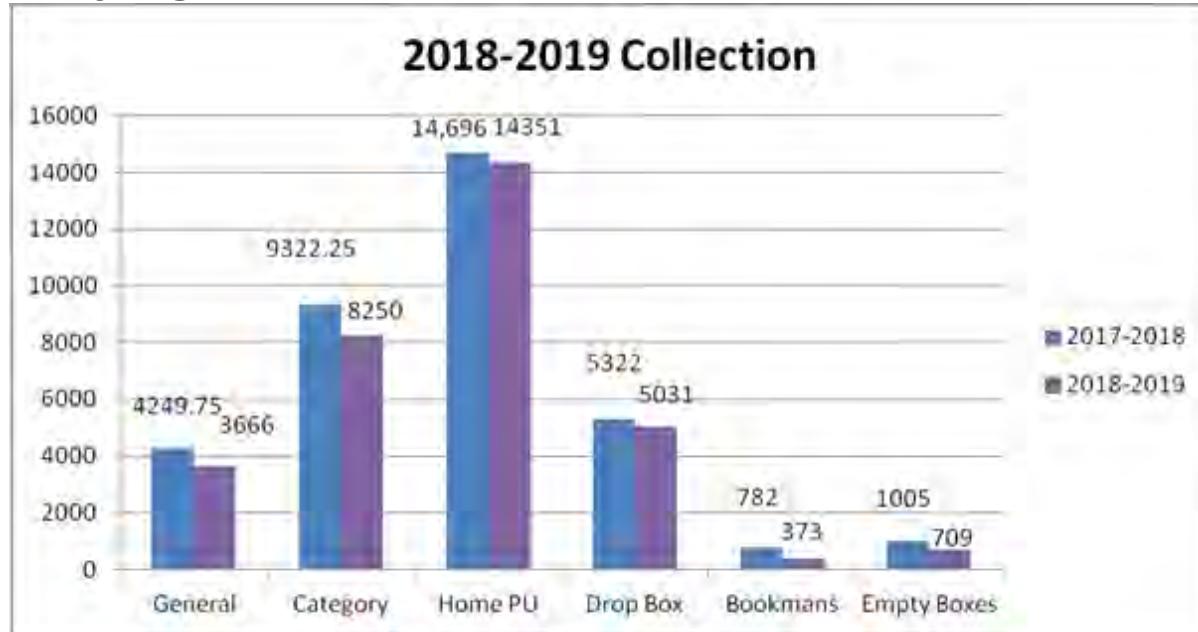
Or you can donate online by clicking on the link below:



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## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Above are the year-to-date totals for the warehouse. We are tracking pretty close to last year's totals with 3 more weeks of sorting ahead of us. If you have any problems with entering your time in the warehouse computer please contact [Candy Dugdale](#) at 602-571-1329.

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# Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know:

You can't always tell a book by its cover. Sometimes a cover with a picture of a famous comedian might be a book about business strategy, not humor, and a book with a cake on the cover might be about relationships and not a cookbook. Take a look at the back or the inside cover to determine the correct category.

Category signs are there to help you. If the sign says "no magazines", please don't add to their workload by sorting magazines to that category.

We've received several large donations of new books this year. One donation includes multiple copies of books written by Erma Bombeck and another large donation, originally used for a marketing campaign, was for copies of Guinness Book of World Records 2018. Due to the large number of these books, they will be used for special projects for VNSA as well as being available at the sale.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". ---Dr. Seuss



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m.: VNSA Joint Board Meeting, The Reed Center, Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, 729 East. Hatcher Road, Phoenix

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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - Hope you all have a good one. This year, unfortunately, we won't get to spend it together doing what we love the best – selling our precious books.

Since one of the days of the sale for 2021 would have fallen on Valentine's Day, I think we should all reach out to someone in VNSA that we haven't seen or talked to for a while and just check-in and say hi. It is another great way to keep us all connected.



During the holiday season, I chose the charity of Arizona Pet Projects, and they sent us a beautiful thank you that I would like to share with all of you:

"We were tremendously touched by the generosity of the VNSA in what has been a heartbreaking difficult year for so many. Our clients are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, leaving little to nothing for the purchase of basic supplies for their pets. Target and Visa gift cards will allow us to help them in ways our other funding does not allow for. We can purchase cat litter, prescription medications, flea and tick treatment, to name just a few of the items we often take for granted but these families suffer without. Thank You."

Our Monitoring Committee also made a request to the Board for additional funding to be made to a food bank in the area. So many people have struggled this past year, and it was just another way that we could help our neighbors. The Board approved sending the proposal to the members, and, in turn, the proposal was approved by the membership. Members were all given an opportunity to vote for the recipient from four different food banks compiled by the Finance Committee. With almost 70 members voting, two of the charities came in just a couple votes apart. I contacted Susan, our monitoring chair, and asked her opinion of what to do. We decided instead of giving \$5,000.00 to one food bank, it should be divided between the two that received the most votes. So, Caring Coalition "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" and Honor Health Desert Mission Food Bank will each receive a check for \$2,500.00. I think that will make their Valentine's Day extra special. Thank you all who took the time to read about the nominees and participate in the survey.

Remember to stay safe and take care of yourselves. Keep "happy thoughts" going for those of us in need right now. Because every day with a book is slightly better than one without.

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## A Report on VNSA Task Force 2025

### Karin Fedo, Book Sale Chair

For 65 years, VNSA has delivered value in the community by providing books for all ages, for all genres, and for all income levels. Our proceeds support two deserving charities whose goal includes training future readers.

VNSA could not have done any of this without the support of our fans.

So, we're expanding. Expanding availability of books to everyone, at any time, so that we can continue for the next 65 years. That expansion will be in the forms of two new venues: "pop-up" sales designed to keep our name current and relevant in the community during these "long, winter" months and online sales designed to supplement our Annual February event.

### **Pop-up sale**

"Pop-up" or "Market" sales is an opportunity to raise funds, sell books that would otherwise be discarded and increase awareness of VNSA and our mission.

While it is not safe to start now, we are hoping to in the next few months as vaccinations increase and COVID cases decrease.

We are looking for suggestions from members and volunteers for markets we might target such as farmers markets, flea markets, vintage markets, etc. Even more we want to find out who would be interested in being part of this effort. We are ready to attempt the Chandler Farmers Market, which is held every Saturday, as soon as it's safe.

We are asking categories to provide popular books, in excellent condition, that you would otherwise discard. Save a book from being pulped!

If you have a market to suggest, would like to participate or would just like to hear more, please contact Rene Bryant at [renebryant@outlook.com](mailto:renebryant@outlook.com) or call 480-290-0009 (Cell) or 480-883-3829 (Home).

### **Online sales**

On Jan 26th, category chairs received an email from Bern Peterson requesting 10 books. These books will be available to our members in the coming months. The initial sales are a pilot program designed to work out any kinks in the system.

The focus these books should be books that our members would buy on the Wednesday pre-sale. Saleable, current books and/or classic books that always find a new readership. Why wait until Feb 2022, let's bring in that \$5 today!

The members will be asked not only to support the sales initiative but also to provide your input in the form of constructive recommendations to make this effort viable and sustainable.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Paula Bostock at [pollifrog@cox.net](mailto:pollifrog@cox.net) or text 602-703-8561 or Karin Fedo at [karinfedo@cox.net](mailto:karinfedo@cox.net) or 602.377.3733

As we know more, we will share it with you all. Thank you to ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS for your continued support and patience. YOU make all the difference!

Karin Fedo  
Book Sale Chair

## Welcome Board Members

**As of April 1, 2021, the VNSA Executive Officers (elected by vote of the general membership on January 16, 2021 ([CLICK HERE](#) to read the Minutes):**

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



At the January 9, 2021 Board Meeting, the VNSA Board adopted a change to the Standing Rules, Article I, Section 2.2, Officers, to read:

"2. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties and responsibilities as of the beginning of the new fiscal year (April 1st)."

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## Corresponding Secretary Sue Kapp



I have kept the postal system busy this month! A second get well card was sent to Patricia Cahill when her hospital stay lengthened, and a sympathy card was sent to her family when she passed away. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Sandie Straub and a gracious thank you note was received from her family in return. Those families, as well as the family of Gary Fields, husband of member Ginny Fields, have let us know to which charities they wish to have a memorial donation made and VNSA is making a donation pursuant to their wishes. For any member interested, those selected charities are: The

charity for Gary Fields is Arizona Paralyzed Veterans, 5501 N 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013. The charity for Pat Cahill is HALO, Helping Animals Live On, 615 Albany Street, Little Falls, NY 13365. The charity for Sandie Straub is the Heard Museum, 2301 N Central, Phoenix, AZ, 85004.

Get well cards were sent to Heather and Ron Rayner, who suffered from COVID, and recent reports have them on the mend.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of former long-time member Nancy Kelley, who passed away in California.

In most recent news (happening this week), VNSA shares sympathy with member Nancy Edwards on the passing of her husband, C. A. Edwards.

The daughter-in-law of Janice Jones in Fiction has died of COVID. Her name was Pauline Jones. Cards and other expressions of condolence may be sent to Janice's home at:

13221 W Virginia Avenue, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

At the membership meeting on January 16, 2021, Ginny Fields expressed her heartfelt thanks to all of the membership for their support and kindness following the passing of her husband, Gary, and her own recovery from surgery.

Please continue to let me know when anyone needs a card, or even a cheerful phone call. I am happy to that.

Sue Kapp.

## **Be an Important Part of VNSA Communications-- Looking for Bulletin and Hotmail Volunteer(s)**

**Leslie Chesser**

**As shared at the General Meeting, after many years and hundreds of Hotmails, VNSA Member Alison Schroeder is handing over the reins on Hotmails. All of the VNSA communications to members (both Bulletins and Hotmail) will be sent from this e-mail platform (Mailchimp) moving forward.**

**In addition, Bulletin Chair, Heidi Capriotti, is supporting the website and technology needs of the 2025 Task Force, and VNSA is looking for a Bulletin assistant to train on MailChimp and support the Bulletin development.**

**At this time, Teri Harnisch is helping in these roles, and is available to help**

**train and support any member who can volunteer for either or both roles.**

**If you can help fill either roles, please contact Leslie, 602-361-4160. If you have questions about what learning and using the MailChimp platform entails, please contact Teri, 602-316-3241.**



THANK YOU, ALISON! VNSA could never repay your dedication to our members and keeping us connected--too many Hotmails and years of service to give an accurate count-- yet you probably know the number.

## Collections

## Jan & Mac McLaughlin

### VNSA Collections & COVID-19

As I am sure you are aware, VNSA has not been scheduling home book pick-ups or recommending deliveries to our warehouse since last March. Despite these restrictions, approximately 57% of the 2019-20 boxes collected totals have been achieved in 2020-21, mostly through the drop boxes. In addition, about 1/3 of the boxes we will take to the 2022 sale have been moved out to storage.

While it is far too soon to go back to normal, we have discussed interim collections standards when we reopen VNSA. When we deem it is safe to reopen, the following standards will be followed:

--- Book pick-ups will be limited to an amount that can be collected by one person, in one vehicle. Larger donations must be split, to accommodate this requirement.

— All boxes must be placed outside. VNSA volunteers will not enter the home or have contact with anyone in the home.

— If a receipt is requested, it will be provided electronically.

The implementation of this modified collections process will be decided at a later date, when the number of new COVID-19 cases has declined and the vaccine is readily available for our members.

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## Welcome New Members

Cindy Gruben

February is usually a very busy month for VNSA and all of our members and patrons. We won't be able to share our love of books with all of the book lovers that usually attend the book sale this year but we can continue to support each other, our charities and the individuals that have made the decision to join the VNSA community. I am pleased to share our new members with you, as well as the categories they will be working within.



Please introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them in the warehouse.

- Angie Cox - History, War & Politics
- Jay Sosna - History, War & Politics
- Judy Mielke - House & Garden
- Art Pizzo - House & Garden

- Carol Dresner - Good Read
- Leesa Wicker - Suspense
- Jonathan Massey - Health
- Sue Burns - Fine Arts
- Dawn Gregson - General Sort

Visit the members' only webpage at [vnsabooksale.org](http://vnsabooksale.org) and log-in to access contact information for these new members (who will be included in the Yearbook for 2021-2022).

## A Friendly Dues Reminder!

**Cindy Gruben**

**It is that time of year again.....time to pay your membership dues!**

**Member Dues = \$25**

**Patron Dues = \$50**

**Please Make Checks payable to VNSA and mail to  
VNSA  
2336 E. Mulberry Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85016**

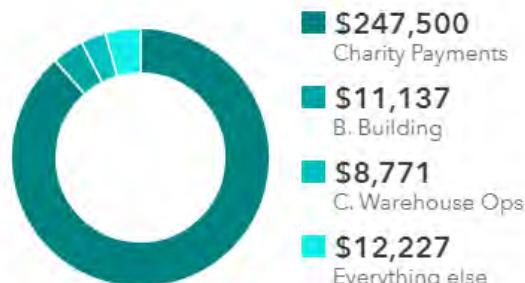
**OR**

**Place in the Vice President “DUES” folder in the Office at the Warehouse.**

## Treasurer

**Sandra Stirnweis**

I am still working my way around in QuickBooks, but here is a snapshot of where we have spent our money over the last year. As you can see the majority of our expenses have been for payments to our service organizations. Other than that, it's just daily operations stuff. We did set up a new petty cash account for use with electronic transactions (which is why "everything else" is so high; \$10,000.00 was the initial seed money) and removed the debit card from our main account. We are also in the process of setting up a restricted account for online sales.



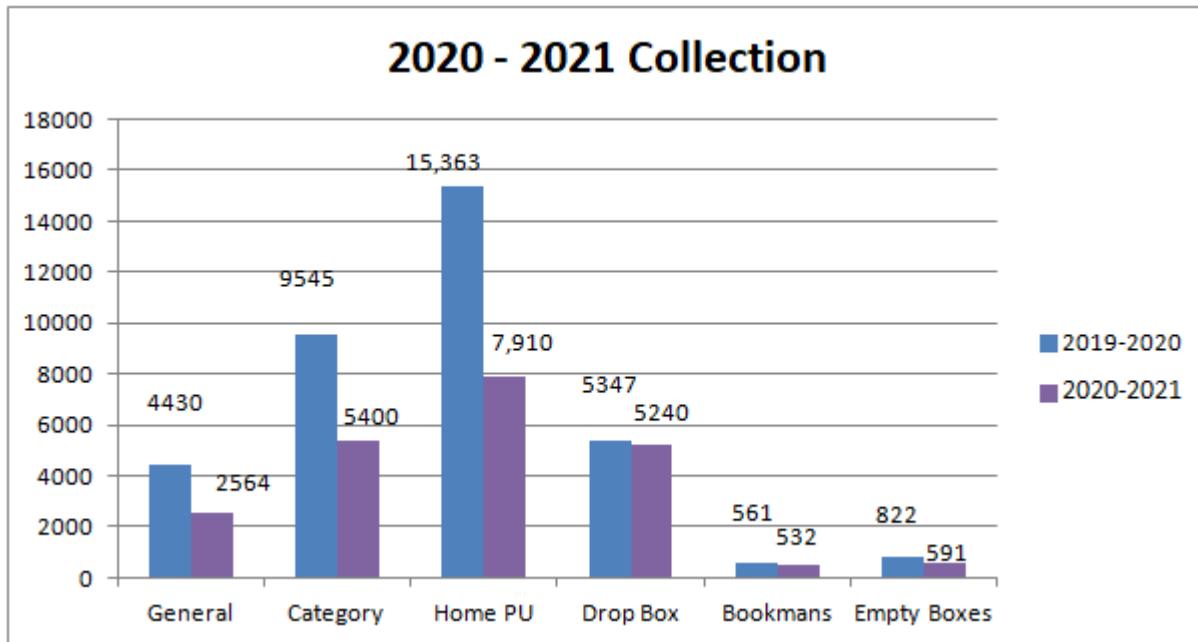
It's time to look at the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and Booksale 65 in February of 2023. If you have expenses that will be above what you normally spend please let me

know ([treasurer@vnsabooksale.org](mailto:treasurer@vnsabooksale.org)) so we can get those expectations accurately reflected in the budget. **If you could have any special requests sent by February 22 it would be appreciated.**

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## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the totals for calendar year 2020-2021. If you have any issues with entering your hours of collections into the database contact Candy at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net).

### TAX Information

If you would like a copy of your last year's summary of volunteers hours please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or [cld1231@cox.net](mailto:cld1231@cox.net). You can use this information to determine the number of trips and collections you have made and estimate your mileage for tax purposes.

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## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

### Do You Know:

Two common missorts for Suspense are:

'The Left Behind' series written by Tim LeHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins should be sorted to Religion.

Books written by Nora Roberts should be sorted to Fiction/Good Read, (depending on the copyright date).

Books about Black History including fact and fiction and books written by Black authors should be sorted to Relationships. They have a special section for these books at the Sale and they sell very well.

*"I wish my passport kept record of all the places I've been in books". - Unknown*

*'Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened'.*

**Shirley >^..^<**



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## From the President's Perch

**Heather Rayner**

### A Wonderful Book Sale!

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful Book Sale! We all worked hard on it and it showed! Wow! Watching the people stream in and watching them stream out with their loads of books was, as always, a wonderful sight to see. Although we had a few glitches, they will be fixed by next year.

### Next Year's Sale Building Will Be . . .

On March 1st, Book Sale Chair Angela Cade, Setup Chair Paula Bostock, Setup Co-Chair Joyce Nolan, incoming President Leslie Chesser and myself as then President and Setup Co-Chair, attended a meeting with the Arizona State Fairgrounds staff to discuss going forward into the 2020 sale. It was determined very quickly that we will be continuing in the Agricultural Center. Our customers and most of our members agreed that with the larger building, the lighting throughout the building (except for the southwest building which they will address), larger numbers allowed in at one time, and more of them, staying in the Ag Center is the way to go. I believe our final sales numbers of about \$392,000 reflect that. The Fairgrounds staff is very grateful to VNSA for making the move, and especially thanked Paula, for the great job she did in the layout. Paula, Joyce, and I have already started on making changes for the 2020 sale. We also addressed with the staff the changes and corrections we need



for next year. Also the charges will remain the same for the 2020 sale as listed in the current contract. All said, I believe the meeting was very fruitful and productive. I look forward to seeing us continue to enjoy the Ag Center as our new home!

### **Spring Fling March 16th**

We still have a few seats to fill for the Spring Fling at Alexi's Bar and Grill! [Please sign up electronically](#), or in the office. Checks can be left in the President's Folder. Leslie will pass them on to me to be recorded before I give them to Cartha. The menu will be incredible, the raffle prizes fun, and the company will be awesome! Let's celebrate together to celebrate an awesome sale! It will be a great day and one I am really looking forward to!

### **The Front Recycle Bin**

Due to the increasing charges from Aplos, our front recycle bin company, we switched to Waste Management for our recycle needs. Again, this is ONLY cardboard and paper, not hardcover books. I personally like the new bin, even though I think it is taller and as a result harder for me to open the lid, the side openings make it very easy for me to insert cardboard.

### **And Finally, Goodbye and Thank You!**

This is my last President's message. I turned over the reins of this wonderful organization on March 2nd to a very capable, warm and caring Leslie Chessler, who loves this organization as much as anyone in VNSA. She will do an outstanding job. Please support her and her officers and board in the coming year.

Thank you for your support this past two years. I have learned a lot, mostly that I should ask the longtime members of VNSA before I make any changes, as they have usually already gone down that path and I don't need to reinvent anything. I've also tried to learn to, and failed, to listen more and talk less. I'm still working on that.

But what I didn't need to learn is to love what we stand for, what we do, and everyone involved. That part is easy and will continue to be. My late mother, Donna, would ask me, "If I was still doing my bookie thing." That's what she called it. I would always answer yes. One day she looked at me and said, "You must really love your bookie thing." I answered, "Yes, I do Mom." And I do. And I will.

See you around the warehouse!

## **Vice President's News**

### **Julia Lunn**

Please join me welcoming Susy (Hatfield) Szymula back to Arizona and return from Patron status to an Active Member. She joined VNSA in 2003.



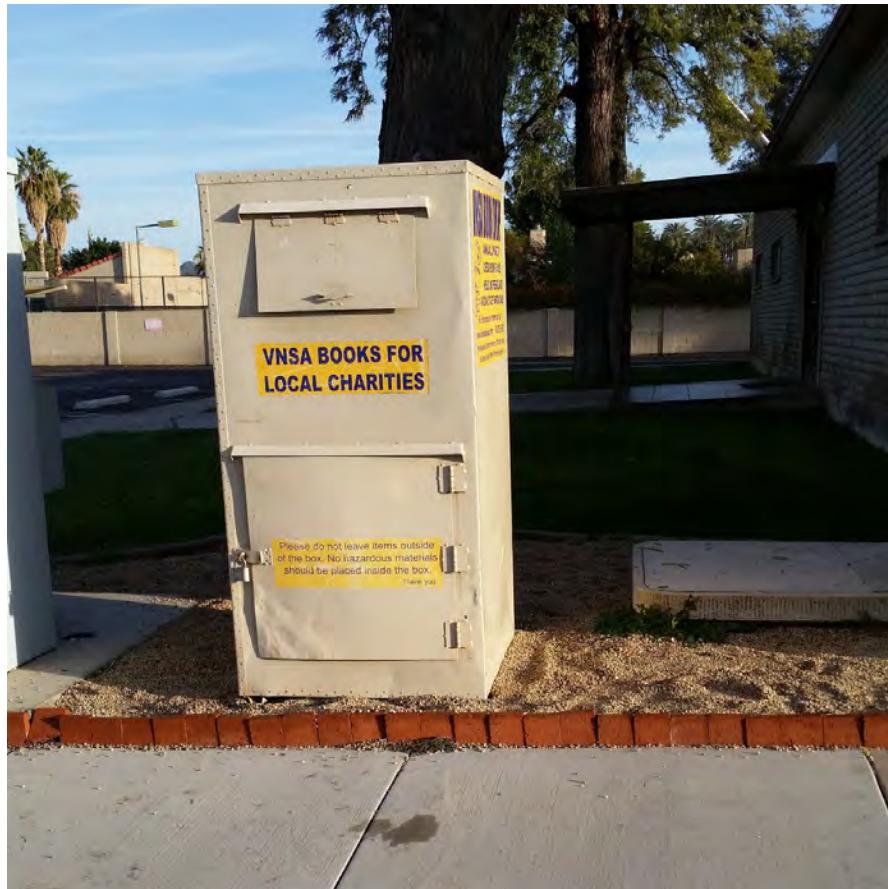
We did it! Another amazing used book sale. Our sales were up! We are happy! VNSA customers were happy! We made lots and lots of money. \$++. Our book sales are extremely well organized, with many tasks handled by many people. Angela Cade, spokesperson for the Ways and Means (Book Sale) team (Angela, Betty Gerodimos, and Suzanne Piper) are responsible for fundraising projects and oversee the operations of the warehouse. Taking care of many tasks, this team divides responsibilities to committees to handle this amazing undertaking. The Book Sale Team has committees for: Bags and Boxes, Karin Lattin; Charge Cards, Maryann Murphy; Dealer Sort, Sue Zimmermann; Disposal Chairperson, Wim Hoomaert; Equipment & Wrap Up, Bob Lunn, Bob Julien, and Greg Johnson; Holding areas, Robin Best; Large Purchase, Sandy Chamberlain & David Kest; Move Out, Candy Dugdale; Move Out Lunches, Patti Fenner; Personnel, Cathy McAllister; Pricers, Don & Jan Maxwell; Publicity, Jennifer Doan; Refreshment Center, Suzanne Piper; Re-sort, Ginny Fields & Rod Denny; Salad Luncheon, Char Smith; Set-Up, Paula Bostock, Joyce Nolan, Heather Rayner; Signs, Helen Winkel; Social, Patricia Cahill; Sorting Coordinator, Angela Cade; Transportation, Peggy Lyons; and Treasurer, Cartha Cassel. A big thank you to the Book Sale Team and committees!

It was great to see and visit with our shoppers, who had fun looking for their treasures. Some were discovering new authors, some filling in their collections, some looking for gifts, teachers shopping for their classes, the list goes on and on. This is what we worked for all year. VNSA Members and Patrons, you are dedicated, hardworking, conscientious, generous, caring, remarkable

people!

Now we have started our process again. The warehouse is full of books. General Sort and Categories are set up and have started sorting, pricing and boxing for the 2020 VNSA Used Book Sale. We are emptying drop boxes and doing home pick-ups. VNSA is fiscally responsible, assuring the most money possible goes to charity. We have no paid staff. We maintain the warehouse as frugally as possible, doing some maintenance ourselves. We collect and break down Apple and Citrus boxes to reuse them. We recycle when possible. We refill soap bottles. We empty trash cans. We shop for the best prices on supplies. To help support VNSA cover overhead costs, we collect annual dues, \$25 for Active Members and \$50 for Patrons. A Patron is someone who has been an Active Member with 5 years of Voting member status. Patrons may attend all meetings and serve on a committee but not vote or serve as a committee chair. Thank you, everyone, who has already paid their dues! Invoices have been sent for the remaining payments. If you have received an invoice and have already paid, please let me know. Occasionally, payments can go to different folders in the office.

It has been an honor to serve as VNSA Vice President for the last 2 years. It was an opportunity to get to know many members, better understand the structure and internal functions of our organization, and give back. Thank you to the board of directors, members, and patrons! You are the best!



We moved the box at 44th St. and Camelback to its new home at the Community of Christ Church, 4224 N. 44th St. The box is located on the southwest corner of the building along the south driveway.

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## Treasurer's News

Cartha Cassel

Please see the P&L statement documents as of 2/28/19:

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If you have any questions contact Cartha at [cartha1@cox.net](mailto:cartha1@cox.net).

The Treasurer serves until March 31st in order to complete the fiscal year-end. Sandra Stirnweis will begin her tenure as new Treasurer on April 1st. As a final reminder, ALL requests for reimbursement for the 2018-2019 book sale year MUST be submitted to the Treasurer in time to be paid before March 31st or they will not be paid.

**BOOKMANS PICK UP HELP NEEDED**

We are still in need of team members for pick up from Bookmans on the fifth Sundays of the month. ( March 31st, June 30th, September 29th and December 29th). Please contact Joyce Nolan if you can help on one or all of those dates.

[jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com), 602-690-8383

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## **Book Sale Committee**

**Angela Cade, Betty Gerodimos & Suzanne Piper**

Hooray!! Mission accomplished! Thank you to all the categories who helped make this a great book sale. This being my first as Book Sale Chair, I was a little worried, but even though we had some setbacks, everything came off like a charm. We received very good feedback on the new venue, especially since a greater number of people were able to come in rather than having to wait out in the cold. The volunteers adapted to the new space quite easily, and it was a wonderful two days.

I met with the Category Chairs on Saturday, February 16, to discuss how each one fared and any possible changes (fortunately only a few). We also discussed improvements that we can make for next year's sale.

**I can't believe it, but we are already bursting at the seams with donations, so I am requesting that, if possible, you devote a little extra time to general sorting. Also, one of the members mentioned that there were carts lined up with books after the bins had been emptied. If you have a cart of books and do not have time to empty into the bins, please place them by your category so as not to disrupt the categories whose space is close to the back door.**

Once again, thank you for a job well done and on to Book Sale 64!!!

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Drop Box is happy to report placement of a new box at 8925 East Pima Center Parkway, south side parking lot. Cross streets are 90th street and Via de Ventura, Scottsdale.

## **Publicity**

Jennifer Doan

### **EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT...**

If you haven't liked [our Facebook page](#) yet please do. It's an easy and free way to expand our reach/exposure.

[Our Facebook page](#) has close to 4,500 likes. Between Jan. 16 and Feb. 12 there were more than 50 posts. During that time:

- 85,300 people saw our posts;
- 39,700 engagements (people liked, commented or shared various posts).

Every time you like, share or comment on a post, more eyeballs (all your friends, then potentially your friend's friends) will see our posts.

Thank you to Cathy McAllister for being a media Superstar and fielding interviews in the days leading up to and after the sale. Even one of Ellen's Producers called and did a Skype interview with Cathy. Ellen was over-booked because of the February sweeps period so they couldn't fit the found money into their show, but it's fun knowing we were on their radar.

We bought print and online ads for the sale from The Arizona Republic and Phoenix New Times as well as paid targeted boosts on some Facebook posts.

Here is a round up of the media exposure for this year's sale:

Arizona Republic Feb 1

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/events/2019/02/01/5-things-know-before-you-go-vnsa-used-book-sale-phoenix/2714331002/?fbclid=IwAR0RgqoQ7mQjDMhV2I7xVi41p8eBiuABGMRjsNNfmxDgnn92moh5dfpcppA>

Channel 3 Feb 6 - Tess

[https://www.azfamily.com/shows/good\\_morning\\_arizona/annual-used-book-sale-hits-arizona-state-fairgrounds/article\\_e1381ddc-2a1d-11e9-8c11-7f0356846710.html?fbclid=IwAR0\\_vqA2udHdKq0CcD4VzMMXtEC3k4WzcqSfWh\\_XsXXOAJKb1T9TBhm1w8c](https://www.azfamily.com/shows/good_morning_arizona/annual-used-book-sale-hits-arizona-state-fairgrounds/article_e1381ddc-2a1d-11e9-8c11-7f0356846710.html?fbclid=IwAR0_vqA2udHdKq0CcD4VzMMXtEC3k4WzcqSfWh_XsXXOAJKb1T9TBhm1w8c)

Fox 10 Feb 10 - Anita Roman

[https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/388003375081614/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ\\_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW](https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/388003375081614/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW)

or

[http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/woman-finds-4k-in-book-tracks-down-owner-and-returns-money? fbclid=IwAR3HvLVIKOFfxw3dD5lIVCIORcqr0OG9Xm03P0k5\\_N2jP\\_6jLJCJsY1t3jc](http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/woman-finds-4k-in-book-tracks-down-owner-and-returns-money? fbclid=IwAR3HvLVIKOFfxw3dD5lIVCIORcqr0OG9Xm03P0k5_N2jP_6jLJCJsY1t3jc)

Fox 10 Feb 7 - Cory McCloskey

[https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/251673555762327/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ\\_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW](https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/251673555762327/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW)

Glendale Daily Planet

<http://172.245.29.242/~daily/rd-annual-vnsa-booksale-feb-by-bette-and-ed-sharpe-glend-p1712-154.htm? fbclid=iwar3p46fnukymef5uie7lfiinuenv4a6gcf3radvhv3m76fgxyrscjlakm8a>

AZ Central Best Things to Do:

<https://www.azcentral.com/get-access/? return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.azcentral.com%2Fstory%2Fentertainment%2Fevents%2F2019%2F01%2F04%2Ffun-things-do-phoenix-week%2F2444819002%2F>

and

<https://www.azcentral.com/get-access/? return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.azcentral.com%2Fstory%2Fentertainment%2Fevents%2F2019%2F02%2F05%2Fphoenix-weekend-events-hoop-dancing-air-show-art-festivals%2F2743617002%2F>

Phoenix New Times Culture Section

[https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/guide-vnsa-used-book-sale-in-phoenix-how-to-get-best-books-11200541? fbclid=IwAR3D87m5fTOaE5tVjrGkLoUjYbk3NRPQs9ssyg\\_oKHV4LcKEZvvRskz4ku8](https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/guide-vnsa-used-book-sale-in-phoenix-how-to-get-best-books-11200541? fbclid=IwAR3D87m5fTOaE5tVjrGkLoUjYbk3NRPQs9ssyg_oKHV4LcKEZvvRskz4ku8)

Phoenix New Times Food Section

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/restaurants/shop-cookbooks-and-more-at-the-2019-vnsa-used-book-sale-11196438? fbclid=IwAR3NcnhfDA3KHL2r7iSzFpnALsiTS7cfGlnVU6d9qMH4MhPZ6gypof2Yo0>

Channel 15 Smart Shopper Feb 8 - ran at 6 am and 6 pm

[https://www.abc15.com/news/smart-shopper/books-puzzles-computer-games-and-more-for-1? fbclid=IwAR3uSz4bKYHkBIAofodDlp0wowD1Z\\_x\\_IdISP4tP0b3Hko556YUOoM6OeQ](https://www.abc15.com/news/smart-shopper/books-puzzles-computer-games-and-more-for-1? fbclid=IwAR3uSz4bKYHkBIAofodDlp0wowD1Z_x_IdISP4tP0b3Hko556YUOoM6OeQ)

Raising Arizona Kids

[https://www.raisingarizonakids.com/event/phoenix-vnsa-used-book-sale/2019-02-09/? fbclid=IwAR1rG0UhHR342CUCQ6tDYW5nI09fTVAgHOZYI\\_VXzPzls2jFdaaC5sgkmtc](https://www.raisingarizonakids.com/event/phoenix-vnsa-used-book-sale/2019-02-09/? fbclid=IwAR1rG0UhHR342CUCQ6tDYW5nI09fTVAgHOZYI_VXzPzls2jFdaaC5sgkmtc)

Fox 10 Saturday Feb 9 talkback with Angela at 6:10 am

[https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/373323646784002/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ\\_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW](https://www.facebook.com/vnsaususedbooksale/videos/373323646784002/? eid=ARDL643eP6Ycf0opGN0DzGRptSJ_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW)

KZJJ posted Feb 9

[https://kjzz.org/content/759873/thousands-attend-63rd-annual-vnsa-book-sale-phoenix? fbclid=IwAR2KrVMFHhLg5L01\\_Jpx9TY1VJCZBQveuAdiNEb6LYfbEWEuOCYmp7Wq9U](https://kjzz.org/content/759873/thousands-attend-63rd-annual-vnsa-book-sale-phoenix? fbclid=IwAR2KrVMFHhLg5L01_Jpx9TY1VJCZBQveuAdiNEb6LYfbEWEuOCYmp7Wq9U)

Channel 3/5 Sean McLaughlin posted Feb 9

[https://www.facebook.com/SeanOnTV/videos/352473318714363/UzpfSTE3MzY0NzE1NzAxMToxMDE1NjYzMTIwOTQ0MjAxMg/?eid=ARDL643eP6YCf0opGN0DzGRptSJ\\_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW](https://www.facebook.com/SeanOnTV/videos/352473318714363/UzpfSTE3MzY0NzE1NzAxMToxMDE1NjYzMTIwOTQ0MjAxMg/?eid=ARDL643eP6YCf0opGN0DzGRptSJ_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW)

Fox 10 Saturday afternoon Ty Brennan

[http://amp.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/vnsa-holds-63rd-annual-book-sale-in-the-valley?\\_twitter\\_impression=true&fbclid=IwAR1nd0si\\_-TQYQAW\\_55JLweDk5ofeZdbGMKpUHD8lwZX8limXMqDALT3TC4](http://amp.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/vnsa-holds-63rd-annual-book-sale-in-the-valley?_twitter_impression=true&fbclid=IwAR1nd0si_-TQYQAW_55JLweDk5ofeZdbGMKpUHD8lwZX8limXMqDALT3TC4)

Fox 10 Sunday Feb 10 Marcy Jones live at 6:08 am

[https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/331251294181366/?eid=ARDL643eP6YCf0opGN0DzGRptSJ\\_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW](https://www.facebook.com/vnsausedbooksale/videos/331251294181366/?eid=ARDL643eP6YCf0opGN0DzGRptSJ_sqPWEqtMpDtcWmsFE5XgDxO8LzUPit66y6QBhqMCSpMweJwXipXW)

The Western Journal posted Feb 11:

[https://www.westernjournal.com/l/kaylakunkel/volunteer-finds-stacks-cash-totaling-4000-hollowed-book-tracks-owner/?fbclid=IwAR2smRwdDP9RtPmpkz8w6U2Zh3pUVCQ\\_N61OvP8Q4YaRVZ4X4QezIQ5Q6T8](https://www.westernjournal.com/l/kaylakunkel/volunteer-finds-stacks-cash-totaling-4000-hollowed-book-tracks-owner/?fbclid=IwAR2smRwdDP9RtPmpkz8w6U2Zh3pUVCQ_N61OvP8Q4YaRVZ4X4QezIQ5Q6T8)

12 news Feb 11

<https://www.12news.com/article/news/local/valley/volunteer-finds-4000-stashed-in-book-at-phoenix-vnsa-book-sale/75-afb81956-47ec-4c82-9dd4-3cdef91d2443?fbclid=IwAR2Wz0fR-JSLA7JVN-AkZsIDYLjHCNbp9hQXLrZrfr0yyiq6DEH7YAileN0>

Fox News Feb 13

[https://www.foxnews.com/us/volunteer-finds-4k-and-a-family-letter-in-hollowed-out-book-tracks-down-owner-and-returns-the-cash?fbclid=IwAR282DbzCr5Cs\\_yM22BFpKjRom61Vpb0yR0Hw51y6gYGOQeC0UkkbbkeA0Q](https://www.foxnews.com/us/volunteer-finds-4k-and-a-family-letter-in-hollowed-out-book-tracks-down-owner-and-returns-the-cash?fbclid=IwAR282DbzCr5Cs_yM22BFpKjRom61Vpb0yR0Hw51y6gYGOQeC0UkkbbkeA0Q)

Today Show

[https://www.today.com/video/volunteer-finds-4-000-inside-donated-book-1441833027555?cid=sm\\_npd\\_td\\_fb\\_ma](https://www.today.com/video/volunteer-finds-4-000-inside-donated-book-1441833027555?cid=sm_npd_td_fb_ma)

Phoenix New Times Photo Essay

<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/slideshow/photos-63rd-annual-vnsa-book-sale-at-arizona-state-fairgrounds-11203331>

Bookworm Banquet

<https://www.bookwormbanquet.com/2019/02/bookworm-banquet-goes-to-vnsa-book-sale.html?m=1>

Who Picked This Book bookclub blog

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tYxyUi9GvI8>

## Corresponding Secretary Barb Simonick

This is my last report as Corresponding Secretary. Sue Kapp will be the new Corresponding Secretary and I am sure she will do a wonderful job. Please remember to share the news regarding yourself and your fellow members or patrons so that VNSA can be timely in its support and outreach in support of one another!

Here are the correspondences that went out since the last Board meeting in January:

1/12/19: Received a thank you card from Heather Rayner for the condolences she received after her mother, Donna Clisby, passed away. Thank you cards are displayed in the office.

1/23/19: Welcome cards were sent to Helen Siordan, Jehnana Balzer and Jeffrey Raynor on becoming new members to VNSA.

1/31/19 Invitations for the Spring Fling were sent to Kris Jacober, Rick Rentschler, and Edson Salas at Arizona Friends of Foster

Children and Jesus Love and John Faulds at Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County.

2/3/19 Chris Aye broke her back. A get well card was sent to her. I am sure hearing from everyone will aid to her recovery.

2/13/19 A get well card was sent to Alison Schroeder because she severely injured herself in a fall in the Agriculture Center during the Book Sale.

2/11/19 A get well card was sent to Billie Woody.

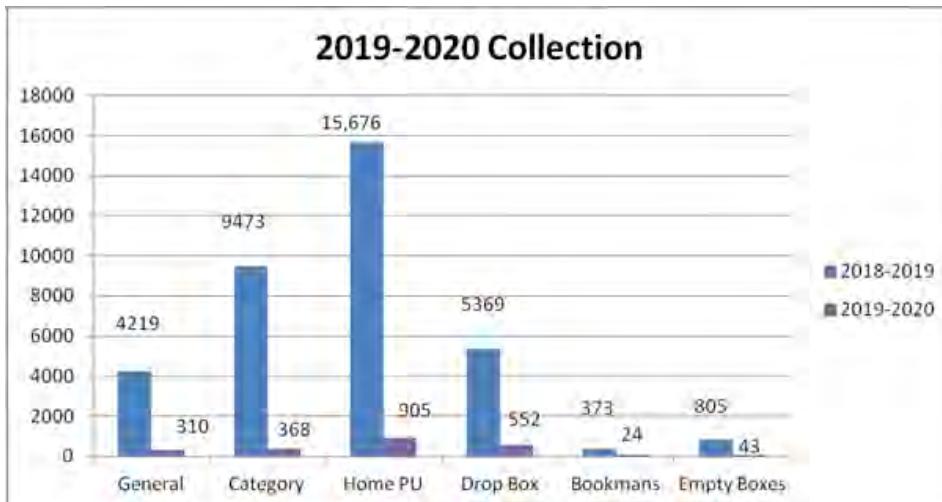
2/27/19 A get well card was sent to Char Smith. She was hospitalized due to pneumonia.

Thank you for letting me serve on this wonderful Board.



## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the YTD totals for February. If you have any questions about entering your time or a problem entering your time, please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or cld1231@cox.net. If you need a report of your personal volunteer hours and collections for your taxes, please contact Candy.

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Did you know:

The copyright date cutoff between Fiction and Good Read will remain the same this year. Fiction will continue to accept books 2008 and newer.

Books on Mythology should be sorted to Classics, not Religion. Also, Religion does not take any magazines to the sale. Religious magazines should be sorted to Disposal.

[To be a writer]: "On showing, not telling: Don't tell me the moon is shining. Show me the glint of light on broken glass." --Anton Chehov



*Category  
Quiz*

*Did you know...*



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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, April 13:** VNSA Board meeting, 11 a.m., Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, 729 Hatcher Road, Phoenix

**Saturday, April 27:** Member meeting, 10:30 social, 11 a.m. meeting, Community of Christ Church, 4224 N. 44th St., Phoenix.

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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

READY OR NOT!! Here we come!!! it's the 2019-2020 board and we are ready to get started. With the exception of Angela (God Bless her) there is an entirely new Executive Board this year, so be patient with us, we are still learning. Plus, we have a lot of new people on the Standing Committee which is great! I love to see more people stepping up to fill in where needed. We will persevere and do our best. With everyone's help, we will

have a fabulous year.

Congratulations are in order for those who helped make the Spring Fling such a wonderful success. What a fun way to spend an afternoon; great friends; good food and a very relaxing atmosphere. If you couldn't attend, for whatever reason, be sure and watch your calendars next year and mark the date down. You don't want to miss it. I know everyone who was there, said it was fabulous.

Our first General Meeting this year will be held on April 27th at the Community of Christ Church at 4224 N 44th St. We will have a lot of items to discuss and vote on, so we will need all hands on deck. Besides, we are going to have a really great program. Haydee (pronounced Heidi) Gil will be our guest speaker. She is one of the students that Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County has helped. She is going to share with us her experiences there and how they have helped her. You definitely want to be there. It's always nice to hear first-hand how our hard work at the Book Sale is put to use.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this year, and I am always open to suggestions. Please feel free to find me at the warehouse (it seems to be my second home) or you can call me too.

Bye for now

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## Vice President's News

### **Cindy Gruben**

I am really pleased to be able to serve as the new VNSA Vice President and be able to work with current members and patrons as well as welcome new members to VNSA. It was not that long ago that I was a long-term VNSA Book Sale customer (and not a member). I brought my nieces to the VNSA Book Sale for the very first time in 2015. They had the same reaction to the book sale that I had so many years before when I attended for the first time.....a book lover's happy place! Their reaction spurred me to walk up to the Information table and ask how I could become a part of VNSA. As a new member and as the Collections' Chair for the last two years, I continue to be amazed by what the members/patrons of this organization are able to accomplish. Whether it is small or large home pickups, dropbox pickups, board and committee membership, book sale setup or the book sale, this group of individuals is able to accomplish great things for the charities that we serve. Thank you for the time, energy and commitment that you give to VNSA!

We have several prospective members who will be attending New Member Orientation in the next month to test the waters and see if VNSA is an organization that they would like to

be a part of. I graciously ask that you welcome them with open arms and kind words so that they can learn what I have learned over the last four years.....that VNSA is an organization that I am proud to be a part of.

As we bring new members into the organization, we will have an opportunity to provide support to Categories that are in need of some additional help. If a Category is in need of additional help, please have the Category Chair contact me with what is needed and I will work to get you some help.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather, the cool warehouse temps and the overflow of donations that we are currently experiencing! Thank you for all that you do!

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## **Book Sale Committee**

**Angela Cade**

Welcome sweet springtime! We have had the good fortune to receive quite a few books, which was surprising for so early in the year. The troops have been working diligently getting the stack to a manageable level. My thanks to Sandra Stinweis for her annual Sort-a-Palooza and to Paperbacks and West for hosting a sorting party in March. Many hands DO make quick work.

We are getting close to the date for our first move out and once I meet with my co-chairs and have a firm date, I will let you know. It seems like we just finished with our sale and now we are already looking forward to our first move-out. Time really does fly when you're having fun.

As always thank you for your time and the great work you do to make a great book sale.

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## **Some Spring Fling Photos**



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## Corresponding Secretary Sue Kapp

A donation was received in memory of Diane Taylor. A thank you card was sent to Friends of Diane Taylor in care of Nancy Edwards, who will circulate it among the members of the group. (The names of the other members of the group were not given to me.)

A sympathy card was sent to Ron Carmichael upon the death of his wife, VNSA Patron Pat Carmichael. He was also notified that a donation to Banner Alzheimer's Foundation from VNSA had been made in her memory.

The following people made donations to VNSA in memory of Pat, and have been sent thank you notes:

Rosina Lim

Susan S. Little

Robert and Elizabeth Mankowski

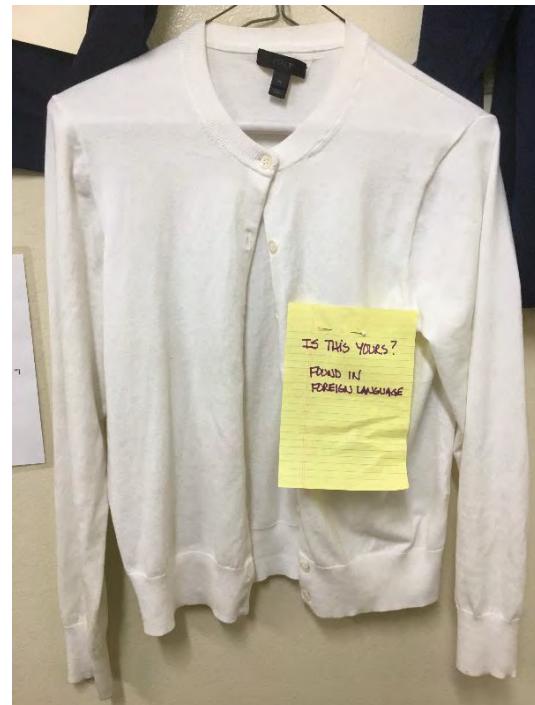
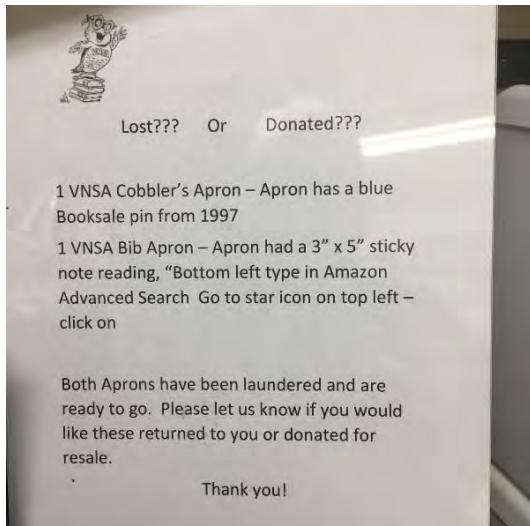
Arlene Laurie made a donation to VNSA in memory of Pat and also honoring Nancy Edwards. A thank you note has been sent to her.

Get well cards have been sent to Catherine Mallen, who broke her shoulder, Diane Fessler, who had knee replacement surgery, Marge Baldauff, who was hospitalized after a fall, and Barb Simonick, who had surgery on her hand.

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## Lost and Found

These items are at the warehouse. Are they yours?



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## Social Committee Joyce Nolan

Please plan to attend the general meeting on Saturday, April 27th from 10:30 to noon at Community Christ Church. 4224 North 44th St. Our guest speaker will be a student of the Literacy Volunteers program. This is an opportunity to hear first hand how VNSA made a difference in this person's life. No meeting is complete without snacks, so please consider signing up to bring a treat.

There will be a survey in the May Bulletin for social activities. This is your chance to suggest an activity you would like to attend. Paper copies will be available in the

warehouse office. Please return the survey to the Social Chair folder in the file cabinet.

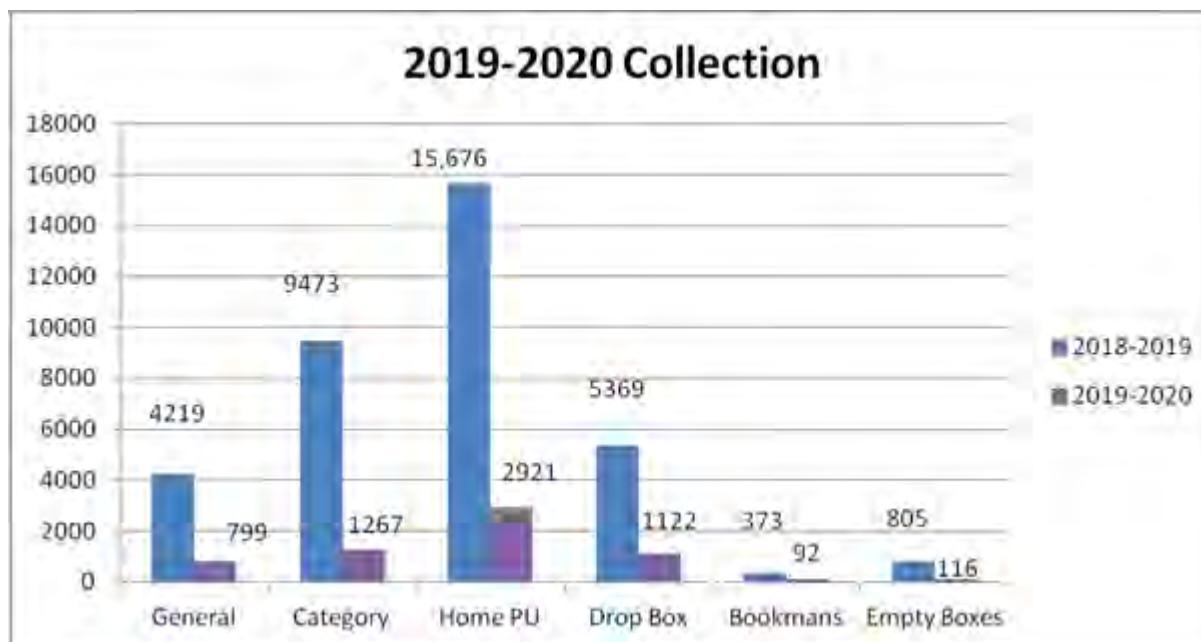
## Monitoring Committee

Joyce Nolan, LVMC Representative

Statistics show that 24% of the adult population in Phoenix does not have a high school diploma, and 1 in 5 adults reads below the 5th grade level. Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County serve unemployed and underemployed adults in our community who are seeking education as a way to improve their employment status and create a sustainable lifestyle. Adult literacy programs strengthen the workforce by opening doors to higher education, job training programs and increased involvement in the community. Individuals with a GED earn on average \$8,000 more per year in taxable income, and wages continue to increase with higher education. Literacy Volunteers is extremely grateful for the generous support from VNSA every year.

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the YTD totals for March. If you have any questions about entering your time or a problem entering your time, please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or cld1231@cox.net. If you need a report of your personal volunteer hours and collections for your taxes, please contact Candy.

# Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Did you know:

Not all categories take magazines to the sale because used mags about their subjects don't sell. Please don't add to their workload by sorting magazines to categories that will only throw them out.

AV takes all vinyl record sizes to the sale: 33 1/3's, 78's, and 45's.

"In my dream world, books are free and reading makes you thin".



*Category Quiz*

*Did you know...*

Unknown

[To be a writer]: "On showing, not telling: Don't tell me the moon is shining. Show me the glint of light on broken glass." --Anton Chehov



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# VNSA member bulletin

## monthly news & information



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### Calendar of Events

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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

April showers bring May flowers...or so the saying goes. However, if you are a member of VNSA that's not necessarily true. Our April brings boxes and boxes of books for our first Move Out of the year. Our work is never done. Just a reminder: please, please be very careful when you take the carts out back. The other day when I went out there, there was actually a woman standing in the middle dumpster! To make matters worse – she was holding a cigarette! She was handing books out to a gentleman (I use the word loosely) who was then placing them in a box. Needless to say, I was very startled at first, and then very angry. She informed me that the cigarette was not lit and she was just helping herself to the FREE books. I immediately set her straight and then had the guy put back all 4 boxes of books that they had taken out of the bins. So be very careful and stay alert. You know "they" are out there

If you missed the General Meeting on April 27th, you really missed a great program. We take so much for granted in obtaining an education, that we tend to forget just how hard it is for some people. Heidi's story was truly inspirational and thank you so much for sharing it with us. If our Book Sale keeps helping people like her, we can really be very proud of the work we do.

At the last board meeting, we talked about the ongoing problem with books sorted to the wrong category. we presented it at the General Meeting and after some adjustments, we came up with a plan that should hopefully help now as well as in the future. First off, I am asking all of the Category Chairs to please send me a list of all of the changes that they have made this year in their particular section. Once I have the lists from everyone, a "Special Bulletin" will be sent out. Second, each month the newsletter will have a section written by two categories explaining again, what they do and do not accept in their section. Plus, to make it more fun, we are going to start at opposite ends of the alphabet and work towards the middle. Since Suzanne was there and she is part of AV, she took the first month. The June newsletter will have "helpful hints" from Biology and West. I will let each category know when it is their turn. It will take some time to get through all of the categories, but it should be very interesting and enlightening along the way. Good Luck

Thanks for your support. Keep working hard and stay cool. That's all for now.

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

Happy May! I can't believe that it is May already and our first move out is just three weeks away. We had our first New Member Orientation on Saturday, May 4th. We had six (6) perspective new members attend the orientation to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it...our wonderful charities that we support.

As we move forward with these prospective members, I would like to find active members that would like to volunteer to be a mentor for our prospective members. This doesn't necessarily mean that you have to be with them every step of the way as they complete their membership requirements but it does provide them with a friendly face that can help them navigate the process and help answer questions that they may have. If you are interested in being a mentor for one of our perspective members, please let me know.

As I introduced these prospective members to the organization, we spoke to the VNSA Code of Conduct that we as members commit to abide by:

Be dependable

Be nonjudgmental

Be courteous

Be respectful

Be law-abiding

Be neighborly

Be safe

Be diligent

Be loyal

In the next days, weeks and months when you meet a prospective member, please welcome them and let them know that we are very happy to have them become a part of VNSA. Demonstrate that we abide by our code of conduct and strive to be respectful, courteous, neighborly, safe, good stewards of our resources and have a responsibility to adhere to the rules and the procedures of the organization.

Thank you for all that you do each and every day and all that you will do to ensure that our prospective members feel welcome and want to help us fulfill our mission.

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## Treasurer's News

### Sandra Stirnweis

At the General Board Meeting the membership approved the budget for the 2019/2020 Booksale year. You can read it at this link. As I settle into this position it is important I balance all aspect of my life along with my duties as Treasurer. My plan is to do my "Treasurer stuff" on the weekends near the 15th and the end of the month. Of course, emergencies can be handled at any time but I'm not expecting any.

[Read the VNSA Approved Budget](#)

[Read the VNSA Balance Sheet](#)

I should know by now if you are authorized to spend money against the budget. If you have not emailed me or spoken to me at the General Meeting, and you do have permission to spend money, please let me know your position and the line item you spend against by May 15th. I am creating a simpler reimbursement form to replace our old Voucher system. This new reimbursement form will be available on or before May 29.

Speaking of May, I will be traveling to Michigan, where I spend the summer with my parents on May 29. I will return mid-July. Regular payments will continue to be made for utilities and stuff but I will not be writing reimbursement checks from Michigan. So, be sure to have any receipts turned in by May 27 so I can write your check before I go. On a side note – I will not reimburse anyone for the purchase of paper plates, napkins, cups or plastic utensils until the ones at the warehouse have been used up (probably by 2025)!

Since I see all the money that comes into the organization, I feel it is necessary to remind everyone of [our Sales/Discards Policy](#). In a nutshell, ANY item that comes into VNSA that is determined by the category to be sellable MUST be taken to the Book Sale. That means that you cannot buy a book from a category before then. As members, we have the privilege of being able to borrow any book during the year and return it, for free. We can take any books that are in the disposal bins, again, for free. We also get to buy books before anyone else at our Presale. Our customers wait all year, making their lists, planning their vacation around the Sale, traveling from far-off places in the hopes of finding the books they have been searching for or something unique that catches their eye. We owe it to them – and the integrity of the organization - to follow our own policies.

I am still figuring out all the responsibilities of this position and I hope you will be patient as I do. VNSA has many assets and accounts. The organization has not taken a detailed look at our financials to determine if they are doing what we need, or if we need to make changes, in a long time. At our general Meeting, I announced that I was looking for people to sit on our Finance Committee to make recommendations to the organization regarding our accounting practices and overall finances. I appreciate the five who volunteered to sit on that committee already. If you were not at the meeting but would like to participate, please email me [VNSATreasurer@cox.net](mailto:VNSATreasurer@cox.net) by May 15. Once that Committee is finalized we will plan meetings times and set our agenda. Thanks for reading this far. I hope my next report will be shorter!

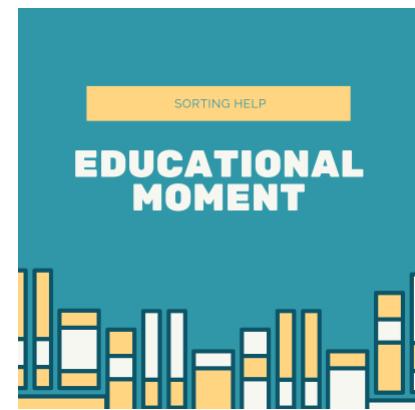
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## **Educational Moment**

### **Audio Visual Category & Sandra Stirnweis**

We have a lot of books. That's a great thing for a book sale. People say, "We have to get

the stack down!" and that puts a lot of pressure on you when you general sort. But, casual or fast sorting leads to too many mis-sorts, badly packed boxes, and stacks in categories; and wastes a lot of time. If we just take a breath and relax, and follow these tips, everything will get sorted more efficiently with less stress.



The Audio Visual category includes all related media for all categories, including DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, books on CDs and tape, all records (LPs, 78s & 45s) and large print. They do not take music cassettes and only accept Shrinkwrapped VHS tapes. They do not take any home recordings on tape. AV will give Category specific materials directly to those categories that accept Audio Visual items. **Please do not put records in the office; AV only puts discards in the office.**

**QUALITY FIRST.** There will ALWAYS be books to be sorted. No matter how many boxes you sort

another is waiting. So don't think about the quantity. Think quality instead. Are you reading the signs? Checking the lists? Each category has a sign that states what they take and what they do not. Some even tell you where common mistakes should really go. Too often I hear members say that they don't pay attention to these. Each category knows what it can and cannot sell. Giving a category something "just because" or so they can "figure it out" is disrespectful because they already figured it out and put it on their sign. Plus, it wastes your time and theirs. Did you know there is also a giant sign above the office door that says MAGAZINES and lists what magazines each category takes? If no one takes that magazine (like National Geographic) you may be able to put it in the Jail bin. It might have to go into the recycle bin. Sometimes it can be hard to tell where a book belongs. There is a list for that, too. At the front of the tables, above the Paperback boxes, it lists many types of books and which category takes them. I find that I use that at least once every time I general sort because there is always some weird book I'm not sure where to place. There is another list above the Classics box. It lists what authors they consider classic.

**READ THE JACKET AND TITLE PAGE.** New Fiction, Old Fiction. Treasures, Suspense, Religious Fiction, Erotica, Childrens? Reading the jacket and title page of the book will tell you where it goes. Take the time to read. Don't just place it anywhere. A Vampire book could be Relationships (Erotica), Suspense, or Childrens.

**PACK BOXES CORRECTLY.** ALL Paperbacks go to Paperback first because they make other boxes less stable mixed in with other, larger books. Except for Paperbacks, all books need to lay flat, against the corners of the box for stability, and not overlap. Books that overlap get bent at best and spines completely broken at worst. Both make for books that cannot be sold. Using the correct box makes packing that box easier. Each category sign

says what type of box to use. That is also the type of box the category packs their books in so it is important to send them the boxes they need. "Outer Apple" means the lid of the apple box. "Inner Apple" or just "Apple" means the bottom of the box. For Citrus, you can use the lid or the bottom. The box needs to be full AND level. If not, you will create dangerous stacks at the categories and ruin books.

ASK. We are all here to help each other. Not sure where a book goes even after reading all the signs? Ask. You might end up with a lively discussion, or maybe someone from the category who gets that book will hear you and solve the dilemma. Ask for help in moving boxes if you need it. Don't let books pile up on full boxes just because you are not physically able to move it. People will help you.

RESPECT THE BOOKSALE. When you take the time to general sort correctly, there are fewer mis-sorts. That means the Categories can sort and price their books more quickly because they do not have to deal with a lot of resorts. When boxes are packed respectfully, books can be sold rather than thrown away. When you take the time to sort well, you can feel good about the time you put in. The categories feel good about the time they put in. The customers get more books to choose from and some books can be sold at a higher cost. The charities get more money. That's what we are all working for.

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## **Book Sale Committee**

**Angela Cade**

April has been a busy month as we prepare for our first move-out on May 25. We have received several large donations.

My thanks to those who always willingly participate in the power sorts. This helps us keep our stack at a manageable level. In fact, we have done so well with the power sorts that we have been able to move some books out of storage.

Good going, everyone! As always, thanks for all the work you do.

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## **Member Log In Problem on Website**

**Heidi Capriotti**

We have identified an intermittent problem with the functionality of logging into the member pages of the website. Although the password has not changed (it's the same as the garage door code), some browsers are not recognizing the password on the first or second attempt to log in. Sometimes a third attempt is successful.

We are aware of the issue and working to resolve it.

Thanks for your patience.

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## Monitoring Committee

**Karen Fedo**

Please save the date for Sunday, June 22, noon - 2 p.m. at the Hyatt at Gainey Ranch, to meet the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation graduates - youth in our Keys to Success and Scholarship programs who are graduating high school, getting their GED, graduating vocational school and graduating college. The odds are stacked against youth in foster care who age out, and these young men and women are doing very well! I hope you'll join us to cheer them on. Thank you.

What's your foster care story? AFFCF is asking former and current youth in foster care, caregivers, caseworkers, CASAs - anyone who's ever been affected by foster care to [share your stories](#).

## Warehouse Snacks

**Susan Goldsmith**

An invitation to everyone - I'm in charge of snacks at the warehouse and try to keep up with our appetites. I do notice if I buy something that you don't like because it doesn't disappear. But of course I don't notice if I fail to buy something that would disappear. If there is something you would like to see, please leave me a note in Good Read - or shoot me an email. I'll do my best.

There is a coffee can in the fridge where you can drop a few coins - or a dollar bill - now and then to help pay for snacks. Obviously, the more we put in the can, the more we don't take from our funds - and the more we pass along to our charities.

And **big thanks** to all who augment our snack supply. For example, today I was in the warehouse and between about 9:00 when I noticed there wasn't much chocolate left in the refrigerator drawer and about 10:30 when I opened the fridge again, two large bags of chocolate had appeared! Chocolate is high on the list of most desired snacks. I could spend the whole budget on chocolate but then we would not have all those other goodies.

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## Corresponding Secretary

**Sue Kapp**

This has apparently been a good month for VNSA members! I was not notified of any surgeries, accidents, illnesses, or deaths, so no cards were sent to members. Thank you notes have been written to Jesus Love, of Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, for arranging for the captivating former student, Haydee Gil, who spoke at the April 27 General Meeting, and to her for her outstanding presentation.

## **Wanted:**

All hard covered green books of any size. Literacy Volunteers are planning a project that requires about 100 green hard covered books of any subject. Please leave your donations in the box marked "Literacy Volunteers" in the office.

They thank you.

## **Social Committee**

**Joyce Nolan**

Thank you to all the members who provided snacks for the meeting on Saturday, April 27. A special thank you to Terry Kaven who filled in for Joyce Nolan.

A survey for social activities was distributed at the meeting. Please return those to the Social Chair file in the office. More copies will be available at the warehouse.

## **Drop Box Committee**

**Rich Hansen**

### **DROP BOX SURVEY**

We currently have 13 active drop boxes. Ideally, we would have 4 people working each drop box, each person covering 7 days each month (days 1-7, 8-14, etc). I need more workers to fill a number of gaps. We also have a number of boxes in storage but I am reluctant to try and place them before I have people to work them. Working a drop box involves picking up the books from the box and delivering them to the warehouse.

That being said, I am sending this very short survey to all members. I hope you will respond (whether it is yes or no) to me at [richhansenvnsa@gmail.com](mailto:richhansenvnsa@gmail.com).

If your response is yes, I will follow up with you to go over the details.

I am willing to work a drop box      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I can do it every month      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

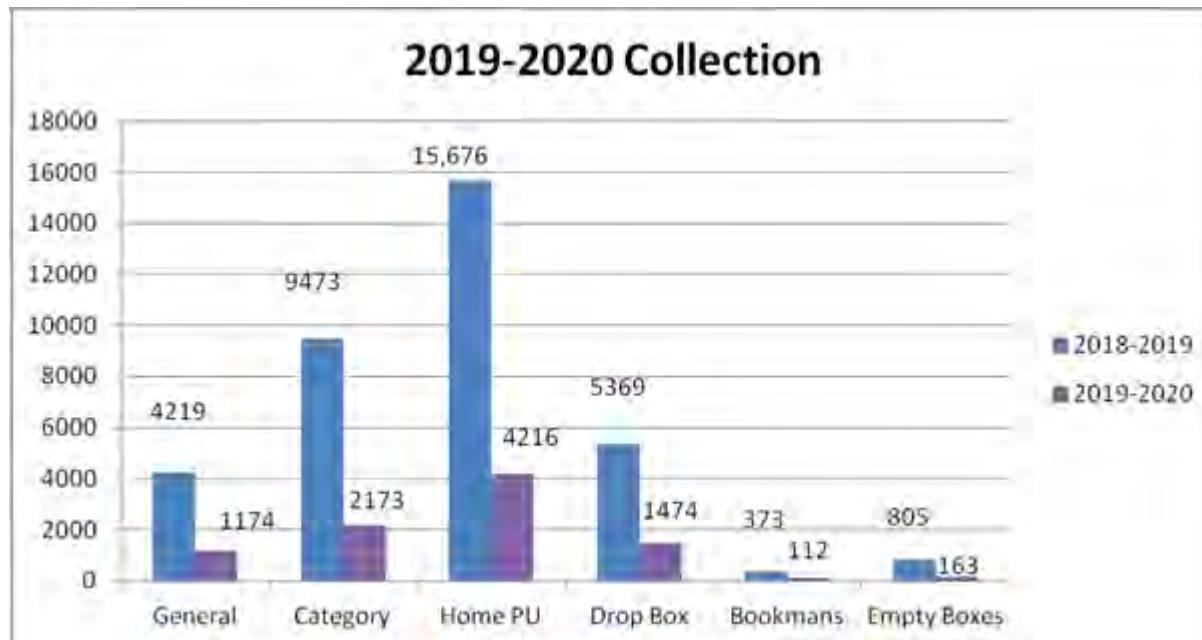
I can do it as a substitute      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(To cover vacations, etc)

Thank you,  
Rich Hansen, Drop Box Chair

## Volunteer Services

### Candy Dugdale



Listed above are the YTD totals for April. If you have any questions about entering your time or a problem entering your time, please contact Candy Dugdale at 602-482-5951 or cld1231@cox.net. If you need a report of your personal volunteer hours and collections for your taxes, please contact Candy.

## Category Quiz

### Shirley Allen

Did you know:

West is now saving the magazine 'Plateau' (Museum of N. AZ). It's been added to their sign.

*Books fall open, you fall in, delighted where,  
you've never been, hear voices not heard  
once before, reach world through world,  
through door on door. Find unexpected keys  
to things, locked up beyond imaginings....*

*True books will venture, dare you out,  
whisper secrets, maybe shout, across the gloom, to you in need, who hanker for a book to read. -  
David McCord, poet, USA, 1897 - 1997*





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## Calendar of Events

**Thurs., June 13**, 5-7:30 p.m. Happy Hour Sorting Party at the warehouse sponsored by Fine Arts, Business and Good Reads. Sangria, heavy appetizers and lots of books included!

**Sunday, June 22:** noon - 2 p.m. at the Hyatt at Gainey Ranch, meet the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation graduates, youth in our Keys to Success and Scholarship programs who are graduating high school, getting their GED, graduating vocational school and graduating college.

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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

We had the first Move Out of the year over Memorial Weekend and it was a huge success. The inmates were very eager and ready to work. The weather even cooperated and it wasn't hot! We really cleaned house, so to speak, and the warehouse is now ready for the next phase. A job well done by all!

I noticed something very special about our group when we were all trying desperately to get all of our boxes sorted for the Move Out. The camaraderie among us is really special. I noticed that when one category was done with their section, instead of just going home, people were stepping up to help others get done. Everyone was pitching in somewhere. Whether it was helping with the sorting and pricing, packing, or just straightening the boxes and making room for new things to come into the warehouse. You sure wouldn't find that kind of help in any other workplace. Just another example of why VNSA shines in all we do.

Recently Betty Gerodimos and I traveled to the east coast on a small cruise ship to traverse the Chesapeake Bay area.

We met some great people and even a couple from Phoenix (40th Str. and Camelback to be exact). While talking with them, we discovered that a few years ago they had donated over 200 boxes to VNSA. As usual when we get a large donation, they were downsizing and wanted their precious library to go to a good cause. They then proceeded to tell others onboard about us and our organization. It's so nice to hear from others how they appreciate what we do, and this proves, again, that we totally live in a small world. So, we should all just keep up the good work, or maybe, just keep doing what we do best. Great Work!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all who helped Tuesday, May 28. With Joyce's careful planning, several of us were able to lend our trucks and our backs and our storage unit is now empty. That's the good news – now for the even BETTER news! The warehouse is full to the brim with books. So Day Sorters, you will not get bored. Good Luck and again a special thanks to Joyce and her crew who worked so diligently to get the final 180 boxes out of storage.

That's all for now – so get ready for the Long Hot Summer and Stay Cool!

Leslie

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

#### Membership

As everyone is aware, VNSA membership dues were due on March 31. As of June 1, we have 126 active (paid) members and 22 current (paid) patrons. We do have a few individuals that were either active Members or Patrons last year that I have not heard back from regarding membership in 2019-2020.

We had one (1) member and four (4) patrons that did not renew their membership this year. We had two (2) members that moved to patron status and one (1) patron that moved to member status.

#### New Perspective Members

We have had two New Member Orientations in the last month with seven (7) individuals attending. Three are actively working on their General Sorting hours and I am working to provide dropbox and home pickup opportunities for them.

One attendee determined after the orientation that she did not have the bandwidth/time to commit to VNSA to meet the organization's member requirements/expectations. The other three, I am working with to see if they want to pursue becoming a VNSA member.

#### Category Openings

We have some Categories that are in need of some additional help including Fine Arts, Science, Good Read, Paperbacks and Suspense. If you are a General Sorter or in another Category looking for a change and are interested in working in any of these categories, please let me know.

Thank you to all of our members and patrons that continue to dedicate your time to VNSA. We cannot do what we do without you! I am always amazed at the wonderful things that this relatively small group of volunteers are able to accomplish all year long! Thank you again!

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## Treasurer's News

## Sandra Stirnweis

The accountant is working on our tax forms and should have them completed by September. While I am in Michigan (until end of July) Leslie can write checks for emergencies only! Regular reimbursements will be handled on my return.

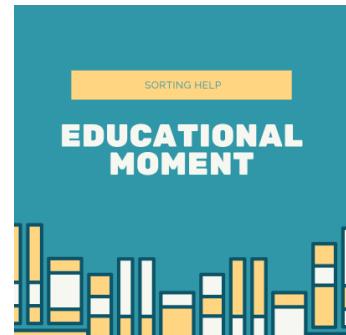
## Educational Moment

### The West - Some Sorting Table Insights

The West is generally considered West of the Mississippi River and specifically the Southwest. Native Americans include all from Canada, USA, Central, and South America.

The sign at the sorting table lets you know that we take--just about any related book that comes our way. We even take discards that sell well at \$1.

What we keep of our big picture books depend on condition, condition, condition!!!. We also try to keep in check the number of copies as well as copies of best selling fiction like Hillman, Zane Grey, McMurtry and L'Amour.



Many books can fit well into several categories, so do the best you can. We toss archaeology books back and forth between our Science neighbors across the aisle. We both have archaeology, but we try to keep Southwest area books in West. Stay in touch with your neighbors!

So do the best you can. Toss a coin, draw straws, but remember "Let's Have Some Fun".

## Book Sale Committee

**Angela Cade**

Yay! The first move out of the year was completed successfully on May 25<sup>th</sup>, which leaves room for many more books. Thanks to the many people who donated food for the guys from Alhambra. They always appreciate it. My thanks to Patricia Cahill, who provides wonderful breakfast burritos for the inmates and to Bob, Bill, and Alan for doing an excellent job grilling. We could not have a successful move-out without Candy, Dave, Alison, Betty, Leslie, Suzanne, Patti, Maryann, Julia, and Pat K. A thousand thanks to them. They all work efficiently and get the job done. We are now able to get the books out of storage, which is a very good thing.

Note to Day Sorters: If you cannot come in to sort on your assigned day, please try and get a replacement. If, after trying and being unable to find a replacement, please contact Betty Gerodimos (602-266-6126).

As always, thank you for your hard work.

### Bookmans Team Needs Help

The 5 person team for packing and transporting books from Bookmans is now down to three. That means two weeks a month, no one is picking up books from this donor. Bookmans is located at 8034 N 19th Ave, Phoenix 85021. If you can help one Sunday a month, please contact Joyce Nolan at 602-690-8383.

The average pick up is about 20 boxes and takes about 90 minutes to two hours to pack and transport boxes to the warehouse.

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## Monitoring Committee

Joyce Nolan

Literacy Volunteers will be holding their "High School Equivalency Celebration" at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 27 at the Burton Barr Central Library's College Depot (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). VNSA members are welcome to attend. So far this fiscal year, they have 25 adults who passed the GED® and obtained their High School Equivalency diploma: this is the most success that they have had in many years!

### You can help a community non-profit get an infusion of cash from VNSA in the coming year!

Do you know a community non-profit that could use a little extra cash in the coming year? Here's how you might help VNSA make that happen.

Thanks to a really great 2019 book sale, VNSA has enough money to give each of our regular charities an increased contribution and also to share \$12,000 equally between two community organizations. VNSA Members in good standing may each submit one charity for consideration; the list will go to the membership and be voted on by all members attending the September 21, 2019 meeting. Here are the rules for nominating an organization:

- The organization must be a Maricopa County human service organization with non-profit (501(c)(3)) status. We do not accept political, religious, or animal service nominations.
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## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

Curious to see what changes were made at the Burton Barr Library after the flood? VNSA has an Art and Architecture tour scheduled at 11:00 a.m., July 16. The tour will take about an hour and finish just in time for lunch.

Please let Joyce Nolan know if you are interested in this activity by calling 602-690-8383, emailing [jnolan1960@gmail.com](mailto:jnolan1960@gmail.com), or signing up at the warehouse.

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## Happy Hour Sorting at the Warehouse!

On June 13th from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., you are invited to join Fine Arts, Business, and Good Read for a Happy Hour sorting party. There will be sangria and heavy appetizers - and lots of books to move into categories. Come early, stay later, enjoy

the company. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office or you can email Susan Goldsmith to sign up.  
See you there!

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale

### 2019 Points

While the Annual VNSA Book Sale is the culmination of all our hard work, without everyone's contribution throughout the year we would not be successful. So to acknowledge the efforts of some of our overachievers listed below are the top 5 individuals for: home pickup, drop box boxes, empty boxes and total points.

<b>Home Pickup Boxes</b>		<b>Drop Box Boxes</b>		<b>Empty Boxes</b>		<b>Total Points</b>	
Leslie Chesser	922	Joyce Nolan	355	Curt Litin	108	Cindy Grueben	961.5
Cindy Grueben	919	Melita Hillman	343	Brenda Pierce	62	Leslie Chesser	876
Curt Litin	648	Karen Lattin	340	Marian Ragel	48	Heather Rayner	586.5
Heather Rayner	552	Pam Brown-Elwood	333	Patti Fenner	46	Joyce Nolan	572
Joyce Nolan	515	Bob Tomson	284	John McGregor	42	Karen Lattin	558.5

Listed below are the members and patron with points in excess of 50.

#### 875 or more

Cindy Gruben  
Leslie Chesser

#### 100 to 149

Steven Schrade  
Bob Julien  
Robin Best  
Alison Schroeder  
Ashley Nebelsieck  
Debbie Gilman  
Corky Hammond  
Patricia DeBlecourt  
Kathy Miller  
Nancy Edwards  
Janice Jones

#### 400 to 499

Betty Gerodimos  
Mickey Munger  
Curt Litin  
Martha Karlen

Karin Fedo  
Andrea Elkington  
Helen Winkel  
James McLaughlin  
Patricia Cahill  
Judy Bender

#### 300 to 399

Sharon Magee  
Julia Lunn  
Robert Waller  
Sandra Stirnweis  
Gail Plache  
Charlotte Smith  
Ginny Boardman

Trish Henry  
Pat Matthias  
Sandy Frazier  
Jan McLaughlin  
John Seaman  
Tracy Grzesik  
Lori Meyer  
Chris Aye  
Rene Bryant

#### 200 to 299

Diane Fessler  
Shirley Allen  
Shari Epand

Diane Geimer  
Terry Kaven  
Dan Mallen  
Sue Zimmerman

Carol	Rogers		
Patti	Fenner	<b>50 to 99</b>	
Steve	Radvak	Sarah	Fox
Bern	Peterson	Micki	Eckels
Melita	Hillman	Betty	Johnson
Suzanne	Piper	Joanne	Johnson
Pat	Kland	Barbara	Mandalfino
Barbara	Simonick	Alyce	Luff
Raimie	Manch	Karen	Suess
Ann	Cox	Marge	Cody
Ginny	Fields	Diane	Spieker
Sandy	Chamberlain	Ellie	Ricker
David	Kest	Susan	Husij
Candy	Dugdale	Kelly	Carmody
Heidi	Capriotti	Greg	Johnson
Don	Maxwell	Juanita	Roby
Janice	Maxwell	Carol	Bounds
Teri	Harnisch	Marge	Baldauff
Rich	Hansen	Ginny	Andrews
Susan	Goldsmith	Steven	Arkoff
Bob	Tomson	Jeannie	Meyer
		Helen	Siordian
<b>150 to 199</b>		Marian	Ragel
Catherine	Mallen	Gary	Mandalfino
Karen	Williamson	Charlotte	Siffermann
Anne	Marks	Jeff	Raynor
Sandie	Straub	Michele	von Kampen
Lisa	Nguyen	Carol	Carnicky
Angela	Cade	Billie	Woody
Mary Ann	Murphy	Mark	Lathrop
Sue	Kapp	Amber	Norton
Colleen	Cotier	Megha	Choudhari
Brenda	Pierce	George	Siordian
Sarah	Lavelle	Paula	Bostock
DeLyte	Robertson	David	Brimhall
Cartha	Cassel	Wim	Hoornaert
Vista	Thompson	Susan	Green
Dave	Dugdale	Chelsea	Anderson
John	McGregor	Linda	Koc
Jane Alfano	Rasor	Robt	Pela
Michelle	Schrade	Camille	Sullivan
Marilyn	Peters	Jennifer	Doan
Martha	Little		
Matt	Hinrichs		
Cathy	McAllister		

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## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Did you know:

Books about the Aztecs should be sorted to History, not Travel.

Books about Aging should be sorted to Health.

"Every book you've ever read is just a different combination of 26 letters." -

Unknown



*Category  
Quiz*

*Did you know...*



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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

Hot Times, Summer in the City. Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty. Sound familiar? Those of us fortunate enough to get to spend the summer here know those words well. It's just plain HOT!! But that does not slow us down. We just keep on truckin'. It doesn't help when one of our coolers breaks either, but, thanks to Bob Lunn who comes whenever we call and whatever the time (I called really early one day), it will have been replaced by

the time you read this. Thanks Bob for all you do for us.

Recently I had the huge job of picking up 170 boxes of books from an individual here in Central Phoenix. I had 4 wonderful, hard-working people (Martha Karlen, Rod Denny, and Dan and Catherine Mallen) with me, along with the homeowner, to load all of the packed boxes and then transport them to the warehouse. The homeowner even had the really big containers already loaded in his utility trailer and followed us and helped with the unloading. We arrived at his home around 8 am and had all of the boxes unloaded at the warehouse by 9:45 am. WE ARE GOOD!!!



It hasn't been all work and no play this summer; we have had some fun, too. Joyce arranged for a group of us to tour the Burton Barr Library during July and it was a lot of fun and very interesting. Then we all went to lunch as a group. It was fun to be with everyone and not just at the warehouse. Good job Joyce! I really hope you have another "field trip" in our future.

For all of you still here during the summer – keep up the good work. And, for those of you lucky enough to find an escape, I hope you are having a good time. We miss you and look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

Oh, the dog days of summer.....with the warmest days of summer upon us, hopefully you have been able to escape the heat of the warehouse and the Valley to cool off a bit! In mid-July, I was fortunate to be able to experience a trip that I will remember for a very long time and hopefully be able to do again - an Alaskan fishing trip. We spent six days on the Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska and deep-sea and freshwater fished five of the six days. Amazing fishing, scenery, and wildlife .....so serene. Without a lot of the outside interruptions (no TV, spotty internet) of everyday life, it truly allowed us to unplug and enjoy. Truly a "happy



place" for me.

When I became a VNSA member a few years ago, one of the things that I discovered is that the time that I spend in the warehouse sorting, pricing and boxing books is a time that I can typically unplug from my busy work and home life and do something that I enjoy.....my "happy place" after a hectic week (maybe not as much when it is 110 degrees!).

I hope that you all have something or someplace that allows you to unplug and enjoy. I hope that you enjoy volunteering as a VNSA member, helping us provide books to the community and donations to our charities so that they can fulfill their mission. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you. Thank you for being willing to do home pick-ups, large pick-ups, dropbox pickups, working in the warehouse and everything else that you do day in and day out especially during the very hot months of the summer!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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## **Corresponding Secretary Report**

### **Sue Kapp**

After a quiet two months with no calls for cards during May or June, in July a Thinking of You card was sent to Eilene and Bill Luffy, and Get Well cards were sent to Stuart Vaughn, husband of Sharon Magee, and Anne Marks following her surgery. A lovely note of thanks has been received from Ron Carmichael, expressing his and his family's thanks to VNSA for all our support at the time of Pat's death, and hoping that the Alzheimer's Foundation will find a cure for this disease.

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## **Educational Moment**

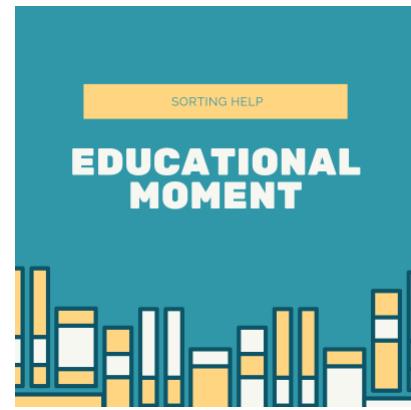
### **Biography**

Biography is by its definition uncomplicated! We accept all the biographies and autobiographies that come into the warehouse. This includes famous people and the memoirs of the not-so-famous. We'll also accept the "novelized" biographies of famous people. Yes, there are opportunities for biographies to be merchandised in more than one category- a biography of Joe DiMaggio in Sports or Alexander Hamilton in History, for example. But we would prefer to have all biographies and autobiographies come to us first and then we keep the quantities we need and distribute the others to the appropriate

categories.

Thanks,

Martha Karlen



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## Book Sale Committee

**Angela Cade**

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool during these hot days. I appreciate all who come to the warehouse because it is really hot in there. Any time we can put time into keeping the stack low is a benefit. We have had several large donations but have been able to manage them. I think the donations will pick up once school starts and people start clearing out their bookshelves and it will be "power sort" time again!

On another note, for those people sorting and putting books and packing the books in boxes, PLEASE make sure the books come to just above the top of the box so that when they are stacked at the categories, we don't have wobbly stacks. We have been getting some boxes that are not completely full and when they are on the bottom of the stack it causes problems.

As always thank you for your hard work especially in these "dog days" of summer.

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## Monitoring Committee

**Karin Fedo, AFFCF Charity Representative**  
**Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair**

If you are curious about the charities that VNSA supports, I highly encourage you to volunteer as a VNSA charity representative, serving on the Board of our respective charities. This is my second year and I find the board meetings to be very inspiring.

On Saturday, June 22, I was fortunate to attend the Keys to Success graduation event hosted at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort. The lunch event was co-sponsored by the radio duo JohnJay & Rich (KZZP, 104.7FM) whose outreach program called #LOVEUP seeks to "spread love and kindness" to anyone who needs it. Emcee Sean McLaughlin and a musical performance by local hip hop star Sincerely Collins (catch him

on YouTube) really kept the crowd entertained.

The area education directors read a short bio of the graduates' (approximately 50 in total), their next steps which ranged from cosmetologist, tattoo artist, welder to biomedical, physician assistant, digital engineer, criminology, and a quite a few psychology majors. A majority are headed off to Grand Canyon, ASU, or UA. It was quite inspiring to see what AFFCF continues to do with #LOVEUP for this community of young people who otherwise might never even be a candidate for higher education or vocational opportunities.



part-time worker, Nora has 17 kids on her caseload. But they are in good hands as she has over 40 years in caseload management but her passion is young people.

Thank you,  
Karin

## You can help a community non-profit get an infusion of cash from VNSA in the coming year!

Do you know a community non-profit that could use a little extra cash in the coming year? Here's how you might help VNSA make that happen.

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## Yearbooks

Anne Marks

The 2019-2020 VNSA Yearbooks are printed and available for you to update your binders! Special thanks from VNSA to Vista Thompson Brown and her employer,

community partner, Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for donating the printing of the Yearbooks.

With the Bylaw Amendment adopted in May and a complete refresh of the Collections Procedures by Mac and Jan MacLaughlin, both the Yearbook and Policies & Procedures sections have been printed. Stop by the warehouse and sign-out your copy on the clipboard in the office. When you update your binder, take care not to throw out your Tabs. Follow the instructions on where to insert them back in when you make your update. For members who prefer to go "paperless," the electronic copy of the Yearbook and Policies & Procedures are available by logging into the [Members' Only landing page of the VNSA website](#). The password is the current building security code. If you have trouble logging in, contact Heidi Capriotti. The Mini Directory is also updated and there are extra copies printed so you may take more than one (some like to have one at home and one "to go").

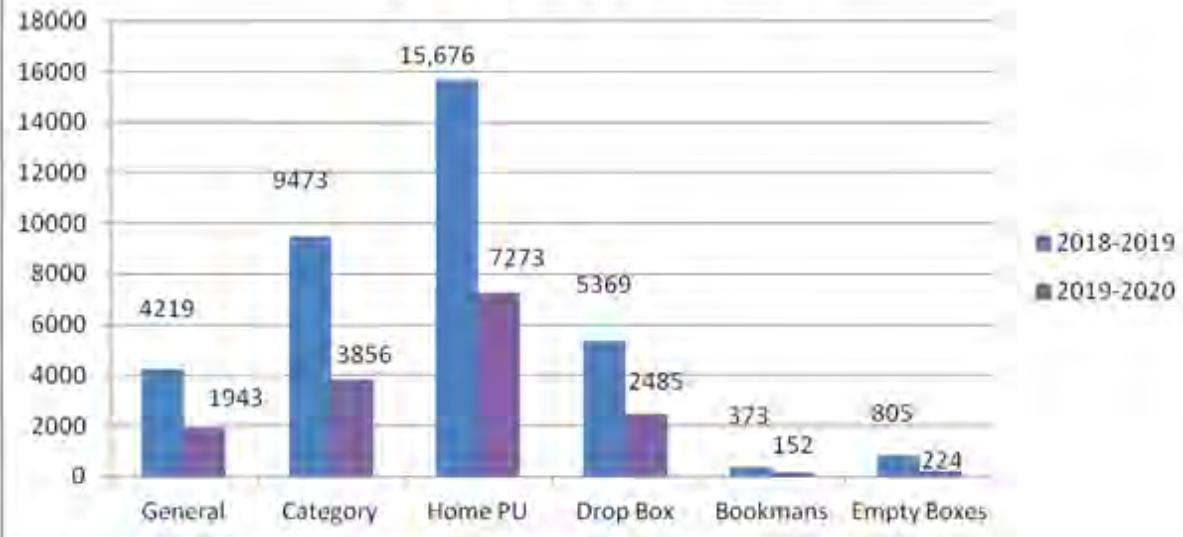
You need a  
**yearbook!**  
(just sayin'...)

Thanks to all of the VNSA leadership that work to keep member information updated throughout the year. If any of your member information has changed, please contact the Vice President Clindy Gruben and Volunteer Services Candy Dugdale. If you have any questions or comments about the Yearbook, please contact Anne Marks or Teri Harnisch.

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### 2019-2020 Collection



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# Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do you know?

All old books, regardless of age, should be sorted to their corresponding category.  
Some categories keep their old books and some give their old books to Treasures.  
Treasures does not get them all.

Books on political anecdotes can now be sorted to Dictionary. (We'll see how they sell with Trivia and Quotes).

"The buying of more books than one can read is nothing less than the soul reaching toward infinity." -- A. Edward Newton



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**October 12:** Warehouse moveout

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## From the President's Perch

Leslie Chesser

It's almost over!!! Summer is slowly (very slowly) going by the wayside. For those of us who managed to make it through – congratulations! We are almost in the home stretch to Fall.

We have had some unwanted "visitors" in the warehouse lately, but it is getting under control. Thanks again to Bob Lunn for his quick action. The kitchen shelves, the counter, and the bathroom have all been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Make extra sure that no crumbs are left on the counters or the floor, or anywhere else in the warehouse. We are trying to get rid of them, not feed them. Also, make sure everything is tightly sealed and put away when you leave. As the saying goes, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and we want those critters gone, not fat. Thanks for helping us in this endeavor!



Please make sure to mark your calendars for the next General Meeting on September 21. Our own Sandra Stirnweis will be presenting a wonderful program about White Cane Day. We will learn about its history and how changes have affected visually impaired people in their independent travels over the decades. This is one of her areas of expertise and it should be really interesting and informative. It's always so great when we can hear from one of our own. Show your support and be there to hear what she has to share with us.

We had such a great sale this year that we are able to give out some additional funds to two extra charities. Susan Goldsmith has worked very hard on this and will have fliers by the door with all of the information needed to help make the best decisions. We need you at the meeting to cast your vote. Remember, YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

See you at the meeting!

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

As we move into September and hopefully start to feel some relief from the triple-digit temperatures, I thought I would share some little known facts about Labor Day. Did you know that the first celebration of Labor Day was September 5, 1882? It all took place in New York City when tens of thousands of citizens marched for their labor rights. During these times, most Americans worked twelve-hour days usually six days a week. The Adamson Act passed on September 3, 1916, which established our modern eight-hour workday. "No wearing white after Labor Day", I think is a thing of the past.

Formerly, it was believed that Labor Day, being the unofficial end of the summer season (anywhere other than Arizona!), should drive down the need for the lighter colors of summer as the fall season was approaching. “Ignore the old rules. White after Labor Day is glamorous” – *Michael Kors (9/2/13)*!

Did you know that Labor Day is the official end of the hot dog season? (*National Hot Dog & Sausage Council website*)

Did you know that Labor Day ironically causes some of the longest working hours for retail workers? This holiday is known for having wild sales but retail workers (6% of our employment system) end up working longer days during the holiday – a day meant for labor appreciation.

According to several news reports, Labor Day weekend is the second most dangerous holiday weekend to drive on U.S. highways.

As the unofficial end of summer and the NFL season kickoff approach us, I want to take time to thank each of you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to making a difference for VNSA, our book sale customers and our charities that we support. I am proud to be a part of VNSA and what we are able to accomplish for the community!

Thank you!

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## Corresponding Secretary Report

### Sue Kapp

With sadness, we inform you that Bill Luffy, husband of long-time member Eilene Luffy, passed away Wed., Aug. 21 after a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be held 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Scottsdale Presbyterian Church, 3421 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, 85251.

Cards and notes can be sent to Eilene Luffy, 7503 E. Vernon, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

Click here to [read Bill's obituary](#).

Gordon Peters, the husband of Patron Marilyn Peters, died unexpectedly Sept. 3. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marilyn and her family at this time. Cards and notes can be sent to her home:

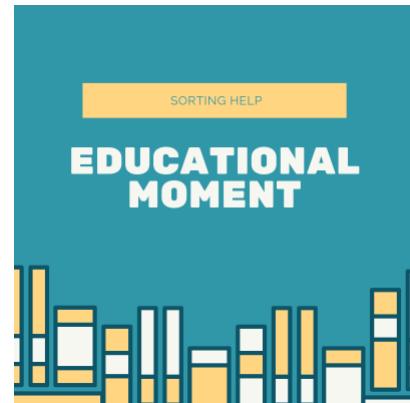
Mrs. Marilyn Peters  
7550 N. 16th Street, 101-2  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

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# Educational Moment

## Business Rules

If you have the eyes of an eagle,  
You won't think to give business legal;  
Stay tuned for what's next,  
And you'll never give us text;  
And a final rule that's very vital,  
We do not want books with education in the title.



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## Book Sale Committee

Angela Cade

During the months of July and August, we received several large donations of books and the warehouse was getting a bit crowded, so we had an excellent Power Sort. Thanks to Leslie Chesser, Betty Gerodimos, Pat Kland, Joyce Nolan, and Susan Goldsmith, we made remarkable progress in getting the stack down.

Our next move out is scheduled for October 12 and more information will follow as we get closer to the date.

A word about hoarding: please take only the tape and markers that you need. When you hoard, this prevents other members from being able to use what they need. Let's be considerate of others.

Finally, Good Read is not a "CATCH ALL." Susan Goldsmith spends an inordinate amount of time resorting books when they are put in the Good Read category when it seems no one knows where else to put them. Just take a moment and look at the flyleaf on the dust jacket or the information from the Library of Congress to know where they go. If this doesn't help, ask someone who might know where the book should be placed. Susan would really appreciate it and so would I.

As always, thank you for the work you do in helping us have a great book sale.

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## Monitoring Committee

**Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair**

Since we had such a successful book sale in February, the monitoring committee determined that we could provide two “supplemental funding” awards of \$6000 each to nonprofits in the community. Nominations were submitted by VNSA members and the monitoring committee reviewed them to see that each is engaged in human services in Maricopa County, has financial statements, and is a 501(c)(3) organization.

**The membership will vote on these at our September meeting.** We will each vote for two organizations and the two top vote-getters will receive the awards. Here are the organizations, a brief description of each, and their websites. If you have questions, please contact Susan Goldsmith.

**Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels**

Their mission is “to bring dignity and comfort into the harsh world of childhood cancer and other life-threatening disease.” They do this by providing gifts to children diagnosed with cancer, by supporting healthcare professionals and helping families having voice and choice in the healthcare system. For more information see [amandahope.org](http://amandahope.org)

**Onward Hope**

Their mission is "We are committed to improving and assisting the successful transition of at-risk young people to independent adulthood and supporting resilient families, by connecting them to resources, a supportive network, and permanency solutions" They provide services to children in foster care, to youth in and out of foster care and to families who are willing to help these children. For more information see [onwardhope.org](http://onwardhope.org)

**Phoenix Conservatory of Music**

Their mission is “to unleash the power of music by providing high-quality music education and experiences to students and families that are affordable and accessible.” They do

this "by providing community education programs and classes, after school programs for at-risk populations, private music lessons, ensembles and a unique college preparatory program in affiliation with the Berklee City Music Network." For more information see [pcmrocks.org](http://pcmrocks.org)

### SOUNDS Academy

Their mission is "To teach, mentor, and provide musical experiences and opportunities to underserved youth. The vision of SOUNDS Academy is to provide music education opportunities to a wide variety of children and to remove any barriers that children may have in receiving quality music education." For more information see [soundsacademy.org](http://soundsacademy.org)

### Sun Sounds Foundation

Their mission is to raise money for Sun Sounds of Arizona which is a reading and information service that brings the printed page to people who cannot read or handle print material due to a disability. For more information about Sun Sounds and the foundation see [sunsounds.org](http://sunsounds.org)

### VALLEYLIFE

Their mission is "to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities." They are committed to helping people with disabilities in our community by enriching their lives with rewarding experiences and valuable opportunities. We enable them to live a life with choices, independence, and dignity. Our services are delivered through our caring and dedicated staff, specialized programs and advocacy. For more information see [www.valleylifeaz.org](http://www.valleylifeaz.org)

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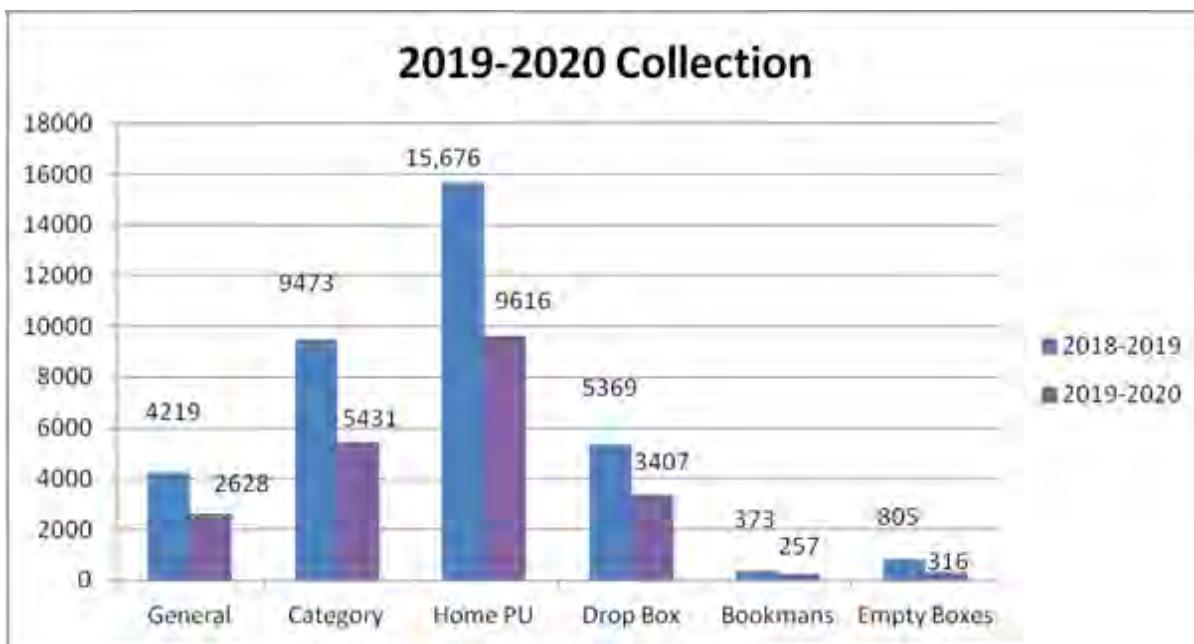
## **Are You Shelf-Stable?**

Are the shelves in your category stable and loaded on the bottom for ballast? The outer shelving unit in Children's fell over with a crash. Bob Lunn was there, so he removed the shelving unit, and Mickey and I crawled around on the floor and re-packed all the books. No damage and no one hurt, but what a headache for Sandra! We tried to sort and pack as we went, but I know it's going to take work to sort it all out.

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## Yearbook and UPDATES

### Anne Marks

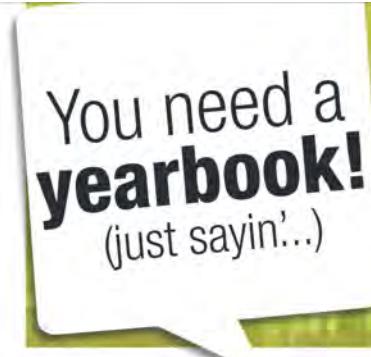
The 2019-2020 VNSA Yearbooks are printed and available for you to update your binders! Stop by the warehouse to pick yours up, or plan to pick one up at the membership meeting (we will have some there). Special thanks from VNSA to Vista Thompson Brown and her employer, community partner, Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for donating the printing of the Yearbooks.

When you update your binder, take care not to throw out your Tabs. Follow the instructions on where to insert them back in when you make your update. PLEASE manually update the following member contact information in the Yearbook (updated or notice of correction since printing):

George Siordan: Please update e-mail to: [siordan1@cox.net](mailto:siordan1@cox.net). The telephone listed as home is his cell and the cell number listed is his work number and should not be used to contact him for VNSA (please remove).

Steve Schrade: Please update e-mail to: [sschrade@yahoo.com](mailto:sschrade@yahoo.com)

For members who prefer to go "paperless," the electronic copy of the Yearbook and Policies & Procedures are available by logging into the Members' Only landing page of the VNSA website.



The password is the current building security code. If you have trouble logging in, contact Heidi Capriotti. The Mini Directory updated to include the corrections above and there are extra copies printed so you may take more than one (some like to have one at home and one "to go").

Thanks to all of the VNSA leadership that work to keep member information updated throughout the year. If any of your member information has changed, please contact the Vice President Cindy Gruben and Volunteer Services Candy Dugdale.

If you have any questions or comments about the Yearbook, please contact Anne Marks or Teri Harnisch.

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Did you know:

Sort only **new, unopened** VHS tapes to AV.  
All other VHS tapes should be sent to the garbage, (not disposal). EXCEPTION: AV accepts **all Disney VHS tapes.**

The copyright cut-off date between Fiction and Good Read is 2008. Sort 2008 and newer to Fiction. They get so many books.  
Please watch the dates.



Book Hangover: Inability to start a new book because you're still living in the last book's world. - Unknown



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## Calendar of Events

**October 12:** Warehouse moveout

**October 31:** Sorting Party at warehouse hosted by Classics, Cookbooks, Suspense and Text

**December 11:** Holiday gathering at Cathy McAllister's home

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## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

FALL has finally arrived. I was at the warehouse on September 24 and we didn't need the coolers until 11 a.m. We made it!! Hooray for us!!!

We had a very successful General Meeting on Sept. 21.

I'm sorry if you missed it because we got to vote to spend more money for charity. Originally, the Monitoring Committee had decided to select two of the six nominated charities to receive \$6,000.00 each. However, we had a tie for the second spot, so they had a quick meeting and decided to select all THREE charities to each receive \$4,000.00 each. They are: Onward Hope, Phoenix Conservatory of Music, and SOUNDS Academy. Susan Goldsmith did a terrific job organizing all of this, and her team worked very hard to get the job done. And we had a quorum at the meeting, so we were able to vote. Thank you to all who participated.



Tuesday, Sept 24 was the first of three Amazon facility tours that Joyce Nolan, our Social Chairperson, has arranged. It was quite fascinating and HUGE. If you have not signed up yet and, if there is still room on her lists, you should try and go. It's another great outing that she has planned as an extra way for all of us to get together outside of the warehouse.

Here are a couple of important dates to mark on your calendars. Move Out is scheduled for October 12. A Sorting Party will be hosted by Classics, Cookbooks, Suspense and Text on Oct. 31, Halloween. Plan your costume now for a ghoulishly good time. Plus, there will be prizes for the best costumes. Until then, keep up all the great work you are doing and I will see you around the warehouse.

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

Welcome to fall and the second of our three move-outs! You know what that means..... the next book sale is four months away! As we prepare for the new year and the book sale, it is also time to select a VNSA Nominating Committee Slate. The following members have agreed to be on the Nominating Committee Slate:

Paula Bostock

Lisa Nguyen

Colleen Cotier

Karin Fedo

Ginny Fields

Karen Lattin

Cartha Cassel

Raime Manch

MaryAnn Murphy

Vista Thompson

VNSA members will vote for five out of the ten members above whom they would like to be on the Nominating Committee. The five top vote receivers will become the Nominating Committee. We will be voting electronically this year, so please keep an eye out for the communication asking you to vote on the five members to make up the Nominating Committee.

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## Treasurer's News

### Sandra Stirnweis

Money highlights:

- The first checks were sent to our two charities (\$58,381.00 each)
- Supplemental funding checks will be given to three groups this year because there was a tie. Onward Hope, Phoenix Conservatory of Music and SOUNDS Academy will each get \$4,000.00.
- We had to have exterminators come in and get rid of mice and termites (unexpected \$1500 expense).
- We had to replace Evaporative cooler #2 (\$3500 paid for from the building fund)

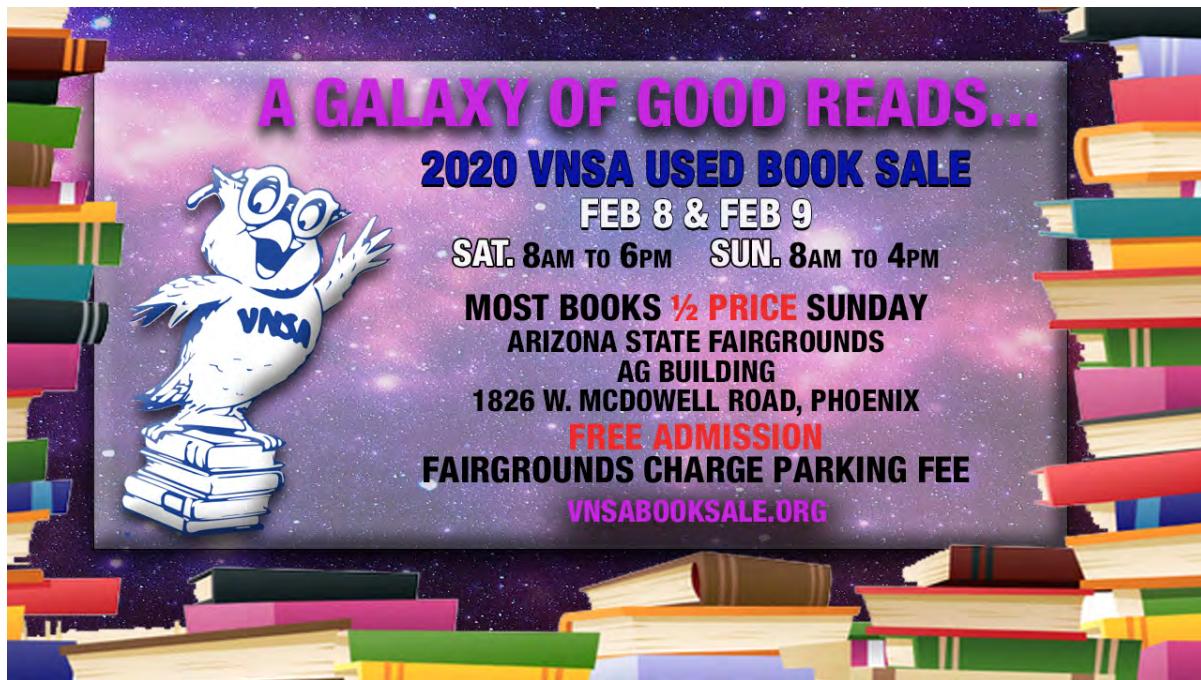
Read the [Profit Loss statement](#) to see more details.

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## Publicity

### Jennifer Doan

We have finalized the artwork for the 2020 Book Sale. We'll have a banner up at the main entrance/ticket booth for October 1 through Jan 31. The fair starts Oct 4.



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## Corresponding Secretary Report

**Sue Kapp**

A get well card was sent to Catherine Mallen, who had surgery early in September.

A thinking of you card was sent to Patricia Cahill when we learned that she had been having health issues.

Donations were made in memory of William Luffy, husband of member Eilene Luffy to the American Cancer Society and in memory of Gordon Peters, husband of patron Marilyn Peters to the Cancer Research Institute in NYC. Both families have been notified of our donations.

I would like to ask members to please let me know when any member of your committee is ill or is having surgery so that I can send a card and let the membership know. We are not mind readers!

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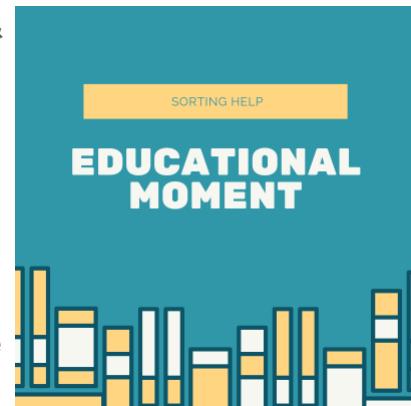
## Educational Moment

### Textbook Category

By Steven & Michelle Schrade

VNSA defines a textbook as: a book used in high schools & colleges for the study of a subject including engineering, medicine, history, law, math, business, science, education, psychology, sociology, philosophy, and academic books. Also included are test prep books such as ACT, GRE, LSAT, GMAT, etc.

To help you determine if the book you are sorting should be sent to text, we offer the following tips:



### Most common High School and College Textbook publishing houses:

- Cengage Learning.
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- McGraw-Hill Education.
- Pearson Education.
- A university press:
  - A **university press** is an **academic** publishing house specializing in **academic** works. Most are a part of a large **university**. They usually have the word “university” in it. i.e. Oxford University Press
- Categories that are frequently mistaken for Text:
  - [Textbooks up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade go to the Children's category](#)
  - Relationships & Self-Help
  - Religion & Philosophy
  - Science & Nature
  - Business
  - History, War & Politics
- Other clues a book does not belong in Text:
  - Popular authors such as Stephen Covey, Wayne Dyer; “media experts” like Dr. Phil, Carl Sagan, Neil DeGrasse Tyson
  - Non-Fiction best sellers

We appreciate your effort to make sure all books are sorted into their proper category. We hope this helps you to target textbooks effectively. Many thanks!!

## Book Sale Committee

**Angela Cade**

Thankfully the dog days of summer are over and we are getting a respite with the nicer weather. We are getting ready for the second move-out on **October 12**.



We had a very nice sorting party to start the fall season sponsored by Relationships, Foreign Language and Science. We did some serious work on getting the stack down and now there is a lot less to do before the move-out. It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner and once the new year starts, it's on to the Book Sale. I can't believe the time has gone by so fast.

Thank you to everyone for the hard work you do to help us have a great book sale. It is greatly appreciated.

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## Monitoring Committee

**Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair**

Literacy of Maricopa County graduated 29 adult learners with their High School Equivalency (HSE) diplomas on June 26. The graduates entered the room at Burton Barr Library to "Pomp and Circumstance" and were welcomed by Director Jesus Love who introduced staff members and made brief comments including a note of appreciation for VNSA continuing support. Ginny Boardman and Ginny Fields ( former



VNSA reps) attended the celebration. Sheryl Hart, Deputy Associate Superintendent of the Arizona Department of Education, presented the diplomas to the eight graduates who attended the celebration. The class of 2019 was predominantly women (66%); and the students' ages were evenly distributed with 34% between 37 and 57, 31% between 21 and 36, and 34% under 21 years of age. The students were accompanied by family and friends, along with LVMC's Staff, Members of LVMC's Board of Directors and friends of LVMC.

Haydee Gil was among the graduates who attended the ceremony. At VNSA's annual membership meeting in April, Haydee spoke about her family and her current studies to become a medical assistant. Arsen Nalbandian, who was referred to us by the Phoenix Conservatory of Music (PCM), also attended the graduation. At PCM, Arsen participated in the College Prep program where, in addition to music composition, ensemble, and instrument instruction, participants are encouraged to look beyond music and complement their passion for music with a college and/or career pathway. Arsen stopped attending high school at age 16 following his interest in music and started to support himself by working

in the construction industry along with gigs at the Nash (Arizona's premier jazz venue). Arsen passed the GED ® in June and received his HSE diploma. He is pursuing his bachelor's degree at Paradise Valley Community College on a full tuition scholarship. Additionally, Arsen is teaching jazz (piano and keyboard) at PCM.

[Click here](#) to see and hear Arsen play jazz.



## Social Committee

Joyce Nolan

VNSA members toured the Amazon distribution facility on Sept. 24.

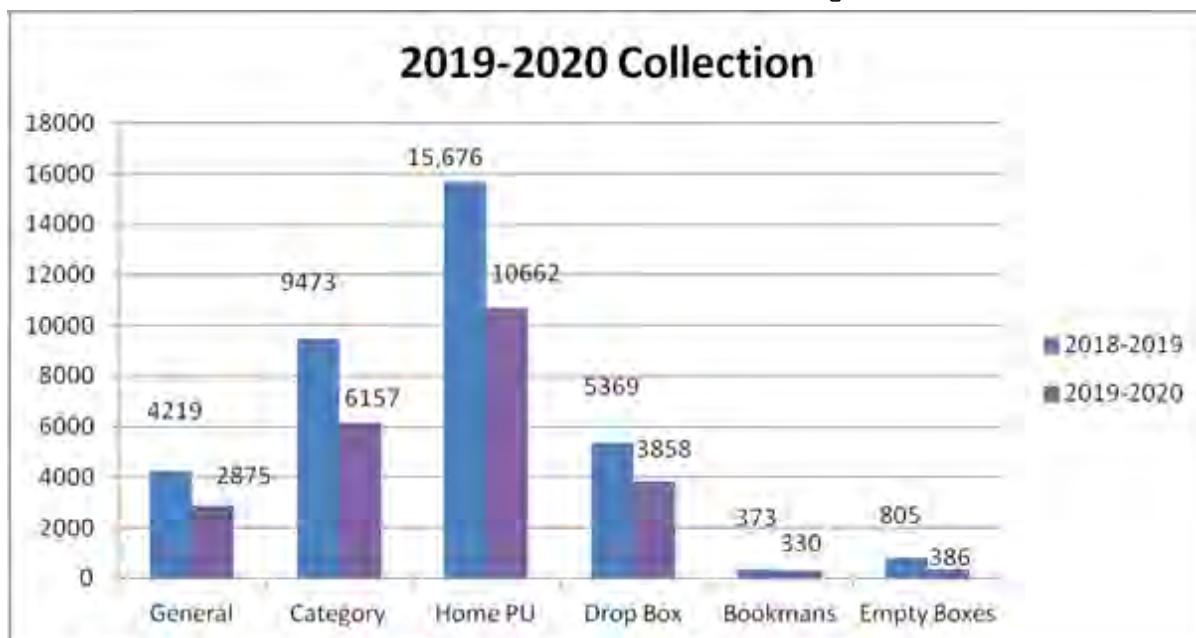


Holiday season is right around the corner and there are less than 90 days until Christmas. VNSA's Holiday Coffee is December 11 at the home of Cathy McAllister. Mark your calendar and plan to join in the festivities in the late afternoon into the early evening.

The Spring Fiesta will be held March 28 at Aunt Chilada's, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw. Look for more information after the book sale.

## Volunteer Services

Candy Dugdale



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## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do You Know

**Atlas:**

"A book or bound collection of maps".  
Historical maps should be sorted to History.  
The rest should be sorted to Travel.

**Novel:**

"A fictional prose narrative of considerable length, typically having a plot that is unfolded by the actions, speech, and thoughts of the characters". Check the category signs for placement. Novels have several homes, depending on the subject.



"To Be A Writer: If you give me a minute, I think I can make this worse." — Unknown



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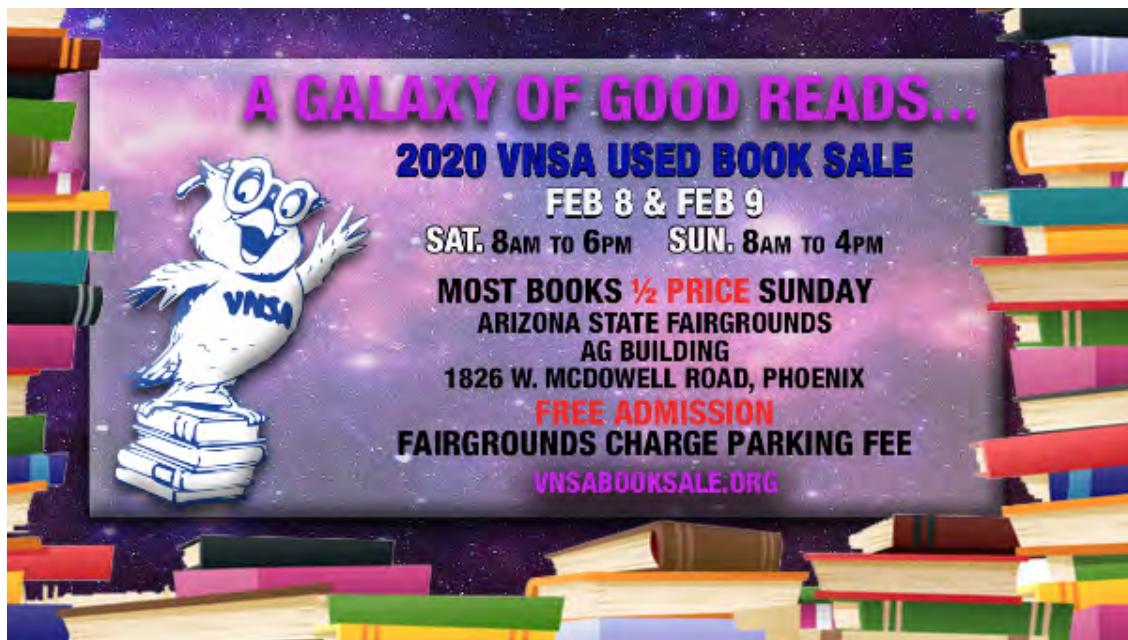
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## Calendar of Events

**November 14:** Sorting party at the warehouse hosted by Fiction, Bio and Sets. A sign-up sheet will be at the warehouse.

**December 11:** Holiday gathering at Cathy McAllister's home



## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**



Thank goodness it's November!! October was just plain scary. We had a Move Out that was filled with some really creepy things that had to be taken care of again. Plus, we had some very stressed out people (like me) who were very nervous working around the warehouse because we (meaning me again) did not want to encounter anything other than a book. The warehouse has been sprayed again, cleaned again, and traps set again. Hopefully, this will be the end. However, remember to be very careful with crumbs and leaving open containers of food around. Martha has named our "critters" Ralph, and we want Ralph and all of his friends to vacate the property.

November is the month of Thanksgiving and just giving thanks to all of the good things in our lives. I am so very thankful for all of the wonderful people I have come to know at VNSA. You people are the hardest, most dedicated people I have ever had the pleasure to work with and am so very thankful for each and every one of you. I honestly do not think you give yourselves enough credit for all that you do. We are so few, and we accomplish so much.



Wonderful dates are coming up as we get towards the holidays and then on to the Book Sale. Each year at the Holiday Party, the President of VNSA (that's me this year) gets to choose a charity. This year I have picked **Valley Life**. It provides supportive activities for

disabled adults. Programs are designed for personal and vocational training to improve and support individual needs. This was one of the charities that was nominated for the supplemental funds that were available and I really like what they are trying to do for the disabled in our community. They can really use Target gift cards. With a minimum of \$15.00, I am asking our members to look in their hearts and give what you can to help. I will have a folder in my file in the office where you can place your donations and will still be accepting them at the Holiday Party where they will be presented to Ann Polunsky who is their representative.

Thank You all

As always, keep up the great work and I will see you around the warehouse.

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## Vice President's News

### Cindy Gruben

As we move into November and start to think about the holidays, the new year and the Book Sale, I have a couple of pieces of VNSA news:

1. The VNSA Nominating Committee has been chosen by the VNSA membership and will be comprised of the following members – Raime Manch (Chair), Paula Bostock, Karin Fedo, Ginny Fields and Karen Lattin. Thank you in advance for your work on this important committee.
2. We have a new VNSA member – Eva Scholfield. Eva has completed her new member requirements and will be working with Andrea Elkington and the rest of the team in Fiction. Welcome Eva! We are excited to have you as part of the VNSA family!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Cindy Gruben

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## Treasurer's News

### Sandra Stirnweis

Money highlights:

- We have to replace our tablets in order to run the credit card processing program at the sale. Our old tablets were sold to members to help offset the cost. The board

authorized the purchase of 14 new tablets and the Book Sale team will be looking for great holiday sales to get them as cheaply as possible.

- Our tax forms have been completed and will be signed and sent off this month.
- We had to have the exterminators come back because of rats. PLEASE be mindful of food in the warehouse and make sure food containers are closed tightly and no open drinks get left open lying around.
- Deposits for the caterers for the Booksale have been made. Deposit for Spring Fiesta has been paid. Fees to the State Fairgrounds will be paid later this month. Read the [Profit Loss statement](#) to see the details.

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## Personnel Chair

### Cathy McAllister

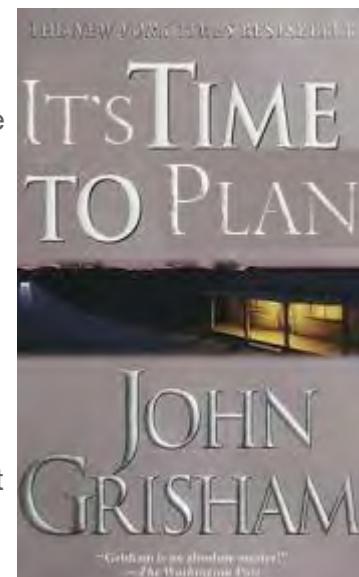
It's time! It's not too soon to begin to think about our jobs at the book sale. More of us feel the need to have a seated position, so it is important that you request those jobs as early as possible. Consider taking the training to learn how to process credit card payments. Be flexible when it comes to taking on positions out of your category. Find a partner and do a shift as a pit boss. And start looking at your neighbors, friends, and family as potential volunteers! Please encourage your volunteers to sign up early so that I can pair them with those they want to work with. Most people want to work on Saturday morning, so ask if they can do a Sunday shift instead. The sign-up sheet will go active next month, so you have some extra time to make your plans. Please feel free to email me if you have any particular concerns or questions. Thank you for planning ahead!

Cathy McAllister

Personnel Chair

602.791.2238

[mrsmcallister@cox.net](mailto:mrsmcallister@cox.net)



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## Lost and Found

David Kest's apron has gone missing since the move-out. His name is embroidered on it. If you've seen it, or have it, please let him know.



## Warehouse Snacks

We are a chocolate loving people! Thanks to a few frequent, loyal and sometimes anonymous donors, we mostly stay in chocolate at the warehouse. And now after Halloween, we are likely to have abundant chocolate for a while as people bring leftovers.

Please be sure that, whatever snacks you have, any crumbs get cleaned up and the containers closed tightly. Following our adventures with rodents, one of whom was dubbed Ralph, we have new plastic containers with lids that snap shut. Please use them!



It would be great to have more contributions to the snack fund. If you sometimes partake in goodies, please think about dropping some coins or a bill in the can in the fridge.

And if you have suggestions for snacks let Susan Goldsmith know.

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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 [azpiper@cox.net](mailto:azpiper@cox.net) any time before January 22, 2020 detailing the times you will be available.

## Educational Moment

### Sports Category

By Sharon Magee

The Sports, Transportation and Games category, with its three diverse sub-categories, is the catch-all category for VNSA. And while it may be easy to remember that we get books on baseball, hiking, autos, and puzzles, it may not be so easy to remember we also take

books on scuba diving, survival, rollerblading, and computer game guides.

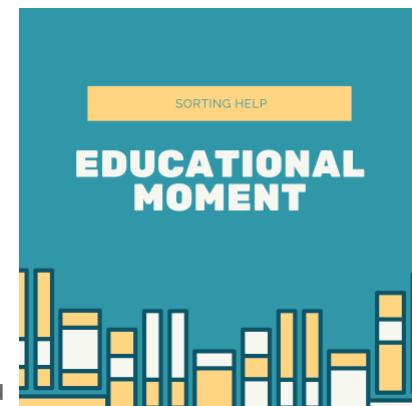
The Sports section covers all competitive sports, including ball sports, golf, Olympics, and boxing/wrestling/martial arts. Some of our lesser-known topics include bullfighting, cheerleading, paintballing, windsurfing, rodeo, and sports media. We also take all books on sports fitness and nutrition.

The Transportation section covers anything that moves you from one place to another. So, in addition to autos, boats, planes, and trains, we might get books on skateboarding, fire engines, tractors/earth movers, and motorcycles.

In Games, we get all puzzles, card and board games, games books, crossword/word search/sudoku books, and computer games and guides. In addition, Games includes such topics as magic, role-playing, and gambling.

A fourth sub-category not reflected in our category name is Camping, Hunting, and Fishing. Obvious topics include hiking, fishing, and weapons, but we also take books on survival (includes the Fox Fire series and any books on living and surviving in the wilderness), rock/mountain climbing, mountain biking, and RVing.

Additionally, we take ALL magazines, CDs, and DVDs relating to any of these categories. We hope this will give you a clearer understanding of what goes into the Sports, Transportation and Games category.



## Book Sale Committee

**Angela Cade**

October was a busy month. In preparation for our second move-out, we had a great Power Sort thanks to Betty Gerodimos, Leslie Chesser, Susan Goldsmith, Eva Scholfield, Jan Maxwell, Don Maxwell, Steve Arkoff, Pat Kland, Bern Peterson, Sue Kapp, Mickey Munger, Matt Henrichs, Mac McLaughlin and Carol Carnicky. The stack was cleared before noon with this efficient group! This enabled us to be ready for our second move-out, which only emphasized how close we are getting to the actual BOOK SALE!



Thanks for working at the move-out go to Alison Schroeder, Candy Dugdale, Dave Dugdale, Betty Gerodimos, Heather Rayner, Suzanne Piper, Patti Fenner, Pat Kland, Julia Lunn and Maryann Murphy. Of course, the wonderful burritos by Patricia Cahill were a hit as usual and the side dishes provided by the members were appreciated. Also, thanks to our Grill Team, Bill Cassel, Bob Smith, and Alan Rogers. They are the best!

We closed out the month with a fabulous Halloween themed sorting party sponsored by Cookbooks, Classics, Text, and Suspense.

My personal thanks to Susan Goldsmith for performing a task above and beyond the call of duty.

As always, thank you to all who give their time. It is greatly appreciated.

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## **Monitoring Committee**

**Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair**

Did you know 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. This means that an \$800 tax credit saves you \$800 in taxes. It is different from a tax deduction. Tax deductions lower your taxable income and they are equal to the percentage of your marginal tax bracket. 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  
Phoenix, AZ. 85020  
or you may donate online

[Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County](#)

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## **Social Committee**

**Joyce Nolan**

There are no more VNSA Amazon Tours scheduled, however, you can go to [aboutamazon.com](#). and schedule a tour on your own. They now have tours on

Saturdays and Sundays.

### **Join other VNSA early birds for a Morning Bird Walk**

Saturday, November 23, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

3131 S. Central Ave., Phoenix, 85040

Join other bird enthusiasts on Saturday, Nov 23 for a guided bird walk through the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area! These walks are for everyone: experts, novices, and people who have never gone birding in their entire life. Bring water, and wear sunscreen and shoes for walking. Loaner binoculars and field guides are available for those who don't have their own.

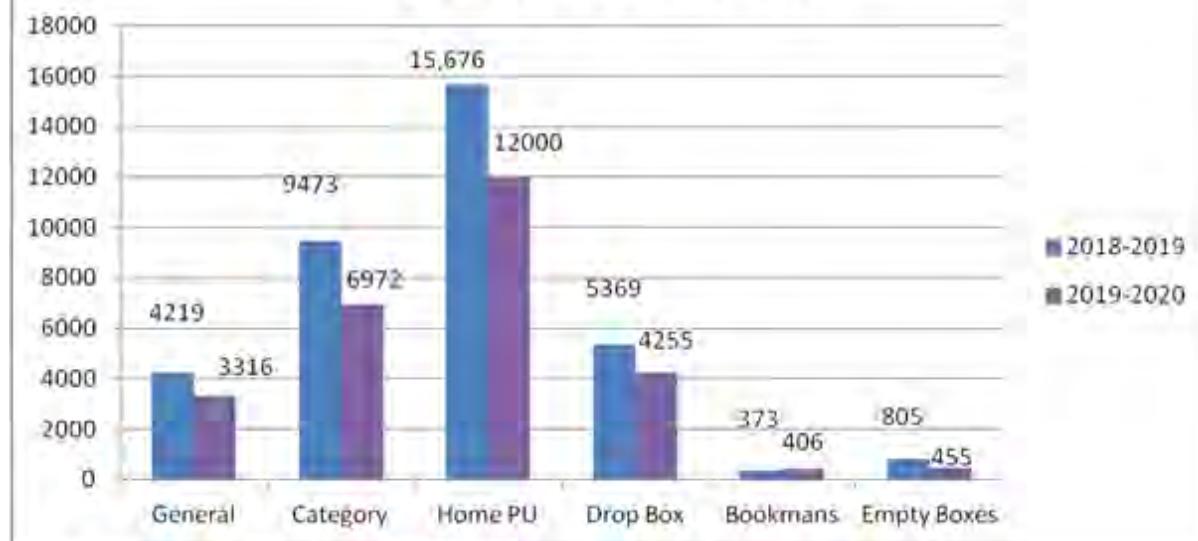
Please meet inside the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center at least 5–10 minutes prior to the 8 a.m. departure time. Restroom facilities will be available for use at the center.

All ages welcome! No admission fee. No need to RSVP.

## **Volunteer Services**

Candy Dugdale

### **2019-2020 Collection**



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## **Category Quiz**

## Shirley Allen

Do you know:

Religion does not accept any magazines, (sort to disposal), or AV items, (sort to AV).

Books about Personal Grooming or Fashion should be sorted into Relationships.

"I have lived a thousand lives, and I've loved a thousand loves. I've walked on distant worlds and seen the end of time. Because I read." -- George R Martin



*Category  
Quiz*

*Did you know...*



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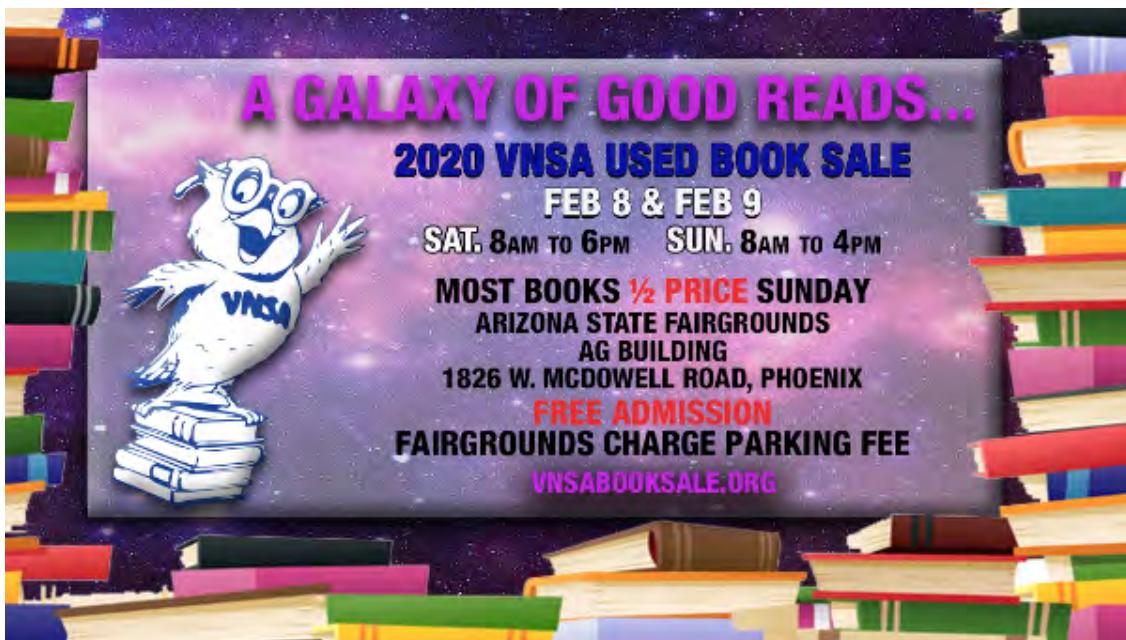
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## Calendar of Events

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

**December 11:** Holiday gathering at Cathy McAllister's home

**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.



## From the President's Perch

**Leslie Chesser**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!!!

This is positively the best time of year. We get to party, shop, party, wrap presents, party, bake, celebrate with friends and, of course, party some more. Can you guess which part of the holidays I like best?. And, speaking of parties, please make sure you have your calendars marked for **December 11**. That's the date of our annual **Holiday Party**. Dennis and Cathy McAllister have graciously invited all of us into their home for this year's festivities. Also, this month, remember to purchase a gift card from Target (minimum of \$15.00) and either put it in my folder in the office at the warehouse or bring it with you to the party. We will be recognizing all of our charities during the evening and will be presenting the gift card bag to Ann Polunsky of Valley Life. It's always such a fun evening – I hope to see a lot of you there.



On November 23, some of us did the Bird Walk at the Nina Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center in south Phoenix. It was very interesting walking under Central Ave. bridge to walk along the riverbank and look for birds. We saw a couple of different types of hawks, some ducks, a lot of birds that I can't remember their names and even a peregrine falcon (didn't see Nate though). This was all thanks to Joyce, our Social Event Director, who keeps thinking up really great ways to get together outside of the warehouse. Whatever she has next, you really don't want to miss. It's bound to be another fun adventure.

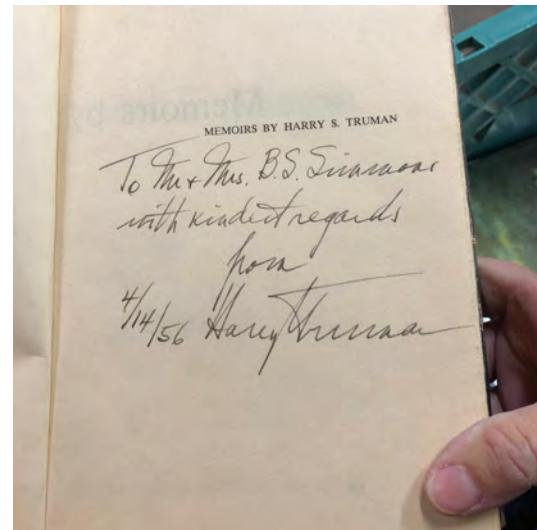
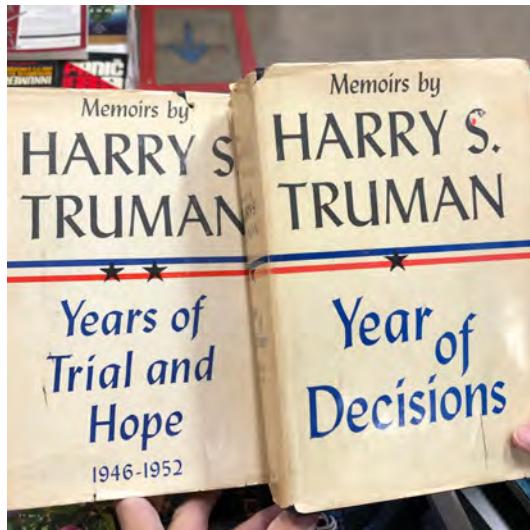
## Some FYI's:

- Please, please, please pay attention when sorting books so we can cut down on mis-sorts;
- Make sure all of the lights and ceiling fans are off before you leave the warehouse;
- Make sure the cover for the NEW garage door opener is closed after you use it.

Thanks.

My Christmas Wish to all of you is to have the merriest and brightest Holiday Season ever. See you at the party.

As always, keep up the great work and I will see you around the warehouse.



While sorting up front Martha Karlan found a treasure. What a surprise to find an personalized autograph of Harry Truman! Abe Books has it listed for over \$2,000.00 dollars.

Way to go Martha for taking the time to look inside the book!

## 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

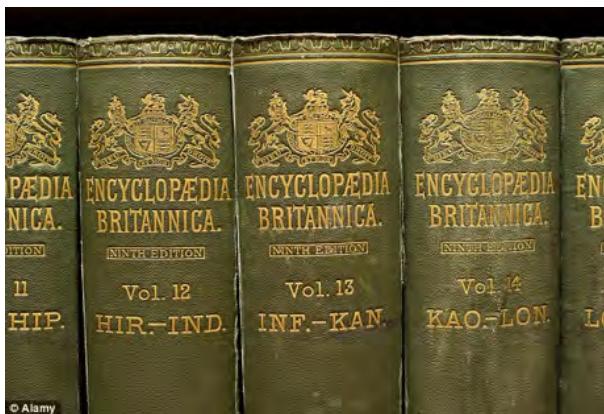
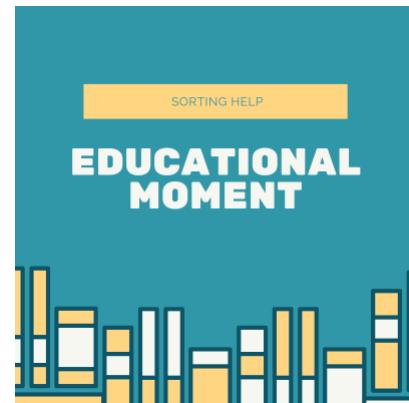
continue to 3:00 pm. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the January General Meeting, as well as sending an email to Suzanne at [azspiper@cox.net](mailto:azspiper@cox.net) any time before January 22, 2020, detailing the times you will be available.

## Educational Moment

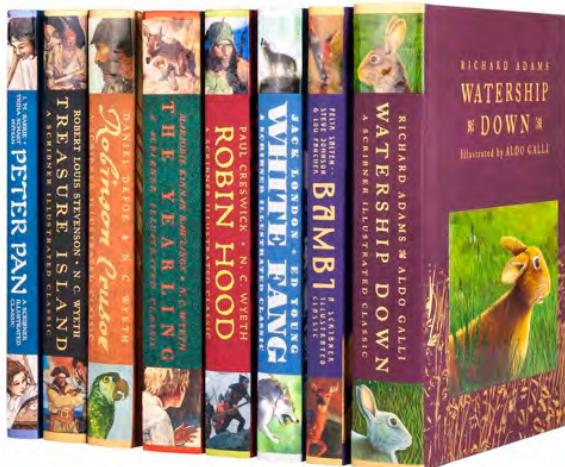
### Sets Category

By Trish Henry

Sets. If you read the sign posted over the sorting table it pretty much says it all.... numbered volumes (including marks like asterisks or stars). Encyclopedias that are very old (pre-1950 and in good condition) or very new (post-2000). No law or medical books unless very old and interesting. And yes, if you get a group of books that look like they should go together but are not numbered, send them back to us and we'll check them out. We would like to emphasize that we take NO Children's books. They all go to the Children category. Questions? Come back to the NW corner of the building and check us out. We have a large working area to be able to store all the bits and pieces and hopefully make complete sets.



Good examples of a set



Example of what's not a set

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## Book Sale Committee

**Angela Cade**

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much turkey and pie. Now back to work.

Many thanks to **Biography, Fiction, and Sets** for hosting a sorting party, which enabled us to keep the stack at a reasonable size. We are still getting pick-ups and drop-offs, so any time that can be spared to do some sorting up front is appreciated.

We are still having issues with sorters putting books into Fiction boxes that don't belong there. Please take a little extra time to make sure that what you are giving them actually belongs to them. This allows them to focus on sorting their books and not re-sorting what is not theirs.

Suzanne Piper included a request in the last newsletter for volunteers to work the set-up week in the Refreshment Area. She is out of town but can be reached by email if you are interested, or you can email me at [AC10377@aol.com](mailto:AC10377@aol.com) and let me know if you would like to work there.

As always, thank you for your hard work and have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa or Happy whatever you observe.

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## Monitoring Committee

## Susan Goldsmith, Monitoring Chair

### Using your tax credits to support our charities.

Did you know that you can make contributions to some organizations in Arizona and then take a dollar for dollar **credit** against your state taxes? Both of the VNSA primary charities are eligible for tax credit contributions - and you can do both of these if you have not already used the maximum credit with other organizations. Learn more at: [Sensiblemoney.com/learn/arizona-tax-credits-2016/](http://Sensiblemoney.com/learn/arizona-tax-credits-2016/) or at [AZ Dept of Revenue](#)

While making tax credit eligible donations does allow you to essentially direct some part of your state taxes to qualified organizations you favor, we caution that tax credit donations can be complicated so we recommend that if you have any questions you consult with your tax professional.

Here are some details for Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation and Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County.

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation 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.

Want to do more? The Executive Council Charities SAY campaign will add 25% to your AFFCF donation if you route your donation through [their website](#). Executive Council Charities and AFFCF have partnered for the last three years to INCREASE the amount of AFFCF tax credit donations. It works like this. You make your tax credit donation through Executive Council Charities SAY campaign. Executive Council Charities returns 100% of the donations made to AFFCF PLUS a 25% bonus of up to \$5000 for the donations that are made through the SAY campaign. If you have any questions about this please call Kris Jacober on her direct line at AFFCF, [602-775-5783](tel:602-775-5783).

Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County is a qualifying charitable organization under the [Arizona Charitable Tax Credit](#). 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. This tax credit donation 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

Phoenix, AZ. 85020

or you may donate online at [Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County](#).

There are also tax credit programs for public schools, for private school scholarships, for military family relief, health insurance premiums, renewable energy and others. You can take advantage of more than one of these in your tax planning. Do remember to consult with a professional if you have ANY questions!

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## **Social Committee**

**Joyce Nolan**

Please plan to attend the VNSA Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 11, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cathy and Dennis McAllister, 105 W. Harmont Drive. Stop by and meet the recipients of our Supplemental Funding: Onward Hope, Phoenix Conservatory of Music, SOUNDS Academy and the president's pick, Valley Life. Bring a dish of finger foods to share.

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## **Nominating Committee**

**Raime Manch**

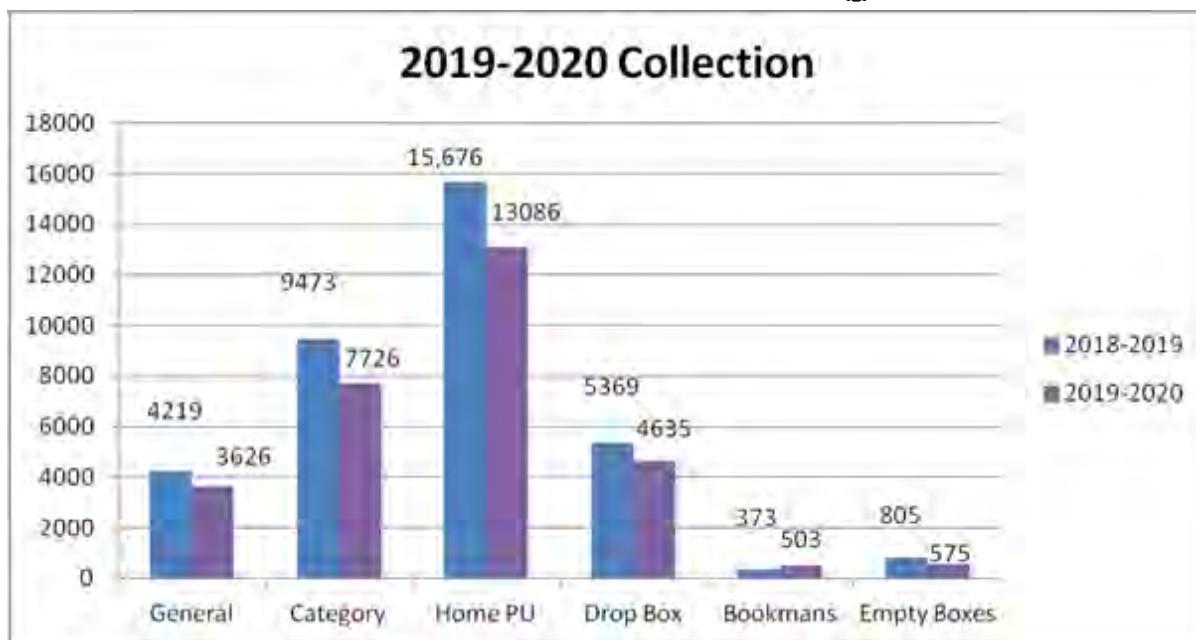
The Nominating Committee announces the following slate of 2020 officers, to be voted on at the January member meeting:

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

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## **Volunteer Services**

**Candy Dugdale**



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

## Category Quiz

Shirley Allen

Do You Know:

If the book cover has words like 'murder, victim, espionage' on it, or there might be a picture of a crime scene, body, or a weapon, the book probably should be sorted to Suspense. Sometimes you can also determine where a book should be sorted by looking on the back cover. Please help to reduce the many mis-sorts to Good Read and Fiction.



The definition of history: "A narrative of events; story. The branch of knowledge that records and analyses past events.

"Captive: Once I dive into these pages, I may not come out for ages. Books have power over me. Inside a book I am not free. I am a prisoner in a land of print on paper in my hand. But do not worry. I am a happy captive here." -- Amy LV



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