

FRIENDS' NEWS

Friends of the Libraries Surprise, AZ

November 2015

NEW BOARD MEMBERS SUE LARKIN AND BEV AUTRY

Two Altrusa International leaders, Sue Larkin and Bev Autry were elected to the Friends of the Surprise Libraries Board by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors in November. Financial planner, Larkin, has been President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary of Altrusa. Autry, also a former Altrusa President, was also Volunteer Coordinator for the Benevilla Charity.

OCTOBER BOOK SALES SOAR TO \$4,937.95

Used book sales in Friends' Place soared to \$4,937.95 for 31 sales days in October, \$472.95 more than the same month in 2014, a 10.59 percent increase. Total Friends income for the month was \$4,971.92.



Friends' President Alyson Cline presents the Volunteer of the Year award to longtime Friends' Place Volunteer Aurora Leon who has been active in training bookstore workers and Friends' high school volunteers

FRIENDS' SUPPORT CULINARY PROGRAM

Friends' Volunteer Appreciation dinner last month also served as an aid to the Culinary Arts Program at Valley Vista High School; where Students gain valuable pre-college training. The \$550 paid to the school allowed the Students to craft a complete buffet dinner down to hand-made rolls, miniature cheesecakes and brownies from scratch. "This gives them a chance to practice what they have learned," said Coordinator and Teacher Jen O'Donnell. Students who crafted the dinner included: Lindzay Lewis, Ethan Fulton, Shanna McLain, Kacie Clark, Tailynn Maldonado, Caleb Vigil, Emily Platt, Kaitlyn Christians, Duncan Yoxall and Yazmyne Buford.



TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 2003 - \$418,031.73

TOTAL GRANTS TO SCHOOLS SINCE 2003 - \$187,991.87