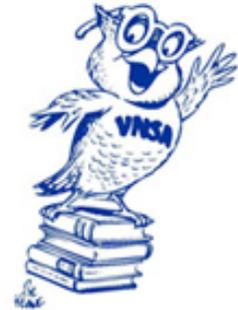


# VNSA

## member bulletin

monthly news & information



January 2023

- [From the President's Perch](#)
- [Vice President's Report](#)
- [Corresponding Secretary](#)
- [Book Sale Chair](#)
- [Book Sale Personnel](#)
- [Category Quiz](#)

Hello Heidi,

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**VNSA Board Meeting**, January 7, 9:00 a.m., Arizona Medical Association, 2401 W. Peoria Ave., Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85029

**MANDATORY General Meeting**, January 14 at Community of Christ, Church, 4224 N 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix

**Clear the Stack sorting:** January 19

**Last Day for Warehouse drop-offs:** January 19

**Category-Only Final Sort & Boxing:** January 19-23

**Warehouse closed:** January 24 thru February 6

**Category Check-out at Warehouse: January 23**

**Move-out: January 28**

---

## **From the President's Perch**

**Sandra Stirnweis**



Happy New Year All! I hope everyone had a chance to relax over the holidays because we need it coming into the home stretch. This is an extremely busy time, so PLEASE read your newsletter, hotmails, and warehouse signs. Most importantly, attend the MANDATORY General Meeting on Saturday, January 14. Things are very different this year with set up and the Sale because of the Super Bowl, so you don't want to be in the dark. If you cannot make the meeting, then make sure you talk with your other category

people (and I think of general sort as a "category") to learn what you missed.

Although the Sale is great fun, it can be stressful too. Please monitor yourself so you don't take your stress out on others. Our Sale is ever-changing based on the books that are brought, Fire Marshall requirements, and limited space. Space is assigned at the Sale based on a mathematical formula that expects you to use the floor space under your tables. Figuring all that out is a Herculean task and this is Jon's first year creating the map. If you think a mistake is made, do not get mad, think it's a personal vendetta against you, or yell. Simply explain it calmly, listen to why, and understand that what you want may not be possible. Every year when I get the map I say "thanks, I can make this work" even if they have to take a table away for any number of reasons. I do that because it's not about me. It's about the customers who come to the sale and our community service partners. Throwing a tantrum or threatening to quit is not good for anyone. Just because something was "always" done a certain way doesn't mean it can't change. I believe that you don't have a right to complain unless you also are making a commitment to help with what you are complaining about. And, just because you're stressed doesn't mean you get to heap a bunch of stress on someone else. So, take a deep breath, and accept this challenge (consider it a New Year's Resolution, at least until the Sale is over) – I will be positive, grateful, and supportive of everyone in the organization. I guarantee you'll

enjoy the Sale a lot more if you do!

General Meeting to Do List:

- Attend and expect to be there for a while,
- Bring money for dues, culinary, and VNSA swag,
- Sign up on at least one request list that will be passed around,
- Vote in election, and
- Take notes.

## **VNSA General Meeting**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Community of Christ, Church, 4224 N 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix

Social and Money Collection 10:30 a.m.

Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. (promptly)

---

## **Vice President's Report**

### **George Siordian**

I would to thank all of our new members who joined in 2022! I think we have a good group of people, and I am excited about 2023. With the Sale coming up in February, I hope to get a new batch of volunteers whom we can bring into VNSA in 2023.

I look forward to seeing everybody at our general meeting on January 14.



---

## **Corresponding Secretary**

### **Pamela Brown-Elwood**

This past month, sympathy cards were sent to Ann Cox and Mark Lathrop.

Get-well cards were sent to Heather Rayner and Ann Cox.



Please keep in touch and send any member news [my way](#).

---

## Book Sale Chair

**Leslie Chesser**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Let's make it the best one ever. I have a couple of New Year's Resolutions for all of us. I will get to them in a while, but first, I wanted to thank Sandra for hosting such a nice Holiday Party. It's too bad more people couldn't take a few hours out of their busy schedules to attend. It was a beautiful day; the company was great; and she was a very gracious hostess. Thank You.

Last month I asked all of the Category Chairs to start writing down "helpful hints" for the Announcer's Stand at the sale. As of yet, I haven't heard anything. Come on, guys! The last time the publicity notebook was updated was at least 6 years ago. If you want the public to get to the right spot to find the book they want, you have to help. I have to say that I haven't done mine yet either, so you are not alone. Please, put on your thinking caps and let's get started. When you have your list ready, just give it to me or put it in Cookbooks with my name on it, and I will be glad to pass them along to Jennifer.

Joyce Nolan, Betty Gerodimos, and I all spent one afternoon redoing the sale booklet that will be handed out at the General Meeting on January 14. And, naturally, there is already a change. Pay attention to the special dates listed at the top of each newsletter this month and next for all the current information. The only change is the Check-Out Date for categories. It has been moved up to Monday, January 23 at noon. All the other dates are good (so far).

Now on to New Year's Resolutions!

First: Everyone bringing in boxes of books and putting them on the gurneys WILL take them off the gurneys and place them on the stacks to be sorted. Unless a Day Sorter tells you otherwise, it is just plain tacky to leave them for someone else to remove.

Second: We are all volunteers who love books and working for our charities. I like to think of us as one big book club that shares all the good stuff with each other. When coming into the warehouse do it with a big smile, and a friendly attitude, and be ready for a good time with everyone there.

Again, Happy New Year to everyone, and I will see you around the warehouse.

---

## Book Sale Personnel

Susan Green & Bern Peterson



**VNSA BOOK SALE 66 SIGN UP!**

[Sign up for the VNSA 66<sup>th</sup> book sale!](#)



We will not post the link on our website. Set-up week is the first week in February (4 & 5). Come to set up your category that weekend. Super Bowl is the next weekend, February 11 & 12, so you will have a weekend to rest between set up and the sale. YAY!

When signing up to work for the sale, please remember that Saturday morning shifts are the most popular, so encourage your volunteers to sign up for Saturday afternoon or Sunday shifts.

Members, please volunteer for at least one shift ***outside of your category*** to help fill the needed cashier/credit card positions. These positions are restricted to members, so we need your support. We had great support from people getting out of their “comfort zone” last year and hope that we can get the same support this year (thank

you for doing that everyone). Please remember that members need to volunteer for three shifts in order to maintain their good standing in VNSA.

#### Book Sale Shifts:

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Saturday AM (8 am – 1 pm)

Saturday PM (1 pm – 6 pm)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Sunday AM (8 am – 12 pm)

Sunday PM (12 pm – 4 pm)

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you!

---

## Category Quiz

### Shirley Allen

Do you know:

**Read the Sign:** Sometimes it can be confusing about where to sort an item while general sorting or sorting category mis-sorts back to the general sort table because not all categories sell the same types of items. Sports wants all category-related CDs, DVDs, and magazines. Travel doesn't want any. When in doubt, read the Category Sign. In addition to the individual category signs at the general sort table, there is a master list of book types and the corresponding category that sells them hanging at the end of the table.



Amber updated the big magazine sign mounted about the office door. Take a look.



*Copyright © 2023 VNSA, All rights reserved.*