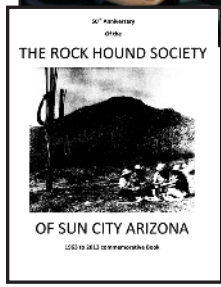
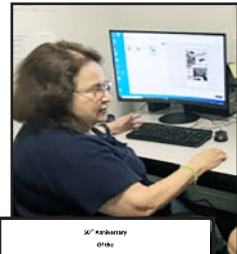




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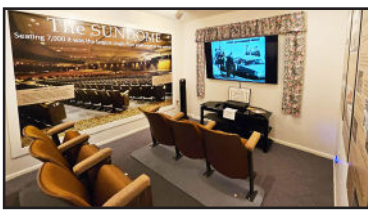
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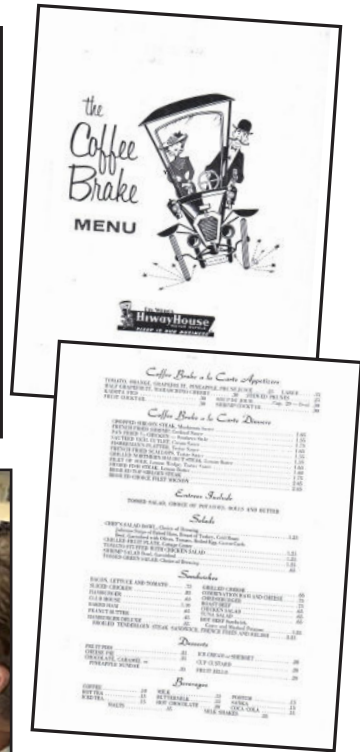
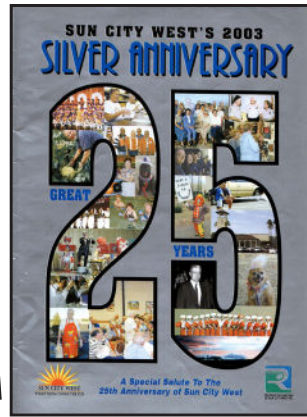
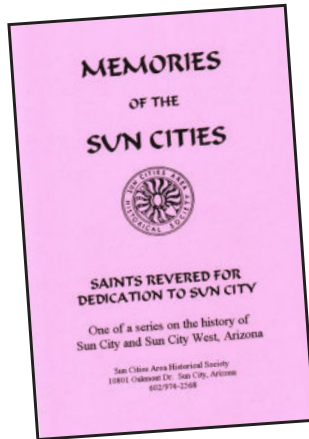
Legend of the Cookie Lady

Jo Ruck -- former board trustee and the model for the 'Cookie Lady' -- passes away.
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Above, Trustee and Acquisitions Chair Tim Erickson with a donated scrapbook. At right, Marlene Kozlowski and Deb Kloehn busy scanning a few of the more than 21,823 pages of documents scanned this year.



Museum launches new initiative to enhance museum archives

Digitization project makes our history come to life

An initiative undertaken by the museum this past year has not only vastly expanded our archives of historical information -- but has opened the door to a whole new world of artifacts and material unavailable to the general public -- until now!

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is well known for its vast collection of archival photographs detailing the history of both Sun City and Sun City West.

Most of those photos were obtained from the Del Webb Corporation and are now owned, preserved and showcased by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, owner of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Over the years, many of those photos have been published and re-published in books, magazines and newspaper articles pertaining to the history of the Sun Cities. Many of those photos are prominently displayed on the wall of our museum.

Assuming ownership of that vast trove of photographs from the Del Webb Development Company in the 1980s was actually one of the reasons the Sun Cities Area Historical Society was created.

SCAHS Founder Jane Freeman felt it important to establish a nonprofit organization whose mission was to use those photos to "preserve, protect and promote the history of the Sun Cities."

Thanks to the efforts of a team of hard working museum volunteers, the museum's archives now include much more than just those initial historical photographs.

Now, the detailed history of a number of local clubs, organizations and businesses -- as told through scrapbooks, brochures and newspaper articles -- has been collected, digitized and for the first time ever, made available by the museum to the entire world.

Since earlier this year, a team of volunteer archivists led by Trustee Barb Wagers has been collating, scanning and organizing a huge collection of material donated over the years. The material is posted



Jane Freeman at typewriter preserving history 60s style

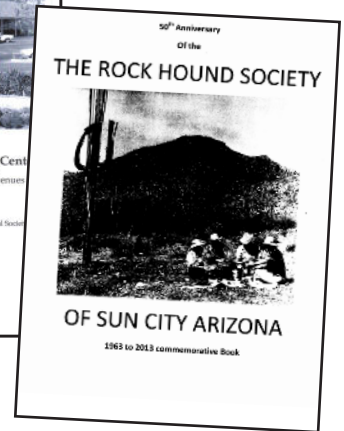
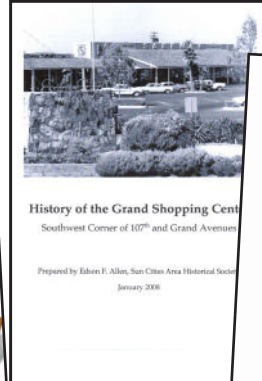
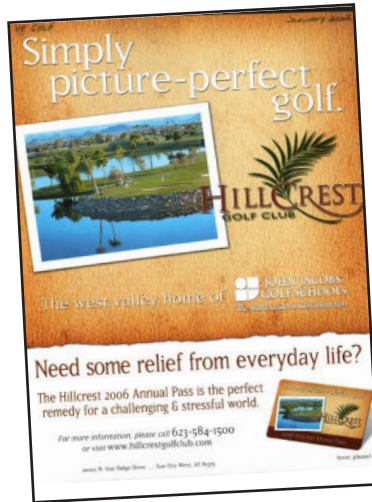
"In 100 years from now, people will be able to come here and find out all they want to know about Sun City. That's the purpose of a historical society --to preserve history."

Jane Freeman
 Founder,
 Sun Cities Area Historical Society

and available on the museum's website at www.delwebbsuncities-museum.org. All items are categorized in simple online "filing cabinets" that make it easy for casual history buffs or serious researchers to find specific topics and material.

"Our Digitization Project teams have made it possible for you to access the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum history from the comfort of your couch," says Trustee Barb Wagers.

As of October, eight volunteers have scanned nearly 22,000 pages



Brochures, newspaper articles and historical scrapbooks are just a few of the newly digitized items recently added to the historical archives at the museum's website.

of documents in the last 19 months.

The museum's desire has always been to preserve the history of the Sun Cities -- but space limitations made it impossible to collect and store many of the physical items donated.

Modern technology, however, allows the museum to now convert physical items into digital archives. Books (scrapbooks and photo albums), brochures, postcards, restaurant menus and newspaper articles can now be scanned and collected electronically. The only storage space needed is on a hard drive or offsite cloud storage space.

"These new collections not only expand the amount and depth of historical material we have available, but really provide a fresh new perspective on the history of the Sun Cities," says Bret McKeand, president of the museum's Board of

Trustees.

"Most, if not all of this material, is being shown and made available for the first time in years, and in some cases, decades," he adds.

This vast trove of new historical material includes:

- * Scrapbooks, notebooks, photo albums and histories put together and maintained over the years by numerous clubs and organizations - Sun City Saints, Sun City Rockhounds, Sunshine Service, Rotary clubs and much more.
- * Model home floor plans for the houses sold over the years in Sun City and Sun City West.
- * Stories clipped from local newspapers touching on a variety of subjects, including incorporation, the recreation centers, health care, churches and more.

Thank you to our Museum Digitization Team of Volunteers!



Connie Castillo and Gary Greer

203 Working Days!
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(And More to Come!)



Santee Donahue and Gary Belanus



Marlene Kozlowski and Deb Kloehn



Marci Knipschild and Nancy Foy



Keeping track of progress.

The digitization team has been quietly scanning and copying items for a few years, but the effort took on a new sense of excitement earlier this spring when the team got its own official research office.

In April, the museum moved the Sundome Jr. Theater to the home's second bedroom -- thereby freeing up a small office that would be converted into the research center.

The new office also doubled as a "working exhibit." Throughout the summer, visitors to the museum could view exhibits and learn about past history -- while observing the digitization team as it sifted through collections and scanned documents.

According to Barb, anyone with a computer can easily access the material.

"We are using Dropbox for our cloud file storage. You do NOT have to have an account to see and even download our material. We do ask you to abide by our Copyright Statement found at the bottom of



Tim Ericson in the research room.

each page on our website," she adds.

To access the scanned files, visit the website and click on "Research" in the upper right corner and you will see many documents and notebooks and by scrolling down the page, you will see the blue drawers which are our filing cabinet drawers.

According to Mr. McKeand, the museum is extremely proud of the new additions to its archives -- but also extremely grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers who made

it happen.

"This couldn't have been done without such a committed group of volunteers and we are forever grateful for their time and energy. We're confident that future historians, too, will appreciate all the hard work and find this information very valuable."

In addition to Barb Wagers, we would like to acknowledge our scanning teams: Deb Kloehn, Marlene Kozlowski, Santee Donahue, Gary Belanus, Connie Castillo, Gary Greer, Nancy Foy and Marci Knipschild.

A HUGE thank you to Paul Herrmann for being our webmaster and making this content available on our site and the Nixon Group for providing the flatbed scanner used for much of this project.



Joy, the team mascot.

Sundome Jr. Theater relocated to larger room

Museum to create history documentaries to show in the upgraded theater

One of the museum's most popular exhibits -- the Sundome Jr. Theater -- has been relocated within the museum in order to provide visitors a more comfortable and better viewing experience.

Earlier this year, the museum relocated the theater to what was the home's original guest bedroom. The room in which the theater had been located will now be used as a research center and home to the new digitization team.

The popular wall-sized Sundome mural has been moved to the new room, as have the six original Sundome theater chairs.

The expanded theater will provide greater comfort and a better viewing experience for a variety of films and documentaries that will be shown.

Prior to the move, the only film shown was "In the Beginning," a promotional film created in the early 1960s by the Del Webb Corporation to promote Sun City.

A variety of videos put together over the years by the museum will now be shown, as well as several new documentaries the museum will be creating in 2024 specifically to be shown in the Sundome Jr. Theater.

"The museum is embarking on an 'oral-history' project that will include mini-documentaries featuring interviews from many of our community's history makers," says Bret McKeand, president of the museum's board of trustees.

The museum recently received a grant from the Del Webb Foundation to help fund the oral-history project. The finished programs will



The museum's guest bedroom has been transformed into the new home of the Sundome Jr. Theater. Above, the theater as it looks today. At left, the room as it appeared prior to the transformation. The new theater will provide a more comfortable and better viewing experience for museum visitors.

be shown throughout the day in the Sundome Jr. Theater.

The museum is also in the process of upgrading the audio-visual equipment in the theater. A large

flat-screen television monitor donated by John Fast has already been installed, and plans include adding a full surround sound speaker system.

SC West Rec Centers donates 2 Sundome seats

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West has graciously donated to the museum two seats that once sat in the Sundome Center for Performing Arts.

The seats, in addition to the six already at the museum, are believed to be the last remaining Sundome seats still in existence.

The seats were brought to the museum by Russell Boston, facilities manager at the recreation centers.

The seats are on temporary loan to The Nixon Group and can be seen on display at their office, 15458 N. 99th Ave., Sun City.





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

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Message from the President

Del Webb Sun Cities Museum: Comfort Food for the Soul!

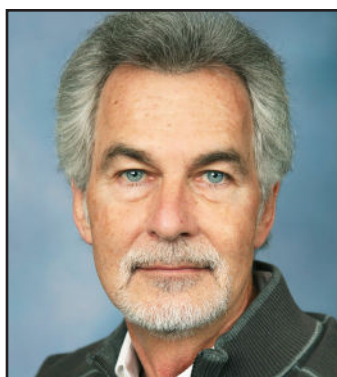
One of the best parts of volunteering at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is watching the reaction on a visitor's face the first time they step into our museum.

Upon entering the museum, curious visitors aren't sure what to expect. By and large, they're anticipating a history lesson and looking to learn something about the nation's first active-adult retirement community.

They look around and incredibly, their attention isn't drawn to the black and white photos on the wall, nor the life-size figure of Del Eugene Webb.

No, their eyes are drawn to something else - something more familiar ... something resembling a fond memory from their past.

The television/record player sitting next to the wall. The rotary telephone lying on the end table. Pyrex bowls in the pink kitchen. A Scrabble board



Bret McKeand 2023 President Sun Cities Area Historical Society

game. Elvis Presley vinyl LPs.

My sisters from Illinois recently visited Arizona, and I brought them by to tour the museum. I'm sure they walked away with new knowledge of Sun City and its history, but they were more impressed with how the building made them feel. My sister said it best: Comfort food for the soul!

Our docents will tell you the same thing: A visit to the

museum conjures up a feeling -- a step back into a time machine that allows one to recall a time when life was easier and maybe a bit slower. Future opportunities seemed limitless, and we knew then that bigger and better things were coming our way!

And maybe the world did get better - but the museum offers visitors a glimpse of simpler times. And for many of us, those times remain the best times of our lives!

So be sure to include the museum on your list of places you'll be taking visitors to this fall and winter. Even if they're not interested in history, I promise you it will be a memorable experience for them - and, like my sisters, will want to visit again the next time they come to Arizona!

Please share your comments and suggestions about the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum by emailing me at scibret@aol.com.

Upcoming Events at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum



Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 13 4-6:30 p.m. Admission \$5 FREE to Museum members!

Annual Meeting

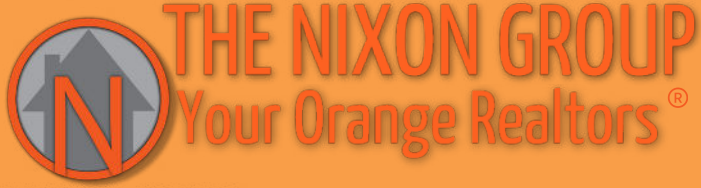
Tuesday, January 16 2-3 p.m. Royal Oaks Lifecare Center



Guest Speaker: Jana Bommersbach

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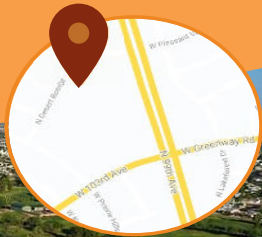
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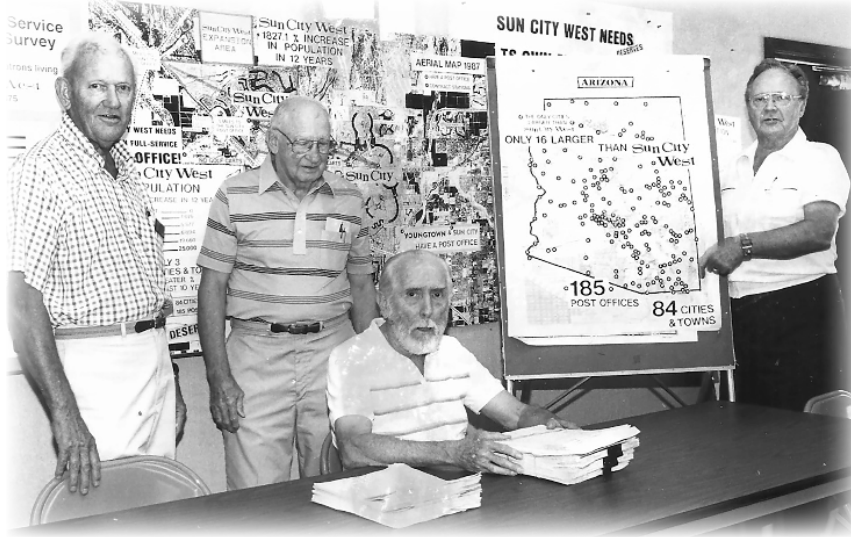
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Above, from left, PORA President Bob Emmons, Post Office Committee Member Wayne Titus, Committee Co-Chair Howie Wilson and video cameraman Jack Lewis display the petitions gathered from residents urging the Postmaster General to consider building a post office in Sun City West. At right, Post office groundbreaking ceremonies in July 1994 included, from left, Howie Wilson and Virginia Smith, co-chairs of the PORA Post Office Committee, and E. Wayne Titus of the Sun City West Kiwanis Club. (Photos courtesy Independent Newsmedia)

Persistence Prevails

SCW Post Office a result of a community perseverance

By Bret McKeand

The next time you visit the Sun City West Post Office to mail a letter or package, you might want to stop and appreciate the tremendous effort and energy that went into creating the local facility nearly 30 years ago.

The story of the Sun City West Post Office is, indeed, a story of the incredible perseverance by a small group of Sun City West residents in the face of what many at the time considered to be insurmountable odds.

Sun City West opened to residents in 1978 and by 1985 the population had nearly reached 12,000. The United State Post Office maintained 12 delivery routes in the new community – but those routes were growing by nearly 200

homes each month!

To make things more difficult, those routes and all mail emanated from the post office in Sun City. The community had a contract station in operation at the Sundome Shopping Center, but the lack of a full-service postal station was becoming a point of frustration for residents of a growing community.

In the late 1980s, PORA officials took it upon themselves to take action – and urged residents to contact their state senators (Barry Goldwater and Dennis DeConcini) and request a solution.

The U.S. Postal Service, however, was faced with the same financial problems facing all government agencies at the time and funds were not available for new projects. In addition, the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act required the postal

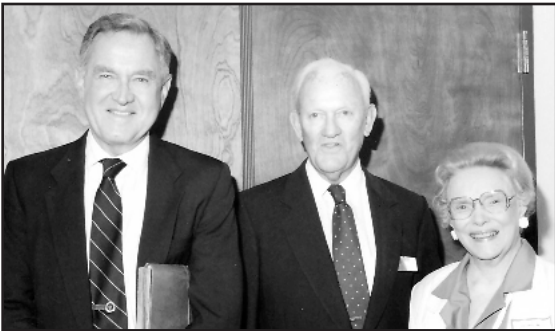
service to cover all costs of building and maintenance, as well as the cost of delivering mail.

The odds of Sun City West securing its own post office seemed at this point to be slim or even nonexistent.

To complicate matters, the Sun City postmaster in 1991 felt Sun City West postal needs were being adequately met by the Sun City facility and wouldn't support a separate facility in Sun City West.

The issue would have ended right there and then if it were not for a group of diligent and committed residents who refused to take no for an answer. PORA created a committee, and that committee was led by Co-Chairs Howie Wilson and Virginia Smith.

The committee circulated a petition and collected over 11,000



Above left, a mobile postal station located in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center parking lot. Prior to the creation of a free-standing post office, mobile stations such as this were often brought in to accommodate residents during the holiday rush. At left, bottom: U.S. Postmaster General Anthony Franks, left, visited Sun City West in 1991. PORA President Bob Emmons and former Congresswoman Virginia Smith accompanied Mr. Franks on a tour of the community. Personal persuasion worked, as a free-standing post office was eventually approved for Sun City West. Above, The Sun City West Post Office shortly before its official opening in February 1995. (Photos courtesy Independent Newsmedia.)

signatures and it was Ms. Smith – a former congresswoman from Nebraska – who traveled to Washington, D.C. and personally hand-delivered the petitions to Postmaster General Anthony Franks.

According to Ms. Smith, Mr. Franks was “surprised to see so many signatures and indicated he had no idea there were so much concern out here.”

The petition convinced the postmaster general to personally visit Sun City West in September 1991. At the time, Sun City West was the 16th largest community in Arizona – yet there were 115 post offices throughout the state serving smaller communities.

To help support their cause, PORA created a video to show to the postmaster general – a video that among other things, showed crowded lines and long waits at the Sun City Post Office counters!

Despite the Del Webb Development Company offering to donate land and construct the building, the

postmaster general still resisted approving a full-standing post office for Sun City West.

It was then that Virginia Smith and the committee launched one more letter-writing campaign that persuaded Sen. DeConcini to act on his own. He would use his position as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to insert a line item in a general appropriations bill for \$1.1 million for a post office in Sun City West.

Oddly enough, a new postmaster general appointed by a new president, asked the Senate to increase the amount to \$5 million! With the help of Arizona’s senators and representatives, the bill passed both houses and was signed by President George Bush.

The community’s long road to a post office was finally nearing its end.

Initially, a 4.79-acre parcel on the corner of Camino del Sol and Meeker boulevards was chosen for a 21,000-square-foot building.

PORA and others favored a five-acre site in the commercial core at Sandridge Drive and 139th Avenue, a site that would eventually win out as the final location.

Construction began in July 1994 and the Sun City West Post Office officially opened its doors in February 1995. The post office today is located on Wilson Way, named after Co-Chair Howie Wilson.

A local newspaper published a letter by Co-Chair Howie Wilson where he thanked all those involved in the effort to secure a community post office. He finished his letter by saying the community effort “just shows what can be accomplished when we set our minds to it and work together!”

Editor's note: Additional information on the creation of the Sun City West Post Office can be found in "Sun City West Silver Celebration," by Edson F. Allen, available at PORA, at the museum and at the museum's website.

A look back at 2023 activities



APRIL: Members of the Sun City Cycling Club visited the museum to celebrate the unveiling of a paver recognizing the club on the museum's Pathway of Friends.



APRIL: The Arizona Historical Society's Board of Directors proclaimed the Sun Cities Area Historical Society as a Tier 1 Arizona 2023 Certified Historical Institution.



MAY: The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum once again celebrated the birthday of Sun Cities Founder Del Webb by holding a special event May 17 at the museum. Above left and center, A.J. Kovac presents a presentation on the life and times of Del Webb. At right, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West also held a birthday celebration the same day. Museum docent Alan Schlemmer presented a talk and hosted a display showcasing the museum at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.



June: The Recreation Centers of Sun City West installed four historical signs -- one at each recreation center -- providing the history of the names of each center. The signs were created by the museum, while the recreation centers covered the cost of installation.

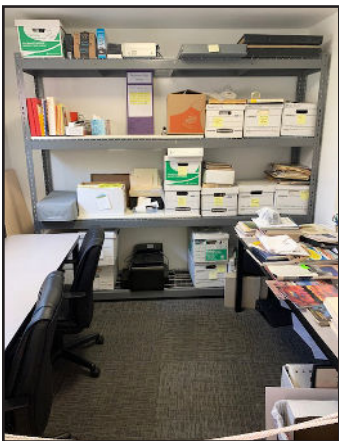


June: The museum has enjoyed a robust schedule of tours throughout the summer, including its first-ever school field trip. A group of students in grades 3-5 from Discover U Elementary School in Youngtown paid a visit to the museum in June.

A look back at 2023 activities



June: Bret McKeand, president of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, welcomed Litchfield Park Historical Society and Museum board members, Lisa Hegarty, Judy Cook, and Bob Field for a tour. The museum remained open all summer and enjoyed its strongest summer ever in terms of visitors and tours. Tours were conducted for local clubs and organizations, school children, and local retirement communities, including a group from Sierra Winds Retirement Community in Peoria (in right photo).



July: The conversion of the Sundome Jr. Theater into a new research room was completed and the room was fully operational by July. (See story on P. 2)



August: The "Hers" historical Cushman golf cart returned to the museum after undergoing a full restoration by John Fast and his team of volunteers. The cart is one of two that are on display in the museum's carport. The other -- "His" -- has been taken away and is currently being restored.



September: The museum hosted a special gathering of the Sun City Chat Arizona Facebook group. Over 50 members visited and toured the museum. The event was sponsored by The Nixon Group.



October: The museum was represented at the SCHOA New Residents Orientation. The museum has participated in a number of expos and fairs.

1981: A very difficult year for the RCSC

Infighting & havoc leads to recall of board officials

By Bill Pearson and Ben Roloff

One of the most overlooked aspects of the Sun City way of life has been the consistent concept of self-governance. Those who have studied our past know from the very beginning, those moving here were willing to put their hand up and say, "I can do that!"

Member involvement was always high, with the Greatest Generation willing to take ownership of the process. Participation really spiked in 1979-1980, the years immediately following the Del Webb Corporation leaving Sun City to build Sun City West.

The amenities, "perks," and cash subsidies that played an enormous role in selling Sun City were gone, and the community was left to fend for itself.

All of Sun City elected boards had multiple candidates, and they ran with clear and concise platforms.

Candidates were divided into two camps: those who felt the community needed to be aggressive and progressive, and those who emphasized fiscal responsibility.

The year 1981 was a fascinating year on many accounts, and the differing opinions created a large chasm with Sun City. The divide grew wider because of the relentless efforts of a group called the Concerned Recreation Members. The group was born for fear the RCSC's petition to the IRS to have RCSC's tax status changed from 504-C7 to 504-C4 would require that RCSC open all recreation fa-

Turmoil surrounding the 1981 RCSC board dominated local headlines throughout the year.

ilities to non-residents.

Their members believed last year's board leader Hil Vogel and this year's President Jack Spellman were overstepping their legal authority in bylaw revision, member discipline, locking members out of meetings -- and a host of other complaints all worthy of a recall election. Nearly 5,000 signatures were acquired, and a recall election was mandated.

The CRM members and sympathizers grew even more strident when the RCSC took matters into its own hands. It started with an announcement that the recall election would be conducted with a mail ballot option offered to all RCSC members. That triggered a legal challenge by CRM, which was unsuccessful.

The angst grew, and by a 6-2 vote RCSC board members voted to lock members out of all future board meetings. If a member had a pertinent question and submitted it in writing to the board, they were allowed to be present when the board met.

If nothing else, all the controversy certainly caught the attention of even the most casual members. The vote held in July, 1981, resulted



Museum upgrades, enhances website

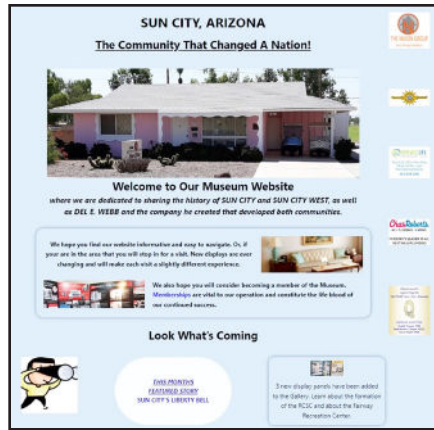
The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum over the summer introduced a new and improved online website offering visitors an expanded array of historical information and archive material pertaining to the history of Sun City and Sun City West.

Upgraded features include:

- The website now features a clean, user-friendly menu design, making it easy for visitors to navigate and find the information they need.

- No drop-downs: We have eliminated drop-down menus, simplifying the navigation process even further. This means you won't have to hover or click through multiple layers to access the content you want.

- Specific sub-categories: To enhance organization and improve searchability, we have implemented specific sub-categories within each



www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

section of the website. This will allow you to quickly locate and explore the particular topics or exhibits that interest you.

- Extensive research files: The new website provides access to a wealth of

research files related to Del Webb and the Sun Cities. Whether you're interested in the history of the community, or any other aspect, you'll find a comprehensive collection of documents and resources to delve into.

- Expanded photo gallery: We understand the importance of visuals in capturing the essence of Del Webb Sun Cities. That's why we have expanded the photo gallery, featuring a wide range of images.

We hope these enhancements will make your experience on the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum website even more enjoyable and informative. Feel free to explore and discover "The Community That Changed A Nation!"

Upgrades to the site were overseen by Paul Herrmann, vice president of the board of trustees. Be sure to bookmark us and visit for us often!

In memoriam: Jo Ruck, better known as our 'Cookie Lady'

By Edson Allen

Jo Ruck, better known as the "Cookie Lady," passed away on October 21, 2023.

Next to the life-sized cutout of Del Webb in the living room, Jo is the most recognizable person in the museum.

As you enter the kitchen of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, you will find a cutout of Jo – standing with a tray of cookies, her beautiful smile welcoming visitors.

Yes, the "Cookie Lady" was a real, live person -- Jo Ruck, a Sun Cities Area Historical Society board member from 2003 through 2007 and a volunteer for many more years. She, David Verble, and Ed Allen converted a small house holding historical records into an attention-getting and informative museum that is today's Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

They began by inviting two exhibit designers from the AZ Historical Museum in Tempe to visit SCAHS and suggest how the rooms might be used for exhibits.

Their main contribution involved



The Cookie Lady as she stands today in the kitchen of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. Former Board Trustee Jo Ruck served as the model for the cardboard cutout. Shown here at last year's holiday open house.

the living room, which they suggested be divided on the diagonal – half for

a look back at a 1960's model home, and the other half for exhibits on the early days. Jo and David proved skillful at finding suitable furniture, and getting furnishings donated.

A friend made the living room drapes -- and then reupholstered the chair next to them to better match -- all material and services donated, thanks to Jo!

The one thing they couldn't find was a volunteer to be a 1960 housewife at work in her kitchen – and finally convinced Jo to pose as that person. Her son-in-law took the photo for the cutout made by ImageCraft in Phoenix.

Jo and her husband, George, moved to Sun City West in 1993. George was a talented woodworker and crafted the shelf-display unit in the living room.

George passed away in 2019, and Jo moved to Richardson, Texas to be near her daughter. She remained a long-time member of the museum.

It's common for visitors to ask about our "Cookie Lady," and the story behind the cutout was written by former Trustee and President Ed Allen – a copy of which is tucked inside her apron!



Ben Roloff presenting a history program at the SCHOA New Residents Orientation.

Speaker's Bureau offers programs on local history

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Speaker's Bureau already has a busy fall and winter, with several talks scheduled with the Lifelong Learning Club in Sun City and RISE Learning for Life at Rio Salado College in Surprise, as well as several clubs.

If your church, club, or organization is eager to learn about the history of Sun City and Sun City West, we've got you covered!

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Speaker's Bureau offers a roster of speakers and various topics related to Sun Cities.

Among the topics available:

■ Sun City: A Community that Changed a Nation.

■ Sun City West Signs of the Past.

■ From Cotton Bolls to Golf Balls, the Development of Sun City.

■ Del Webb: An American Success Story.

To arrange a speaker for your next event, give us a call at 623-974-2568.

Check the museum's website for a scheduled of upcoming talks, as well as how to arrange for a talk.



Be a Part of History!

The past comes to life at the only museum in the nation devoted to the world's very first active adult community -- a **"community that changed a nation!"** Located in the first of five model homes built in Sun City, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the history of the Sun Cities!

Yes, I want to become a member of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society!

For a new or renewing membership, please complete this application and mail with payment to the address below. (If you wish to give a gift membership to someone, please provide us with all the contact information for both the gift receiver and yourself.)

Memberships can also be purchased online.

Name (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) _____

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City, State, ZIP _____

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Members receive newsletters, announcements of coming events, discounts on items in the gift shop, limited guest passes for friends, **plus FREE ADMISSION!**

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Turquoise \$25

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Gold \$100

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Make checks payable to Sun Cities Area Historical Society and mail to

**10801 Oakmont Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351**

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Use your credit card at
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Welcome to Sunshine Service

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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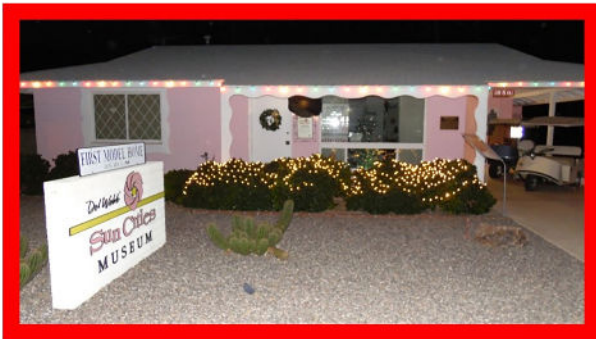
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Del Webb Sun Cities Museum
Christmas Open House
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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