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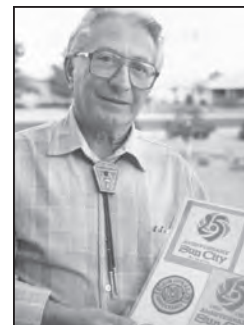


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Sun Cities Area Historical Society slates fall meeting Nov. 3 at Oakmont Center

By Edson Allen

Sun City proved such a success -- spawning active adult communities throughout our nation -- that we often overlook how it nearly collapsed. We all have heard the story of how it defied the experts...how 237 houses were sold on opening the weekend...and 1,200 the first year.

What is rarely talked about is how that rapid growth slowed, with sales falling to less than 400 units one year.


A "Plan B" was developed to make the area north of Grand Avenue a multi-generational community with schools and a large industrial park to provide jobs. Had that plan been approved, the look of Sun City as it exists today would be vastly different in size and scope.

But a young man convinced Del Webb that there was another way, and a better way to attract retirees to the desert.

Soon sales were booming once again and continued to grow.

Who was this "mystery man?" His name will be unveiled at the museum's fall meeting, and the story behind his efforts to save Sun City will be the topic of the meeting's talk.

Meet this "mystery man" at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum's annual meeting on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of Oakmont Center,



Who is the "Mystery Man?"

The individual commonly referred to as "The Man Who Rescued Sun City" is the subject of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's fall membership meeting. Think you know who that person is? Attend the meeting and find out for yourself!

Date: November 3
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Oakmont Center, 10725 W. Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

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Learn why Webb placed so much faith in him, and what he did to turn things around, making Sun City the most successful active adult community of all time.

Guest speakers for the program will be Edson Allen and Don Tuffs, both of whom are members of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Tuffs has a front-seat view of Sun City's turnaround under our "mystery man." For many years, Mr. Tuffs was a member of the Del E. Webb Development Co. (DEV-CO) Public Relations Department.

The meeting is free and open to all who love local history. No tickets or reservations are needed. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact the museum at (623) 974-2568.

The museum, located next to Oakmont Center, will be open for tours one hour after the conclusion of the fall meeting.

Guest Speakers



Don Tuffs was a member of the Del Webb Development Co. PR team during the 1960s and '70s.



Ed Allen is the author of "Sun City West Silver Celebration," the first detailed history ever written of Sun City West.

SCAHS hosts trip to Tubac on October 20

Tubac is more than just a quaint artist community.

It is the first European settlement in the Arizona Territory, and as such is loaded with interesting history.

Saturday October 20 is Anza Days, a celebration of the contributions of Spanish Lt. Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza, who was commandant of the Colonial garrison (the Presidio) and later led more than 240 men, women and children

on a journey from the frontier of New Spain to settle in Alta, Calif.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society has partnered with Promenade Travel to arrange a day trip to this celebration, which includes living history of the Indian, Mexican and Spanish Colonial periods with re-enactments, period costumes, folklorico dancers, mariachi music, food and more.

The professionals at Promenade Travel have scheduled a deluxe

motor coach day trip leaving from Sun City West and Sun City. The cost is \$49 for the bus, water, snacks, escort, gratuities and all admission fees.

Members and friends of the SCAHS should book directly with Promenade Travel located in the Promenade Center at 99th Avenue and Bell Road. Tell them you're a member or friend at 623-977-8800 or 1-888-AWAY I GO.

Spring meeting attracts full house

A talk focusing on the history of the Sundome Center for Performing Arts was the theme for the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's spring bi-annual meeting held last April in Sun City West.

With the fate of the Sundome on everyone's mind at the time, the subject apparently had vast interest as not a seat was left empty during the talk, held at the Heritage Tradition, 19390 New Tradition Road, Sun City West.

Guest speakers with Edson Allen and Don Tuffs, both members of the society's Board of Trustees.

The Sundome, an iconic performing arts facility built in 1978, has hosted some of the biggest names in the entertainment world. It will soon be demolished to make way for a grocery store.

The meeting also featured a presentation of a \$2,800 grant to historical society by the Yucca Chapter of the Arizona Questers, a group whose mission is to preserve history.



Edson Allen, left, a member of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Board of Trustees, accepts a \$2,800 grant from the Yucca Chapter of the Arizona Questers during the society's spring meeting held April 20 in Sun City West.



The history of the Sundome Center for Performing Arts proved a popular topic, as the spring meeting attracted a large crowd.



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The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the records and artifacts for Sun City, Arizona, (the world's first Active Adult Retirement Community), and its sister city, Sun City West. The Society's headquarters are located in the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, in one of the five original Sun City model homes.

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Message from the President

Museum members are our best recruitment ambassadors

Welcome back to those of you returning from your summer hiatus and congratulations to those of us who survived another summer in paradise!

Please try to attend our annual meeting on November 3 at 1 p.m. in the Oakmont Center in Sun City.

It's been a busy year so far for the historical society and our museum. Just to bring you up to date on a few things:

Our endowment fund has been officially established and I hope you consider us in your estate planning. Call the museum to learn more.

We are still short of guides on Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. We also need office volunteers to assist in many projects.

Volunteers should contact the museum at (623) 974-2568, for more information.

Work continues on our newest exhibit, "Entertainment in the Sun Cities," which we describe more in depth



Ed Cirillo 2012 President, Sun Cities Area Historical Society

in a special article in this newsletter. We hope to unveil the exhibit during the first quarter of next year.

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and we value those of you who continue to support the historical society and the operation of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. We truly could not do what we do -- and that is to preserve and promote the history of the Sun Cities -- without your continued support.

Rather than send out renewal notices this year,

we're hoping all our members will take it upon themselves to fill out the form on Page 5 and return it with their renewal membership for 2013.

And, we'd like to ask one additional favor of our members: Be an ambassador and recruit new members for us. Whether it be a family member, neighbor or friend -- share your fondness for the historical society and ask that they, too, become a member.

We're striving to double our membership in 2013 -- and the quickest way for this to happen is to encourage each of our existing members to recruit at least one NEW member on their own!

If you haven't been to your museum lately, we invite you to stop in and meet our new office manager -- Julie Glass -- and to view our newest exhibits and see all that the museum has to offer.

We hope to see you soon. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Note to members: Use the form on Page 5 to submit your 2013 annual membership dues. Renewal notices will not be mailed. Please submit your membership renewal by Dec. 31, 2012. Please call Office Manager Julie Glass if you have questions.



Unlock the _____ Mystery _____ of History

The past comes to life at the only museum in the nation devoted to the world's very first active adult retirement communities! Located in the first of five model homes built in Sun City, the museum offers a living tribute to the history of Sun City and Sun City West, and to the enduring spirit of those who pioneered an exciting new lifestyle!

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Let us entertain you!

New exhibit to highlight dance, drama, music

By Edson Allen

For more than 50 years, retirees from 50 states, Canada, and other countries have been drawn to the active and varied life style of the Sun Cities.

While some were drawn by golf and sports activities, others were attracted by arts and crafts, card playing, square dancing, and more.

Still others found an outlet for their creativity and talent in music, drama, and dance.

Many of these groups originally met in one another's homes to read plays or to play the hit tunes of Broadway shows.

From these modest beginnings came the accomplished West Valley Symphony, the popular Variety Show that raised over one-million dollars for the Del E. Webb Medical Center, a concert band, a pops



A highlight of the Sun City Poms history came in 1985 when the group performed at the annual fundraiser for the National fitness Foundation in New York City, where First Lady Nancy Reagan was the guest of honor.

band, chorale groups, dance companies, and two talented theater companies – the Sun City Players and Theatre West in Sun City West.

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is planning a new exhibit entitled, "Let Us Entertain You!" It

will tell the story of residents performing for residents, sharing their energy and talent with appreciative audiences.

The idea for this exhibit started small, but has exploded into what will become a series of four exhibits featuring dance, drama, vocal music, and instrumental music. The initial list of groups was short, but as we talked with them we learned of other performers. Some of them have performed outside our walls in places as distant as Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Australia, and more.

The first of the four exhibits is scheduled for early 2013 and will feature Dance.

Over the years, interest has expanded from tap to ballet, jazz, clogging, Hawaiian, and the popu-



Dance performances were accompanied by a wide variety of costumes, many of which the dancers made themselves. Tip Top Dancers model one of their outfits from their shows.



The 2006 Variety Show in Sun City West offered a reprise of favorite numbers from the past. It also marked 19 years of Mike and Jeanne Tarr's involvement with the show, and this would be the 16th and final show directed by Jeanne.



Search through the museum's archives for one of the oldest photographs depicting an organized musical effort in Sun City, and you'll find this photograph of The Bluebirds, taken in 1960 by the Del E. Webb Company.

lar precision drill teams -- the Sun City Poms and Jazzy Poms of Sun City West.

For many years, the highlight was the annual Variety Show in the Sundome. Dancers, as well as musicians, came from both Sun Cities, and some shows had 200 or more performers.

While the Sundome has not hosted a Variety Show for years, an annual extravaganza continues each November at the Mountain View Center in Sun City.

Watch for news of "Opening Night" as we prepare to salute the talented people who have entertained us with the flair and precision of dance for many years.

Want to help prepare these exhibits? We need volunteers to interview former participants; sift through scrapbooks, photo files, and programs; write narration;



Music has always played an important role in the Sun Cities. Over the years, there have been numerous symphonic orchestras, chorus groups, musical bands representing all genres and more to organize in Sun City and Sun City West. Shown here, the Sun City Concert Band performs in 1988 at Sundial Center.

and more. Call Julie at the museum, 974-2568 if you'd like to be

a part of this exciting project.



Actors made their initial appearance during "Sun City Jubilee," held May 9-11, 1961. The group was directed by Julian Amelung, a former director of the New York Symphony Orchestra.

Golden salute to the Sun City Players

Community's first theater group turns 51 on Oct. 1

By P. Atwood Fenner

The first theatrical production in the new retirement town of Sun City, in early May of 1961, was a Minstrel Show. This makes the group only one year younger than Sun City.

Musical director Julian Amelung had directed the New York Symphony Orchestra before retiring to Sun City, and with the encouragement of Tom Austin, then activities director for the Del E. Webb Co., and others, the production was staged at the brand new Fairway Center, then called Town Hall Center, South. (Oakmont was Town Hall Center, North).

Lou Henderson's orchestra accompanied the singers, and the Sun City Merry Makers combo played during intermission. The profit of \$750 (at \$1 a ticket) was donated to several worthy groups

On Oct. 1, 1961, the RCSC granted a charter to the group of actors and musicians. The 30-member group chose the name The Sun City Players Club with Julian Amelung elected as first president.

Only a few residents could say they had lived here a year, as new homes were occupied beginning in April, 1960. (The Charter is on the wall near the water fountain in the Mountain View Center lobby.)

Apparently there were no major productions staged on the tiny stage

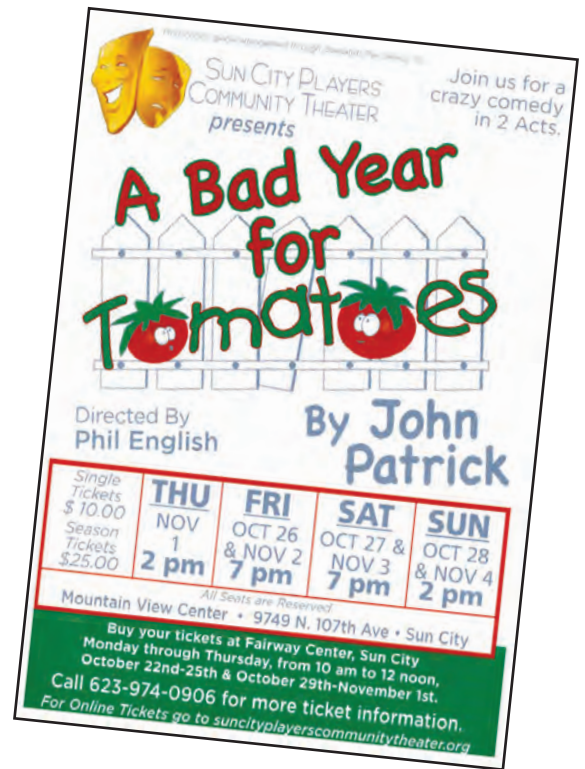
at Oakmont as that is where they held the meetings only; productions were continued at Fairway, which lost its stage following the recent reconstruction of the center. Membership in the fledgling group soon doubled.

Thanks to the efforts of Albert B. Foster of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, the Players' early history has been preserved. The Players consistently recorded the titles of all productions on the back cover of the performance programs; it wasn't until 1976 that a real musical, "Guys and Dolls," was staged by Alice and Nate Rosenbluth.

In 1976 there was also a Bicentennial Pageant -- "Gloryland," and



At left, a collection of programs from many of the productions staged over the years by the Sun City Players. At right, a promotional poster for the “A Bad Year for Tomatoes,” the Sun City Players Community Theater’s fall production.



by 1977 due to increased membership, meetings were moved to Mountain View.

By 1984 there were 640 members, and the audience, too, was growing. In 1985 Players performed a Silver Jubilee Review of the best of their musicals, and the original one-act written for Sun City’s 10th anniversary, “Caught in Del Webb’s Web.”

Since 1970, the Players has performed two shows a year, doing a musical every other season; they added a third production in 2007, one of which is always a musical.

All seats are reserved requiring hand labeling. Originally there were four productions Thursday through Sunday; and when the group split the productions to three each over two weekends, the seat numbering job was doubled as the seats are taken down between weekends in Mountain View Center auditorium.

Several years ago they added a Thursday matinee during the second weekend for a total of seven performances, including three matinees for those who don’t drive at night.

In addition, eight monthly meetings on the third Monday evenings, still at Mountain View Center, feature either dramatic or musical entertainment and refreshments.

A semi-formal dinner party is held for members and guests in December. A few years ago, in order to avoid confusion with sports “players,” the group changed its name to The Sun City Players Community Theater. And the organization now includes the Sun City Readers Ensemble and the Sun City Choraliers.

Outreach activities include trouping one-acts, readers’ plays and short musical programs to area churches, senior centers, assisted living and nursing homes and other

organizations. Occasionally acting and/or directing classes are offered to members who pay \$5 dues each year beginning in January.

The Sun City Players Community Theater is run by a board of nine members who serve staggered three-year terms and dozens of others who give generously of their time to produce three shows a season. It truly takes “a village” of talented and energetic people to mount the three major productions and eight monthly events, which include two cabaret-style shows and much original material.

The musical “Once upon a Mattress” opened the Players Golden Anniversary year and light refreshments kicked off the anniversary season before the opening night performance to celebrate the 50 years of productions.

The 2012-13 season includes revivals of “A Bad Year for Tomatoes” this month followed by the



At left: Don Schordje and Margaret Casey are a romantic couple in the 2011 musical, "Once Upon a Matress." They are chaperoned by costume designer Pat Cook. Above, little women sometimes play children as in this 2001 production of "Brigadoon."

musical "South Pacific" in February and "Moon Over Buffalo" in April.

This year for the first time, reserved seat tickets are sold and printed electronically two weeks before the productions using the

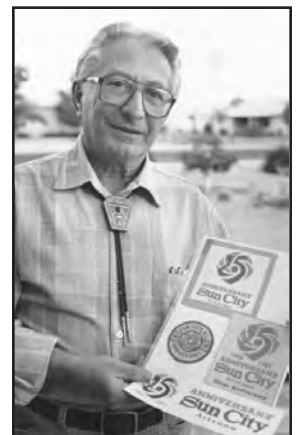
WiFi in the lobby of Fairway Center. Ticket sellers provide their own laptops.

Ticket Chair Laura Kuchler has finally boosted the Players into the 21st Century by instituting the new ticket sales procedure.

Individual tickets are \$10 but a season subscription is \$25, and credit cards are now accepted. The website is SunCityPlayersCommunityTheater.org.

Artist Max Gimpel saluted

Visitors to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's spring meeting were able to glimpse a display of works created by artist Max Gimpel, a resident of the Heritage Tradition. Mr. Gimpel's works have become an integral part of the history of Sun City and Sun City West. He is best known for designing the official logos for Sun City's 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries, but he has also been involved in a number of other projects, including providing the illustrations for a comprehensive book on the "Churches of the Sun Cities," published by the historical society and on sale at the museum.



From 1985, Mr. Gimpel reveals his specially designed logo for Sun City's 25th anniversary. Photo by Bret McKeand/Independent Newspapers



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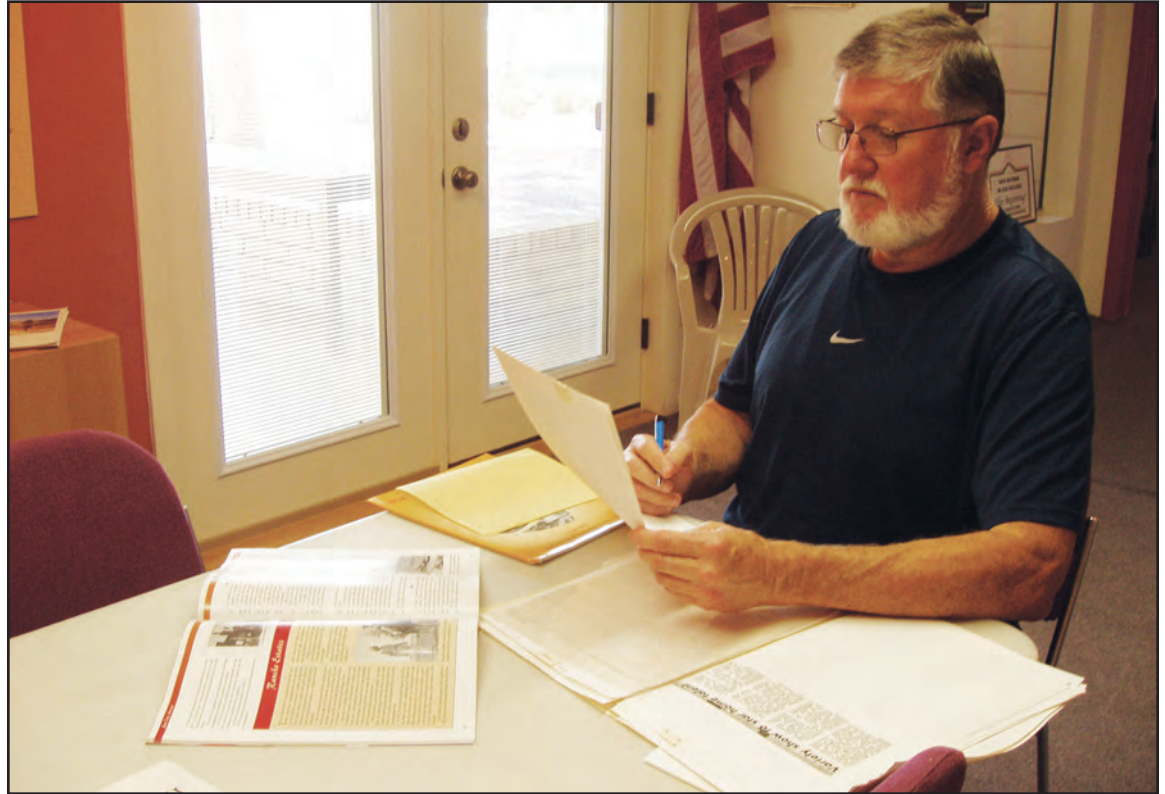
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Mike Fitzpatrick of the RCSC Sun Bowl Entertainment Committee does research on the Sun Bowl in the Jane Freeman Room of the Museum using materials from the Archives.

Photo by P. Atwood Fenner



Archive assistants

Museum guides help visitors find answers to history questions

By P. Atwood Fenner

You never know who you'll run into when you're guiding visitors at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

The middle of September, Mike Fitzpatrick of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Sun Bowl Entertainment Committee called and made an appointment to check out information in the archives about the Sun Bowl.

When he arrived, the guide had pulled the Sun Bowl file from the filing cabinet and placed it with a copy of the 50th Anniversary publication and others on the table in the Jane Freeman Room.

Soon he was busily involved in finding answers to his questions.

The next day a young architect from Phoenix came in to find information on a specific home model designed by a Phoenix architect who had also worked for DEVCO and designed the same home for Sun City. The guide steered him to the appropriate book on the reference table, and he went to work to find that home.

Finally he asked for a Zerox copy of the floor plan and lamented the fact that we didn't have more specific information on materials used in our homes. Our material is from the sales department mostly during the first 15 years of Sun City, and

while it was helpful, he is in the process of remodeling the home and had hoped for more specific information. But he expressed his thanks and promised to come back another day to see the museum.

"I wouldn't want to give up volunteering here because we meet so many interesting people," says three-year volunteer Carol Dearen, adding "I always learn something."

And so, folks who like puzzles, who once were in retailing or were reference librarians might also really enjoy working at the museum.

When visitors are not in the building, there is archive work to be done. This consists of preparing newspaper articles for photocopy-

ing, copying them and filing them properly for future reference. Other computer-savvy folks help Office Manager Julie Glass with digitizing the archives.

Occasionally the guides help with annual meetings serving refreshments or distributing materials and do the same at gatherings in the Sun Cities when groups show and tell about their organizations.

Some like to water plants not on the irrigation system, help pick oranges or clean off the McMillin Terrace. And of course there is a Volunteer Appreciation event in the spring with lunch on the Terrace, which faces the green, green golf course.

If any of the above sound like fun to you, call us soon, and after a short introduction to the routine, you'll be having the people encounters that have been a well-kept secret here at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Maybe you'll even run into someone from your hometown you haven't seen in years.

Phone 623-974-2568 for more information.

Museum puts out call for additional volunteers

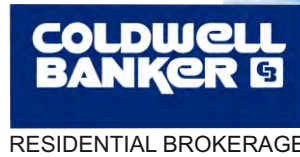
The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is looking for multiple volunteers to do tours and office work.

You can learn all about your community and its history! We are open for tours Monday through Friday 1 to 3 p.m. Guides will greet visitors, answer questions and discuss exhibits.

We are in the process of digitizing our archives and putting this information on our website. We

need volunteers with computer experience to scan, copy and input archival information into our software. This process would include learning new software and how to use it. Other office volunteers who have little or no computer experience are needed to file, organize and copy documents. Our website is: www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org. Please call us at (623) 974-2568 for more information.

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Shopping center planned for site of Sundome

By Jeff Grant

Independent Newspapers

If all goes according to a Scottsdale-based developer's plan, sometime in the first half of 2013, shovels will be in the ground at the site of the Sundome and work will get under way on a center where Sun City West residents can buy groceries, bank, perhaps enjoy a coffee or a meal, or visit the doctor.

Brown Grace 6, a partnership between Brown Group, Inc., and Phoenix-based W.M. Grace, recently announced its plans for the property now occupied by the long-dormant performing arts center on R.H. Johnson Boulevard. While the builder is continuing to fill in the canvas, the basic picture is in place, including a timetable that would turn the vacant, outdated structure into what's envisioned as a point of consumer service and relaxation for the community.

Anchored by a 101,000-square foot Fry's supermarket, the development between the R.H. Johnson social hall and a small complex off Camino del Sol would also house a series of free-standing buildings containing medical offices, a bank and several small shops and stores. A Fry's fuel station would go up as well, and there is space for a restaurant, said Brown Grace 6 principal Todd Kjar.

Talks are continuing with prospective tenants, whom Mr. Kjar said would be identified once negotiations are complete.

"We have a ways to go, but at this point, everything looks great,"



he said. "I'm excited. I think this is a win-win all the way around."

A leading real-estate executive offered praise for the deal.

"Clearly, the consumer wins here," offered John Rehling, a senior vice president of CBRE in the Phoenix office, one of the world's largest commercial real estate services and not part of the deal.

"It's a great fit," Mr. Rehling continued. "Fry's is the one major grocer not present in this market. The (greater) Sun City West area has a population of 61,000 (that includes the community, Corte Bella and neighboring areas). It's underserved, as far as Fry's is concerned."

Saving Sundome history

The museum seeks historical items from the Sundome's past. If you have something of interest you might want to donate, please contact the museum at (623) 974-2568.

Although the nearest Fry's is 2.9 miles away, on Bell Road in Surprise, there is a Safeway less than a half mile away and a Basha's less than a mile from the site.

The store would especially benefit Corte Bella residents, who have no grocery sites near that development.

Not everyone is pleased with the deal, or at least some aspects of it.

Ron Gliot, 79, a resident who said he worked at the Sundome when it hosted concerts and shows, said the 16.63-acre parcel, which rises from below street level off R.H. Johnson to overlook the adjacent Hillcrest Country Club, said the property is more suited to residential development.

"I would prefer condos. Preserve the beautiful, beautiful view," he said.

But Mr. Kjar said Brown Grace 6's blueprint is the product of extensive market research that indicated a commercial-medical facility would work well there.

"The objective is to do what makes the most sense for the location. We are going to bring a first-class center to their neighborhood," he said.

Gifted by Del E. Webb Development Corp. in 1984 to Arizona State University with the condition the building be used as a performing-arts center, the 7,000-seat Sundome hosted the likes of Bob Newhart, Chet Atkins, Bob Dylan and a forum hosted by then ABC-News anchor Ted Koeppel. But it was never self-sustaining, and in 2005 the site was transferred to Maricopa County, which also

found the venue a financial failure, and returned it to the university.

The property remained in limbo until Brown Grace 6 offered ASU \$2 million earlier this year to buy the tract, and that deal was given initial clearance by the board of regents in February.

The next steps include finalizing the plan and submitting it to the county's Planning and Development Department.

Since the project involves no change in the property's zoned use, it faces an administrative review and is not subject to mandatory public comment, said county Deputy Director of Planning Darren Gerard.

Mr. Kjar said a plan probably would be filed with the county within two to three months. After that, Mr. Gerard said the review and approval could take one to several months, depending on staff questions. That time frame would place the start of construction sometime in mid 2013, with a projected opening of the shopping center in 2014.

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On display at the museum ...

Haven't been to the museum lately? Below is a quick glimpse of what you'll find!



A replica of a typical 1960s-style living room.



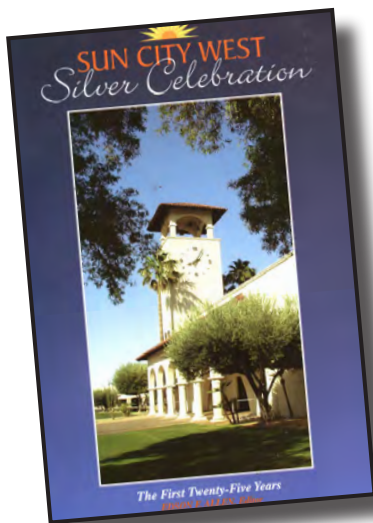
Photos of the popular Coffee Brake Restaurant (later the King's Inn) and Hiway House Hotel that once served visitors to Sun City.



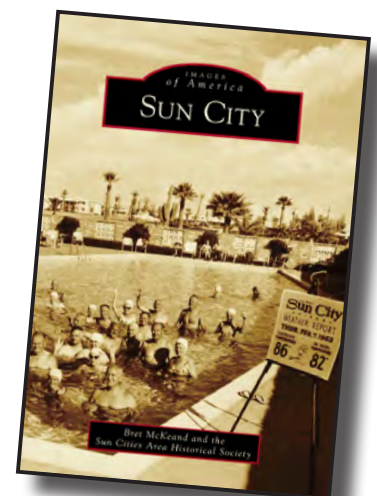
An exhibit detailing the history of the Sun City Saints, a championship women's softball team.



An original chair from the King's Inn Restaurant.



Take history home with you! Those who attend the fall meeting can purchase autographed copies of books focusing on the history of Sun City West and Sun City. All sales benefit the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.



Support Your Local Museum!

Become a member and help us preserve and promote the history of the Sun Cities!



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