

## You CAN SAVE US

the price of two stamps by renewing your membership here and dropping this form and your money off at the library. Otherwise, look for the renewal form in your mail in April. We hope this quarterly newsletter keeps you updated on just how much your support means to the library. If you would like to stay even more informed, Friends members are always welcome at our monthly meetings or are invited to read the Minutes of the meetings that are filed in a binder in the Friends' Bookstore.

At our February and March meetings, we approved the following.

- \$5,000 for an exterior library sign by local artist/welder Ben Dale
- \$250 for book processing supplies
- \$200 for new baby welcome books
- \$90 for the Rose Hall Turkey Vulture Parade Bee workshop
- \$350 for Zines for Poetry Month (Copperopolis) and Freewrite's "Out Loud and Off the Page"
- \$900 for the CQL Annex pre-school program for one year
- \$500 from the "Karen Justice Endowment for Southwest/Local Authors" to purchase adult and children's books from the 2020 Southwest Books of the Year
- \$530 to update and expand the Business Collection

## Friends Make *Great* Volunteers



Joe and Anne serve while Jack monitors crowd control at the 29th Chocolate Tasting.

## April is Membership Month!

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Sustaining Member's Names are etched on a plaque displayed in the Library.

# OUT LOUD AND OFF THE PAGE

The writing prompt on that Thursday in Freewrite was NAME SOMEONE WHO IS A HERO TO YOU, and this is what Gretchen Hill began to write.

*For months, it hurt to sit.*

*I could not sit on the couch or on the arm of the couch or on the floor.*

*I could not sit at work or at home.*

*I could sort of sit on my hip, half an ass cheek.*

*Anything else hurt too much.*

*So I went to see my doctor who did a digital rectal exam. For the record, "digital" here means her fingers, not an LED number display. And this is what my doctor said*

*during this painful exam.*

*"Oh my god! What is that?"*

You'll not want to miss the rest of her story and other moving responses to prompts at Freewrite's 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Out Loud and Off the Page" program on Wednesday, April 29, at CSP. Doors open at 5pm; readings begin at six. Admission is free.

**POSTPONED  
DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS**



Tom and Kathy of Good Cakes on Main Street serve up a special Friends of the CQ Library chocolate cake where ten percent of the price is donated to The Friends. The cake is wheat-free sweetened with agave syrup.

- MEMBERSHIPS**
- SUSTAINING**  
Michelle Zenda
- SUPPORTING**  
Tin Can Alley Partners
- INDIVIDUAL**  
Carl Kilian  
John Kuehne  
Lisa Reuter



In its first year of operation, the Annex had six thousand checkouts, five thousand visits, and two thousand hours of volunteers.

All agreed that the two-day collage workshop sponsored by The Friends was a big hit. Local artist Jan Searle gave new meaning to the use of scissors and glue.



The Friends of the Copper Queen Library meets on the second Monday of the month at 5pm at the Library. All are welcome to attend. Board members are President Joan Reichel, Vice President Sara Curtis, Secretary Cathy Clifton, Treasurer Carol Lokey, Members-at-Large Kathie Muserelli, Mike Normand, Nicole Hansen, James Coull, and Mary Jane Bank, newsletter editor.