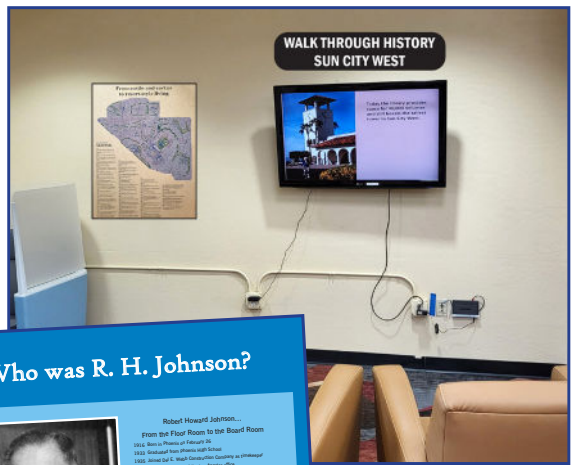




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The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum has partnered with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West to install an exhibit featuring historical artifacts and information about Sun City West in the exhibit windows at the CC & R office at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. Exhibits will change throughout the year.

# Museum launches new initiative to expand into Sun City West

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum has announced plans to expand its outreach in Sun City West this year by partnering with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West on several projects that aim to provide a greater sense of community history to those living in Sun City's sister-city to the west.

Plans for the initiative were announced at the museum's annual meeting, held Jan. 24 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City, West. In addition to several exhibits already on display in Sun City West, a key aspect to the

initiative is the creation of historical signs to be installed at each of the community's four recreation centers.

The signs will provide background information on the creation of each facility.

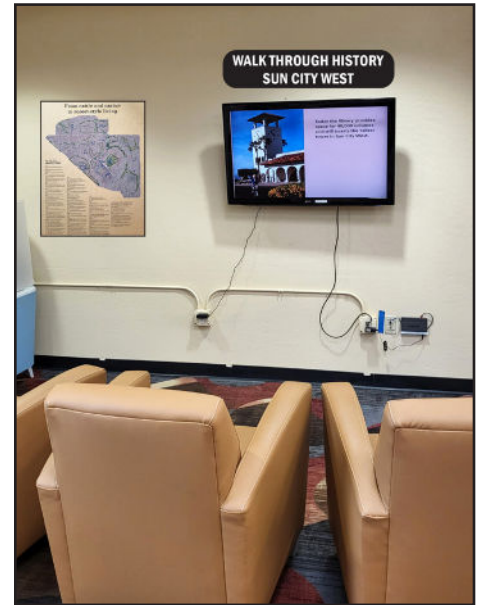
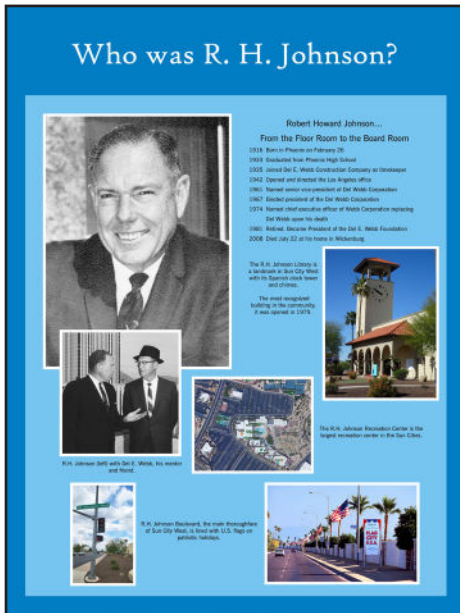
Bret McKeand, president of the museum's Board of Trustees, called the initiative a "major step" in the museum's efforts to reach a wider audience in pursuit of its mission to "preserve and promote the history of the Sun Cities."

"For our friends in Sun City West who may not be able to visit the museum in Sun City, we're now

able to bring history directly to you," said Mr. McKeand.

The museum is owned by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and located in the one of the first five model homes opened to the public when Sun City opened on Jan. 1, 1960. The museum is located at 10801 W. Oakmont Drive.

Several rooms in the house have been restored to their 1960's condition. Revolving exhibits explain the story of both Sun City and Sun City West, as well as its founder Del E. Webb. The museum expanded three years ago and today, a number of new exhibits showcase the stories



Above are two examples of the signposts to be installed in front of the four Sun City West recreation centers. The signs are meant to provide background and history of each of the centers. Above left, the prototype of the sign to be installed at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. Above, center, the prototype of the sign to be installed at Beardlsey Recreation Center. Above right, a new slide presentation of historical photographs showcasing the history of Sun City West. The presentation is available at the R.H. Johnson Library.

of local clubs, service organizations and community groups.

The museum has always had a permanent exhibit highlighting the development of Sun City West, but the new initiatives with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West mark the museum’s most ambitious efforts ever to expand its services outside of the museum and into another community.

“These projects are going to make it so easy for Sun City West residents to learn more about their community, and we’re anxious to hear their reactions,” said Mr. McKeand.

Among the projects in place or planned this year in Sun City West:

- A continual slide show of Sun City West historical photographs are shown on a television monitor at the R.J. Johnson Library. Several wall placards explain the development of Sun City West,

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**Bret McKeand**  
President,

Del Webb Sun Cities Museum

and the slide show runs during library operating hours.

- An exhibit of Sun City West historical artifacts and photographs from the museum’s archives will also be on display all year at the CC&R office at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. The museum will change the exhibit every quarter.

- A monthly “Walk Through History” column that provides

historical information about the community is published monthly in the Rec Center News.

- The annual PORA Resource Guide to be published in 2023 will also include a history of the community provided by the museum.

The most significant project involves the creation and installation of permanent signs at the entrance of each of the community’s four recreation centers. Those signs will explain the history of each center, and in the case of the Johnson, Beardsley and Kuentz centers, provide biographical information on the person for which the center was named for.

The museum is creating the signs while the Recreation Centers of Sun City West will install and maintain all four signs. The metal signs are approximately 3 feet wide by 4 feet tall and expected to be installed sometime this spring.



Members of the Milwaukee Chapter of Friendship Force International recently visited the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum as part of a week-long visit to Arizona. Many were surprised to find that Sun City now exists where the city of Marinette, Arizona -- named after Marintette, Wis. -- once existed.

# Friendship Force visits the museum!

By Ben Roloff

On Sunday February 19, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum welcomed a large group from the Milwaukee Chapter of Friendship Force International.

The Wisconsin group, along with their local hosts from Sun City and neighboring areas, had the museum stop as their second activity on their itinerary for a week-long stay exploring Sun City, Phoenix and other areas and attractions in the West Valley.

Our local chapter of FFI coordinated the plan for the week and selected the museum as a perfect way to introduce their new Milwaukee friends to “active retirement” and its origins in Sun City and Sun City West.

Five of our volunteer docents were on hand to organize, guide, explain, educate, and answer questions from our visitors.

After the 90-minute tour, the group gathered outside for a picture and to express their gratitude to their museum hosts. A sample of comments heard included:

“Just awesome! I had no clue! I loved the stories about Marinette, WI, the Sun City Pom Poms, and

Spring Training for Milwaukee Brewers baseball!”

Our happy guests waved goodbye and headed off to Sundial Recreation Center for a quick lesson on how to play bocce and then engage in some spirited competition under the watchful eye of other local volunteers.

Afterward, they hiked across the Sundial parking lot to Church of the Palms to enjoy a Western Dinner featuring “cowboy stew.”

What our visitors did not know was that our museum would be represented at their first dinner in Sun City as well, as their local hosts arranged for Historian Ben Roloff from the museum’s Speakers Bureau to entertain with interesting, and often amusing, stories of inventing “active retirement” here in the Sun Cities.

For readers unfamiliar with Friendship Force, it is an international organization that connects people from different areas of the country and from around the world on a personal basis, when local hosts open their homes to visitors from other states and countries.

For instance, Milwaukee is one of 105 Friendship Force Clubs in the United States and are being

## Tour our museum!

Museum tours are available for groups by calling the museum office at 623-974-2568, or you can call that number and arrange for a representative from the museum Speakers Bureau to make a presentation to your group.

hosted by The Friendship Force of Central Arizona that has many of its members living in Sun City and Sun City West.

Nancy Mueller, local coordinator and Sun City resident, noted that planning for the next group of visitors is underway for a November visit from an FFI group from Japan. If you would like more information about Friendship Force of Central Arizona or about the upcoming visit of the group from Japan, Nancy Mueller’s phone number is 608-838-3575.

Additionally, the museum reminds everyone that it has two general goals:

- A.) To preserve our histories, and
- B.) to present our history to the public.

The Sun City Saints women's fast-pitch softball team captured the national championship in 1979. The museum hosted a reunion for Saints players on Nov. 4, 2022. The Saints were joined by the Sun City Poms, which got its start as a cheerleading squad for the Saints (below).



# Museum hosts joyous reunion of Sun City Poms/Saints players

By Ben Roloff

**G**o Saints Go! That might have been an early cheer led by the newly formed Sun City Poms at two fast-pitch softball games played between squads representing the best women's teams in the USA. Our Sun City Saints were hosting their rivals the Buena Vista (California) Dusters at Sun City Stadium in a double-header before a large and raucous crowd at Sun City Stadium on June 21, 1979.

On hand were several camera crews from NBC TV's popular network program "Real People." Of all the film shot that day for use in September, the between-game performance of the Sun City Poms was described by the program's director as stunning! The *Sun City Independent's* reporter described the Pom Poms performance as characterized by "high kicking and low dipping" moves unexpected from women ranging in age from 55-80 something. "Real People's" director said, "I've never seen anything like it. I tried to keep up with them. I need to go back to California to rest. They're too much!"

In early 1979, Ray and Corinne



Leslie were well-known show-biz dancers/choreographers who had retired to Sun City. It was their idea of training a group of high stepping cheerleaders. Stories of forming the Sun City Pom Poms had been reported by an assortment of newspapers and even *Sports Illustrated Magazine*. But "Real People" catapulted the new group into the national spotlight. The Saints already had national acclaim—even representing the U.S. State Department on tours to foreign countries as "Goodwill Ambassadors."

Three months after that special night in June 1979, the Saints

returned to Sun City with the National Women's Softball Championship trophy in hand. It was an exceptionally good year for the two groups and for Sun City.

Fast forward!

On Friday Nov. 4, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum hosted a reunion for Saints players who circled the bases in Sun City between 1966-1984. What made the day more special for the gathered Saints was a surprise visit from 18 members of the Sun City Poms performance squad for 2022. Both groups have played a major role in our community's history, and both have significant displays at your museum to commemorate their importance.

The museum hopes to host the Saints again someday for a reunion, but in the interim continues its long-standing relationship with the Poms, who joined us at your museum on the evening of Nov. 30. It was the museum's second annual Christmas at the Museum celebration. The Poms performed as part of the evening's entertainment for a large crowd of delighted celebrants. If you missed the Christmas party this year, be sure to get it on your calendar next year.



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Museum Hours: noon-3 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Or for groups of six or more by appointment) Admission: \$5 (18 and over) Free to Museum Members

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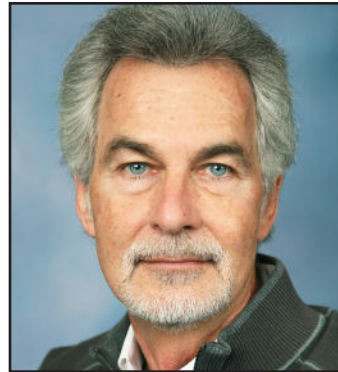
Museum goal for 2023: Expand our reach and impact!

In an effort to expand our reach, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is proud to announce several new initiatives intended to share the history of our communities with a much wider audience, especially those living in Sun City West.

For those Sun City West residents unable to make it to Sun City to visit our museum -- the museum is now bringing Sun City West history to you.

Thanks to a partnership with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, we've recently unveiled several new exhibits at both the R.H. Johnson Library and Recreation Center, and this spring we'll be creating information signs to be installed at each of the community's four recreation centers. (More in-depth information can be found in the story on Page 2.)

Again, it's all part of our



Bret McKeand 2023 President Sun Cities Area Historical Society

goal this year to expand our reach and introduce our little museum to a much larger audience.

Another story in this newsletter explains an incredible project currently underway at the museum: One that involves scanning hundreds of historical artifacts and posting them online for the entire world to access.

Trustee Barb Wagers and her team of dedicated volunteers have spent countless hours scanning all types of documents related to the history of the Sun Cities that until now, have been inaccessible to the general public: Photos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, magazine stories and more.

And, of course, continual revisions to our website and Facebook pages make it even easier for those interested in Sun Cities history to access the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum -- regardless of whether they live in Sun City, Sun City West -- or anywhere for that matter!

Here at the museum itself, we continue to update our current exhibits and have plans to reveal several new exhibits in 2023. If you haven't been to the museum in a while, we invite you to pay us a visit -- and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Upcoming Events at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum



A Celebration of Wheels!

Sunday, March 12 noon-3 p.m.

Join the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and the C.A.R.S. Club of the Sun Cities as we present a "Salute to America's Fascination with Automobiles." Get an up-close view of some of history's most popular automobiles -- all exquisitely restored by club members!



Del Webb Birthday Party

Wednesday, May 17

Mark your calendars. Watch for further details and upcoming events at delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

# Sun City: The City of Volunteers!

By Tammy Ruocco

Do you enjoy history and interacting with people? Have you thought about volunteering your time, but are not sure where?

Look no further than the Del Webb Sun Cities Area Museum. The museum is always looking for volunteers interested in serving as docents at the museum.

Currently, there are more than 40 docents helping to share the story of the Sun Cities with visitors to the museum. Docents help to guide visitors through the museum while sharing the story of the nation's first active adult community.

Currently, our docents reside in Sun City, Sun City West, and Sun City Grand; all from various professions,

Thank you to our docents, several of whom are shown here during an recognition event held earlier this year.



but with a love of the history of the Sun Cities. There are currently two docents, each with over 10 years of volunteer experience at the museum.

During the 2022 year, 28 new docents were trained. So far in 2023, six docents are in the training process. Docents are asked to volunteer for two, three-hour shifts a month, although many existing docents volunteer for more than that.

Prospective docents are given

extensive training and shadowing opportunities alongside experienced docents. This is a great opportunity for those who appreciate local history, our museum and enjoy meeting people.

For more information, call 623-974-2568 or visit the museum website [delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org/volunteer/](http://delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org/volunteer/) and complete the volunteer form. Be a part of preserving and sharing the history of Sun City.

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## Behind the scenes: Museum projects seeks to digitize historical documents

By Barb Wagers

Members and visitors come to the museum to see our house, exhibits and learn about our history. But have you ever thought about what goes on behind the scenes?

Let's turn to our Mission Statement to answer that question.

"The mission of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society is to promote public awareness and appreciation of the history of Sun City and Sun City West. The Society collects, preserves, and displays materials and artifacts striving to inform present and future generations of the pioneering heritage of these unique active retirement communities."

Through our public events, it is obvious we "promote public awareness" and by entering our doors, you will observe we "collect" and "display" artifacts. But what is it that we "preserve?"

In the spring of 2021, research was started to learn the best processes to

preserve our paper documents and scrapbooks. These items are available at the museum, but not very easily accessible. After the research about the digitizing process and the equipment needed was completed, a scanner was purchased by The Nixon Group, realtors, Amy and Tim Nixon. Also purchased was a camera and stand to capture the large scrapbooks in our collection.

In April, 2022, eight people comprising of four teams started digitizing our paper documents. Gary Belanus, Sandee Donahue, Deb Kloehn, Marlene Kozlowski, Connie Castillo, Gary Greer, Nancy Foy and Marci Knipschild volunteered to devote time and energy to this project. As of January, 2023, these eight volunteers have already worked 93 days totaling 330 hours of scanning and capturing 6,167 pages.

Our content is uploaded to the Arizona Memory Project at <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>. The Arizona Memory Project is under the umbrella

of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. This site providing access to researchers, historians and the general public to locate and discover information related to the history and government of Arizona archives, museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions. Visitors to the site will find some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and multimedia that chronicle Arizona's past and present.

You can also find a wealth of material about Sun City and Sun City West on our museum website at [www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org](http://www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org) and you can find the direct links to our digitized documents and scrapbooks under the subject Research Sources and Arizona Memory Project.

There is so much more material to digitize, that it is going to take at least two years to complete this project. We invite you to check out our materials on our website and come back as we add more throughout the year.



President Ronald Reagan became an honorary member of the Sun City Posse during a visit to Sun City on May 6, 1983.

# SC Posse celebrates 50 years!

## Salute by President Reagan in 1982 remains historical highlight

By Ben Roloff

**S**un City Resident Ronald Reagan Elected 40th President of the United States!

The headline above paraphrases a story appearing in a local newspaper in November 1980, shortly after Ronald Reagan defeated Jimmy Carter to become the nation's 40th president. Of course, there is a back story explaining the headline.

Governor Reagan finished his second four-year term as governor of California in 1975 and began testing voter interest in him as a primary challenger to President Gerald Ford -- an "accidental President."

Before the G.O.P. convention in 1976, Sun City Republicans invited Reagan to speak at the Sun Bowl,



Ronald Reagan first visited Sun City in 1976. During a ceremony at the Sun Bowl, then-Governor Reagan was proclaimed an "Honorary Resident of Sun City."

and a large crowd turned out to lend cheers to his effort. After his address that afternoon, the former governor was given a certificate proclaiming him an "Honorary Resident of Sun City, Arizona."

Fast forward four years. Reagan didn't win his party's nomination in

1976, but did in 1980 and went on to defeat President Jimmy Carter in the fall election.

The headline above followed that success. Now jump ahead to May 1983. President Reagan's advance team and the Secret Service visit the Valley to prep for the president's address to the National Rifle Association at its annual convention in Phoenix on May 6, 1983.

Additionally, President Reagan's staff had a proclamation ready for his signature noting the beginning of "The Month of Volunteerism." Arrangements were made to have the signing in front of a group of volunteers who were nationally famous: the Sun City Posse.

What a day! After his major address in Phoenix on the topic of protecting the Second Amendment,

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Capt. Sarah Davis accepts a donation of \$500 from the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, in recognition of the Posse's support and service to the museum. Museum Vice President Paul Herrmann presented the check along with an exhibit showcasing the history of the Posse to the commander in February.

## Museum pays tribute to Posse's service to Sun City

When Commander Sarah Davis called the February open meeting of the Sun City Posse to order on Feb. 7, 2023, she noted that three guests from the museum were on hand who would play a major role in the agenda for the day.

Office Manager Linda Borton brought along portable displays of Sun City history to share. Board Vice President Paul Herrmann

brought a 3-by-4-foot display board with pictures and comments on highlights of posse history as a gift from the museum along with a donation check for over 30 years of night patrol security checks at the museum.

Ben Roloff from the Museum's Speakers Bureau was introduced as the keynote speaker and shared the story of the creation of the Sun

City Posse in 1973 as a result of a vote on whether or not to incorporate Sun City.

For those interested in more of the details about the creation of the posse as an unexpected outcome of the battle of incorporation, can visit the museum's website and view a video recording of Ben Roloff's 25-minute presentation on the creation of the Sun City Posse.

President Reagan was helicoptered out to Sun City and landed in a church parking lot, and then conveyed to the Posse Headquarters, which was packed with members of both the Sun City and Sun City West Posses.

The proclamation was signed. President Reagan heaped praise on posse volunteers, and the president received the customary gifts of hats and shirts from posse leaders. A team of volunteers from the two posse squads then entertained the president with a short demonstration of proper "handcuffing" techniques.

Local press noted the Secret Service had spent an entire day in Sun City thoroughly checking for possible hiding spots where an ill-willed foe of the President might hide, including the ventilation shafts in the Posse Headquarters.

Additionally, emergency evacuation routes were planned -- just in case. All of that for a short Presidential visit.

The entire event took 20 minutes, and President Reagan was on his way via a Marine helicopter awaiting him in for a flight to Sky Harbor. Air Force One was refueled and ready for the President's return

to Washington D.C.

Posse members had "their 20 minutes of fame" and our most famous resident was soon airborne and winging his way east to tend to the world's affairs.

Looking back at seminal events in the 50-year history of the Sun City Posse, it would be hard to find an event to top a visit from a sitting President of the United States, who made a special trip to honor our posse members for the example they set and at the same time signing a National Proclamation Encouraging Volunteerism.

How does it get any better?

# A look back at 2022 activities

## March: Salute to Baseball Exhibit



A comprehensive exhibit detailing the history of professional baseball in the Sun Cities was opened last spring, just in time for the opening of the Cactus League. Sun City Stadium, once the spring training home to the Milwaukee Brewers, was located on the northwest corner of 111th and Grand avenues.

## May: Del Webb Birthday Celebration



The museum held its annual observance of the birthday of Del Webb, the founder of the Sun Cities, on May 17, 2022. Entertainment was provided by Larry's Ukeladies. A number of local dignitaries attended the event, including County Supervisor Clint Hickman, shown here with Don Tufts, president of the museum's Board of Trustees. This year's celebration will be held May 17.

## May: Sock-Hop

Residents danced to the sounds of the 1950s and 1960s during the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum's first-ever Sock-Hop held May 1 at Oakmont Recreation Center.



## April: Shredfest



A community shred-a-thon sponsored by The Nixon Group benefitted the museum.

# A look back at 2022 activities

## October: Classic Car Show



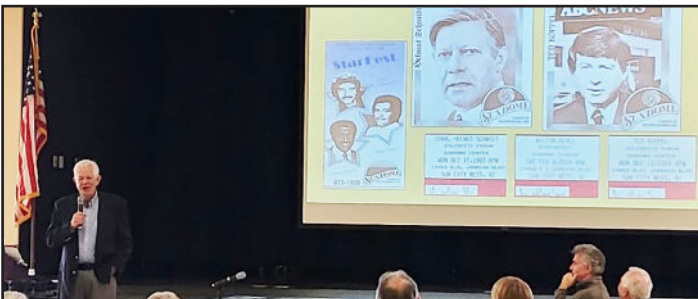
Members of the C.A.R.S. Club of the Sun Cities displayed their restored classic automobiles Oct. 9, 2022. Dozens of America's most popular cars of the past were on display at the museum and in the Oakmont Recreation Center. The club is hosting another car show at the museum March 12, 2023.

## November: Saints Reunion



The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum hosted a special reunion Nov. 4, 2022 at the museum for former Sun Cities Saints Players. The team captured the 1979 American Women's Softball Championship Title. For more, see the story on Page 5.

## January 2023: Annual Meeting



The museum's annual meeting was held Jan. 24, 2023 at Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West. Don Tufts, past president of the Board of Trustees, presented an engaging talk on the history of the Sundome. A video of the talk can be viewed on the museum's website.

## November: Christmas Celebration



"Christmas at the Museum" was held Nov. 30, 2022 and included a performance by the Sun City Poms and a Christmas tree display by members of local Questers clubs.

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Glen Ahlgrimm  
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Gail Belt  
Linda and Melvin Borton  
Camera Guild  
Rev Mike and Rev Sheryl Campbell  
C.A.R.S. Club of Sun Cities, Inc.  
Cheryl and Bill Clopton  
Concrete & Decks  
Jodi Darby  
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Estrella Chapter, NSDAR  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
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Nancy and Larry Foy  
Wayne and Annie France  
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Corner Pink Ribbon Sisters!  
In Memoriam Patricia Lang paver  
purchased by Anne Levig  
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In Memory of David Verble paver  
purchased by Jacqueline Larson  
Ken Klein  
A. J. Kovac  
Richard and Doris Kozlowski  
Robert and Marlene Kozlowski  
Anne Levig  
LGBT Club of Sun City  
Stanley and Linda Liang  
Gregory Martin  
Bret McKeand  
Bruce Nehls memoriam paver  
purchased by Lorna Fisher  
NextGen Club  
Timothy & Amy Nixon/The Nixon  
Group  
Bill Pearson and Lori Peterson  
John and Alice Price  
Questers Ocotillo Club #582  
Ray C and Juliana Reese

Retirement Community Assn of SC  
Roadrunners #1512  
Ben and Mary Rose Roloff  
Mike and Sheila Roman  
Tammy and Fred Ruocco  
Pam and George Schwartz  
Anne Schwichtenberg, Realtor  
Sun City Sheridans  
(Patrick, Michael, Eileen, Bridget and  
Monica)  
Anna Spradlin and Beverly Taylor  
John and Shirley Staggs  
Pat Weber paver purchased by  
Dan and Debbie Stupur and the girls  
Sun City Calligraphy Society  
Sun City Community Assistance Net-  
work/CAN  
Sun City Cycling Club  
Sun City Hikers  
Sun City Host Lions Club  
Sun City Leather Craft Club  
Sun City Pickleball Club  
Sun City Thrift Shop / Angelo and  
Cathy White  
Sun City Thrift Shop / Est. 2012  
Sun City Ukulele Club  
Sunshine Service  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-Day Saints

The Gardens of Sun City  
The Sun City Posse  
The Questers Yucca Chapter #826  
Tip Top Dancers  
Rita Tillery  
Ken and Wanda Truckenbrod paver  
purchased by Bradley Truckenbrod  
Gervasio "Jerry" Tonini paver  
purchased by David Verble  
Amy Vidos / The Girl Next Door  
Larry Vroom  
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Willowbrook United Methodist Church  
Willowbrook United Women in Faith  
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Yucca Chapter of Questers  
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Club  
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Sun City Lawn Bowling Club  
Helen Teichman brick...purchased by  
Sun City Lawn Bowls Community

## In Memorium

The museum sadly reports the passing of several of our long-time members, contributors and dedicated volunteers.

**David Verble,** 87, past president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, passed away Nov. 29, 2021. David was a long-time volunteer, docent and member of the Board of Trustees.



**Amanda Durant,** an honorary lifetime member of the museum, passed away Dec. 4, 2021. Amanda was believed to be the last person to grow up in Marinette (the town where Sun City now exists), and live in Sun City. Her parents owned a grocery store in Marinette and served as postmaster for the town.

**Priscilla Atwood Fenner,** 90, local journalist and Sun City historian, passed away on June 14, 2022.

Known as "Pris" to her friends, she was a longtime member and supporter of the the Sun Cities Area Historical, serving for many years on the Board of Trustees and as a docent. She was the editor and primary writer for the Sun Cities Del Webb Museum newsletter.

An historian, teacher and journalist, Pris for many years wrote travel columns for the local newspapers.

The museum is forever grateful for the kind legacy gift provided by Pris to the SCAHS upon her passing.





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People, meeting needs of people is what Sunshine Service is all about. Sunshine Service lends medical and children's equipment to residents of Sun City and we have been doing so for over 52 years. We are a charitable non-profit Arizona corporation and are funded by voluntary contributions and memorial gifts.

While the equipment is available for the use of all residents or visitors staying with residents, the equipment must not be taken out of Sun City on a permanent basis. As a matter of control, equipment is loaned only to Sun City residents.

Records show that as the population of Sun City grew, so did use of our medical equipment. Savings for Sun City residents have been calculated periodically; in 2015, it was estimated that residents saved over two million dollars in cost of equipment for that year alone.

Sunshine Service, Inc has received local, state and national recognition. Awards received include the George Washington Honor Medal for services to the sick and handicapped from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

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## A Celebration of Wheels



Founded in 1982 ...the original Sun Cities car club.

Photos above courtesy C.A.R.S. Club.

Join the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and the C.A.R.S. Club of the Sun Cities as we present a "Salute to America's Fascination With Automobiles." Get an up-close view of some of history's most popular automobiles -- all exquisitely restored by club members!

**Date:** Sunday, March 12  
**Time:** noon-3 p.m.

**Location:** Del Webb Sun Cities Museum & Oakmont Recreation Center  
(107th and Oakmont Avenue, just south of Grand)



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Hours: Sunday noon-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

*History doesn't repeat itself.  
It gets better with age.*



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