

OVERVIEW from

## OUR OLD HOUSE

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On April 25, 1989 an Agreement was signed to purchase the VERY FIRST MODEL HOUSE built in Sun City, located at 10801 Oakmont Dr.

PRESIDENT EMIL FISCHER SAYS ...

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society was established to bring together those people interested in history and especially the history of the Sun Cities. Today's events soon become tomorrow's history. History, to be significant and meaningful, is not just a collection of events, but rather a careful compilation of these memorabilia. Devoted volunteers are recording and indexing data and preserving them for future Sun Citians. Without your interest and support we could not exist. Please drop in, encourage friends to do so, and view the displays in the first house to be completed in Sun City.

VOLUNTEER HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM

No special skills are required except a little spare time and a like of people! The program is entirely volunteer. We greet visitors and show them through "our old house", explaining that we collect, catalogue and preserve all materials relevant to the Sun Cities. You will have an orientation on becoming a volunteer that will enable you to answer most questions.

The time commitment is up to you. We hope that you will be able to give two days or more each month. The hours are 1 - 3 p.m. Think of the wonderful service you will be offering the communities - we really need you!

Neil Bultman 977-0620  
Rita Wright 972-9310

HAVE YOU SEEN the new addition to "our old house"? Del Webb's first sales office was donated to our Society by the Del Webb Corporation and has been incorporated into our building. The original office has been duplicated with original advertising, pictures and furniture of the 60's.

DID YOU KNOW? .....

That our very own VIP's JANE FREEMAN and GLENN SANBERG have been awarded cruises with the HOLLAND AMERICAN LINES for their many volunteer accomplishments. Congratulations/Bon Voyage!

that the kitchen in our house was restored to its original 1960 plan last summer by Wally and Peggy Britton, owners of Denny's Decorating Service in Youngtown. Material and labor was generously donated by them.

that Trustee EVELYN PARRY is a Sun City Pioneer. Her late husband, Lester, was Sun City's first 'key man' and many of us remember him as the one who accompanied us on inspection of our new house before turning over the keys to us.

that although all of us are volunteers it nevertheless requires considerable resources to defray the operating and maintenance costs of our headquarters.

Our income depends on voluntary contributions and membership dues, so "talk up" your Society and help to increase membership in the Sun Cities Historical Society.

MEMORABILIA ...

"Our Old House" preserves every published Sun City phone book; magazines and newspapers published in Sun City; complete obituaries for most years and many books by Sun City authors. There are pictures galore of before, now and in between! Come and do any research at our old house!

FUTURE OUTLOOK .....

Archivist JANE FREEMAN is enthusiastic about her plan to have "featured displays" of SUN CITY SAINTS, PUPPET CLUB, POM POMS, etc. Watch the newspaper for announcements of these displays.

Sun City West is fast organizing their pioneers and is planning a display case in the Sun City West Community Service Building, 14475 R. H. Johnson Blvd. AL DRISCOLL, SANFORD GOLDSTEIN, MARTHA MOYER, ALTHEA CUREMAN & MAURICE STREET are steering this project. Six of the 17 Board members of Sun Cities Area Historical Society are from Sun City West. 31,000 residents are estimated to live in Sun City West by the year 2000.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWSLETTER

WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Look for another Newsletter from "our old house" in the fall.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

The summer hiatus is over & your SCAHS Committees are preparing exhibits and events for an interesting winter season. It is also the time to again remind ourselves that it obviously requires money to purchase supplies, maintain our property & pay utility bills. Your membership fees & contributions sustain us & we are most grateful for your support. But give "Our Old House" another boost - encourage at least one neighbor or friend to join. To all who are members & especially those who also volunteer - a big THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEER HOST/HOUSTESS PROGRAM:

Rita Wright, Chairman, had a good turnout at a Coffee for Volunteer Host/Hostesses recently. However, she is still looking for "a few more good men" (and women). **NEW HOURS** are: 1:30-3:30 Monday thru Friday. Orientation will be given. The TV and VCR are operating now. Just a few hours a month will allow us to improve service to the community, & also increase your knowledge about "Our Old House" & SCAHS. If interested, please call Rita - 972-9310.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:  
THE SAINTS CAME  
MARCHING IN...

On May 17th SCAHS hosted a celebration for the Sun City Saints' alumni. "Our Old House" was agog with a gathering of players, coaches, boosters & SCAHS members. Baseball fare - hot dogs, soft drinks & popcorn - were enjoyed by all. The Sun City Women's Soft Ball team was organized in 1965 & their logo was adopted in 1972. Saints memorabilia will be displayed in "Our Old House" thru November.

ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A luncheon will be held at Palmbrook Country Club on Nov. 17th at 12 Noon. We look forward to the warmth of your presence! Burt & Ursula Freireich, first Editors of the Sun City News-Sun Newspaper, will speak.

They will relate experiences from their early press days. The newspaper started in Youngtown in 1957, with only a few mimeographed sheets.

MINI-WORK SHOP

On Sept. 30th a successful "give and take" session was attended by eight representatives from Sunnyslope, Glendale & Peoria Historical Societies. State Archivist Michael McColgin contributed his professional expertise with helpful suggestions. SCAHS Archivist, Jane Freeman, hosted the workshop in "Our Old House".

SUN CITY WEST EXHIBITS ...

A display case (see background) of the Sun Cities Area memorabilia will be installed in the Sun City West Foundation Community Bldg. at 14475 R. H. Johnson Blvd. The permanent display will be under the supervision of SCAHS P.R. Chairman, Alvin Driscoll.

VOLUNTEER AWARD

Rita Wright, "Our Old House" Hostess Chairman, has been awarded the Holland-American Lines "Sun City Volunteer of the Month" for September. Information & Referral Service submitted her name as a volunteer of six years. CONGRATULATIONS, RITA!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

As SCAHS image in the communities is growing & as we add more activities to our agenda, it is becoming apparent that an Auxiliary is required. Men & women who would be willing to help with filing, mounting displays, assisting with receptions, fund raising events, etc. are needed for this new group. You will find the work fascinating. **WE ARE CATALOGUING HISTORY!** If you feel you do not know what is going on in "Our Old House", we'll involve you. Call Secretary Rose Larsen (972-8028) or Althea Curfman (584-0816) for more information.

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