

# Friends Trends

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## New Signage makes Sorting Center easier to find

by Anna Campos

Something new sprouted in the grass next to the side parking lot of the East Bank Regional Library this summer, and it wasn't a mushroom. When the side library door was repainted the old lettering was removed. The library system's Maintenance Department created a new sign large enough to be read from afar, and set it up so that those looking for the Sorting Center would be able to see it from their cars. They also posted the same large sign on the Friends' book bins. Hopefully, this will encourage more people to deliver their books when the Center is open. Sometimes those bins get mighty full!



Robert Campos

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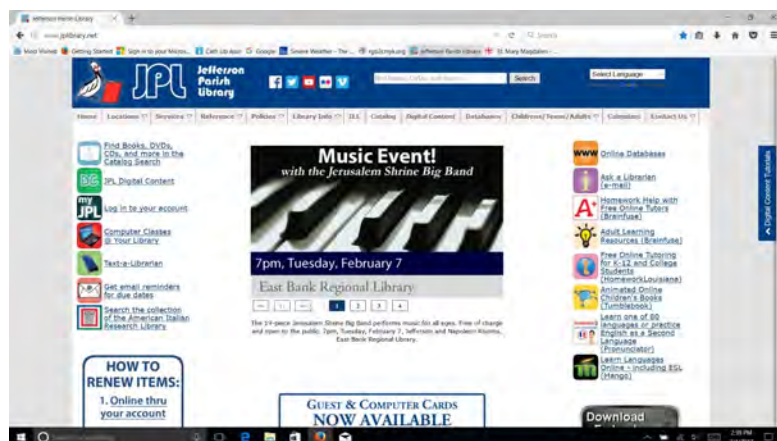
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## Online tutorials from the library can develop skills

by Anna Campos

Get e-books, watch movies and TV online, get help with homework, learn how to set up a Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram account, and much, much more—just by using your Jefferson Parish Library card. There are over 20 tutorials available for access from the library’s homepage (<http://www.jplibrary.net/>). Just click on “Digital Content Tutorials” on the ribbon running down the right side of the page. It will expand into a list of all the tutorials offered by the library.

All should be valuable and many seem quite exciting, but the only one I have used so far is *Lynda.com*. It offers tutorials on a wide variety of software, including all the Microsoft Office products. The courses feature a speaker who manipulates the screen to illustrate what he is teaching, downloadable practice exercises, and written text that scrolls below the illustrations. I learned enough about Publisher 2016 to put together two issues of this newsletter—and I’ve only gone through half the lessons! Sign in using your library card number and pin, and type the name of the software you want to learn about in the search box.

Whether you want to repair your car, listen to music, or learn a new language (among other things), the library homepage is the place to go. Check it out! ♣

# Two Volunteers of the Year are honored

by Annette Centanni



*From left: Rodney Tujague, Annette Centanni, and Maria Tujague. Photo by Robert Campos.*

**T**his year, there are two! They are a team, one of which could not be named without the other; and rightly so, because Maria and Rodney Tujague have been married for fifty-one years. Volunteering, and everything else, has always been a family enterprise with them.

Maria became a volunteer while the Friends were still at the Riverside location, but soon on, engaged their teen-aged grandchildren, Madeleine and Nicholas Winningkoff, to come in and volunteer their computer savvy over the summer months. Shortly thereafter, she involved Rodney in taking recyclable paper/cardboard to Allied Waste, where he was employed. Over the course of two years, the couple transported over 6,200 pounds of waste the Friends generated. With the help of recruited family members, they also support Raise a Reader by haunting local stores for needed pocket folders. One Fall, they turned in 90.5 inches of receipts for a total of 851 folders! When Rodney retired, he joined the Friends as a member in his own right.

Maria found her niche at sorting in becoming a bar code scanner, diverting the more expensive books for listers to sell on Amazon. She works at sales, and contributes to the morale of the Tuesday krewe by bringing in warm, home-baked goodies for all to enjoy. Rodney empties bins, assists customers with their donations, and checks the value of books without bar codes using the computer. He also works the sales and mans the book cart at the North Kenner Library. Rodney is active in community activities, as well: he works in the Knights of Columbus food bank at his church, and takes part in other Knights endeavors. Maria has served as a board member for the Friends for a number of years now, where she shares sensible advice and opinions. They both always make an effort to serve on “Extra Sorting Mondays,” or whenever another plea for help is issued.

In 2015-2016, Maria clocked up more than 500 hours of service to the Friends. Rodney, who is always with Maria, contributed a similar number. Their numbers for 2016-2017 are comparable.

The Friends are fortunate, indeed, to have Maria and Rodney Tujague as such dedicated volunteers, and are privileged to honor them as the 2017 Volunteers of the Year. ♣



Robert Campos

*Peg Phelps, left, presents the Friend of Distinction Award to Judy Welcker.*

## 2017 Friend of Distinction Award goes to Judy Welcker

*by Peg Phelps*


At the volunteer luncheon on June 2, Judy Welcker was recognized as the 2017 Friend of Distinction.

Over the past year or so, Judy has taken on the duties of Social Chairman. She was honored for organizing the food and drinks for three general meetings, one holiday party, and two post-book sale coffees. She also received kudos for feeding up to 100 volunteers for five days at each of our two book sales.

This job was formerly done by several other volunteers. However, Judy has accomplished it with aplomb, gently coaxing all of us to contribute our best dishes. She does this while also dealing with the rules and regulations set forth by the catering companies at the Pontchartrain Center and at the Library.

Judy also keeps track of, and shops for, supplies, coffee, and soft drinks for all these occasions, and year-round for the sorters and Amazon volunteers.

In addition to her duties as Social Chairman, Judy regularly comes to sorting and uses the laptop computer to check the value of books that do not have ISBN codes.

For all these reasons, Judy was honored as the 2017 Friend of Distinction. 



## In Memoriam Don Schoenbrun

*October 30, 1931-March 16, 2017*

*"All in the Friends Store were saddened to learn of the death of longtime volunteer Don Schoenbrun. Don had been suffering with congestive heart failure, but he kept a smile on his face and a cheerful attitude. For years, he was also a fixture in the Collectibles Corner at the booksale – he loved working in the store and at the sale. He will be missed."*

*—Patricia Cox*



Robert Campos

2017 award recipients from left: Maria Tujague, Rodney Tujague, Shirley Sweeney, John Sweeney, Judy Welcker, Lynn Simmons, Anna Campos, Milly Spear, and Peg Phelps.

## Other awards are given at the Volunteer Luncheon

by Anna Campos

**T**he two most important honors awarded at the Friends June Volunteer Luncheon are always the Volunteer of the Year and the Friends of Distinction awards, but this year a number of other awards were given out also. John and Shirley Sweeney received the Box Award for the long hours they have put in at the semi-annual book sales, as did Meade Phelps (in absentia), who arranges the Choice Fiction for every sale. Lynn Simmons and Milly Spear were honored by store manager Patricia Cox for the extra hours they put in last year. Peg Phelps was recognized for her hard work as treasurer and Sorting Center manager, and Anna Campos was recognized just for being the president. 📖



Robert Campos

*Anna Campos also decorated Charlie Rome with a Box Award at the Spring book sale coffee. Charlie puts boxes under tables on Tuesday and sets up the AV area on Wednesday before the book sale.*

### A Message from the Friends Store Manager

*Our little store really needs some extra volunteers to help us keep going. If you or anyone you know would like to help out by working a shift, please contact Sandra Blount to sign up.*

—Patricia Cox

# Memorials and monetary donations help the library

by Peg Phelps

The Friends of the Jefferson Public Library sponsors a memorials program that benefits the library. Any person or entity desiring to help the library can do so by making a donation to the Friends. In the past, we have received donations from Whole Foods and dd's Discounts. In some cases, the donor specifies how the money is to be spent. dd's Discounts wanted their donation to benefit the Belle Chasse Library Branch, so DVDs were purchased for that branch. Since Whole Foods did not specify a particular item, children's books were purchased with their money.

Frequently, donations are received in memory of someone who has passed away. With these donations, we usually ask the library to purchase books or other circulating items that represent something near and dear to the deceased. Examples include classical music CDs for someone who loved music, and books by a certain author for someone who loved that author.

If enough money is donated, we try to purchase something more substantial. For instance, several years ago we bought a bench to honor Jack Weldon, a long-time volunteer. The bench is located at EBR on the second floor landing outside of the Reference area. Another example is the chairs purchased to honor one of our volunteers, John Hoffschwelle. These chairs can be found in the children's area at Lakeshore Library Branch on W. Esplanade Avenue in Metairie. More recently, Walter Howat, the husband of volunteer Judy Howat, passed away. Two rolling book carts were purchased in his honor, and are in use at the Rosedale Branch on Jefferson Highway in old Jefferson. A plaque was placed on each item specifying the honoree.

We are currently collecting for several memorials. The first is Marie Gordon, mother of Kathleen Gordon Deao. Kathleen was one of the founding members of the Friends. She served as president, and chaired the book sale several times. The second is Mary Anna Lightner. Mary Anna was an active volunteer for many years. She passed away in November, 2016. Third is Don Schoenbrun. Don was the penultimate gentleman who helped in the store and at the book sales. Fourth is Raymond Yarfitz, the father of our current vice-president, Diane Schleifstein. We hope to be able to purchase something that the library can use to honor each of these special people. If anyone would like to make a contribution to these funds, please send a check payable to Friends of the Jefferson Library. Put the honoree's name in the memo section of the check and mail to P.O. Box 9391, Metairie, LA 70055.

We are very happy to be able to both honor special people while simultaneously helping the library system with items that they need.



*These two book carts were purchased by the Friends in memory of Walter Howat. (photo by JPL Staff)*

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## The Shadow Knows (and TELLS All)

**F**all greetings to all of you, Faithful Readers! It has been a while since I have written, but never fear, I have kept careful notes so that you needn't feel that you have missed anything. I'll start with a recap, and then telescope into more current data.

The spring book sale and Thank You Coffee are but a blur now, as we are currently preparing for the fall sale, which will be held on October 19-22. Suffice it to say that they were both successful, with the sale netting in excess of \$34,700, and the coffee netting untold calories and camaraderie. Another success came later in the spring, when **President Anna Campos** hit it right on with her guest speaker from the LSU Agricultural Center, who spoke about Louisiana gardening. The event attracted some new faces, and was both highly enjoyable and informative.

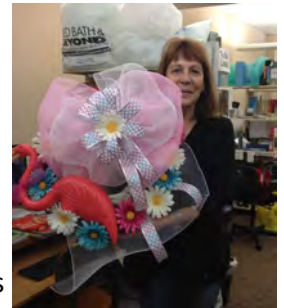
In pursuit of trivia. With my usual penchant for reporting everything I see or hear, I will now reveal my nosy, newsy items concerning all of the Friends we have in common. If you don't see your name mentioned this time, maybe you won't be so lucky in the next newsletter.

On a sad note, **Naomi Saul**, who always sat front row, center at general meetings, and who was always so willing to help at sales, said "goodbye" this spring. Her last day with the Friends was at the Thank You Coffee; she subsequently moved to Seattle with her son, who accepted a job transfer.

The annual Volunteer Luncheon, held for the third year at Chateau Country Club, generally received rave reviews. Amid all of the usual festivities and chocolate cake, the **Amazon ladies**, along with **Diane Davey** and

**Ted Blohm** had an especially memorable two hours, as they were seated directly over Chateau's a/c units. **Ted** dubbed his experience "a meal with a massage."

Back at sorting, **Marie Breerwood** has taken over packing books on the Christmas and art shelves while **Judy Zawislak**, the usual packer, is vacationing in Maine. **Peg Phelps** and **Maria Tujague** began packing **Judy's** puzzles. While **Marie** packs altruistically, **The Shadow** thinks **Peg** and **Maria** have an ulterior motive in keeping an eye on the puzzles. They both like to take puzzles home, work them, and then report back that all pieces are accounted for. BTW, a donor recently brought in a whole trunk full of beautiful, unopened puzzles. Check them out at the book sale.



Every summer, **Ted Blohm** rides his bike in the American Diabetes Association's marathon to raise money for the cause, and offers a wreath in raffle, in return for a donation. This year, **Sue Hellwig** was lucky enough to win his "flamingo" wreath.

**Ted** has been a busy fellow! With **Sue's** back ailing and surgery pending, he has graciously helped her transport trunk loads of books to and from car and center. She takes books home to computer-check Oldie and Collectible items for the sale.

The expression on **Aileen J.'s** face was priceless when **Sue** recently revealed a surprise happening in the Men's Open in tennis. **Aileen** had blissfully recorded the match and was anticipating the evening to sit down and enjoy it.

**Ouida Prieur** has been heard to remark, "I have been working very hard; just wanted to let everyone know!" We **know**, Ouida, and we love you for being you.

**Mary Lou Spanja's** books on her table multiply like rabbits whenever she takes a day off. **Paulette Mauterer**

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recently lost her reading glasses there, but fortunately they were spotted by **M. L.** before they came to any harm.

**Anna C.** has a new understudy, code named “**A. S.**,” learning the Amazon packing trade. She is also learning to check the value of books without bar codes. Glad to have you on board, “**A. S.**”

Recently, while carrying out presidential duties at the center, **Anna** had a phone call from her three year old granddaughter requesting her to sing “Grey squirrel, grey squirrel, swish your bushy tail.” She did. Out loud. In front of everyone! **Anna**, we love **you** for being you.

**Cheryl Ledet** continues to be a Godsend to the Amazon enterprise, coming in on weekends to pack books when nobody else can. We never see her, but will during the sale, for sure.

Periodically, **Ann Buchel** has a prominent sneezing episode due to (of all things) book dust. **Ann** should be happy to know that **Joan Demers** is as bothered by the dust as she is, and is systematically dusting the shelves while working on the Amazon inventory.

**Wendy Luna** has been out for quite a good bit of the summer. She has been nursing her sick father, who is scheduled for surgery. We wish your father a speedy recovery, **Wendy**.

**Redhead**, this is FYI: In case you don’t realize it, **Diane Schleifstein** does you a good turn every Wednesday. She examines the Amazon books on the return cart for books you can possibly use in the Store. Friends have a way of watching each others’ backs like that!

**The Shadow** was recently shadowed by **Maureen Howat**. **Maureen** revealed that she spotted my husband **Anthony** and me, power walking at the mall. Too far away to call out, she followed us with her eyes until we disappeared into the Hallmark store. You never know who is watching what!

**Comings and Goings:** Many comings and goings took place over the summer months. **Lucille Lee**, a Friend now living in South Carolina, came in for an April visit. Before she left, she made her famous bread pudding with cranberries instead of raisins, so that **Judy Z.** would enjoy it. I missed seeing you, **Lucille**, but **did** have some of your delicious pudding.

**Robert Campos** left strict instructions before leaving for a family visit to Atlanta: when he returned he wanted to see his media desk as clear as when he left it. That could only happen in Fantasy Land, **Robert!**

**Peg and Meade Phelps** took their “grands” to Hawaii; then **Peg** visited her sister in New York. **Judy** and **Lou Zawislak** went to Bar Harbor, Maine on their usual jaunt, and **Marie** and **Greg Breerwood** drove to Maine to hike in the woods with them. **Joan Fontaine** went on a family cruise to Alaska. **Ted Blohm** and **Diane Davey** left for Michigan to visit relatives. After **Ted** and **Diane** left, **Chris deVillasana** and **Robert C.** filled their job vacancy, but soon began demanding hazardous duty pay and the installation of a shower.

When **Maria** and **Rodney Tujague** took a day off in early June, it was so sad; there weren’t any snacks to be had! Then at one point during the summer, there was only a skeleton crew to shoulder on with the work. When I remarked, “Whoa! Who’s in charge?” **Aileen Janney** answered, “Well, it’s a toss up among the **Redhead**, **Ann Buchel** and me, as to who is the oldest, or who has the most seniority.” Fortunately, no major problems cropped up; even the **Redhead** escaped that day before lunch for a hot date with the Cox repair guy!

**Raise a Reader** shelves are full of colorful pocket folders, 4,290, to be exact. **Sandra Blount** was so ecstatic that she hugged **Maria** when she next saw her! The story is that **Maria** found just the right people to talk to at Office Depot/Office Max, and came away with cases, when usually customers are only allowed ten folders per purchase. She scored 500, and then **Maria** and **Rodney**

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together copped 1,900. Their daughter **Lisa** snagged 1,770, and her sister, **Peggy**, 120. It was a lucky week for Raise a Reader!

Two Wednesday Amazon workers, **Rosemarie Goetz** and **Kathy Brady** have been helping **Sandra B.** with Raise a Reader “packing Tuesdays.” They have attractive new plastic bags for their packets of information for new mothers. **Collette Ricaud** has also been doing invaluable double duty as both a packer and a sorter.

**Amazon compromised:** The Amazon enterprise, source of so much pride and revenue to the Friends, was compromised twice over the summer. In June, an unknown entity hacked our account and entered a large number of items onto our inventory, resulting in a five day shut-down. In August, the hack was worse, because it resulted in the obliteration of the entire inventory of books and a two-week closure. Since then, the Wednesday crew has been valiantly laboring to restore the inventory, and the enterprise is expected to be back to its previous performance level by the end of September. As disheartened as the entire crew is about the integrity breach, it is readying Amazon listings, Collectibles and Oldies to proceed to the Big Book Sale as it always does. Kudos, ladies, for all of your efforts.

**“The Store is rolling along,”** reports **Patricia Cox**, store manager. **Marie Orth**, the store’s newest volunteer, had a record sales day her first day on the job. Thanks to the many volunteers who filled in to keep it open in spite of vacations, the store had very few closures over the summer. Donations have been good, too: vintage items included linens and puzzles. **Fay Bilby’s** family donated several boxes of decorative glassware as well as old bottles. The donated items have all sold well; there are very few of them left. “For those of you who may not remember,” **Patricia** says, “**Fay** was the founding manager of the store.”

Friends have been saddened over the sudden deaths of several current and former store volunteers. **Don Schoenbrun** succumbed to heart problems in the late spring; **Glenn Gennaro**, who was scheduled to return to volunteering upon his “second” retirement, passed away suddenly in June; and **Sonia Stitche**, who moved to North Carolina over two years ago, passed away in August. **Patricia** reported that some of her fans still come in and ask for her.

**A final editorial.** Recently, on a library errand, I dropped by the store just to say hello. I had a lovely chat with **Dolores Kelly**, who says she works there regularly two days a month. We had never met each other! It occurred to me that store people should visit sorting, and vice versa so that we can all get to know each other. After all, we are working for the same great cause. The upcoming Big Book Sale should give us an opportunity to do so, as well. I’m looking forward to it, and will make it my business to introduce myself to every volunteer I don’t know.

Until next time,

Your friendly Shadow



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## Worth a thousand words

Roving Smartphones have captured some special moments at the Sorting Center.



Anna Campos

*The Redhead chooses and prepares books for the Friends Store. When she took a day off recently, her fellow workers at Sorting didn't want her to feel unwanted, so they found plenty of books for her to process when she came back.*

**Two Pretty Cakes:** Sue Helwig brought a cake for Judy Zawislak's birthday, and Maria made a beautiful cake that Robert Campos pronounced "her best yet."



Anna Campos



Ann Buchel

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The small quilt was donated by a past president of the Friends, Ethel Tarleton, who now lives in Austin, Texas. According to Book Sale Chair Judy Zawislak, "(Ethel) started the Raise a Reader Program, and, together with Sandra Blount, started the June Volunteer Luncheon." Judy says she was also a chairman of the Book Sale for several years. Ethel is an avid quilter, and gave the quilt to the Friends to use as a fundraiser for the Library.

by Anna Campos

# What's cooking at the Friends?

*Sue Helwig brings her pralines when the Friends have a special occasion*

## PRALINES I

*Cane River Cuisine Cook Book*

Published by The Service League of Natchitoches, Inc. (Louisiana)

Submitted by Susan C. Hellwig



3.5 oz. package JELL-O butterscotch  
 COOK & SERVE PUDDING & PIE FILLING  
 1 cup sugar  
 ½ cup brown sugar

½ cup Pet milk  
 1 tablespoon butter  
 1 cup pecans  
 1/8 teaspoon salt

Cook all together, except pecans. Boil slowly for five (5) minutes. Remove from heat and cool five (5) minutes. Beat until shiny about two (2) minutes. Add pecans and drop by teaspoon on waxed paper. Makes approximately 24 portions.

(The original recipe calls for butterscotch, but Sue also uses chocolate to which she adds walnuts, and vanilla with pistachio nuts).

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