Our volunteer program remains strong, with over 100 active volunteers. Their extraordinary efforts range across many different areas of the Oriental Institute, and make it the very special institution that it is. Volunteers provided over 5,000 hours of service in such areas as Research Archives on the Integrated Database, Museum Archives, Suq, and public programs including Mummies Night and Museum Tours to name just a few.

New ways to support the OI are always being identified such as tablet scanning project that started up under the leadership of Susanne Paulus. Volunteers also provided valuable support to both the Hittite Conference in August and the CIPEG (International Committee for Egyptology) conference in September. Additionally, volunteers are working with the Centennial Planning Committee as we get ready to celebrate the OI’s 100 year anniversary.
Docent-led tours have always brought the museum galleries to life in ways that excite and engage visitors of all ages. This year was no exception and docents gave tours to almost 200 different groups (over 5,300 visitors).

Feasting creates bonds and the Pot-luck luncheons are quickly becoming the preferred way of volunteers to celebrate with OI faculty and staff. A Pot-luck luncheon marked the completion of docent training in the summer. The Holiday Party Pot-luck luncheon hosted over 100 people from all areas of the OI. The food is outstanding and the potluck lunch is now eagerly anticipated by volunteers, faculty, and staff alike.

Several more celebrations were held throughout the year. Monthly volunteer days provided an opportunity for the volunteers celebrate and honor a few colleague’s milestones; Foy Scalf was surprised in October with a cake, Gil Stein’s directorship celebrated in November, and Emily Teeter’s retirement was honored in December.
Additionally, Research & Museum Archives volunteers were treated to a pizza party by Foy Scalf and Anne Flannery.

The book club is going strong into its third year. Attendance has doubled since its inception. A faculty representative is invited to join each discussion. Opinions and interpretations vary within the group, but everyone agrees they gain a better understanding and appreciation of the books through communal analysis.

The docent library continues to serve as home base for the volunteers. After many years of dedicated service, Margaret Foorman has retired as head librarian. We sincerely thank Margaret for her outstanding work. The baton has been passed to Marilyn Murray, who stepped up to the position of head librarian in April. We also gained two new library assistants, Roberto Cepeda and Sara Lindholm.

IN MEMORIAM

The volunteer program lost four loyal friends this year: Muriel Brauer, Anita Greenberg, Alice James, and Andree Wood. These individuals exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism by devoting their passion, intellect, and support to help further the goals and mission of the Oriental Institute. We are so honored to have known and worked with them over the years and it is our good fortune that they chose to spend a portion of their lives with us.
RIGHT: Gabriella Cohen, Gabriella Cigarroa, and Gabriele DaSilva.
MIDDLE: Larry Lissak, Steve Essex, Shirlee Hoffman, Steve Scott, and Jean Nye.
BOTTOM: Suq volunteers Alice Mulberry and Louise Despres.

ABOVE TOP: Dalia Shefner and Anne Schumacher.
ABOVE BOTTOM: Jean Evans, Marilyn Murray, and Gaby Cohen.
LEFT: Susan Bazargan, Deloris Sanders, Stephen Ritzel, Director Christopher Woods, Anne Schumacher, and Joseph Barabe.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sue Padula, Larry Lissak, Calgary Haines-Trautman, and Catherine Duenas.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Docents Joseph Calderone, Ralph Klein, and Mina Peak.
The volunteer recognition ceremony was moved to the month of April to coincide with National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Congratulations to those who celebrated a milestone year in their volunteer service to the Oriental Institute:

**25 Years**
Anne Schumacher

**10 Years**
Susan Bazargan  
Roberta Buchanan  
Hilda Schlatter  
Larry Lissak

**5 Years**
Fred Eskra  
Steve Scott

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**VOLUNTEERS**
*indicates active Museum Docent

- Luella Adan*
- Eric Aupperle
- Joseph G. Barabe*
- Nancy Baum*
- Susan Bazargan*
- Craig Bean*
- Christel Betz
- Rebecca Binkley-Albright
- Ray Broms
- Rafaela Brosnan
- Roberta Buchanan*
- Elizabeth Bush
- Joseph Calderone*
- Roberto Cepeda*
- Benjamin Chometzky*
- Gabriella Cigarroa*
- Gabriella Cohen*
- Kim Crawford
- Gabriele DaSilva
- Louise Despres
- John DeWerd*
- Catherine Duenas
- Fred Eskra*
- Steve Essex*
- Margaret Foorman*
- Meghan Forajter
- Terry Friedman
- Lauren Friesen*
- Colleen Gallagher*
- Fan Ge
- Dario Giaconmoni*
- Bill Gillespie
- Terry Gillespie
- Irene Glasner
- Michael Goodyear*
- Elizabeth Green
- Debby Halpern*
- Philip Halpern*
- Janet Helman
- Wahied Helmy*
- Lee Herbst
- Katherine Hodge
- Shirlee A. Hoffman*
- Julia Jacobs
- Katherine Jarboe
- Barbara Schubeler Jillson
- Alex Jimerson
- Emily Kane
- Polina Kasiar
- Dennis Kelley
- Rhyne King
- Ralph Klein*
- Stuart Kleven*
- Carissa Knickerbocker
- Kristin Leasia*
- Katherine Lieber
- Sara J Lindholm*
- Laurence Lissak*
- Zoe Ma
- Carlotta Maher
- Larisa Masri
- Sherry McGuire*
- Jacqueline Mendoza
- Alice Mulberry
- Marilyn Murray*
- Bonnie Nelson
- Marge Nichols
- Jean Nye*
- Sue Padula*
- Mina Peak*
- Miranda Pettengill*
- Semra Prescott*
- Olivia Puccetti
- Michael Ramberg
- Karen Righeimer
- Stephen Ritzel*
- Charles Ro
- Sasha Rohret
- Peg Romm*
- Elaine Saenz
- Deloris Saenz
- Roberta Schaffner
- Hilda Schlatter*
- Margaret Schmid*
- Anne Schumacher
- Stephen Scott*
- Mary Shea
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