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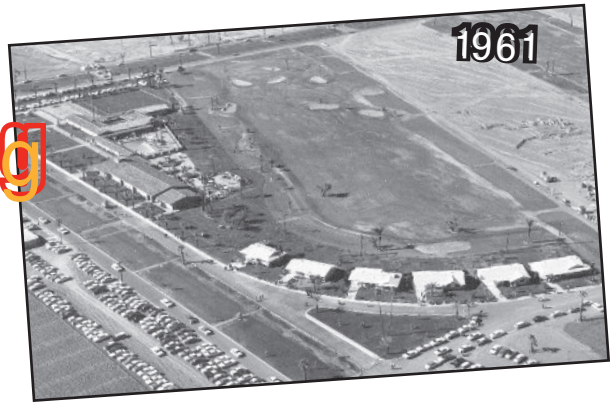
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History in the Making

After 50 years, Sun City's second recreation center is replaced by a new state-of-the-art facility.

Museum to document the work. See Page 2.



Inside our spring newsletter ...

Ads that sold Sun City



New flat-screen TV displays dozens of the best advertisements used to promote Sun City in the 1960s and '70s.
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Museum dedicates terrace



The new Mc-Millin Terrace is open and available for area groups and clubs to use -- free of charge!
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SC West history on display



Newest exhibit showcases history of Sun City West.
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Out with the old ... in with the new: Museum documents Fairway work

Video is first effort to preserve history of decision to upgrade Sun City's second rec center

The museum is undertaking the task of documenting -- on video -- the process which resulted in the first total replacement of a Recreation Centers of Sun City recreation center, Fairway.

This was and is a momentous action taken by the RCSC. It signifies the determination to keep Sun City from being cast into the role of a has-been community, to prevent Sun City from being bypassed by the many new retirement developments in the area by modernizing the aging facilities.

This historical video will interview the key players intimately involved in the decision-making process from 2003 through 2011.

Among the details to be documented in this video:

- Past RCSC Directors, (to discuss the reasons for choosing Fairway);
- How the work was financed;
- RCSC management's description of the problems in carrying out the Directors' decision;



The replacement of Fairway Recreation Center was completed in phases. This photo from 2010 shows construction of the first phase of the new center, while portions of the original center still stand to the left. The original Fairway Recreation Center was built in 1961 and was the second recreation center to open in Sun City. (Photo by Bret McKeand/Independent Newspapers)

■ Architects (how the plan developed to what it is today and the contractor -- for the day-to-day practical issues);

■ Involvement of members and residents of Sun City (to describe their involvement and reaction to the

project.)

In the past there has been little information preserved on how and why significant Sun City decisions were made. This video is an attempt to preserve Sun City's progress toward keeping the nation's first active-adult retirement relevant in Arizona's present and future.

This effort is one part of the museum's desire to utilize technology to bring our history to life and make it available and relevant for residents, present and future.

A big thanks to Fred Wenker, a Sun City resident, who is volunteering his considerable video knowledge and talent to help us see that this project is successful.

If you were a club president and attended the presidents meetings with Mr. Wellman and Mr. Dickson, we would like to interview you for the video. Please contact the museum.



From the archives: A photo of happy Sun City residents enjoying the pool, great weather and great friendship in 1963 at Fairway Recreation Center.



Photo reproductions by Brady McKeand

Commercial art: New exhibit displays historic Webb advertisements promoting the Sun Cities

Tucked away in the archives at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, is a vast collection of promotional advertisements created by the Del E. Webb Company and used to promote Sun City throughout the 1960s and '70s.

The collection, donated by the company to the museum several years ago, includes advertisements published in newspapers and magazines -- both locally and nationwide.

Several examples of the "Ads That Attracted a Nation" have been displayed from time to time, but thanks

to modern technology visitors to the museum can now view several dozen advertisements within a matter of minutes.

The museum recently purchased a flat-screen television thanks to a gracious donation from a local Questers group (See story, Page 7). The TV, located in the Freeman Room, continually displays a rotating slide-show of over three dozen of the best Sun City advertisements created by the creative minds in the Del Webb advertising department.

The advertisements touch on many of the themes that made Sun City popular: Sunshine, recreational fun and good friends.

Many of the advertisements were specifically tailored for the area of the nation in which they appeared (for instance, the abundance of sunshine was often the theme for those ads that appeared in the Midwest in January.)

Stop by today -- and maybe you'll spot the ad that convinced YOU to move to Sun City!



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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

History matters ...

Of late I've found myself both writing and speaking to people about the importance of the history Sun City and Sun City West. Seems some see it as trying to cling to the past and nothing could be further from the truth. I see history as being the key to our future; a virtual road map to take the past 50 years of success and overlaying it on the years to come.

Rather than prattling on, let me be very specific: Do you realize in 1965, if a series of events hadn't happened, Sun City West may not exist today?

That's right, because the three Webb employees who convinced Del to go ahead with his far out dream of a new active way of life had stumbled a bit by the mid-60's.

L.C. Jacobson, Tom Breen and Tom Ashton were the guys who made Mr. Webb take that leap of faith; Jacobson so much so that he owned 25 percent of Webb's investment in the project.

They had one shortfall, they felt the key was to market the Sun Cities (by 1963 there were three of them) to low-to-moderate income retirees.

In 1964 there were only 387 homes sold in Sun City, Arizona. Both Sun Cities Florida and Sun Cities California were in yet more trouble.

DEVCO was a subsidiary company of the wildly successful Webb Corporation but



Bill Pearson
2011 President, Sun Cities Area Historical Society

they weren't going to pour money into a project that wasn't going to make it.

In our possession are the Meeker Journals, entitled "A Look Back." He chronicles the birth and growth of the Sun Cities and is very blunt in his recollections.

In the back pages of Volume 2 is Plan B. It was the bailout from the senior retirement community if he couldn't turn Sun City around. North of Grand Avenue they were going to build a massive industrial park and non-age restricted homes.

In the middle of 1965 Webb pulled the plug on Jacobson, Breen and Ashton.

He installed John Meeker as the vice president of operations in Sun City. He literally turned him loose to try and save the project. Rather than going into a shell, he spent money like a madman. Everything became bigger, better and brighter for the company.

The rest is history.

The point to all of this is it is the perfect teachable moment, and only one of many.

Sure, Sun City and Sun City West are built out. That said, there is and always will be a glut of homes for sale in our communities. It is the nature of age-restricted settings where turnover is high and those looking aren't always aware of what their options are.

If we look to the past, we will find a dozen ways to better promote and market our two communities.

Sadly, the naysayers want to see those directing our communities to roll up the streets and try and pinch every penny they can. Big mistake in my opinion and if Meeker had taken that route, there is a good chance Sun City as a retirement community would have been only south of Grand Ave and Sun City West wouldn't exist today.

History does matter and we all need to learn from it.



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Support Your Sun Cities Museum!

Join the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and help us preserve, protect and showcase the history of Sun City and Sun City West!

Your generous donation goes a long way:

- Supports the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum -- the "official" headquarters of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, housed in one of the first five model homes built in Sun City!
- Funds educational programs that share the history of the world's best-known active-adult retirement communities.
- Continues the effort to collect, archive and preserve Sun Cities artifacts.



Stop by today and receive a FREE gift!



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New Renewal

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Sun Cities Area Historical Society (SCAHS)
 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351

McMillin Terrace hosts receptions, picnics

Community groups invited to use new facility

As summer hours go into effect, the new McMillin Terrace of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, officially “broken in” by receptions, a book signing and an awards picnic, is now available for free use by groups in the Sun Cities.

Summer Hours are now in effect: 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteer Coordinator Karen Bunnness hopes to find more volunteers to guide visitors, do computer work or help with the gardening.

“Help is needed now that some of our volunteers are headed home to cooler places for the summer,” she said. The Museum will be closed during June, July and August. Tours will be available upon request.

At the recent awards picnic, top Volunteer Awards went to Julie Glass, Marcia Case and Kathy Schymanski. Earlier there was a Museum Guide training session provided by Acquisition Chair Dorothy Rucker and Sun Cities Historical Society Founder Jane Freeman.



Sun Cities Historical Society Trustee Arlene Macy enjoys the view from the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Terrace before the recent Volunteer Awards picnic. The McMillin Terrace, which seats 25 at tables, has ceiling fans and faces the North Golf Course, is available to groups for special events at no charge. It is located at the back of the Museum at 10801 W. Oakmont Drive. Reservations: 623-974-2568.

Groups may book the McMillin Terrace which seats 25 people at tables, has ceiling fans and faces the North Golf Course. Restrooms are available at the adjacent Oakmont Center.

For information on becoming a volunteer, booking a summer tour or the McMillin Terrace, inquire at the Museum, 10801 W. Oakmont Drive: 623-974-2568.

Museum volunteers honored at picnic lunch

Volunteers Julie Glass, Marcia Case and Kathy Schymanski worked the most hours during the past year. Awards were given to 14 Museum Guides and Computer Specialists at a picnic luncheon on the McMillin Terrace March 8.

Earlier Dorothy Rucker presented information on museum acquisitions and gave instructions on completion of donation forms. Also Guides learned how to operate the new rotating television display of large, early Sun City promotional advertising in the Sales Theater. And Museum Founder Jane Freeman discussed the early days of the archive collection.

Office Manager Judy Baerg, and Board Members Ed Allen, Ed Cirillo

and his wife Regina, Pris Fenner, Arlene Macy and President Bill Pearson served the picnic of hotdogs, condiments, deviled eggs, potato salad, dessert and beverages.

Volunteer Coordinator Karen Bunnness urged those present to invite

friends and neighbors who will be here to volunteer as Guides from 1 to 3 p.m. weekdays during April, May and September. The Museum will be closed to the public during June, July and August. Private tours are available upon request.

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McMillin Terrace dedicated

A special ceremony was held to officially dedicate the new McMillin Terrace at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. Above, President Bill Pearson thanks Connie McMillin for her generous contribution to make the terrace a reality for the museum. At left, from left, Connie McMillin, Jane Freeman (one of the founders of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society) and President Bill Pearson.

Arizona Questers present gift to Del Webb Museum

AZ Questers Yucca Chapter recently presented a check for \$450 to the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum at a ceremony at the Museum attended by Questers and members of the museum Board of Trustees.

The donation will allow the Museum to purchase a high resolution flat-screen television and associated software to bring to life the "Ads that Attracted a Nation." When Sun City was in its infancy, the Del Webb Corporation created a marketing campaign second to none. The Museum owns volumes of the large ad slicks which have been tucked away because of their size and fragility. The ads will now be digitized and displayed in a continuing loop in the Museum's sales theater.

Bill Pearson, president of the Board of Trustees, gave the Questers a tour of the facilities and related the story of how the ads came to be in the Museum's collection.

Questers is an international organization formed in 1944. There are over 500 members in the 34 chapters in Arizona. Questers' aims are to stimulate the appreciation of antiques through

study and collection, and to encourage and accomplish the preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. The Questers motto is "This Place Matters."

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is housed in one of the first model homes in Sun City. Located at 10801 W. Oakmont, the Museum is open

Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and at other times by special arrangement. The Museum also has a speaker's bureau which can make presentations before civic and social groups. Please call 623-974-2568 for further information or visit www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org.



There is a great reason for all the smiling faces. Pat Forsythe, treasurer of the AZ Questers Yucca Chapter, presents a check to Priscilla Fenner, member of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Board of Trustees. Also attending the presentation were (left to right front row) Ruthie Clark, Alice Bradshaw, and Neva Simon, Questers, and (left to right back row) Karen West, Questers Yucca Chapter president, Bill Pearson, Del Webb Sun Cities Museum president, Forsythe, Fenner, and Essie Mae Allbritton, AZ State - 1st vice president.

The Sun City Shop-Lifter, shown in this 1963 photo in front of the former Hiway House (later the King's Inn) at 107th and Grand avenues, was the original transportation system in Sun City. The open-air trolley seated 25 and was pulled by a canopied Jeep and subsidized by DEVCO. Next in 1967 came service in non-air-conditioned Blue Bird Buses at 35 cents per trip. (For 35 cents you could also buy an ice-cream sundae at the Coffee Brake Restaurant.) Molly and Dolly Trolleys operated free to shopping centers from 1983 to 1984. And Sun City's final transit service was SCAT which ran by phone reservation from door to door from 1982 to December, 2010. Today limited service is provided by Valley Metro and Discount Cab.



Public transportation in the Sun Cities

Trolleys, buses, vans, cars carry Sun Citians to shops, appointments

Fifty years ago Sun Citians were cruising about town in an open air trolley pulled by a Jeep. It was called the Shop-Lifter, and was just that – transportation for shoppers.

It was subsidized by the Webb Development Corp. And the 25-seat trolley was for those who didn't drive (and in those days many wives had not learned to drive) or had no other forms of transportation.

By 1967 DEVCO introduced the Sun City Bus Lines, a fleet of non-air conditioned Blue Bird buses. They had plush seats, handrails, tinted glass and a chime system for riders to signal their stops.

The buses operated from the DEVCO building at 10102 Santa Fe. There were extensive routes outlined

with color-coded maps, transfers and service to all the major shopping malls in Sun City.

However in 1981, while patrons paid only 35 cents per ride, a Webb survey revealed that it actually cost the company \$6 per ride, and the Arizona Corporation Commission refused to allow them to increase the fare to \$1.50.

The Sun City Bus Line folded in 1982, and the two Sun City West vans in use there, were donated to the Sun City Area Transit which was incorporated in May, 1982.

SCAT began service that September, and patrons phoned to order a van which delivered them from door to door, unlike traditional service on fixed routes.

In November, 1983, Trolleys Molly and Dolly began a free service to the Sun City shopping centers. They ran every 30 minutes and were financed by advertising and donations from more than 100 merchants. They were touted as free shopping trolley, go-to-lunch trolley, sight-seeing trolley and fun-to-ride trolley. However, they were discontinued after Easter in 1984.

SCAHS Founder Jane Freeman said in a newspaper interview in 2004 that she thought the public transportation systems failed in the Sun Cities because people are attached to their vehicles. At that time SCAT was struggling with the rising costs of gasoline, finding and keeping drivers and vehicle replacement, and it

continued to do so up to the end of 2010 when SCAT was finally forced to discontinue service.

At that time a partnership of Valley Metro with Discount Cab was formed to offer rides for those with disabilities in Sun City and Youngtown. Those certified under the Americans with Disabilities Act can make phone reservations up to 14 days in advance within the service area. It offers trips to riders for dialysis or chemotherapy needs. ADA trips cost \$2 one way and non-ADA trips (those not medically necessary) are \$4 with exact cash required.

Discount Cab drivers now help riders to and from their doors, assist in boarding and exiting vehicles and help carry items for service in Sun City and Youngtown. And a wheelchair-accessible van is operated by Discount Cab. All of this is the kind of service rendered earlier by SCAT.

It is not surprising then today to see the lime green Discount Cab or van scurrying around town or parked in the shade waiting for a return fare or a phone call to pick up a senior citizen.



DEVCO provided free trips to first SC Westers

When the first residents of Sun City West occupied their new homes in October, 1978, there were no services – no recreation center and no shopping center. So, there was an immediate need for public transportation and entertainment.

DEVCO offered tours to keep the residents busy. Buses took them to the Capitol, the Phoenix Zoo, Tucson, Nogales, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Barry Goldwater's residence and other places for free! Many of these trips ended with a visit to the then Del Webb-owned Mountain Shadows Resort for tea and sweets. One of the most popular trips was to see the Phoenix Suns play, and the Webb Corp offered its luxury box to residents.

The RH Johnson Rec Center opened in March, 1979, and this free entertainment service was dropped. But to make it convenient to shop, DEVCO then launched the SCW Bus Line. It ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. The bus, which was really a van, made a trip around the community each hour, and shoppers visited shopping centers in Sun City. Fares were 35 cents or 20 rides for \$5. When the Camino del Sol Shopping Center (now Sundome Plaza) opened in September, 1980, there was no more DEVCO bus service to Sun City.

Valley Metro briefly provided service in Sun City West, but no longer serves the community. However there is a Valley Metro Route 660 Connector which runs from Wickenburg to

Sun City West and on to the Arrowhead shopping area.

SCAT served Sun City West and was partially funded for three years by the Sun City West Foundation, which opened a Dial-a-Ride Service just before SCAT closed. "We saw a need and tried to fill it," said SCW Foundation Director Patty Rowan.

Today their minibus service, which is wheelchair accessible, provided 6,000 rides last year at \$3 one way or 10 for \$25. Passengers, who phone to make reservations, are taken to nearby medical facilities in the areas of Grand Avenue/Reems Road/Mountain View Road in Surprise as well as Bell and El Mirage Roads.

And Discount Cab serves SCW also.



Edson Allen, a member of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Board of Trustees, unveils a new exhibit focusing on the history of Sun City West during a special presentation held recently at the museum.



From Lizard Acres to lush oasis

New exhibit features story/history of Sun City West

The sequel to the successful Sun City was a new community a few miles further west. John Meeker, president of DEVCO, envisioned a city of 70-75,000 people with among other things, a major mall akin to the then-new Metro Center in Phoenix. How the community ended up without the mall and less than half the intended size, is the story told in this exhibit.

Like Sun City's humble beginnings in cotton fields, Sun City West would spring up out of a cattle feedlot, home to 40,000 head of cattle. Known as "Lizard Acres," there's still a sign along Grand Avenue at the site of the railroad's cattle loading pens.

John Meeker was truly the inspiration behind the new community. It was he who envisioned a magnificent golf course that would host professional golf tournaments



... the nation's largest theater on a single level ... and a recreational campus that would be the largest in the southwest. Each of these stories is told in the new exhibit, along

with the changes that caused the population to drop to 25,000 – and then expand to 30,000.

A special "thank you" is extended to the SCW Metal Club that fashioned a replica of the "Lizard Acres" sign along the railroad on Grand Ave. A tumbleweed has found a home at its feet.



Edson Allen, left, and Dan Seabreeze admire the new Sun City West exhibit. Mr. Seabreeze assisted with the creation of the exhibit.

SCAHS unveils revamped Website

It's been debated the Museum should remain true to its calling and focus on collecting and preserving the Sun Cities history. No one can argue, those who founded the Sun Cities Area Historical Society did an awesome job of doing just that. We have a collection that is fabulous.

This year, the board felt we needed a better online presence. While we have had a website, we had bought software a couple of years back that was specially made for museums. While it is not the most user friendly, it has capacity as a data base and anyone who knows creating one is incredibly expensive.

We hired a graphics artist-turned-web developer to assist in building the site and she did a great job. It is visually attractive and better yet, we have enormous storage capacity. Slowly but surely we are getting our collection stored and displayed. Currently there are about 600 images from our archives; we have the potential to place 10,000 pieces on it. Best of all, it stores them off site.

Attendance at the Museum this year has been exceptional but we all understand the ability to reach even greater numbers is almost unlimited when using the World Wide Web. Opening our doors to millions is far better than opening our doors to thousands. It is a slow process, but in Sun City, we have the time to devote to building that foundation that will expose our collection to all who may be interested.

The site itself is unique: There are lots of interactive options that allow visitors to see us in several different formats. You can take a tour of the Del Webb room, read oral histories, view pictures, listen to comments or search the data base. We also have the last couple of issues of our newsletter online so if you missed them, they



are there in living color. You can even view the movie "The Beginnings."

If that's not enough, we also have a Word Press Blog called Sun Cities Today. It gives readers the capacity to ask questions or get involved with an ongoing dialogue. In most instances we use the history of our communities to talk about the issues we face today.

We have also added another tool to reach members and those who are longing to learn about the Sun Cities. I-Contact gives us the capacity to reach anyone who has given us their email address to reach them at a mo-

ment's notice. If you haven't supplied us with yours, just drop us a line at staff@delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org and we will add you to our email list.

Check us out; we know you will be fascinated. We know that because every time we upload a new article or piece we find ourselves drawn into the vortex of a historical journey that is mystical. Log on, join in and we'll have a ball together. Visit Delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org and let us know what you think.

Reprinted from our 2010 fall newsletter.

Delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

From the archives: Historical society highlights Sun City photos in new book

Autographed copies available only at museum

Arcadia Publishing has partnered with the Sun Cities Area Historical Society to produce "Images of Sun City," a book showcasing the history of Sun City as told through photos.

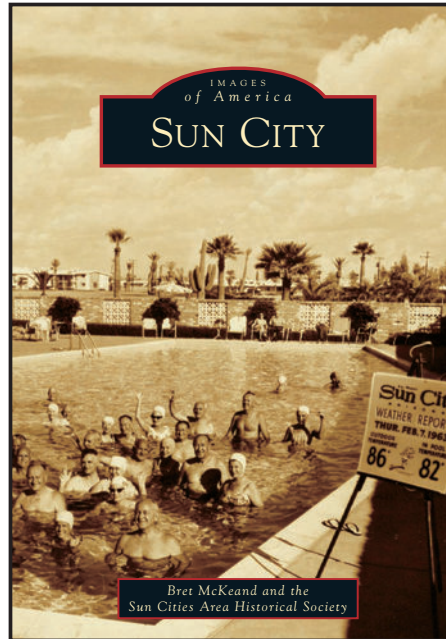
The book was released nationally in January as part of Arcadia's popular "Images in America" series.

All author proceeds from sales will go directly to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

The book was coordinated by Bret McKeand, a member of the SCAHS Board of Trustees. Mr. McKeand was editor and publisher of the *Sun Cities Independent* for over 20 years and is presently vice president of operations for Independent Newspapers, Inc.

"Images of Sun City" is the first historical book in Arcadia's inventory to focus on a retirement community. The book includes nearly 250 photographs.

Nearly all of the photographs depicting the first three decades of Sun City's history were taken by the marketing and public relations team



at the Del E. Webb Development Co. The photographs were turned over to the SCAHS in the 1980s and are now in the permanent archives located at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Photographs from the archives of the *Sun Cities Independent* were used to supplement the history of the community during the past two decades. The photographs from the Independent's archives were loaned to the

museum for this project.

"Many of the photographs included in the book have never been published before, or at least not for many decades," says Mr. McKeand.

The book, says Mr. McKeand, isn't meant to tell the history of Sun City.

"People will certainly get a sense of Sun City's history, but the photos are really meant to depict the famous 'Sun City Lifestyle,' and why people moved to Sun City and why it was then -- and remains -- a popular place to retire."

The book sells for \$21.99 and is available at the museum, as well as many Walgreen's stores in the Valley, Costco, Sam's Clubs, Barnes and Noble Booksellers and Borders.

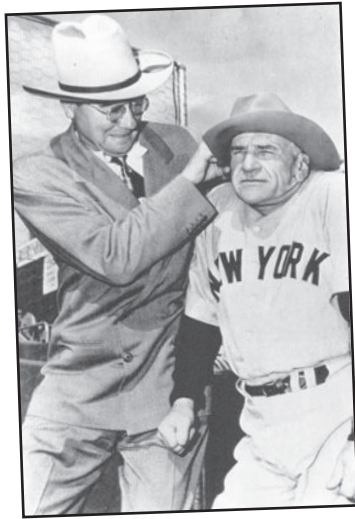
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An initial book-signing release party was held in February at the museum, and another one is planned in the future.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading history publisher in the United States, and is committed to making history accessible and meaningful through publishing books that celebrate and preserve the heritage of America's people and places.



Bret McKeand, former editor and publisher of the *Sun Cities Independent*, signs copies of the book, "Images of America: Sun City," during a February book-release party held at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. Autographed copies of the book are available for purchase at the museum. All author royalties and proceeds from the book benefit the museum.



Looking for an interesting talk for your group or organization? The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Speakers Bureau has a number of topics that might be of interest to your group: Baseball in Sun City, the life of Sun City Founder Del Webb and the role of the Boswell family in the development of the Sun Cities are just a few of the available talks.

Speakers Bureau offers free talks to groups

Looking for a speaker for your group or club?

Refer them to the museum's Speakers Bureau! We offer talks on local history – FREE -- as a community service (although we appreciate donations!)

“Cotton Bolls to Golf Balls” is the story of the nation's first active adult community – one the “experts” said would be doomed to fail.

“The Remarkable Del Webb” tells the story of a high school dropout who went on to build one of the nation's most successful construction companies.

“From Lizard Acres to Lush Oasis” gives the inside story on the development of Sun City West.

“The Boswell Connection” describes the role that the “nation's largest farmer” played in the

development of Sun City and its hospital.

“Fields of Dreams” is perfect for spring as it traces the history of baseball in the Sun Cities from dirt fields, to the Saints, the Brewers, the SC Rays, and more.

Talks can be adapted to the audience's interest and time available. To schedule a speaker, call the museum at 623-974-2568.

Museum guides needed for April, May, September

If you like people, history, computers and/or gardening, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum needs you!

That is if you are going to be here through April, May or June and again in September - or any part thereof. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteer Coordinator Karen Bunsness faces this dilemma each year about this time when volunteers begin heading to cooler places for the summer.

Most of the duties during April, May and September consist of guiding visitors through the 1960 two-

bedroom/one-bath Model Home which serves as the headquarters for the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Computer specialists can assist Office Manager Judy Baerg with input of archival materials in the mornings.

And occasionally a green thumb volunteer is needed to water succulents or prune the rose bushes.

The museum will be closed to the public during June, July and August. Private tours can be arranged by phoning 623-974-2568.

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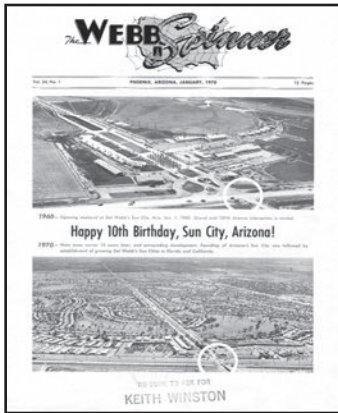
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From the archives

A sample of the historical photos and items you'll find during a visit to the Del Webb Museum!



Entrance to Sun City under construction. Dec. 4, 1959.



A souvenir record album featuring the United Church of Sun City Choir, released in honor of the church's 10th anniversary.



Marinette Canal, five miles north of northern Sun City boundary. The canal provided the water for cotton farmers who cultivated the land where Sun City now exists.

Post Cards from the past



Thank You To Our Business Members

■ Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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■ Lynn Fischer, Ken Meade Realty, Inc.

■ Latham Construction Co.

■ Susan Sommers, Long Realty West Valley



Remember when?

Oh the good-old-days! This photo from the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum archives shows a Sun City gas station from the 1960s -- when gas was an unbelievable 33 cents a gallon.

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Thanks to the folks at Booth Built. The new McMillin Terrace is better than we could have imagined. Partnering with you to bring it to life is a testimony to your commitment to the community. One of the reasons Sun City and Sun City West have flourished is because of businesses like yours who care about the residents and are willing to give back to the community to keep them vibrant and growing.

Bill Pearson, President
Sun Cities Area Historical Society



Dear Mr. Pearson:
Just a personal note of thanks from Tom and I for choosing Booth Built Patio Products to build your new patio addition at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. It's a great feeling for us to give back to the community that's given to us for the past 20 years. On behalf of Tom and the staff ... thank you again.

"Looks great! We have enjoyed our patio cover immensely"

"We had a great experience with your company and couldn't be happier with our patio cover"

"Booth Built did three jobs for us, all involving patio covers. I appreciate Tom's time in designing these jobs so that the finished product looked good and was what we had envisioned"

Chris Booth



DEL WEBB SUN CITIES MUSEUM PATIO COVER PROJECT



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