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# Jubilee Gala II

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum celebrates its second annual gala fundraiser!

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Museum docent Barb Wagers recalls visiting the museum -- as a child, when her grandparents owned the house!  
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Michelle Dionisio, left, recently retired President and CEO of Benevilla, was presented with the “Friend of the Sun Cities Award” during the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum’s Gala II fundraiser held Nov. 10. From left, Ms. Dionisio, Museum President Edson Allen and Past President Constance McMillin.

## Community leaders honored during Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Gala II

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society honored two long-time service organizations and the retiring CEO of Benevilla during its second annual fundraising gala held last November in Sun City.

“Jubilee Gala II,” a fundraiser to support the society-owned Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, was held Nov. 10, 2016 at Palmbrook Country Club.

Nearly 140 attended the event that included a talk by *Arizona Highways* Publisher Win Holden and awards presented to Sunshine Service, Lending Hands and recent-

ly retired Benevilla CEO Michelle Dionisio.

Ms. Dionisio was presented with the “Friend of the Sun Cities Award.” She retired last October after 26 years with Benevilla, a nonprofit organization providing an array of health-care services and family resources to residents in the West Valley.

Ms. Dionisio has served as the organization’s president and CEO since 2000.

Initially a Sun Cities-focused nonprofit offering adult-day care services, Ms. Dionisio led a successful \$7.9 million capital cam-

paign to expand the organization’s impact and to build an intergenerational campus in Surprise that today offers adult day health services, preschool for children, a family resource center and Birt’s Bistro.

The “Spirit of the Sun Cities Award” was presented to two organizations: Sunshine Service in Sun City and Lending Hands in Sun City West.

Both organizations lend equipment to residents in the Sun Cities at no cost. Available items include medical supplies such as beds, walkers and wheelchair, as well as

temporary beds and supplies to accommodate visiting grandchildren.

Sunshine Service was created in 1961 by the Sun City Civic Association and became an independent chartered organization in 1964.

Lending Hands was modeled after Sunshine Service and opened its doors in 1982.

The nonprofit Sun Cities Area Historical Society was organized in 1985 to preserve, protect and promote the history of the Sun Cities.

The society's headquarters are located in the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, 10801 W. Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

The museum is located in one of the first five Sun City model homes constructed in 1959 by the Del Webb Corporation.

Plans are already under way for the museum's 2017 gala. The event will be held Nov. 9 at Palmbrook Country Club.

## A look back at our 2016 Jubilee Gala II fundraiser



Sunshine Service and Lending Hands were honored with the "Spirit of Sun Cities Award" during the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum's Gala II fundraiser held Nov. 10. From left, Paul Herrmann, Sunshine Service Executive Director Jim Sinclair; Helping Hands Vice President Dick Catlin, Helping Hands Manager Karen Bertelsen and Museum President Edson Allen.

Thank you to all who attended the 2016 Jubilee Gala II Fundraiser! Your continued support is appreciated!

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A big surprise during the event: Jerry Walczak presented a donation of \$5,000 to the museum on behalf of the Friends of the Sun City Libraries. Jerry last year served as liaison between the Sun City Rec Centers and the museum's Board of Trustees. He was previously president of the Friends of the Sun City Libraries.

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# Museum to host April 17 program describing history of ‘Lizard Acres’

Sun City West program features talk by retired Judge John Gemmill

**B**efore there was a Sun City West, there was “Lizard Acres” – a large cattle-feeding operation that occupied the southern portion of today’s community.

It got its name in the 1940s, when two ranchers who were looking for a location along the railroad visited the site bordered by today’s Bell Road and Grand Ave.



Retired Judge John Gemmill

Looking at the dry desert, one of their group exclaimed, “This land ain’t fit for raising anything but lizards.”

They purchased the land anyway, and soon the

Circle One Livestock Company became one of the largest feedlots in the southwest, home to as many as 30,000 head of cattle. A lizard became its trademark on signs and the watertower.

Our speaker, John Gemmill, was born a year after his father joined the company in 1947 as one of the foremen of the feedlot and farm.

At the time, they were far from



## “Growing Up on Lizard Acres”

as told by retired Judge John Gemmill

**When:** 10 a.m. April 17

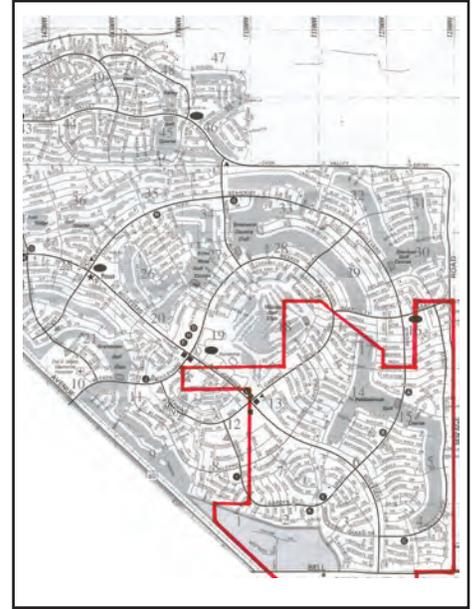
**Where:** Lecture Hall, R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, Sun City West

**Admission:** Free

schools, and the nearest stores were in Surprise, Peoria and Glendale. Bell Road didn’t come through until the 1960s.

It was a rural location, but John and his brother were not alone as several other families lived on the ranch.

John and his older brother, Mark, worked on the ranch as youth, as well as, through their university summers. John received an undergraduate degree in Agriculture



A map of Sun City West as its boundaries appear today. Highlighted in red are the original boundaries of what was once considered Lizard Acres.

from the University of Arizona and after active duty in the Naval Reserve, returned to law school.

After 25 years of private practice, he became a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals and retired 15 years later on June 30, 2016.



Follow the museum online at [delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org](http://delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org)



The 2017 Board of Trustees for the nonprofit Sun Cities Area Historical Society -- owners and operators of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum -- are, from left, front row: Heidi Speed, Vice President Gail Warmath, Secretary Susy Hammer, Pris Fenner and Toni Ashby. Standing, from left, Treasurer Tim Ericson, Paul Herrmann, Past President Ed Allen, 2017 President Bret McKeand and A.J. Kovac. Not pictured: Yasmina Snider.

## Introducing the 2017 Board of Trustees

By P. Atwood Fenner

Bret McKeand is the new president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, the group which runs the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Vice President Gail Warmath, also serves as Docent and Volunteer Coordinator, assisted by Docent Barb Wagers.

New Trustee Susy Hammer is Board Secretary.

Treasurer is Tim Ericson who also chairs the Budget, Archives and Acquisition Committees, the last of which's members are Trustees Ed Allen, Toni Ashby, Gail Warmath, Docent Jane Quitney and Volunteer (and Past President) David Verble.

Past President Edson Allen chairs the Speakers Bureau and serves as curator of museum exhibits. He is updating the Del Webb exhibit with a series of 10 new panels.

New Board Member Paul Herrmann chairs the Marketing and Gala Committee; He has already booked Palmbrook Country Club on Nov. 9 for the Gala III annual fundraiser and is planning an annual meeting in Sun City West for Monday April 17. (See story Page 4)

Other committee assignments are as follows: Membership – A.J. Kovac; Face Book – Volunteer Steve Held, who also serves as a speaker; Building and Grounds – former board President David

Verble and former trustee Hal Lind with Board Liason Toni Ashby; Public Relations /Newsletter– Pris Fenner.

Yasmina Snider and Heidi Speed are trustees at large.

Office Manager Julie Glass now updates and uploads the Museum website.

At the Feb. 14 meeting, many new ideas for how to attract members, docents, speakers and speaking engagements were discussed. New ideas included traveling exhibits and plans for the spring meeting and annual fall Gala.

Ways to make additional funds was also a topic for lively discussion.



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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.

Museum Hours (in March): 1-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday Or by appointment Office Manager: Julie Glass

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Message from the President

Your Museum has big plans for the year ahead

It's a new year for the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and, as always, we're looking for new ideas and better ways to serve our members and our communities.

This past year was a great year for us. Under the leadership of Past President Ed Allen, the museum was able to upgrade several exhibits, expand its events at the museum and in the community, and conduct a very successful gala fundraiser.

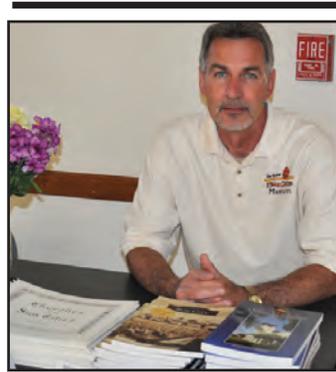
We're looking to build on that momentum. At our February meeting, your Board of Trustees discussed a number of priorities for 2017:

Expand our digital footprint. We continue to improve and enhance our website, and we are in the process of updating our Facebook page to make both more valuable to members and visitors.

Steve Held has volunteered to take on our Facebook project and is already making numerous changes. Check in now and then to monitor our progress.

Unlike our quarterly newsletter, our website -- www.delwebbsuncities-museum.org -- allows visitors to gain more news about the museum on a more frequent basis. You'll also always find the current newsletter there, as well as past editions.

Expand our market- ing and outreach in the community. Expect to see more of your museum at community events this year, as well as potential "travel- ing" exhibits displayed at



Bret McKeand

2017 President, Sun Cities Area Historical Society

locations throughout the community.

We're pretty proud of the museum and all the work the SCAHS does to protect and promote the history of the Sun Cities. Yet, we've been pretty good at keeping it a secret! We hope you will join us this year and help us spread the word about what a great organization we are!

For instance, you'll find a booth promoting the museum at the Motors and Meals event March 11 in Sun City West.

This spring we'll be host- ing a talk about the history of "Lizard Acres" April 17 in Sun City West.

And if you're a club or organization in need of a speaker, please give us a call. Our Speakers Bureau offers a variety of talks on numerous topics to fit any occasion.

Increase our mem- bership. The true success of any nonprofit organiza- tion such as ours is ulti- mately determined by the support it gains from the

local community.

Growing our member- ship -- indeed, doubling our membership -- is a major goal of ours in 2017.

The museum is, of course, a great place to visit and bring visitors, but the SCAHS, which owns the museum, does much more than that. We are the experts when it comes to the history of the Sun Cities, and it's not unusual for news out- lets throughout the world, researchers, scientists and historians to call on us first when they need to know something about the Sun Cities or the value of active- adult communities in the United States.

We need your support to not only continue to pro- vide this sort of service, but in order to improve and enhance services we already provide.

Finally, plans are already under way for our third annual gala fundraiser scheduled for this Novem- ber.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the event pays tribute to those who have significantly contributed to the history of the Sun Cities.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for Nov. 9 at Palmbrook Country Club.

Our little museum has great potential and we're excited about what lies ahead for us in 2017.

We look forward to your support and assistance -- whether as a volunteer, a visitor, a donor or just someone who loves history -- welcome aboard!



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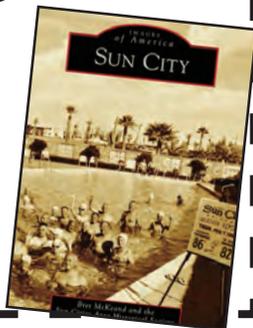
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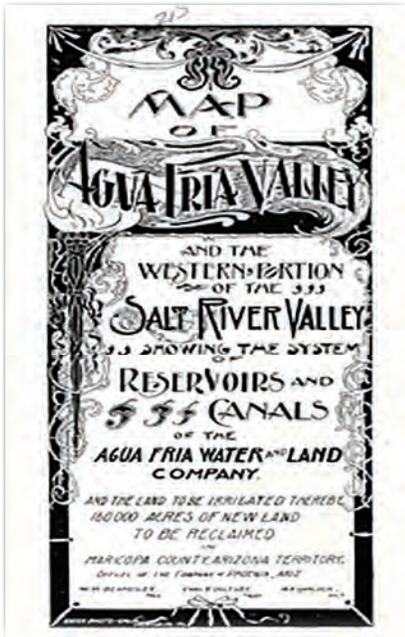
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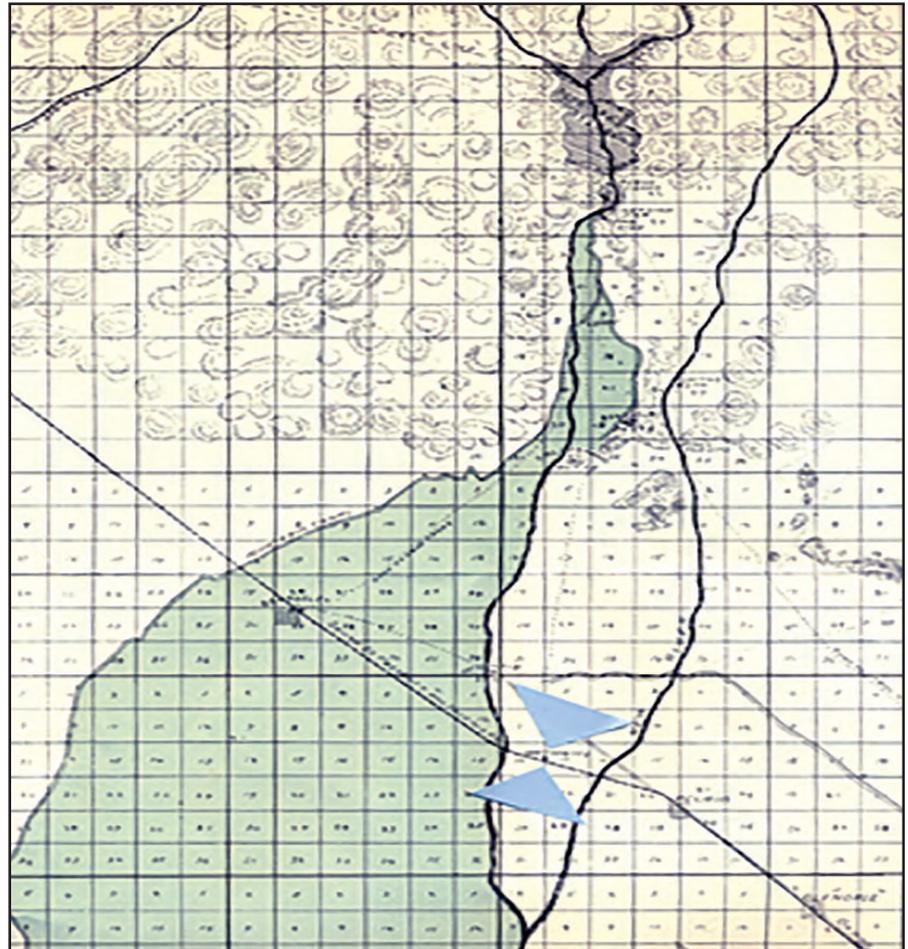


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The new company produced an attractive brochure to be given to prospects, and it contained a map of the area that would be irrigated. The diagonal line is today's Grand Ave, and the two triangles mark the location of Marinette, forerunner to today's Sun City.



# BEARDSLEY, ARIZONA

A town once planned for the area where Sun City West now calls home

By Edson Allen

**B**eardsley: A road? A park? Canal? Small town? All four bear the name of William Beardsley.

You can't look into his background without encountering two other names with historical significance: Carl Pleasant and Donald Waddell. So what did these three men have in common?

The answer is water and a plan to irrigate the fertile, but dry desert in the Agua Fria River watershed.

The story began in the late 1880s when a group of men were inspired by the bountiful crops grown in fields irrigated by canals dug along the Salt River. They decided to move further west and create a canal system centered on the Agua Fria River.

Engineer George Beardsley was excited by the prospect, and got his brother William to come and help him form a construction company to build the dams and canals.

George died shortly after William arrived, and it would be up to him to carry the project forward. Work

had already started on a diversion dam to direct water to the main canal and by 1895 was well along. Heavy rains, however, washed out the initial dam, and the Agua Fria Water & Land Co. ended up bankrupt.

This was but the first of several major setbacks experienced by William Beardsley over the next 30 years.

Financing was one challenge, but William had friends in the East who were willing to back him. One firm agreed to finance a larger dam further upstream on the Agua

Fria, and sent Donald Waddell to keep an eye on the project.

He fell in love with Arizona, and eventually acquired 30,000 acres of land in the West Valley. Today, we find his name on Waddell Road, and the New Waddell Dam.

With financing in place, the government created a new obstacle, which resulted in the land Beard-sley hoped to irrigate being with-drawn from sale.

The National Reclamation Act passed in 1902, and one of the first projects to be funded in the West was Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River.

As soon as the project was an-nounced, the government withdrew all government-owned lands from sale that might benefit from the proposed dam. This would keep speculators from buying up the cheap land and reselling it at a huge profit once the dam was complete.

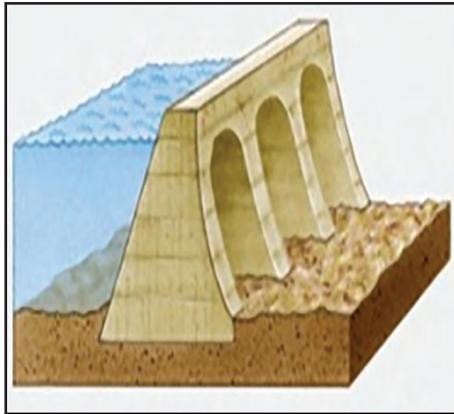
While the Agua Fria was a completely different watershed, its lands were included – and Beard-sley suddenly had no land to irri-gate.

Not to be deterred, he worked a deal with the Prescott, Phoenix & Santa Fe Railroad, getting them to trade worthless land deeded to them by the government in north-ern Arizona for land in the Agua Fria watershed.

Beardsley then bought the land from the railroad and was back in business.

The cost of the new Roosevelt Dam was staggering, and Beard-sley hired Carl Pleasant, a young engineer, who had experience with a less expensive design. It used a series of buttresses to withstand the weight of the impounded water.

Work had also been started on



the canal that would stretch some 32 miles down along the eastern slope of the White Tank Mountains – running almost as far as today’s I-10.

Beardsley worked on the project for more than 30 years, but died two years before the dam was completed. It was just as well, as other unexpected obstacles were soon to appear. Cracks were found in the buttresses, and it would be years before agreement would be reached on their seriousness.

It wasn’t until 1935 that all the

challenges had been dealt with, and irrigation water began to flow through the Beardsley Canal to fields and orchards in today’s Surprise, Litchfield, and Goodyear communities.

The canal continues in service as part of the Maricopa Water District, successor to William Beardsley’s pioneering effort.



Welcome to Beardsley, Ariz. – planned as the center of the farming district in the Agua Fria watershed. It was located a bit north of today’s Meeker and Grand avenues along the railroad. It became a sheep shearing station, and disappeared into history in the 1940s.

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# Docent recalls visits to grandparents' house now home to Del Webb Museum

By P. Atwood Fenner

One of the docents was overheard to say, "I spent the night in this room once."

She was standing in the original master bedroom of the museum, which now houses information and photos on Del E. Webb, the man and the builder of the first Sun City with its active living concept.

Barbara Ann Wagers is a granddaughter of John MacDonald and his wife, Chloe, who were the first couple to occupy the two-bedroom, one-bath, former model home at 10801 W. Oakmont Drive.

Now retired, she is a Snowbird, and her primary home is in Colorado. It was an easy decision to become a museum docent, once she discovered the house once owned by her grandparents is now the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Barb's first visit to Sun City was after both sets of grandparents, the Wagers at 12637 Augusta, and the MacDonalds on Oakmont Drive, were living here – probably in 1962.



When Barb Wagers was a child, she and her siblings and cousins often visited both sets of grandparents in Sun City, many times staying at the Kings Inn nearby. Now as a docent, she told a visitor in the Del Webb room (the former master bedroom) "I once spent the night in this room." Only the grandchildren were allowed to use the outside stairway up to the flat roof to watch the colorful Arizona sunsets. In this photo Barb holds the photos of Chloe and John MacDonald in the living room/reception area of the Museum.

"Daddy Mac" was a retired master plumber and commercial builder in Colorado and Kansas. N.C. "Jack Wagers" had been a grain farmer in Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Barb is the youngest of all her cousins who came

to visit, most frequently staying at the King's Inn, which was in what is now the King's Inn Shopping Center, housing Fry's Market in the eastern half of the divided shopping center at 107th and Grand Avenues.

And she remembers dressing up to go to the Kings Inn Restaurant dining room and sitting in chairs like the three in the museum's kitchen. She also dined at the Sun City Country Club.

She recalls also that they dressed nicely for their airplane flights from Brush, Colo. where her father, Robert, and mother, Dorothea, lived with their four children.

Always a lover of the country, her paternal grandfather enjoyed driving his grandchildren around in Sun City and the Arizona countryside. And she remembers playing Rummy and Go Fish with both sets of grandparents. And there was swimming in the King's Inn Pool and shuffleboard at Oakmont Center.

"Daddy Mac loved to watch boxing on TV and we also enjoyed 'Bonanza' with him," she recalls. Bedtime was 9 p.m. whether in the King's Inn or a grandparent's home.

Her brother Scott and sister Susan (probably ages 10 and 12, respectively) had a lively adventure one night when

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they were caught out for a walk after Sun City Children's Curfew and brought home to Daddy Mac in the sheriff's squad car.

She also recalls dashing from the Augusta home to the MacDonald's across the North Golf Course in the dark one evening, much to the chagrin of her mother, who greeted them as they arrived.

Many of her Arizona holidays were the two weeks at Christmas time (her mother was a first-grade teacher). Barb remembers the yummy ice cream sundaes with wine-colored sauce and swimming outdoors at the Kings Inn with all of her cousins. Daddy Mac had built a train set on his back patio, which they all enjoyed also.

"Only kids from Colorado would swim outdoors on Christmas Day," one of the cousins was fond of saying.

After growing up, Barb was an educator for 30 years in the Colorado school systems. Beginning in 1980 she was an elementary and high school librarian and later a district librarian for a school district.

In the 1990's she was a K-5 technology teacher,

then served as a District Instructional Technology Specialist, supporting several schools in Aurora (Colo.) Public Schools.

Barb retired in 2013 and always wanted to live in Sun City because she had had such strong bonds with her grandparents growing up. Not having to drive in snow and wanting to be active were also reasons for moving here.

As a Sun City resident she likes that there are so many activities to choose from. She enjoys pickle ball and golf and has joined the Bell stained glass, wood and metal clubs.

She has been a docent for two years and enjoys sharing the history of Del Webb's vision and the model home museum with visitors, as they stand in front of the iconic photo of people streaming past the model homes on Oakmont Drive on New Year's Day, 1960.

"I love this house and what the Historical Society has done with it. In 2010 I even took a day off and came to the Del Webb birthday Party at Oakmont Center to celebrate Sun City's 50th Anniversary with my sister, mother, aunt and brother," she added.

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The house at 3007 N. Manor Drive West in Phoenix was Del Webb's long-time home here in the Valley. Mr. Webb built the home originally for the president of Hayden Flour Mills. The question of where Mr. Webb lived while in Phoenix is a question often asked by visitors to the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

## Young historian locates Del Webb's home

By Edson Allen

Cave Creek high-school senior, Charles "Nick" Gillett visited the museum recently and surprised docents with his knowledge of Del Webb, the man behind the company that created and developed Sun City and Sun City West.

While not related to Mr. Webb, Nick said he'd been interested in the man for many years.

Afterward, we sent Nick a question that we are frequently asked: "Where did Mr. Webb live?"

Within minutes we had our answer as Nick sent us a photo of the house, along with its history.

According to Nick, the house was built by Mr. Webb in 1937 at 3007 N. Manor Drive West, a gated area known as Country Club Manor adjoining the Phoenix



Charles "Nick" Gillett on a recent visit to the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. A fan of Mr. Webb, young Mr. Gillett was able to find out for the museum where Mr. Webb lived while in Phoenix.

Country Club.

Mr. Webb built homes for many other business leaders in the same

neighborhood, including a home for his friend Barry Goldwater. Mr. Goldwater was Arizona's long-time senator and the Republican candidate for president in 1964.

The home was originally built by Del Webb for the president of Hayden Flour Mills. In 1943, he sold the home to Del and Hazel.

The Webbs hosted many elaborate parties attended by the "Rat Pack" and other celebrities in the 1940s and 1950s.

As co-owner of the New York Yankees, Mr. Webb held meeting for coaches in the huge family room, which was equipped with a projection room used to view training films.

The 5,190-square-foot home sits on a 0.6-acre lot, and has 4 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms.

# Volunteers invited to ‘Sundaes on Thursday’

Sundaes on Thursday is the theme of the Thursday April 6 Volunteer Appreciation luncheon this year. It will be held on the McMillin Terrace from noon to 1 p.m.

Docents, guides, and other volunteers are invited to bring a wrapped sandwich to share with another volunteer. Those with dietary restrictions may bring their own sandwich to eat.

The Museum will furnish pickles, salad, beverage and dessert. The dessert will be vanilla ice cream sundaes which guests will make themselves with ice cream made only a few blocks away in Youngtown at Mighty Moos Ice Cream. Sugar-free ice cream will be available.

“I got the idea from a combination of

old-time events – The Box Lunch Social and a Country Pie and Ice Cream Social,” says event planner Pris Fenner.

She added that a similar event was a lot of fun as a Red Hat Event, and that instead of serving homemade ice cream on homemade pie, there will be fix’ins for do-it-yourself sundaes.

“And you never know who will be serving the ice cream and how he/she will be dressed,” she added..

A drawing for volunteers will be held for a restaurant gift certificate. The winner need not be present to win, but must have volunteered during the past three months. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Docent Desk beginning March 15. The deadline is April 1.

## Sundaes on Thursdays

**When:** April 6, 2017

**Time:** noon-1 p.m.

**Where:** McMillin Terrace at Del Webb Sun Cities Museum

### Who is invited?

All docents, guides and museum volunteers.

### Deadline to register:

April 1

## Find satisfaction: Volunteer to pass on Sun Cities stories

You don’t need a super-size memory to be a docent at the Del Webb Museum as you welcome guests and tell them about the past. The museum walls are filled with interesting facts and as a guide, you merely need to point them out.

And it helps visitors to understand things best, if they proceed in an orderly fashion, turning left into the Del Webb room after absorbing what they wish in the living room. Frequently they wish to be left on their own, especially when they get into the second bedroom where the dance groups perform and the sports teams come to life.

And it is probably best to leave the “talking Del Webb” till after they have been everywhere. They can

better appreciate what Webb went through in his career and how he came to make the statements he did in our interactive display.

But if you’re not especially a “people person” there are other jobs, such as maintaining the building and grounds and helping to plan annual events such as the docent luncheon, board holiday event on the premises, the Gala, and office assistance -- including scanning, mailing and other items.

Those who enjoy the public from a distance can volunteer to give talks to local groups who call for speakers for local events.

For more information see [www.delwebbsuncities-museum.org/join-us/](http://www.delwebbsuncities-museum.org/join-us/) or call us at 623-974- 2568.



## PEO visits Del Webb Sun Cities Museum

Members of Chapter CG of P.E.O. had a private tour of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum recently. Some who wore hats and gloves as a salute to the 60s-era model home, from left, are Diane Christenson, Peggy Doe, Gretchen Widner, Jeannie Sophussen and Joyce Bowlby. Private tours are available for six or more, and groups can hold meetings in the museum or on our patio. Donations are appreciated for these events. To reserve, please phone 623-974-2568. March museum hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 1-4 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1-4 through May 15. Hours will be extended in the fall.

# Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Members

## Sun Cities Area Historical Society

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Win Holden, publisher of Arizona Highways Magazine, was the keynote speaker for the event. Win shared the history of the magazine and interesting stories along the way. At the end of his talk, President Allen presented Win with a special collection of museum books. Above, entertainment for the evening was provided by the Jazzy Poms of the Rhythm Tappers of Sun City West, which performed a veterans salute.



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