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Celebrate!

**Sun City's
Year-Long
40th Anniversary
Calendar of
Events**



Del Webb's Active Retirement Community
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Sun City's 40th Anniversary Calendar 2000

January

- 9 Sun. Dinner/Dance at Sundial
10 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society presents Miami String Quartet
12 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
16 Sun. 40th Anniversary "Clayfest"
18 Tues. Sun City Musicians Concert
23 Sun. Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
25 Tues. Loving Life Expo – Sundial
27-28 Th-F Arizona State Shuffleboard Split Singles Tournament
29 Sat. 1st "Life Enrichment Seminar" Lakes Club

February

- 7 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society presents "Chanticleer"
9 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
11 Fri. Lawn Bowl Tournament
14 Mon. Volunteer Recognition Day Tanya Griffith Presentation
15 Tues. Sun City Musicians Concert
27 Sun. Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
28-29 M-T Arizona State Senior Olympics – Bocce Tournament

March

- 4 to April 30 Millennium Project by West Valley Art Museum
4-5 S-Su Men's Softball Tournament
8 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
11 Sat. 2nd "Life Enrichment Seminar"

- 13 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society presents the Carmina Quartet
17 Fri. Luck of the Irish Program
18 Sat. Fun Fair – Lakeview
19 Sun. Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
21 Tues. Sun City Musicians Concert
24 Fri. Festival Dance – all types (morning, afternoon and evening) – Sundial
25 Sat. Fun Fair – Marionette
27 Mon. Music in the Park – Lakeview (bring your own chair) (ice cream, caramel corn and hot dogs)

April

- 1 Sat. Parade – Golf cars, antique cars, bands, etc. (Starts at Bell and ends at Sundial) – food and entertainment
1 Sat. Fun Fair – Fairway
3 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society presents Australian Chamber Orch.
8 Sat. Fun Fair – Oakmont
9 Sun. Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
12 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
15 Sat. Fun Fair – Sundial
18 Tues. Sun City Musicians Concert
22 Sat. Fun Fair – Bell
23 Sun. Easter Sunrise Service – Sunbowl
28 Fri. Apple Dumpling Festival
29-30 S-Su Sundial Men's Golf Tournament

May

- 5 Fri. Pizza Party and Ice Cream Social – Sundial

- 6 Sat. Prairie Home Companion – Sundome
6-7 S-Su Bowling Tournament
6-7 S-Su Sundial Men's Golf Tournament (Final)
10 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
12 Fri. Mother's Day Program
13-14 S-Su Bowling Tournament
20 Sat. 3rd "Life Enrichment Seminar"

June

- 6 Tues. Ice Cream Social – Lakeview
14 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon

July

- 4 Tues. Ring that Bell Ceremony & Freedoms Foundation
4 Tues. Firecracker Bowling Party
5 Wed. Ice Cream Social – Lakeview
12 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon

August

- 5 Wed. Fraternal Day - Service Club
9 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
23 Wed. Ice Cream Social - Lakeview

September

- 13 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
15 Fri. "Back to School" Quiz
25 Mon. Variety Show – Sundial
30 Sat. 4th "Life Enrichment Seminar"

October

- 1 Sun. Ballroom Dance – Sundial
- 9 Mon. Food Fair and Entertainment – Sunbowl
- 11 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
- 15 Sun. Player – (play)
- 17 Tues. Sun City Musicians Concert
- 31 Tues. Turkey Bar BQ – Halloween Costume Contest - Sun Bowl

November

- 8 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
- 13 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society
- 17 Fri. Women's Invitational Golf Tournament – Lakes West
- 18 Sat. Women's Invitational Golf Tournament – Willowcreek
- 24-25 Fr-Sa Sun City Arts & Crafts Festival

December

- 2 Sat. 5th "Life Enrichment Seminar"
- 4-5 M-T AZ 21st Women's Sr. Championship Bowling Tournament
- 11 Mon. Sun City Chamber Music Society
- 13 Wed. Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
- 15 Fri. Christmas Decorated Boat Parade
- 17 Sun. 40th Anniversary Finale Celebration



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"CITY OF VOLUNTEERS"

JUMPING ON BOARD

Sponsors line up for SC's 40th anniversary

By MIKE RUSSO *2000*
Independent Newspapers

Organizers of Sun City's 40th anniversary celebration have been aggressive in their pursuit of sponsors for the gala event, and it has paid off handsomely.

With the start of the community's 40th anniversary still several months away, the 40th Anniversary Steering Committee has arranged for an impressive list of items to be raffled throughout the course of the year-long celebration and secured substantial sponsorships.

First and foremost among the raffle items is a 2000 Cadillac. The \$47,000 car has been donated by Lund Cadillac.



The winner of the car will be selected in a December 2000 drawing. Raffle tickets are expected to go on sale in September. Chances will be \$10 each or three for \$25.

A 1999 version of the Cadillac is expected to be delivered to the committee in mid-September and it will

be on display at all major functions throughout the year.

Perhaps the lucky winner of the Cadillac can further parlay his or her good fortune by winning another of the prizes — a lifetime supply of gasoline, furnished by Union 76. The gasoline prize is provided by Mike Johnson, owner of Sun City Union 76 station at the corner of Bell Road and Boswell Boulevard.

Circuit City has agreed to donate a 32-inch television, according to Doug Caravaggio, committee member.

A \$6,000 electric golf car has been donated by E-Z Go Golf Car.

Sponsors have also been gener-

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■ SPONSORS

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ous in their giving.

Wells Fargo is underwriting the kickoff dinner Jan. 9 at Sundial Recreation Center.

Ramada Express Hotel-Casino previously agreed to sponsor the accompanying dance. The Laughlin, Nev.,-based casino has arranged for an orchestra that features members of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The committee is attempting to persuade former Phoenix Suns Connie Hawkins and Dick Van Arsdale to attend the Jan. 9 dinner/dance.

They are also trying to attract another celebrity to be the grand marshal of an April parade that will feature the world's longest golf car procession. Willard Scott, longtime "Today Show" weatherman, has been approached to lead the parade, according to Fran Park, committee chairman.

In addition to the Wells Fargo and Ramada Express sponsorships for the dinner/dance, other contributions have been made by the Phoenix Suns, \$2,500; Phoenix Thunderbirds, \$5,000; Fry's, \$2,500 and Shamrock Foods, \$1,000.

Mr. Caravaggio also mentioned the Arizona Diamondbacks have

pledged to at least match the Suns' contribution.

Also, Hilco Mechanical is sponsoring 10,000 bumper stickers and Ken Meade Realty is sponsoring 5,000 coffee mugs.

"We are very grateful to our sponsors," Mr. Park said.

The 40th anniversary celebration may also get a boost from the U.S. Postal Service, which is considering doing "a cancellation and first-day issue stamp," according to Mr. Park.

While plans are being formulated for future events, Mr. Caravaggio reported sales of commemorative apparel are strong.

Souvenir golf and T-shirts, and caps, all emblazoned with the 40th anniversary logo, initially went on sale at the Riverview pro shop but the public's enthusiastic response led to the items now being on sale at all Sun City pro shops.

The hats sell for \$5; T-shirts are \$7 and the collared golf shirts are \$11.

"We have already sold twenty to thirty dozen of the items," Mr. Caravaggio said.

"We want to see everyone in Sun City outfitted in the T-shirts and golf shirts."

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Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers
Beaming with pride over their Sun City 40th anniversary coffee mugs are, from left, Chuck Dimmick, Lund Cadillac marketing manager; Ken Meade, owner Ken Meade Realty; Fran Park, chairman 40th Anniversary Steering Committee; Dick Brown, president Norwest of the Sun Cities; (foreground) Doug Caravaggio, 40th Anniversary Steering Committee member. Mr. Meade sponsored 5,000 of the coffee mugs which are emblazoned with the 40th anniversary logo on one side and the Ken Meade Realty logo on the other. The mugs will be sold throughout the community's year-long 40th anniversary celebration.

Anniversary activities

CELEBRATION TO LAST THROUGHOUT YEAR

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

An ambitious schedule of events is being planned to help Sun City celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The celebration kicked off with a gala dinner/dance and organizers are hoping to finish with a fireworks display at year's end. In between there will be plenty of activities to help Sun Citizens mark the community milestone.

The featured event of the year will be a massive golf car parade April 1. Warren Goodrich, former president of the Fiesta Parade, is assisting the 40th Anniversary Steering

Official Headquarters

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee has established its headquarters at a store in the Greenway Terrace Shopping Center, 15456 N. 99th Ave., Sun City.

An updated list of all celebrations and events is available at the facility, as well tickets for the anniversary raffle and a variety of anniversary merchandise and memorabilia.

Call 623-974-1541 for information.

Committee with planning the parade, which will also include antique cars, bands and floats.

The year's kickoff event was a dinner and dance held Jan. 9 at Sundial Recreation Center. Featuring music by a band that included several original members of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the event

attracted a sell-out crowd of over 700 residents.

The Dance Committee has three other dances planned throughout the year. March 24-25, a dance festival will be held featuring round, square and line dancing. A ballroom dance will be held Sept. 17 and a holiday finale is planned for Dec. 17. That last affair will

also be a ballroom dance.

The April 7 dance will be a day-long affair including dance instructions.

There will be no limit on attendance at the second dance because there will be no dinner, so dining tables will not be covering the dance floor.

In addition, the committee has compiled a commemorative cookbook that contains favorite recipes of Sun City residents.

Two food festivals are planned: one in April and the other in October.

A multitude of other events are also planned and more may be added.

An updated list of activities may be obtained at the committee's headquarters in the Greenway Terrace Shopping Center.

GOLF CAR PARADE TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST

A memorable April Fool's Day is promised Sun Citizens by members of the community's 40th Anniversary Committee.

As part of the year-long celebration of Sun City's 40th anniversary, the committee will stage an event April 1 that is sure to touch home with Sun City's residents — a gigantic golf car parade.

The procession of an expected 300 golf cars, mounted units, bicyclists, clowns and bands will step out lively at 10 a.m. from Bell Recreation Center headed for Sundial Recreation Center.

Parade participants will traverse a 2.6-mile route to the finish.

Departing the Bell Recreation Center parking



Photo by Bret McKeand/Independent Newspaper

lot, the procession continues west on Hutton Drive to Del Webb Boulevard, where it will bend south to Burns Avenue and then east to

Boswell Boulevard before ending up in the Sundial parking lot, where refreshments and music will be available.

A parade billed as "the largest golf car parade in the world" is scheduled for April 1 through the streets of Sun City. The event begins at Bell Center and ends at Sundial. At left, a photo taken during a parade celebrating Sun City's 30th birthday.

Parade prizes

Prizes to be given away during the parade:

- Trip for 2 to London.
- Air conditioning/heating unit installed, courtesy Canyon State A/C.
- Set of Michelin Tires, courtesy S & S Tires.
- Microwave oven, courtesy Denny's TV.
- Satellite dish plus installation, courtesy of All American.
- One year of free haircuts by Lakes West Barber Shop.
- Free Cox cable installation, plus three months of free service.
- Free car wash, courtesy Texaco
- \$40 gift certificate at Pickard Travel.
- \$250 food certificate at ABCO.
- \$100 food certificate at Safeway.
- \$100 certificate at A.R. Wilde Fine Jewelry.
- Set of golf car tires, courtesy Big O Tires.

Sun City at 40: A Retrospective

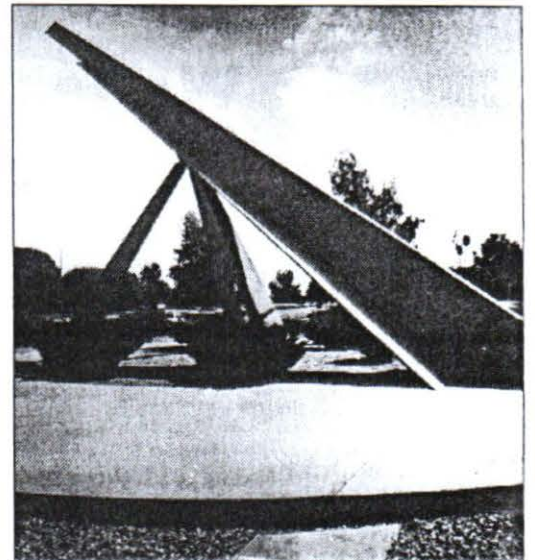


The Freedom Shrine, located in Memorial Garden at Bell Recreation Center, is sponsored by the Sun Cities Exchange Club and contains copies of some of our nation's most important and historic documents.



Before it all began. Youngtown — as it appeared in 1955, five years before Sun City opened. After looking at Youngtown, Del Webb was intrigued by the concept of a seniors-only community and soon thereafter began drawing up plans for Sun City. When this photo was taken, Youngtown had the West Valley all to itself.

Jane Freeman, former president of the Sun Cities Historical Society, speaks during a Fourth of July "Ring That Bell" Ceremony in Memorial Garden.



The sundial at Sundial Rec Center: Largest man-made sundial in North America.



The West Valley Art Museum was built with donations from Sun Citians. Although located in Surprise, the museum was originally planned to be built on a site near 111th Avenue and Thunderbird Road. Officials went so far as to hold "official" groundbreaking ceremonies in the early 1980s at the original site. On hand were, from left, Dr. Obadiah Harris of ASU, Duane Von Fange, Spencer Earnshaw, president of the then-Sun City Art Museum, and Phil Brant of the Del E. Webb Development Co.



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COME JOIN OUR
10TH ANNIVERSARY IN OUR OLD HOUSE
AND
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUN CITY
22TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUN CITY WEST

JANUARY 11 THROUGH 14

1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

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IN THE 60'S, 70'S, 80'S, 90'S

RECOGNIZING

THE VISIONARIES
January 11

THE VOLUNTEERS
January 12

THE ARTS, CRAFTS, CLUBS
January 13

SPORTS
January 14

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DINNER DANCE
JANUARY 9TH 2000
6:30 - 10:30 PM
INFORMATION

Thank you for joining our 40th Anniversary "Kick-Off". All tickets have a table number, and a ticket number. As you face the Sun Dial Auditorium Entrance, the even numbered tables are on the right, and odd number tables are on the left.

There will be a colored cloth napkin at your table in the water glass. Please enter the nearest buffet line with the same color, as your napkin.

The Sun City Pom Pom girls will assist you in locating table and buffet line.

Please retain your ticket stub for exiting and returning to the auditorium.

Men must wear tie & jacket, and women a dress or slacks. No shorts, etc..

DO NOT "BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLES" (BYOB). You will not be admitted.

Keep your tickets in a safe place until the "Kick-Off" . **NO REFUNDS OR REPLACEMENT FOR LOST TICKETS IS PERMITTED.**

Menu

Tossed Green Salad	Relish tray Rolls & Butter	Fresh Fruit Salad
Roast Sirloin of Beef	Chicken Cordon Blue	Peppered Cod
Baked Potato	Peas and Carrots	Green Beans Almondine
Fruit Punch		Regular or Decaff Coffee
Cake and Ice Cream		

No Host Bars will be set up between the Auditorium and Swimming Pool, beginning at 6:00PM.

Beer	\$2.00	Wine	\$2.50	Mixed Drinks	\$3.50
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DECEMBER 15-21, 1999 — SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT —

Schulzes unveil new words to popular Sun City song

Tune debuts prior to Rec Centers meeting

As a tribute to Sun City, for the community's 25th anniversary, Dutch Schultz wrote a song extolling the pleasures of living in Sun City.

On the eve of the community's 40th anniversary, Mr. Schultz has penned new words to the "Sun City U.S.A." song to commemorate the landmark. He and his wife, Dee, will debut the new song prior to the next meeting of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. board of directors.

The meeting will be held 9 a.m. Dec. 16 in the Sundial Recreation Center auditorium, and will feature a festive atmosphere, complete with holiday refreshments.

The new words to "Sun City U.S.A." are as follows:

A city of beauty was built on the desert

By a great man with vision and dreams

He gave it the charm, so gentle and warm

With nature as a part of the scheme

With the touch of a master, he added a feeling of love and things that are fine

And right from the start, he added a heart

To withstand the passing of time

Chorus: Sun City U.S.A.

Is so outstanding in every way

It's great in the west and we're here to stay

In Sun City U.S.A. — In Sun City U.S.A.

The moonbeams that play,
through the palm trees that sway
And the stars that light up the night

The Southwestern sunset a sight
to behold

It's love, yes love at first sight

This city of beauty will last
through the ages

For all who may pass this way

If ever there was a heaven on earth

It's Sun City U.S.A.

Chorus

Just what makes our city so
graceful and pretty

Are the folks who stand side by side

To pitch in when needed and not
be defeated

It's a thing in nature called pride

Del Webb was this great man —
who gave us this great plan

Along with a dream to uphold

We'll follow this lead and always
succeed

Sun City will never grow old

Chorus

It's been forty years since he
drove the last nail

In this beautiful city of dreams

His love lingers on from dawn
until dawn

Still walking our streets, so it
seems

With the help of the Posse and
PRIDES by the hundreds

And volunteers by the score

We honor Del Webb, who died
July Fourth

In nineteen seventy four.

Chorus

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■ DINNER

Doug Caravaggio, 40th Anniversary Committee member, said that now seems unlikely. In their stead, members of the Arizona Diamondbacks who live year-round in the Valley will be sought, according to Mr. Caravaggio.

"This is going to be a fantastic event," Mr. Caravaggio said.

The dinner/dance is the first of dozens of planned events throughout the year, including an April attempt to establish a record for the longest golf car parade. Event orga-

nizers are still trying to secure a big-name grand marshal.

In addition, the 40th Anniversary Committee has generated excitement by arranging for numerous valuable prizes to be awarded during a series of raffles.

First and foremost among the raffle items is a 2000 Cadillac. The \$47,000 car has been donated by Lund Cadillac.

The winner of the car will be selected in a December 2000 drawing. Raffle tickets sales began last

weekend during the annual arts and crafts festival at Sundial Recreation Center. Chances are \$10 each or three for \$25, and will be available at all the special events throughout the year.

The anniversary celebration recently got a boost when the Greenway Terrace Merchants Association donated \$2,000 to have 40th anniversary banners hung on light poles in the shopping center's parking lot.

So that Sun Citians can show

their support for the landmark occasion, the anniversary committee has 40th anniversary apparel for sale at all Sun City golf course pro shops. Items include golf shirts and T-shirts and caps, all emblazoned with the 40th anniversary logo.

The hats sell for \$5; T-shirts are \$7 and the collared golf shirts are \$11.

"We want to see everyone in Sun City outfitted in the T-shirts and golf shirts," Mr. Caravaggio said.



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers
Doug Caravaggio, left, member of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee gladly accepts a \$5,000 donation check from Dick Brown, president, Well Fargo/Norwest Bank

Dinner/dance promises festive beginning to anniversary celebration

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

If public response to the kick-off event is any indication, next



A blimp heralding the appearance of the raffle grand prize Cadillac flew above Sundial Recreation Center during last week's arts and crafts festival.

year's 40th anniversary celebration in Sun City should be a dandy.

More than 750 people have already purchased tickets for the Jan. 9 dinner/dance at Sundial Recreation Center which will inaugurate the festive yearlong celebration. The event is a sellout.

The gala dinner/dance is being sponsored by Wells Fargo/Norwest Bank, Ramada Express Hotel-Casino and Alasta Catering. Ramada Express has arranged for an orchestra that features members of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The committee had been attempting to persuade former Phoenix Suns Connie Hawkins and Dick Van Arsdale to attend the Jan. 9 dinner/dance. However,

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WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Anniversary committee compiles book of Sun City's favorite recipes

If you are looking for an interesting recipe to prepare for the holidays, there are plenty available in "What's Cookin'," the cookbook compiled by the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee.

The book, a collection of some of the best recipes of Sun Citians, features a four-page "Glimpse into the First Forty Years," a history of Del Webb's vision for an active retirement lifestyle. The historical reflection was produced by the Sun City Historical Society.

Also contained in the book are a number of helpful hints on the preparation of various foods and cooking processes, including the microwave approach, a page of measurement and substitutions, an equivalency chart, a two-page calorie counter and a glossary of cooking terms.

Recipes are divided into eight categories: appetizers and beverages; soups, salads and vegetables; main dishes and casseroles; meat, poultry and seafood; breads and rolls; pies,



pastries and desserts, cakes, candies and cookies; and healthy choices.

The book sells for \$8 and can be purchased at the 40th Anniversary office located near ABCO in Greenway Terrace, 154556 N. 99th Ave. It will also be available at several upcoming events, including the annual arts and crafts fair at Sundial Recreation Center, Nov. 26 and 27.

Printing of the book is sponsored by Citizens Water Resources and all proceeds go to the Sun City Foundation to offset expenses of the year-long anniversary celebration, and for charities.

In other 40th anniversary news, the Bocce Club of Sundial Recreation Center donated \$500 and will participate in activities by hosting the Arizona State Senior Olympics Bocce Tournament, Feb. 28 and 29.

Book cooks up blend of food, local history

Publication hails Sun City 40th anniversary

By LANCE W. EVANS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Nov. 3, 1999

Take a measure of local history, a pinch of civic pride and a pantry full of recipes from a large number of experienced homemakers and you have ... the 40th anniversary edition of "What's Cookin'," a collection of meals — from appetizers and beverages to desserts and other sweet treats that have been popular with the book's many contributors.

The 160-plus page book is an interesting compendium of recipes, helpful hints, baking tips, information on spices, vegetables and fruits. There are also sections on cooking terms, a calorie counter, how to extend recipes for large quantities, measurements and substitutions and microwave efficiency.

Margaret Brown served as

chairperson for the project, with a committee of David Broomfield, Dick Elton, Ruby Fox, Catharine Griffin, Opal Helm, Verva Huff, Ann Kruke, Fran Moheit, Marge Murphy, Mildred Selinsky, Jan Summers, Leona Thompson and Betty Tudor.

The historical aspect of the publication was produced by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. It is a concisely written, but comprehensive look at the birth and growth of Sun City, as well as many of the communities assets.

The publication is hard cover with a spiral binding. It was printed by Cookbooks by Morris Press of Kearney, Neb., which specializes in the printing of small-run cookbooks

Three thousand copies of the book have been printed. They will sell for \$8 each.



Marge Murphy enjoys a meal at the Oakmont Recreation Center. Members of the center contributed to the 40th anniversary Sun City cookbook, on table in foreground.

E.B. McGovern/Daily News-Sun

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT—OCTOBER 13-19, 1999

Golf cars on parade

Organizers plan for record-setting event

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

It's not an April Fool's joke.

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Steering Committee is serious about the community making its mark in history.

An attempt to get Sun City entered into the Guinness Book of World Records will culminate in what is hoped will be the longest-ever golf car parade.

The procession will wend its way from the Bell Recreation Center to Sundial Recreation Center on April 1.

In a community noted for its abundance of golf cars and its residents' proclivity for using the alternative mode of transportation, accomplishing the record-breaking achievement should be a distinct possibility.

"We estimate there are somewhere in the neighborhood of seven thousand to eight thousand golf cars in Sun City," said Phyllis Roach, Steering Committee member.

"About half of them are registered with the Recreation Centers," she continued. "If we get five hundred to a thousand of them, we will have a lot."

Entries must be decorated. "No

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Phyllis Roach

Member, 40th Anniversary Steering Committee

one on wants to look at just golf cars," Mrs. Roach said.

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow is the theme," she said. "It is somewhat general, so it allows a great deal of latitude for decorating."

The idea of a lengthy golf-car procession has been enthusiastically embraced by many residents, Mrs. Roach noted.

"I understand we have some fantastic ideas," she said. "Some are planning some really elaborate decorations."

A panel of judges will select winners in various categories and prizes will be awarded.



Although specific prizes have yet to be determined, Mrs. Roach assures participants "we will have some nice prizes."

Among the prize possibilities is a trip on British Airways.

"British Airways has said they would like to do some sponsoring of events," Mrs. Roach said.

There is no entry fee for the parade. Entry is limited to Sun City residents and all golf cars must be licensed and insured. Deadline to enter is Dec. 15.

The April 1 parade will commence at 10 or 10:30 a.m. The exact starting time has not been deter-

mined yet, Mrs. Roach mentioned.

In addition to the golf cars, the parade is expected to include antique cars, clowns, equestrian units, floats, bands, bicyclists and an honor guard from Luke Air Force Base.

The parade will take the vehicles on a serpentine route from the Bell Recreation Center parking lot to the lot at Sundial Recreation Center, a route of approximately 2.6 miles.

"That will give us enough room to string out the golf cars," Mrs. Roach explained. Entertainment and food will be available at Sundial following the parade.

Sun City 40th anniversary team seeks more volunteer assistance

By Jeannette Ryder

Special Correspondent/Arizona Senior World

When the committee for the 40th anniversary celebrations first got together in August 1998, their goal was to raise enough money throughout the year 2000 to fund a specially equipped van for residents of Sun City who need transportation to go to recreation centers and doctors appointments and to attend functions and local activities, etc. At this point, they have successfully collected enough to purchase one \$50,000 vehicle and are well on their way to purchasing a second.

All enterprises, including the main 40th and all other planning committees are carried out by volunteers and all proceeds from the various events and souvenir sales go directly into the fund.

The committee is also looking for a few more volunteers to help staff the 40th anniversary office on a parttime basis. If you are interested in helping out or would just like to know more about the activities that are planned please call 623-974-1541.

The 40th anniversary celebrations are not only for the residents of Sun City. All the events are open to everyone and especially West Valley residents.

Friday, October 6, 10 a.m.-noon, is the fourth "Life Enrichment Seminar" at Boswell Support Center Bldg. 10401 W. Thunderbird, free admission.

Monday, October 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. there will be a Food Fair at the Sun Bowl,

107th Avenue, South of Peoria Ave. Admission is free but there is a food charge. On-going entertainment is the highlight of this day with different performers every hour. There will also be health screenings and raffle prizes.

On Wednesday, October 11, at 11 a.m. the library honors S.C. authors in the Hoover Room. Free admission, \$5 buffet charge.

Sunday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., "Caught in Del Webb's Web Play" at Mountain View Rec. Center, free admission.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sun City Musicians Concert at the Sundial Rec. Center. Free admission.

Halloween is celebrated on Tuesday, October 31, with a Halloween Turkey Barbecue at the Sun Bowl, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free with a food charge per person for the barbecue. Visitors are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume and prizes will be given for the "scariest."

To find out more about all the events listed here please call 623-974-1541.

Sun City's 40th anniversary: A reason to celebrate



VF ANNIVERSARIES - 40th

Forty years may not seem like a long time, but some neighborhoods and communities in this great nation of ours have come and gone in lesser time periods.

By Bret McKeand
 Publisher, Independent Newspapers

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the nation's most famous retirement community and our newspaper joins the 40th Anniversary Committee in encouraging residents to celebrate the occasion.

Forty years may not seem like a long time, but some neighborhoods and communities in this great nation of ours have come and gone in lesser time periods.

Not Sun City. It's just as vibrant, strong and attractive today as it was

40 years ago. Home values remain strong. Neighbors still know their neighbors. Volunteers still help worthy community causes.

What is it that makes our community so special? The people? The organizations? The amenities? The common values? Maybe it's a combination of all of these and more.

We'd like to know your feelings about your community. Over the next 11 months, the Independent will publish a special "anniversary page" the last edition of every month. This page will include photos from our archives, a look back at the community's histo-

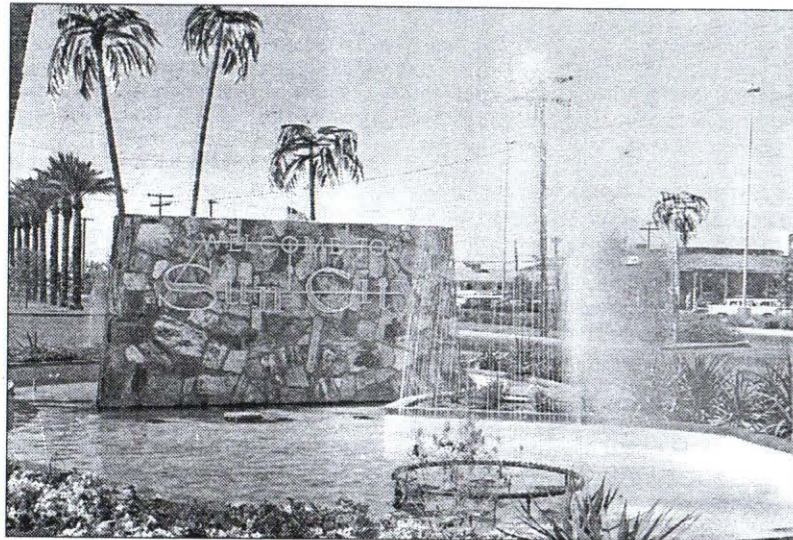
ry through our front pages through the years and comments and recollections from our readers.

Whether you're a Sun City Pioneer or a new resident, we invite you to send us your thoughts about your community: Your fondest memories of the past and why you think Sun City remains so popular after 40 years.

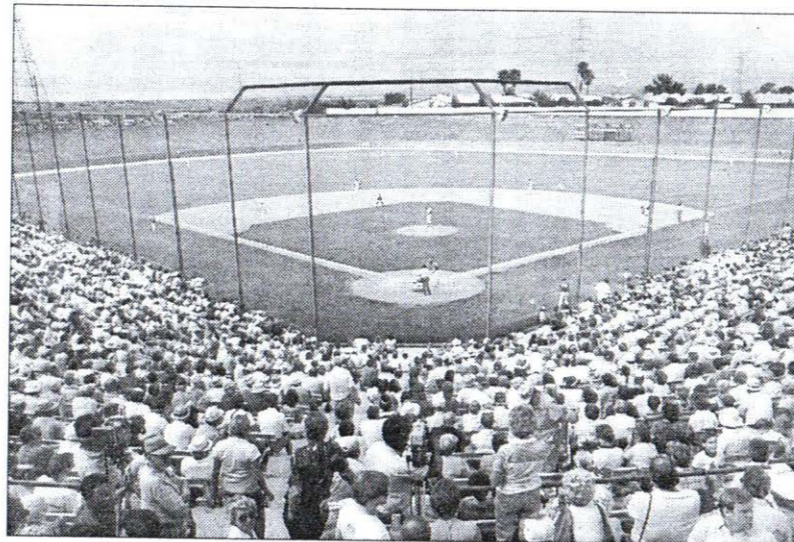
I was fortunate enough to be one of those to witness Sun City's 25th anniversary celebration. The community spirit, pride and enthusiasm remains etched in my memory.

It's time to do it again! Let's celebrate!

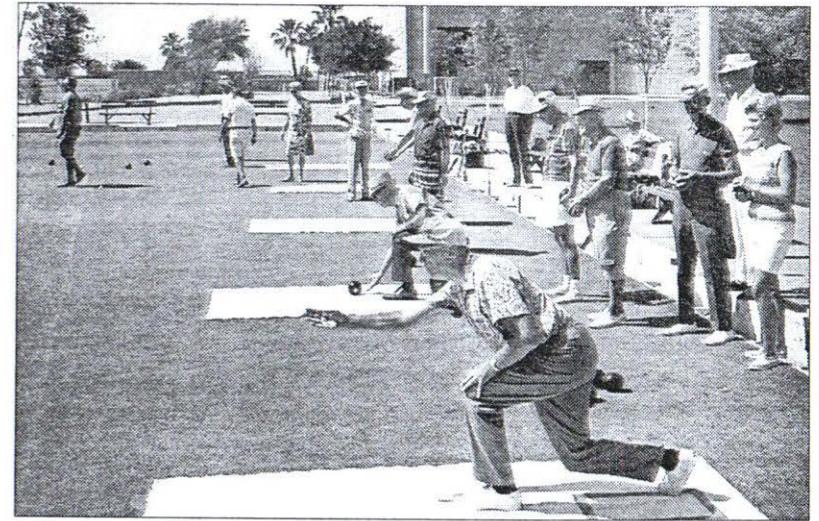
History in the making ...



Welcome to Sun City! Visitors to the retirement community in the early 1960s were greeted by a water fountain located at 107th and Grand avenues, then the "downtown" of Sun City.



Play Ball! The Cactus League and the Milwaukee Brewers called Sun City home for many years. Hall of Fame players such as Hank Aaron, Rollie Fingers, Rod Carew and Reggie Jackson at one time or another played before local residents. The stadium was located on the northwest corner of 111th and Grand avenues. An apartment complex now sits on the site, but the stadium's outfield wall remains and can still be spotted by passersby.



Fun and games! "Active" retirement was the key word for Del Webb when it promoted the new community. A pleasant climate, affordable homes and a plethora of amenities all contributed to the success of Sun City. Residents then — and now — had plenty of activities to keep them busy. Above, lawn bowlers at Fairway Recreation Center — then known at Town Hall Recreation Center — take to the greens.

JUMPING ON BOARD

Sponsors line up for SC's 40th anniversary

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

Organizers of Sun City's 40th anniversary celebration have been aggressive in their pursuit of sponsors for the gala event, and it has paid off handsomely.

With the start of the community's 40th anniversary still several months away, the 40th Anniversary Steering Committee has arranged for an impressive list of items to be raffled throughout the course of the year-long celebration and secured substantial sponsorships.

First and foremost among the raffle items is a 2000 Cadillac. The \$47,000 car has been donated by Lund Cadillac.



The winner of the car will be selected in a December 2000 drawing. Raffle tickets are expected to go on sale in September. Chances will be \$10 each or three for \$25.

A 1999 version of the Cadillac is expected to be delivered to the committee in mid-September and it will

be on display at all major functions throughout the year.

Perhaps the lucky winner of the Cadillac can further parlay his or her good fortune by winning another of the prizes — a lifetime supply of gasoline, furnished by Union 76. The gasoline prize is provided by Mike Johnson, owner of Sun City Union 76 station at the corner of Bell Road and Boswell Boulevard.

Circuit City has agreed to donate a 32-inch television, according to Doug Caravaggio, committee member.

A \$6,000 electric golf car has been donated by E-Z Go Golf Car.

Sponsors have also been gener-

ous in their giving.

Wells Fargo is underwriting the kickoff dinner Jan. 9 at Sundial Recreation Center.

Ramada Express Hotel-Casino previously agreed to sponsor the accompanying dance. The Laughlin, Nev.,-based casino has arranged for an orchestra that features members of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The committee is attempting to persuade former Phoenix Suns Connie Hawkins and Dick Van Arsdale to attend the Jan. 9 dinner/dance.

They are also trying to attract another celebrity to be the grand marshal of an April parade that will feature the world's longest golf car procession. Willard Scott, longtime "Today Show" weatherman, has been approached to lead the parade, according to Fran Park, committee chairman.

In addition to the Wells Fargo and Ramada Express sponsorships for the dinner/dance, other contributions have been made by the Phoenix Suns, \$2,500; Phoenix Thunderbirds, \$5,000; Fry's, \$2,500 and Shamrock Foods, \$1,000.

Mr. Caravaggio also mentioned the Arizona Diamondbacks have

pledged to at least match the Suns' contribution.

Also, Hilco Mechanical is sponsoring 10,000 bumper stickers and Ken Meade Realty is sponsoring 5,000 coffee mugs.

"We are very grateful to our sponsors," Mr. Park said.

The 40th anniversary celebration may also get a boost from the U.S. Postal Service, which is considering doing "a cancellation and first-day issue stamp," according to Mr. Park.

While plans are being formulated for future events, Mr. Caravaggio reported sales of commemorative apparel are strong.

Souvenir golf and T-shirts, and caps, all emblazoned with the 40th anniversary logo, initially went on sale at the Riverview pro shop but the public's enthusiastic response led to the items now being on sale at all Sun City pro shops.

The hats sell for \$5; T-shirts are \$7 and the collared golf shirts are \$11.

"We have already sold twenty to thirty dozen of the items," Mr. Caravaggio said.

"We want to see everyone in Sun City outfitted in the T-shirts and golf shirts."



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Beaming with pride over their Sun City 40th anniversary coffee mugs are, from left, Chuck Dimmick, Lund Cadillac marketing manager; Ken Meade, owner Ken Meade Realty; Fran Park, chairman 40th Anniversary Steering Committee; Dick Brown, president Norwest of the Sun Cities; (foreground) Doug Caravaggio, 40th Anniversary Steering Committee member. Mr. Meade sponsored 5,000 of the coffee mugs which are emblazoned with the 40th anniversary logo on one side and the Ken Meade Realty logo on the other. The mugs will be sold throughout the community's year-long 40th anniversary celebration.

Sun City to celebrate 40 years of active life

By **Connie Cone Sexton**

The Arizona Republic

SUN CITY — Fran Park wants the world to know there is life after retirement.

Park and fellow members of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee are hoping to get that message out as they lure the national spotlight on the retirement community in 2000.

The committee is planning a yearlong celebration to kick off in January to mark Sun City's start on Jan. 1, 1960.

If the retirees can get the attention of the country, there's hope they want to send, Park said.

"We want to help people see there is a

meaningful life, a quality of life long after retirement," he said. "I think we can take the pressure off people. So relax, it doesn't all have to get done before age 65."

Park moved to Sun City 15 years ago to serve as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in the community. He didn't retire until April 1, 1998, when he was 65.

Living in Sun City has been wonderful, and Park wants people to see the fun residents have in the community. He said the yearlong schedule of events the anniversary committee is planning will help get that across.

Those who haven't retired yet can come to the celebration and see what's in store for them,

Park said.

"My theory is the most uptight people are those in the 35- to 50-years-old group. The people have too many debts, too many mortgages and are trying to do it all."

Celebrating the 40th anniversary was important to squeeze into just a day or a month of events, Park said.

A dinner-dance featuring former members of the Glenn Miller Band will kick off the year Jan. 9 at the Sundial Recreation Center. A variety of programs will be held that month through December, including ice-cream socials

music in the park, Sun City author luncheons and a series of five enrichment seminars featuring national and local speakers. Among the highlights will be the April 1 "World's Largest Golf Cart Parade."

Committee member Doug Caravaggio, a Sun City resident since the 1970s, is helping with fundraising.

The committee, which is trying to raise about \$200,000, is looking for more corporate sponsors.

Among Caravaggio's success stories is getting Lund Cadillac to donate a \$47,000 car for some lucky winner during the December 2000 celebration finale.

Caravaggio hopes to tap some well-known people for the events through the year.

"We're going to try and get Willard Scott as grand marshal of the parade," he said.

To spread the word about the celebration, Caravaggio said area shopping centers will hang banners advertising what's happening that month.

"We're going to get people into the spirit of things," he said.

Park said Valley residents might be surprised at just how active Sun City residents are. People should embrace retirement, he said.

"We want to let people know that retirement is not sitting in a rocking chair and twiddling your thumbs and wondering what happens next."

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In Sun City, it's hip to be 40

Planning group amasses donations for celebration

By JEFF OWENS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Money, corporate sponsorships and promotional item deals continue to pour into the increasingly busy hands of Sun City's 40th Anniversary Committee.

At Tuesday's meeting of the group, Lund Cadillac's Chuck Dimmick said the brand-new luxury car that will be won by the lucky Sun Citian with the right raffle ticket could be delivered for display as early as mid-September.

The yearlong celebration kicks off Jan. 9 with a 750-guest dinner dance in Sundial Auditorium.

Dimmick said the \$47,000 Cadillac DeVille donated by the dealership might even be "decked out a little" as a Sun City 40th Anniversary edition.

Committee member Doug Caravaggio drew a hearty laugh when he asked Dimmick, "What else can you do for us besides the Cadillac?"

The committee continues to look at bids on a variety of promo items — bookmarks, license plate frames, refrigerator magnets, letter openers, measuring spoons. If it can be plastered with a 40th anniversary logo, the committee is interested.



Steve Cherek/Daily News-Sun

Members of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee discuss promotional opportunities during a meeting Tuesday.

Chairman Fran Park suggested that perhaps little stuffed hippopotami were in order.

"The thought was, 'It's hip to be 40,'" he said.

Park also noted that celebrity guests for the celebration will likely include NBC weatherman Willard Scott and former basketball greats Connie Hawkins and Dick Van

Arsdale.

Caravaggio said more than 30 dozen shirts have already been sold, and that Wells Fargo-Norwest Bank had just signed on to pick up the tab for the Jan. 9 dinner dance.

Park added that one raffle prize will be a lifetime supply of free gasoline from Union 76.

Anniversary sponsors also include

the Del E. Webb Corp., Ramada Express, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Circuit City, Ken Meade Realty, Sun Health and Arizona Public Service.

The celebration lasts until Dec. 17 and will feature monthly events centering on the world's largest golf car parade on April 1.

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Preparing for a celebration

40th anniversary apparel goes on sale

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

People adorned in T-shirts, golf shirts and baseball caps emblazoned with the Sun City 40th anniversary logo should be appearing around the community soon.

The 40th Anniversary Committee took delivery of the bulk of its initial order of commemorative wearing apparel last week and immediately transported dozens of each item to the Riverview Golf Course pro shop, 16401 Del Webb Blvd., where they are on sale.

T-shirts, bearing the Max

Gimpel-designed logo on the back, are priced at \$7 each. The golf shirts, also bearing the logo, sell for \$11 apiece and the hats are \$5 each. Tax is applicable on all items.

The Recreation Centers board of directors granted the Anniversary Committee permission to sell the commemorative clothing at the pro shop. Proceeds will be turned over to the committee and the Sun City Foundation to fund 40th anniversary celebration events. The help of the Foundation was enlisted to allow donations for the 40th anniversary celebration to be tax-deductible.

"These items make wonderful

commemorative gifts," said Doug Caravaggio, a committee member. "We want to see everyone wearing this fortieth anniversary items.

Items will be on sale through the remainder of this year and through Thanksgiving of 2000, according to the Rev. Fran Park, committee chairman. "If we run out of items, we will reorder them," he said.

The committee will also offer 40th anniversary souvenir cookbooks for sale. "The cookbook just went to the printer," explained Phyllis Roach, committee member. "We should have copies for review in about six weeks and they should go on sale in the fall."



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Sun City's 40th Anniversary Committee members examine a shipment of commemorative apparel delivered last week by Adams ScreenPrint & Design. Inspecting the merchandise were, from left, Jason Adams, owner of Adams ScreenPrint & Design, and committee members Doug Caravaggio, Fran Park, chairman, Phyllis Roach and George Hartman.

Sun City 40th anniversary logo modernized

Souvenirs bearing colorful logo should go on sale soon

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

Sun City's 40th Anniversary Committee recently encountered a minor roadblock, but after double-clutching, the committee is again in high gear, moving forward with plans for a year-long celebration in the year 2000.

Planning for the landmark anniversary celebration began last October and from the outset, the committee had used a logo designed by local artist Max Gimpel.

However, it was felt that a new, more futuristic logo was needed and the committee enlisted the assistance of Arizona Public Service to come up with a new logo.

The logo was also revised because of a potential copyright infringement since Mr. Gimpel's design incorporated aspects of Sun City's logo developed by the Del Webb Development Company.

"Del Webb was not enthused about the logo," said Phyllis Roach, a committee member. However, the new logo meets with their approval.

The company that pioneered the master-planned retirement commu-



nity is "considering assisting with the enrichment series, printing accordion fold brochures, locating key people for events, placing national publicity and helping with the media calendar for local use," reported Jane Freeman.

In addition to designing the new logo, APS will, also print new stationery for the committee, according to Mrs. Roach.

The logo redesign has temporarily held up the printing of commemorative T-shirts, golf shirts, hats and cookbooks, but the items will be

ready for sale soon.

Hats will be sold for \$5, T-shirts will go for \$7 and the golf shirts will carry an \$11 price tag, according to committee member Doug Caravaggio.

Samples will also be on display at other Sun City pro shops.

"The hats, T-shirts and golf shirts will be sold at Riverview Golf Course," Mr. Caravaggio added.

Meantime, the committee has been busy lining up sponsors and donated items to be used for raffles.

Leading the list of donations is a Cadillac from Lund Cadillac. The car will be on display at most 40th anniversary events and raffle tickets will be available at the sites.

Circuit City has agreed to donate a big-screen television for raffle.

Other donations of goods, services or money have been received from: Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc., Bell Ceramics Club, Oakmont Men's Club, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, Sundial Dance Club, Lakeview Ceramics Club, Stretch and Exercise Club.

Also, Aquatic Club, Grandmother and Friends Club, Lakeview Lawn Bowling, Sun City Clay Club, Artistic Weavers Club, Phoenix Area Chapter Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Choraliers Club, Norwest Bank, Citizens Utilities, Sun City

Ballroom Dance Club and American-Italian Bilingual Club.

Another generous donation has been received from Arizona Partners, which has provided, at not cost, the committee's office space in the Greenway Terrace at 15412 N. 99th Ave., next to Ford Travel. The office phone number is 974-1541.

The anniversary year's kickoff event will be a Jan. 9 dinner/dance at Sundial auditorium. The Dance Committee is in the process of securing a noted guest speaker.

Ramada Express will sponsor the kickoff dinner/dance and has arranged for the appearance of an orchestra that features members of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Multitude of events planned for anniversary celebration

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

An ambitious schedule of events is being planned to help Sun City celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Starting with a gala dinner/dance and perhaps ending with a fireworks display at year's end, there will be plenty of activities to help Sun Citians mark this community milestone in 2000.

The featured event of the year will be a massive golf car parade April 1. Warren Goodrich, former resident of the Fiesta Parade, is assisting the 40th Anniversary Steering Committee with planning the parade, which will also include antique cars, bands and floats.

The hour-long procession will include at the Sundial Recreation Center where food and entertainment can be enjoyed by revelers.

The year's kickoff event will be Jan. 9 dinner/dance at Sundial Auditorium.

The Dance Committee is in the process of securing a noted guest speaker. Tom Brokaw and John Glenn have been contacted.

Ramada Express will sponsor the kickoff dinner/dance and is negotiating with an orchestra that features members of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Attendance will be capped at 350 couples.

"We would like to sell the 700 tickets in tables and ask each club to take a table and sell it," said George Hartman, event co-chairman. "If that flies, we will have all those tickets sold right away."



Non-Sun City residents will be allowed to attend. "It will be first-come, first-served," Mr. Hartman said.

The Dance Committee has three other dances planned throughout the year. April 7, a dance festival will be held featuring round, square and line dancing. A ballroom dance will be held Sept. 17 and a holiday finale is planned for Dec. 17. That last affair will also be a ballroom dance.

The April 7 dance will be a day-long affair including dance instructions.

There will be no limit on attendance at the second dance because there will be no dinner, so dining tables will not be covering the dance floor.

Among other activities associat-

ed with the 40th anniversary celebration is a Jan. 31 presentation by Elizabeth Larson, Ph.D. She will discuss a "Community in

Transition," during her 1:30 p.m. appearance at Sundial Recreation Center.

The event will also feature a tribute to Sun City pioneers.

On Jan. 12, the Bell Library will kickoff a tribute to local authors that will continue the second Wednesday of each month throughout the year.

In addition to the events, there is a committee working on compiling a commemorative cookbook that will contain eight sections.

Two food festivals are planned; one in April and the other in October.

A multitude of other events are also planned and more may be added.

The Steering Committee is pleased to announce it has a permanent office. It is located in the Greenway Terrace at 15412 N. 99th Ave., next to Ford Travel. The office phone number is 974-1541.

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Sun City Celebration

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

A dinner/dance is being planned in early January to kick off festivities for Sun City's 40th anniversary celebration.

While the Anniversary Dance Committee is certain of holding the gala event the second weekend of the year, it is not certain if the dinner and dance will be held on one night or as separate events.

Originally planned as one celebration, on Jan. 8, sentiment now seems to be shifting to holding the dinner and dance as separate affairs.

"If we held both events on one night, by time we ate dinner and listened to the speaker, there would not be enough time to dance. It would be too drawn out," opined George Hartman, co-chairman of the 40th Anniversary Dance Committee.

Although most of the committee members present at last week's meeting favored splitting the two events, a consensus could not be reached on whether separate admissions should be charged and how closely the events should be held.

Mr. Hartman had suggested holding the events on consecutive evenings, Jan. 8 and 9, and making the admission charge all inclusive.

However, Mr. Hartman's co-chairman, Doug Caravaggio, did not agree.

"It's got to be two tickets," Mr. Caravaggio said.

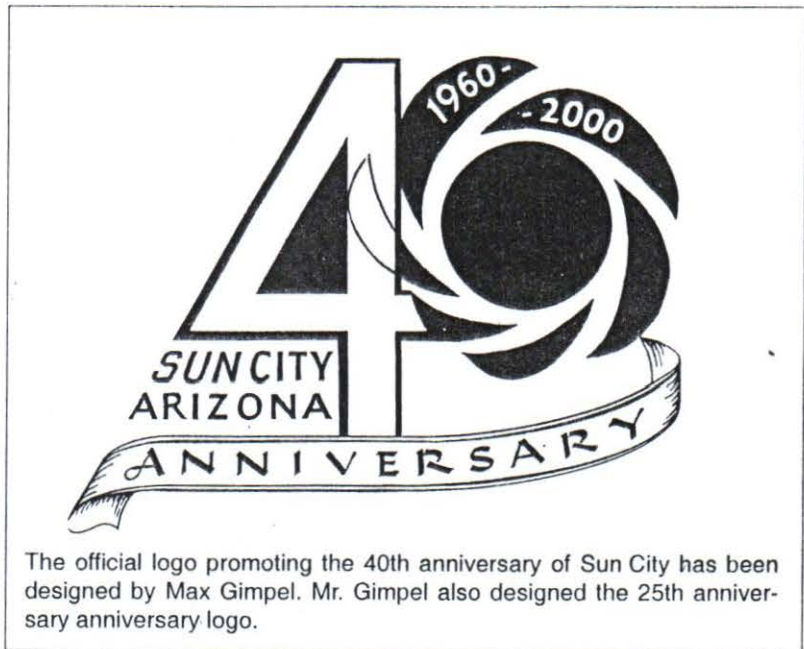
"I think we can raise more money that way." He also felt there should be a week or two between the dinner and dance.

Some other committee members favored dividing the activities but having one admission fee.

The committee is working on securing a prominent speaker to be featured during the dinner.

One of the possible speakers being sought was John Glenn, for-

Gala dinner and dance planned to kick off 40th anniversary



mer U.S. senator and astronaut, however, the committee learned last week that Mr. Glenn is unavailable.

Tom Brokaw, anchor of *NBC Nightly News* and author of the best-selling book, "The Greatest Generation," which spotlights the accomplishments of the generation that dominates Sun City's population, has also been discussed as a potential speaker.

"The 40th anniversary is very important to us," Mr. Hartman said. Thus, it is felt, a prominent speaker will lend an air of importance to the kickoff activity.

Many other activities are being planned through the year, Mr. Hartman noted.

"Our program is to start in January and have activities all year," he said.

"One of our major projects is the

world's largest golf car parade," Mr. Hartman said. It is tentatively scheduled for April 1.

The 40th Anniversary Committee is considering awarding prizes to the best decorated golf cars, according to Mr. Hartman.

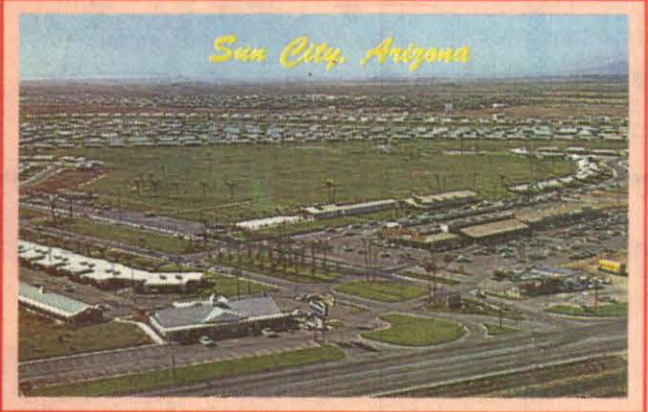
Mr. Caravaggio mentioned the Anniversary Steering Committee is considering having a beer brewed and contained in commemorative cans carrying the 40th anniversary logo, designed by Max Gimpel.

The committee is also trying to get Del Webb Corporation involved with the celebration and would like to have Phil Dion, Del Webb president and chief operating officer, make an appearance in Sun City.

The Steering Committee has suggested a theme for the 40th anniversary celebration of "Past, Present and Future of Retirement Communities."

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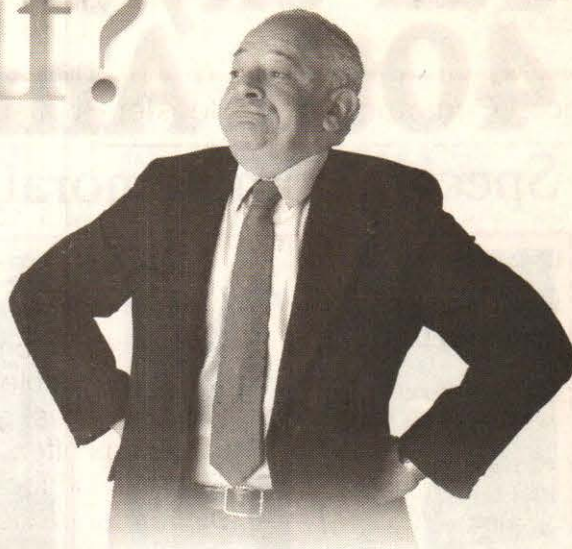


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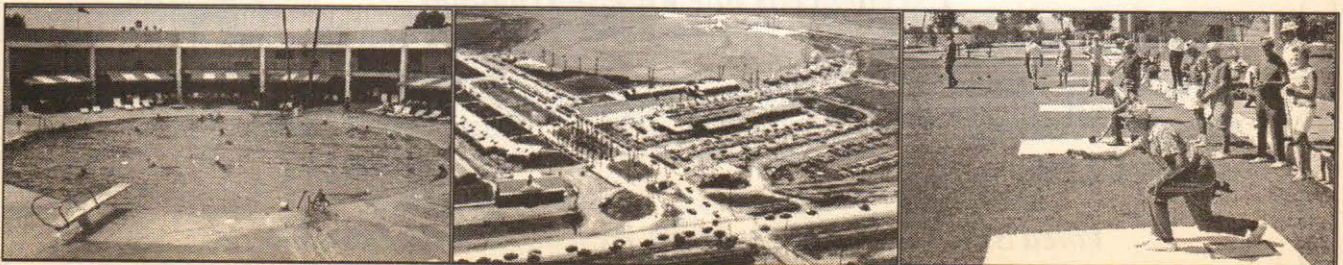
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Sun City's 40th Anniversary is:

- *A celebration of a success story in retirement living and a tribute to the residents who make it happen.*
- *It is the birth of the millennium that set the stage for unprecedented year-long community-wide events.*
- *It is a salute to the thousands of volunteers with know-how, spirit and energy who, for the past 40 years, have brought life and vitality to Sun City.*

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Our sincere thanks and gratitude to the first sponsors who gave so generously to the 40th Anniversary Steering Committee in the beginning months. All the sponsors have advised and encouraged us in the year-long endeavor so that all Sun Citizens may enjoy the coming programs.

*... The Sun City 40th
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COMMITTEE GOALS

During Sun City's 40th anniversary year, the committee will:

- 1. Promote educational and recreational activities that call attention to the benefits of an active retirement lifestyle.*
- 2. Introduce educational activities that will generate a vision of the future for Sun City.*
- 3. Showcase the diversity of cultural and entertainment opportunities available for life enrichment.*
- 4. Encourage residents' participation, commitment and involvement in the 40th anniversary challenge and invite surrounding communities to attend the events.*
- 5. Proceeds distributed by the Sun City Foundation to benefit the residents of Sun City.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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March

- March 8 Library honors Sun City authors at a luncheon.
- March 11 Second "Life Enrichment" seminar.
- March 11 Fun Fair at Fairway Rec Ctr.
- March 13 Sun City Chamber Music Society concert
- March 17 "Luck of the Irish" program at the Sun Bowl
- March 18 Fun Fair at Lakeview Center
- March 19 Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley concert
- March 21 Sun City Musicians concert
- March 24-25 Festival Dance (all types in morning, afternoon & evening) at Sundial & Bell Rec Centers
- March 25 Fun Fair at Marinette Center
- March 27 "Music in the Park" at Lakeview Center (bring your own chair). Ice cream, caramel corn and hot dogs available
- March 30 Men's golf (qualifying)

April

- April 1 Parade: Golf cars, antique cars, bands, floats, etc. Starts at Bell Center and ends at Sundial
- April 3 Sun Cities Chamber Music
- April 8 Fun Fair at Oakmont Center
- April 9 Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
- April 12 Library honors Sun City authors at a luncheon
- April 15 Fun Fair at Sundial
- April 16 "Tribute to Broadway" by the Arizona Jamboree at Sundial

- April 18 Sun City Musicians Concert
- April 22 Fun Fair at Bell Center
- April 23 Easter Sunrise Service at Sun Bowl
- April 28 Apple Dumpling Festival at Lakeview Center
- April 29-30 Sundial Men's Club Golf Tournament
- April 29-30 Sun City Annual Open Bowling

May

- May 5 Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social at Sundial Center
- May 6 "Special Event" at Sundome
- May 6-7 Sundial Men's Club Golf Tournament Final
- May 6-7 Bowling Tournament
- May 10 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a luncheon
- May 10 Harmony Organ Club Concert
- May 12 Mother's Day Program at Bell Center
- May 20 Third "Life Enrichment" Seminar
- May 29 Sun City Concert Band
- May 30-31 Millennium Project by the West Valley Art Museum

June

- June 6 Ice Cream Social at Lakeview Recreation Center
- June 14 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon

SUN CITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Dates subject to change. Call 623-974-1541 for updates and additional information regarding times and locations.

July

- July 4 "Ring That Bell" Ceremony & Freedoms Foundation at Bell Center
- July 4 Firecracker Bowling Party
- July 5 Ice Cream Social at Lakeview Center
- July 12 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon

August

- August 5 Fraternal/Service Men's Day at Bell Center
- August 9 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon
- August 23 Ice Cream Social

September

- Sept. 13 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon
- Sept. 15 "Back to School" Quiz
- Sept. 25 Variety Show at Sundial
- Sept. 30 Fourth "Life Enrichment" seminar

October

- October 1 Ballroom Dance at Sundial
- October 9 Food Fair & Entertainment at Sun Bowl
- October 11 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon
- October 15 Sun City Players Presentation
- October 17 Sun City Musicians Concert
- October 31 Turkey Barbecue/Halloween Costume Contest at Sun Bowl



Dance the night away! The year's anniversary celebration kicked off in high fashion Jan. 9 at Sundial Recreation Center. Over 750 residents attended an anniversary dinner/dance. Music was provided by a band that featured several original members of the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

November

- Nov. 5-7 Palmbrook Country Club "Hole in One" Tournament
- Nov. 8 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon
- Nov. 13 Sun Cities Chamber Music
- Nov. 17 Women's Invitational Golf Tournament at Lakes West
- Nov. 18 Women's Invitational Golf Tournament at Willowcreek
- Nov. 24-25 Sun City Arts & Crafts Festival at Sundial

December

- Dec. 2 5th "Life Enrichment" Seminar
- Dec. 4-5 21st Women's Senior Championship Bowling Tournament
- Dec. 13 Sun Cities Chamber Music
- Dec. 13 Library Honors Sun City Authors at a Luncheon
- Dec. 15 Christmas Decorated Boat Parade
- Dec. 17 SC 40th Anniversary Finale

Anniversary activities

CELEBRATION TO LAST THROUGHOUT YEAR

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

An ambitious schedule of events is being planned to help Sun City celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The celebration kicked off with a gala dinner/dance and organizers are hoping to finish with a fireworks display at year's end. In between there will be plenty of activities to help Sun Citians mark the community milestone.

The featured event of the year will be a massive golf car parade April 1. Warren Goodrich, former president of the Fiesta Parade, is assisting the 40th Anniversary Steering

Official Headquarters

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee has established its headquarters at a store in the Greenway Terrace Shopping Center, 15456 N. 99th Ave., Sun City.

An updated list of all celebrations and events is available at the facility, as well tickets for the anniversary raffle and a variety of anniversary merchandise and memorabilia.

Call 623-974-1541 for information.

Committee with planning the parade, which will also include antique cars, bands and floats.

The year's kickoff event was a dinner and dance held Jan. 9 at Sundial Recreation Center.

Featuring music by a band that included several original members of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the event

attracted a sell-out crowd of over 700 residents.

The Dance Committee has three other dances planned throughout the year. March 24-25, a dance festival will be held featuring round, square and line dancing. A ballroom dance will be held Sept. 17 and a holiday finale is planned for Dec. 17. That last affair will

also be a ballroom dance.

The April 7 dance will be a day-long affair including dance instructions.

There will be no limit on attendance at the second dance because there will be no dinner, so dining tables will not be covering the dance floor.

In addition, the committee has compiled a commemorative cookbook that contains favorite recipes of Sun City residents.

Two food festivals are planned: one in April and the other in October.

A multitude of other events are also planned and more may be added.

An updated list of activities may be obtained at the committee's headquarters in the Greenway Terrace Shopping Center.

GOLF CAR PARADE TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST

A memorable April Fool's Day is promised Sun Citians by members of the community's 40th Anniversary Committee.

As part of the year-long celebration of Sun City's 40th anniversary, the committee will stage an event April 1 that is sure to touch home with Sun City's residents — a gigantic golf car parade.

The procession of an expected 300 golf cars, mounted units, bicyclists, clowns and bands will step out lively at 10 a.m. from Bell Recreation Center headed for Sundial Recreation Center.

Parade participants will traverse a 2.6-mile route to the finish.

Departing the Bell Recreation Center parking

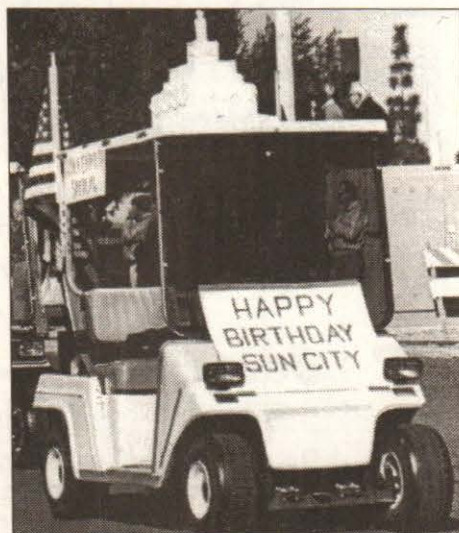


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lot, the procession continues west on Hutton Drive to Del Webb Boulevard, where it will bend south to Burns Avenue and then east to

Boswell Boulevard before ending up in the Sundial parking lot, where refreshments and music will be available.

A parade billed as "the largest golf car parade in the world" is scheduled for April 1 through the streets of Sun City. The event begins at Bell Center and ends at Sundial. At left, a photo taken during a parade celebrating Sun City's 30th birthday.

Parade prizes

Prizes to be given away during the parade:

- Trip for 2 to London.
- Air conditioning/heating unit installed, courtesy Canyon State A/C.
- Set of Michelin Tires, courtesy S & S Tires.
- Microwave oven, courtesy Denny's TV.
- Satellite dish plus installation, courtesy of All American.
- One year of free haircuts by Lakes West Barber Shop.
- Free Cox cable installation, plus three months of free service.
- Free car wash, courtesy Texaco
- \$40 gift certificate at Pickard Travel.
- \$250 food certificate at ABCO.
- \$100 food certificate at Safeway.
- \$100 certificate at A.R. Wilde Fine Jewelry.
- Set of golf car tires, courtesy Big O Tires.

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COOKBOOK TO OFFER A TASTE OF SUN CITY

If you are looking for an interesting recipe, there are plenty available in "What's Cookin'," the cookbook compiled by the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee.

The book, a collection of some of the best recipes of Sun Citians, features a four-page "Glimpse into the First Forty Years," a history of Del Webb's vision for an active retirement lifestyle. The historical reflection was produced by the Sun City Historical Society.

Also contained in the book are a number of helpful hints on the preparation of various foods and cooking processes, including the microwave approach, a page of measurement and substitutions, an equivalency chart, a two-page calorie counter and a glossary of cooking terms.

Recipes are divided into eight categories: appetizers and beverages; soups, salads and vegetables; main dishes

and casseroles; meat, poultry and seafood; breads and rolls; pies, pastries and desserts, cakes, candies and cookies; and healthy choices.

The book sells for \$8 and can be purchased at the 40th Anniversary office located

near ABCO in Greenway Terrace, 154556 N. 99th Ave. It will also be available at several upcoming anniversary events.

Printing of the book is sponsored by Citizens Water Resources, Wells Frago/Norwest Bank and

others and all proceeds go to the Sun City Foundation to offset expenses of the year-long anniversary celebration, and for charities.

Celebration features 'raffle of a lifetime'

An amazing array of prizes, valued at approximately \$100,000, has been gathered for raffling by the 40th Anniversary Committee.

First and foremost among the raffle items is a 2000 Cadillac DeVille. The \$47,000 car has been donated by Lund Cadillac.

The winner of the car will be selected on Dec. 17, and the recipient need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each or three for \$25 and are available at the 40th Anniversary Committee office located near ABCO in Greenway Terrace, 154556 N. 99th Ave.

They will also be sold at all special

events throughout the year. All proceeds will benefit the Sun City Foundation and will be used to defray costs of 40th anniversary events.

Other prizes to be awarded in raffles include a year's supply of gas, provided by Sun City Unocal; a trip for two to London, furnished by British Airways; a trip through the Panama Canal, furnished by Ford's Travel; a large-screen television, donated by Circuit City; a trip to the Amazon, provided by Bob Kenney's Worldwide Travel Service, a golf car, donated by Pohle NV Center and a handmade quilt, donated by the Sun City Creative Quilter's Club.

CELEBRATION CONTINUES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee continues its yearlong celebration with a special St. Patrick's Day concert at the Sun Bowl.

The program, "Luck of the Irish," begins at 6:30 p.m. at the outdoor facility, located at 107th Avenue and Clair Drive.

Rich Bailey and His Irish Ramblers will be the featured performers. The musical troupe performs a variety of Irish/Celtic folk songs and ballads, using such instruments as the five-string banjo, guitar, man-

dolin and tenor banjo bazoucki.

Also performing will be the Irish dance team of Mary Corcoran and Anne-Marie McNulty.

The two are graduates of the Bracken School of Irish Dancers.

Also scheduled to appear are the Sun City Poms dance troupe and the Sun City Precision Drill Team.

Admission is free.

Those who attend are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit upon.



The Sun City Poms perform in a special St. Patrick's Day concert March 17 at the Sun Bowl, 107th Avenue and Clair Drive.

Dinner/dance kicks off year of celebration



At left, Dutch and Dee Schultz of Sun City kick up their heels during a dinner-dance held Jan. 9 to kick off the 40th anniversary celebration. The event, held at Sundial Center, attracted over 750 residents. Former Suns basketball star Tom Chambers, below, was on hand and music was performed by a band from Laughlin, Nev.



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SCAT OFFERS TRANSPORTATION TO ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The 40th Anniversary Committee has arranged with Sun Cities Area Transit to provide transportation to the myriad events planned throughout the year, many of which are slated for nights and weekends, when SCAT does normally not operate.

The cost of the service will be \$2.50 each way, the same as the dial-a-ride service's regular fare.

"It is a wonderful service," said Marge Murphy, committee member, who arranged for the SCAT service.

Mrs. Murphy, who serves on the Sun City Home Owners Association Transportation Committee with Tom Profico, SCAT executive director, proposed the service to Mr. Profico, who was amenable.



Photo by Bret McKeand/Independent Newspaper

Long before Sun Cities Area Transit acquired its present fleet of modern transit vehicles, the local dial-a-ride often used vehicles donated by residents. In a 1985 photo, SCAT President Chuck McKinnis accepted the keys to a vehicle owned by resident Beverly Caron. SCAT is now offering transportation to any anniversary event — but don't worry, the trip won't be made in this 1968 Oldsmobile.

People seeking a ride to an event must reserve space at least three days prior to the activity, according to

Mrs. Murphy, by calling the Anniversary Committee office at 974-1541 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The anniversary committee is offering a \$1 discount to all anniversary events. The discount can be found in advertisements in the local newspapers, as well as in this commemorative booklet.

Lila Stephens of the Sun City Ambassadors has been training volunteers to obtain the necessary information when answering the calls.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to attend some of these anniversary events," Mrs. Murphy said.

"We hope the people appreciate what SCAT is doing for the community and will donate to them."

ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITIES

Residents can show their support for the community's 40th anniversary long after the celebrations and events end.

The 40th Anniversary Committee is selling a variety of commemorative clothing and merchandise, including T-shirts and caps.

T-shirts, bearing the Max Gimpel-designed logo on the back, are priced at \$7 each. The golf shirts, also bearing the logo, sell for \$11 apiece and the hats are \$5 each.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors granted permission for the Anniversary Committee to sell the commemorative clothing at the Riverview Pro Shop. Proceeds will be

turned over to the committee and the Sun City Foundation to fund 40th anniversary celebration events.

The help of the Foundation was enlisted to allow donations for the 40th anniversary celebration to

be tax-deductible.

"These items make wonderful commemorative gifts," said Doug Caravaggio, a committee member.

"We want to see everyone wearing these 40th anniversary items."

Items will be on sale throughout the year, according to the Rev. Fran Park, committee chairman.

"If we run out of items, we will reorder them," he said.



The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee is selling a variety of commemorative merchandise throughout the year. Proceeds will be donated to charity. Items may be purchased at the anniversary headquarters in Greenway Terrace Shopping Center.

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RESTAURANTS OFFER ANNIVERSARY 'SPECIALS'

Several area restaurants are offering "Anniversary Specials" throughout 2000. Following is a list of restaurants and their specials:

March

Little Bite of Italy,
15462 N. 99th Ave.,
Sun City: Free dessert
with meal.

April

**Brothers
Restaurant,** 8466 W.
Peoria Ave., Peoria:
Two pancakes or french
toast, two bacon or

sausage, two eggs —
\$2.39.

May

**Nancy's Country
Cupboard,** 15400 N.
99th Ave., Sun City: \$1
off New York Steak.

June

Royal Cafe, 10793
W. Grand Ave., Sun
City: Stack of pancakes
with bacon or sausage
— \$1.89.

July

JiMichael's Diner,
13039 N. 103rd Ave.,
Sun City: Belgian

Waffle for \$1.89.

August

Garden Cafe, 13634
N. 99th Ave., Sun City:
Coffee only 24 cents
with breakfast or lunch.

September

Bobbie's Cafe,
10001 W. Bell Road,
Sun City: 10 % off reg-
ular lunch or dinner.

October

**Carmellio's Cheese
House,** 15450 N. 99th
Ave., Sun City: Free
coffee or small drink
with purchase of sand-

wich.

November

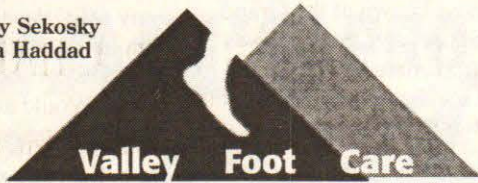
Lovin' Touch,
10746 W. Bell Road,
Sun City: Coffee only
25 cents with meal.

December

**Hot Wok Chinese
Restaurant,** 9420 W.
Bell Road: Free egg
roll with \$5 dinner or
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Sun City History

SUN CITY: 40 YEARS OF SUCCESS!

Del Webb's Vision continues to thrive after four decades

By **Bret McKeand**
Independent Newspapers

January 1, 1960. Dawn of a new decade and dawn of a new era for retirees.

For it was on that day that the Del E. Webb Development Company began selling homes for its newest project: An active adult retirement community.

The community, called Sun City, was the first of its kind in the nation. The first of its kind in the world, for that matter.

Located west of Phoenix, the new community was the brainchild of the company's founder, Delbert Eugene Webb. Although based in Phoenix, the company was already well-known throughout the nation.

In addition to building many of Arizona's most famous buildings and properties (include Luke Air Force Base), the company had a major hand in building hotels, resorts and casinos in Las Vegas and other parts of the country.

A sports enthusiasts, Del Webb's fame and fortune allowed him to sponsor Indianapolis "500" and Daytona race cars, as well as own the famed New York Yankees for a stretch.

But build an entire community for a specific group of people? That was an entirely new concept altogether.

Spurred on by the early

National attention.
Time magazine profiled Sun City and its founder Del E. Webb in its August 3, 1962 edition. The stories talked about the growing strength of the senior population and referred to Sun City residents as "original settlers."



success of Youngtown, established in 1955, Webb Company officials developed the idea of taking the "retirement" community concept to the next level. Youngtown was created for retirees living on minimal, fixed incomes. The homes were small, the amenities were non-existent.

Del Webb toyed with the idea of creating a self-sustaining community that would be all-encompassing with affordable housing and recreation.

The work begins

In the late 1950s the company acquired 20,000 acres of land adjacent to Youngtown. The land, owned by the Boswell Company, was part of a town once known as Marinette and used primarily for farming cotton.

In 1959 the Webb Company began work on the then-unnamed community. First to be built was a shopping center, followed by a golf course and a recreation center. That simple pattern — small neighbor-

hoods built close to recreational and shopping amenities — would set the stage for all master-planned retirement communities to follow.

The shopping center — now known at the Grand Shopping Center — was constructed at 107th and Grand avenues. Behind that was the first recreation cen-

ter — then known as the Civic Association but today called Oakmont — followed by five fresh new model homes. Behind the recreation center was North Golf Course.

The community didn't get its name until about a month prior to its Jan. 1 grand opening. The new project was called the "Marinette Retirement Community" until a new name could be found.

A nationwide contest was held to name the community and, as legend has it, Del Webb himself selected the winning name after seeing it among the thousands of entries.

Opening day success

Despite a massive nationwide advertising blitz prior to the opening, company officials still had their doubts about the eventual success of their newest project. Would anyone show up on opening day?



Opening weekend 1960. Thousands of curious retirees visited what was then a community of two streets, one shopping center, one rec center and five model homes. Motorists turn left off Grand Avenue on 107th Avenue. At right is the Grand Shopping Center with the model homes and Oakmont Recreation Center behind.



File photo

Welcome to Sun City. The intersection of 107th and Grand avenues was once considered the main entrance to Sun City. Above is the original welcoming sign that consisted of a water fountain to greet visitors to the community.

Their fears were quickly calmed. By early morning thousands of cars were lined up along Grand Avenue to view this new creation. A traffic jam starting at 107th Avenue continued east all the way back into the little town of Peoria.

According to Webb records, over 100,000 visitors toured the new model homes during the first three days of the grand opening. Incredibly, 237 homes were sold during that first three-day weekend.

Sun City was an immediate and overwhelming success!

According to the Sun Cities Historical Society, Wendell and Emilie Draser were the first residents to move into their new Sun City home. Records also reveal that many of the first weekend's buyers purchased more than one home at the same time. Others who bought homes that first weekend would go on to buy several more homes in Sun City — changing

homes as the Webb Company changed model styles.

The community grew quickly. By the end of the first month, the company had sold all 400 of the homes scheduled to be built in the first year. A second phase consisting of 675 homes was quickly put together.

The company had planned to sell 1,700 homes

in its first three years of marketing Sun City. By the end of 1960, a total of 2,000 homes had been purchased.

According to the book, "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City," 59 days after it first opened, Sun City was billed as Arizona's "fastest growing city."

Sun City's initial success earned national attention. The community was highlighted in newspaper and magazine articles throughout the country, featured on the national news and profiled on TV shows. Del Webb was even featured on a 1962 cover of *Time* magazine.

A friendly community

The positive publicity showered on the community certainly attributed to its continual popularity, but word of mouth played a key role in Sun City's success. Those who purchased homes after 1960 were often friends of those already living in Sun City. Friends told their friends who in turn told their friends about this new and exciting lifestyle.

Many of the remaining pioneers, in fact, fondly



File photo

Recreational amenities — whether it was golf or lawn bowling — played a key role in attracting residents to the new concept of active retirement living.

Early pioneers: Where did they come from?

The following states contributed the most new homebuyers to Sun City in 1960 and 1961:

State	'60	'61
1. Arizona	172	115
2. California	141	146
3. Illinois	90	68
4. Colorado	55	38
5. Minnesota	45	22
6. Ohio	36	37
7. Michigan	33	22
8. Wisconsin	33	18
9. Washington	32	38
10. Iowa	30	32

Source: Jane Freeman, Sun Cities Historical Society

recall how close-knit the community was back in the early 1960s. Friendship, socializing, recreation and fun were — and continue to be — the main staples of living in Sun City.

Various social- and arts-related clubs began to organize. Neighbors and friends gathered at the recreation center to celebrate special occasions and holidays.

Early pioneers recall the first Easter Sunrise Service (a tradition that remains to this day), Chow Night at the rec center, weekly "songfests," newcomer coffees and a minstrel show comprised of residents.

A theater for residents to entertain each other — and to be entertained — began with the construction of the community's second recreation center, Town Hall Recreation Center (known today as Fairway Recreation Center).

The new facility boasted of an outdoor Greek theater. That facility would later be replaced by the Sun Bowl, which would host such big-name stars as Lawrence Welk, Rich Little,

Rosemary Clooney, Guy Lomardo and Bob Hope.

Webb would continue its tradition of building entertainment venues with the massive Sundome Center for Performing Arts once the company began work on Sun City West.

The community grows

The Webb Company added recreation centers, golf courses and shopping facilities as Sun City grew.

By 1968, the company had constructed three recreation centers in Sun City: Oakmont, Fairway and the new Mountain View Center. But strange as it may seem today, the three recreation centers were separate entities controlled by three separate boards.

The Del Webb Corporation was quick to turn over ownership of its recreation centers to the residents. But the original recreation centers were assigned to specific units or neighborhoods. At one point, residents living in one Sun City neighborhood



An oasis in the middle of the desert. Viewpoint Lake, with Lookout Mountain and Lakeview Recreation Center off in the distance, under construction in the early 1970s.

were restricted to using one specific recreation center — and prohibited from using another center.

All that changed in 1968 when the community voted to bring all three existing recreational centers under one non-profit organization. That organization would later become the Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc.

The unification also brought about another novel concept that would eventually be adopted by every other builder of master-planned communities: An assessment on all residents to help pay for the recreational amenities.

By the late 1960s the Webb Company began building homes north of Grand Avenue. Lakeview Recreation Center opened in 1970 and within three years the company had begun work on Sundial and Bell Recreation Centers.

A final facility, Marinette Recreation Center, would open in 1979.

Commercial growth

As the population grew, so did the need for a variety

of services: Shopping, medical, dining and long-term care.

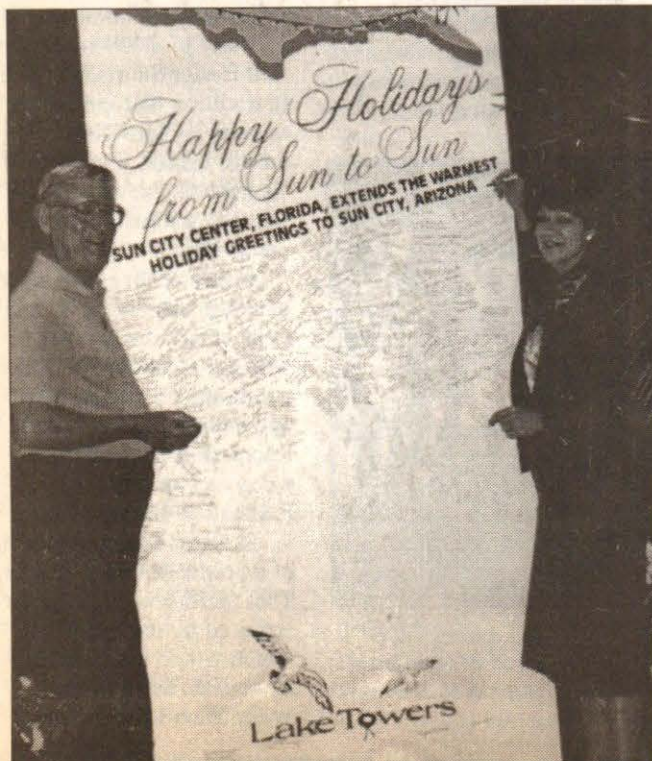
The community's first church was United Church of Sun City. Its first retirement home was Sun Valley Lodge. Its first hotel was the Hiway House, which also served as a restaurant and an apartment for those waiting for their homes to be built (not to mention the Sun City headquarters for Del Webb).

But as the population grew, so did the need for a major health-care facility. The nearest hospital was in Glendale, which was a bit too far for a community consisting entirely of senior citizens.

A committee to examine the idea of building a Sun City hospital was established in 1966. The hospital was originally to be located on the corner of 103rd and Grand avenues (the present site of Sun Valley Lodge).

A community fund drive capped off by a \$1.2 million donation from the James G. Boswell Foundation — named after the man who once owned the land where Sun City now existed — allowed for the creation of Boswell Hospital. Ground was broken in 1969 and the facility's first two towers were opened in 1970.

The success of Sun City prompted the Webb Company to quickly build a Sun City, Calif. and Sun City, Fla. In 1978 the com-



Sun City, Ariz. was the first — but it wasn't the last "Sun City" community built by Del E. Webb. Similar communities quickly followed in California and Florida and later in Tucson, Las Vegas and other parts of the nation. Two of the most successful Sun City "clones" are right here in Maricopa County: Sun City West and Sun City Grand. In a photo taken during the mid-1980s, Sharon Speck of Sun City, Fla. delivers holiday greetings to Robert Knorpp, executive director of the Sun City Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Bret McKeand/INdependent Newspapers

pany purchased more land west of Sun City and began working on Sun City West. Since then, additional "Sun City" communities have been created by the Webb Corporation in Arizona, Nevada, Texas, South Carolina and Illinois.

'City of Volunteers'

Forty years later, Sun City is still best known for its volunteer spirit.

The community remains unincorporated and has always depended on its own citizens for required services.

Most of the needed health-care services in the community were built with funds donated by residents. Sun Valley Lodge, the community's first retirement home, was and still is primarily funded by resident donations.

The Sun City Prides



In the late 1970s: Sun City and Del Webb officials point to the location of the community's newest health-care facility. The facility would become Royal Oaks Life-Care Community.

keep the streets clean and tidy. The Sheriff's Posse of Sun City helps the Maricopa County Sheriff's patrol the community's streets and plays a major role in maintaining one of

the lowest crime rates in the nation.

Boswell Hospital and its parent, the Sun Health Corp., maintains one of largest volunteer forces in the nation to help with day-

to-day operations, saving the health-care institution millions of dollars each year.

Residents oversee the community's three most important civic groups: The Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc., the Sun City Home Owners Association and the Sun City Taxpayers Association. As other needs for services arose over the years, Sun City residents were quick to organize and find solutions.

Sun and fun may have been the initial attraction to Sun City 40 years ago. But the strength of Sun City's residents and their enduring ability to take care of one another may be the key to the community's continued success — and the primary difference between it and all those since who have tried to imitate Del Webb's vision.



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Sun City History

DEL WEBB: A MAN OF VISION

Longtime confidante fondly recalls genius of Sun City's builder

By **TOM BARRY**
Independent Newspapers

When the barricades to the main entrance to Sun City were removed on New Year's Day 1960 at the corner of 107th and Grand avenues, there was a virtual traffic jam that extended for miles to the Peoria city limits.

It heralded the opening of what has become the hallmark of active adult retirement communities, an unprecedented concept that today is synonymous with the name Del E. Webb.

But, until that auspicious day 40 years ago, Mr. Webb himself was still uncertain about its eventual success. Any doubts were quickly erased when he arrived to witness an endless throng of people lined up at the tiny sales office eager to buy into the lifestyle offered by the new community northwest of Phoenix.

Sun City was the first of its kind in the nation. Mr. Webb soon made the cover of *Time* as the magazine proclaimed Sun City "A new way of life for the old."

Among those who joined Del Webb to celebrate Sun City's opening were rancher Jim Boswell, a partner in the joint venture called Del E. Webb Development Co., and R.H. "Bob" Johnson, a name recognizable to Sun City West residents as that ascribed to the town's main boulevard, recreation center and library.

Builder Del E. Webb founded a construction empire that built homes, buildings and resorts throughout the nation.

His work brought him fame and fortune and at one time he even owned the New York Yankees baseball team. But one of his proudest accomplishments was the founding of a city — and a retirement lifestyle — called Sun City.



But to Del Webb, himself, R.H. Johnson was his most senior executive, trusted confidante and longtime friend. It was Bob Johnson who helped carry out Mr. Webb's unique vision of Sun City.

"It was really a departure for us," recalled Mr. Johnson. "We'd built a few master-planned communities. But until then, we hadn't been involved with a project as novel as Sun City."

But he said Mr. Webb was a determined, driven man who had already achieved notoriety as one of the nation's most prolific and successful builders. During the 1950s and '60s, the company had virtually changed the Phoenix skyline, having constructed its first high-rise office buildings.

"Del was a doer, he loved to work. And he liked to surround himself with competent people who could deliver the goods."

Bob Johnson was no stranger to Del Webb. He first met the builder in 1935

while a student at a Phoenix business college. In order to pay his way through school, he took a part-time job as secretary for the Arizona General Contractors Association, of which Mr. Webb was president at the time.

"He was talking for quite a long stretch and I was copiously taking notes. Then, he suddenly stopped and asked me to read back the notes. I don't think he believed I'd managed to keep up," said Mr. Johnson. "I read back to him every word he'd said."

Impressed by his diligence, Mr. Webb hired the youthful Bob Johnson on the spot as an assistant to the executive secretary at the company's Phoenix headquarters. The starting pay was \$75 a month. He quickly proved himself a capable employee and within a month his salary was boosted to \$135 a month.

Recognizing his potential value to the company, however, Mr. Webb interceded again. "He told me there's no future in being a secre-

tary to a secretary, so he made me a timekeeper," said Mr. Johnson.

"But, as a field employee, my pay went back to \$75 a month. At first, I wasn't sure if it was a promotion or a demotion."

But Mr. Johnson said Del Webb was a very loyal and generous employer. "He was truly people-oriented and took good care of all of his employees."

"Although he was extremely intelligent, Del also was very superstitious," he said. "It was bad luck to put a hat on the bed, and you never put the phone on the edge of the bed. It could squirrel a deal."

As a timekeeper, Mr. Johnson's primary responsibility was to make certain all Webb projects ran efficiently and on time. During World War II, the company grew rapidly in scope and size, from building dormitories at Northern Arizona University to expanding Luke Air Force Base near Litchfield Park.

By 1942, Mr. Johnson was promoted to manager of Webb's California operations, which was busily engaged with defense-related building contracts.

The post-war era proved even more lucrative. In 1946, he helped oversee construction of the first lavish resort on the Las Vegas Strip, the Flamingo Hotel which was headed by legendary underworld figure Bugsy Siegel.

During the 1960s and '70s, the Webb Company built Madison Square Garden; Chris-Town in Phoenix, the West's first enclosed shopping mall; the

44,000-seat Anaheim Stadium; numerous hospitals, including five Veterans Administration hospitals and Maricopa County General Hospital; the Pasadena Museum of Art; and lavish resorts, including the Kuilima Hotel in Hawaii.

In 1967, Bob Johnson was elected president of what had become Del E. Webb Corp., which also diversified into the hotel and gaming industries. It built and owned such luxury hotels as the Beverly Hilton, Scottsdale's Mountain Shadows Resort and the Wahweap Resort on Lake Powell.

Its gaming division also made a significant impact in Nevada with such hotel-casinos as the Sahara in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe, the 17-story Mint (which was

then the tallest building in the state), Thunderbird Hotel in Vegas, Reno's Primadonna, and the Nevada Club in Laughlin (now the Golden Nugget).

But, by 1973, his health began to deteriorate and Mr. Webb was no longer able to continue his frenetic pace. He stepped down as chief executive officer and was succeeded by his longtime friend and trusted employee, Bob Johnson.

Del Webb died of prostate cancer on July 4, 1974, at the age of 75. Mr. Johnson succeeded him as chairman of the board. Mr. Johnson retired from Del E. Webb Corp. in 1980, but remained as president of Wickenburg-based Del E. Webb Foundation, which was established in 1961 to administer Mr. Webb's sizeable estate.

"He had no children of his own, so he took a keen interest in many charitable endeavors, especially youth-related organizations like the Boys and Girls Club," said Mr. Johnson, who continues at the foundation's helm.

Over the years, the foundation has assisted with sizeable donations to Sun City area projects, including Boswell and Del E. Webb Memorial hospitals among others.

"He was a fantastic man — kind, caring, soft-spoken and dedicated. In the 42 years that I'd known him I'd never heard him ever speak ill of anyone," said Mr. Johnson, now 84.

"It's hard to imagine that he would be 100 years old today."

In spite of the diversity of

his countless undertakings, Mr. Johnson said Del Webb never lost his enthusiasm for arguably his most successful enterprise — the building of adult retirement communities. Today, there are numerous Sun Cities from California to Florida that represent a lasting legacy to his unique vision.

"Of all of his projects, I dare say that Sun City was his proudest. It's also the one by which we all remember him."

Editor's note:

R.H. Johnson was interviewed for this story in January of this year and this story originally was published in the Sun Cities Independent shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson passed away last month.

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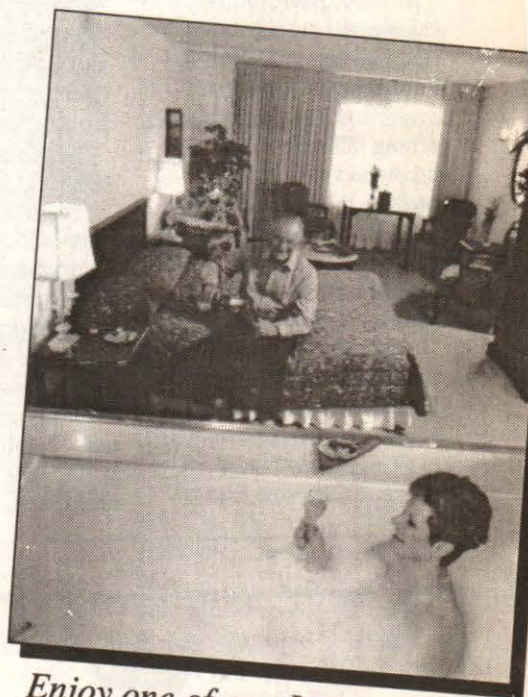
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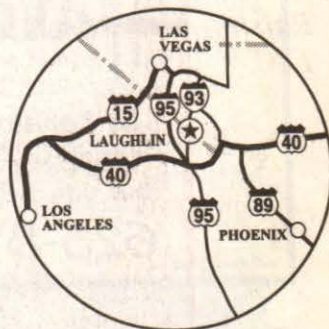
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Sun City history

SUN CITIANS RING THE BELL FOR LIBERTY

Liberty Bell replica only one in world available to public

By **BRET McKEAND**
Independent Newspapers

The replica of the famed Philadelphia Liberty Bell that sits in Sun City's Memorial Garden represents more than just national freedom and independence.

It also stands as a testament to community spirit and what can be accomplished when a group of citizens unite for a common goal.

Most residents are familiar with the history surrounding the nation's Liberty Bell, but few know how Sun City came to own an exact replica of the national shrine and even fewer understand the significance behind the monument.

The idea for the Liberty Bell, which rests at Bell Recreation Center, was first generated 25 years ago by a group of Sun City residents searching for ways to mark the nation's bicentennial. The Bicentennial Committee, says one local historian, "wanted to do something special, something that would last" long after the bicentennial-year festivities ended.

"There were a lot of ideas kicked about, but the Liberty Bell seemed the most exciting to everyone," says Jane Freeman, one of the founders of the Sun Cities Historical Society and author of "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City."



Photo by Bret McKeand/Independent Newspaper

An exact replica of the Liberty Bell stands in Memorial Garden at Bell Recreation Center. Residents are invited at any time to tug the rope and ring the bell.

Approximately 120 Sun City residents from various organizations and clubs participated in the effort to develop some sort of local monument. Although no one now remembers who actually came up with the idea of building a replica of the Liberty Bell, the eventual proposal was popular amongst committee members and would later receive

the most votes in a poll conducted by the local newspaper.

The Del E. Webb Company agreed to pay all construction costs but residents, too, wanted to be part of the project.

"So we came up with the idea of asking residents to donate the metal (to be used to make the bell). We thought this would be a way

for all Sun Citians to participate," recalls Ms. Freeman.

On Jan. 15, 1976, thousands of residents brought their metal donations to the Sun City Stadium, located at that time on the corner of 111th and Grand avenues. According to "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City," over 1,500 residents contributed a total of 7,000 pounds of metal to the cause.

The metal was sent to a foundry in Philadelphia and then to Holland where the bell was eventually cast in the same mold used to construct the original Philadelphia bell.

The bell was returned to Sun City on July 5, 1976 and officially dedicated on Nov. 15, 1976. A time capsule was sealed in its base and is scheduled to be open in the year 2026.

According to Ms. Freeman, the "Ring That Bell" ceremony began five years later at the urging of Doug Morris, editor of the local newspaper, the *Sun City Citizen*. Mr. Morris wrote an editorial castigating residents for walking by the bell without even giving

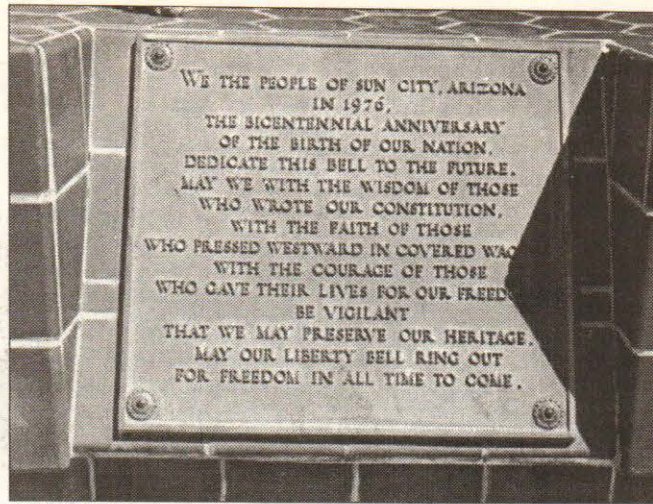


The Liberty Bell is the focal point of the community's annual "Ring that Bell" Ceremony held every Fourth of July in Memorial Garden.

it a cursory glance, much less making it chime.

Mr. Morris would take pride in saying that Sun City's bell was the only replica of the Liberty Bell in the world that the public was allowed to touch and ring. Ms. Freeman says no one has ever been able to prove — or disprove — the statement, but it did go a long way toward prompting residents to ring the bell.

It was one of Mr. Morris's editorials that served as the impetus behind the annual "Ring



The plaque on the base of the Liberty Bell.

That Bell" ceremony.

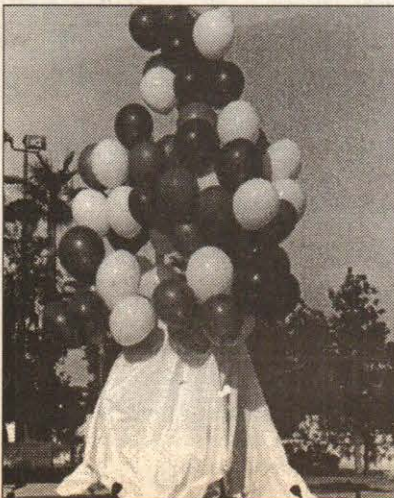
The ceremony, held annually for the past 23 years at Bell Recreation Center, always ends with audience members taking turns "ringing the bell" for freedom.

Until his death a few years ago, Mr. Morris served as the program's emcee.

Proud of his role in organizing the Fourth of July ceremony, Mr. Morris encouraged residents to ring the bell every day of the year, not just on July 4th.

A memorial to Mr. Webb

The statue of Del E. Webb that now rests in Memorial Garden was designed and created by Scottsdale artist James Farley. At right is an early working model and at far right the artist begins work on the final sculpture in the backyard of his home. Below, the 1981 dedication ceremony. Below left, the statue is about to be unveiled. Below right, John Meeker, president of the Del E. Webb Development Co., dedicates the statue in memory of the founder of Sun City.



Sun City history

SUN CITY PIONEERS RECALL EARLY DAYS

By LORA BERRY
Independent Newspapers

The lifestyle that drew retirees to Sun City in 1960 is still a major attraction to those over 55 years of age.

"The lifestyle — the activities, amenities and excellent health care are still the same as they were 40 years ago," said Jane Freeman, founder of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Along with the excellent health care available in the area, "the weather is still a big draw," agrees Phyllis Street, current president of the Historical Society.

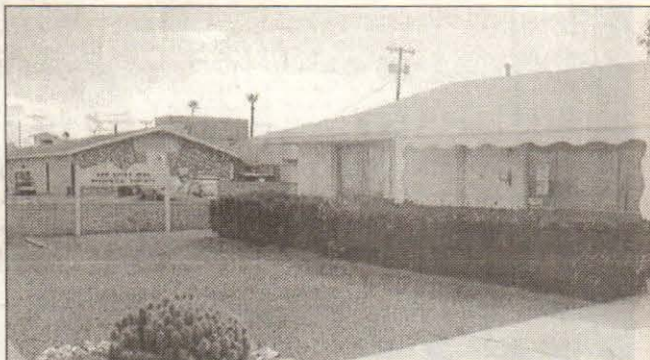
The job market in the Valley is also appealing for those 55 years of age who are still working, and like the community of Sun City.

"Our Old House," at 10801 Oakmont Ave. was Del Webb's first model home and it was furnished and ready to show on opening day, Jan. 1, 1960. It now houses The Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Early Sun Citians are proud of their pioneer spirits, and the Historical Society has documented the milestones, and saved information about the retirees who moved to a new area of the country and a new, active lifestyle — Del Webb's Sun City.

Mrs. Street and Mrs. Freeman remember the days when the Sun Bowl drew big name acts, such as Lawrence Welk and Roger Williams.

"We had wonderful, free concerts," said Mrs. Freeman. But now most of the big names go to the



The Sun Cities Historical Society is located in the very first model home ever built in Sun City — 10801 Oakmont Drive.

Sundome, which is owned by Arizona State University.

A poll was taken in 1960, and of the 1,050 residents it was found that 108 of them were in sales, 21 were military retirees and the remainder were of various other occupations.

Perhaps many of those salesmen worked for Del Webb as did John W. Dodt. "My husband was one of Del Webb's first salesmen. The Historical Society has a brochure with my husband's card still in it," said Ina Dodt, a Sun City pioneer.

Mrs. Dodt and her husband moved to Sun City in 1960 and were married for 63 years. "I still live in the same house and I love it!" she said. Mrs. Dodt was a hostess for Del Webb, waiting for prospects to arrive.

Mrs. Dodt finds it a little harder to get around now than when she first moved to Sun City.

"There's lots more traffic, because of the growth," she noted. Mrs. Dodt doesn't let traffic stand in her way. She has friends in Sun City, and friends from her church, and she gets out to attend parties and special

events.

During Sun City's 35th Anniversary Grand Old West Fest Parade, Marshal Ina Dodt was joined by fellow parade Marshal's Naomi and Bill Langdon. The Langdons are also Sun City pioneers, with family ties in Youngtown, where Mr. Langdon's parents lived. Forty years after Sun City's origination, the Langdons still reside here.

Mr. Langdon, a former schoolteacher for 30 years and part-time cowboy, taught fifth grade in the Peoria School District and worked on ranches in the west Valley during summer

breaks. Mrs. Langdon was a manicurist at a hair salon in Youngtown.

The Langdons live in their original Sun City home, purchased in September 1960. Now they have an addition, a fireplace, gardens, and cowboy art that Mr. Langdon collects.

Sun City has "grown real, real, fast. They started building Sun City across the tracks and it's grown since then and didn't stop," said Mrs. Langdon.

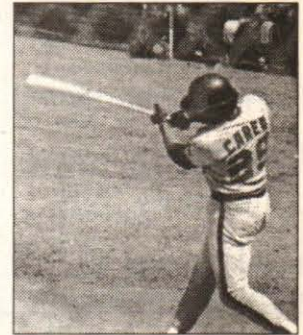
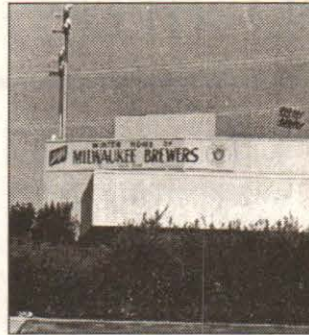
Sun Citian Evelyn Grace Havlik's parents moved to Sun City in 1965. "If you had told me when my mom and dad moved out here that I would want to move here and not live anywhere else, I would have said that you were crazy," said Mrs. Havlik. She has three sons and she thinks they might eventually like to live here, too.

Mrs. Havlik's father, Alfred Kabica, painted the mural that graces the Sundome's lobby. The mural is his depiction of how the earth began and how it will end if we don't take care of it.



Naomi and Bill Langdon, residents of Sun City since 1960.

Memories of past springs



Sun City at one time was the spring home to the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team. Thousands of fans would pack Sun City Stadium, located at 111th and Grand avenues, to watch Hall of Fame greats such as Hank Arron, right. At far right, a resident watches as the stadium is demolished in the early 1990s.



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'CITY OF VOLUNTEERS' MORE THAN A SLOGAN

Civic leader coined phrase to honor community spirit

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

Signs at most entrances to the community proclaim Sun City's commitment to volunteerism.

But how did Sun City become known as the "City of Volunteers?"

George Hartman, a Sun City resident since 1977, is responsible.

He coined the phrase in 1993 and signs were erected by Maricopa County in June of that year, he recalls.

"We were having trouble in the community regarding the image outside the community. Some people thought we were snobs and didn't like children," Mr. Hartman says. "So I thought we needed something to counter that." Thus, the moniker was born.

Mr. Hartman set about to determine how many dollars the county saved annually by having Sun Citians provide volunteers services, through such organizations as the Sun City Posse and PRIDES.

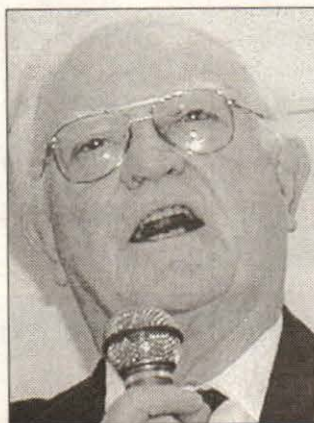
"I figured there was a saving to the county of \$13 to \$15 million with work supplied by volunteers," he says.

The volunteer efforts paid off not only in savings for the county but in an improved image for Sun City, according to Mr. Hartman.

Affixing the label "City of Volunteers" began "to

I figured there was a saving to the county of \$13 to \$15 million with work supplied by volunteers.

George Hartman,
Creator of the "City of Volunteers" slogan



change the thinking about Sun City," Mr. Hartman notes. "Eventually, the thinking caught on."

When the slogan was adopted, a concerted effort was made to get the message conveyed.

"We started asking everyone to put it on letterhead," Mr. Hartman remembers.

The public relations effort paid off as Sun City began receiving wide recognition for its high level of volunteer participation.

Sun City's volunteerism has returned to the forefront through the massive effort involved with planning and staging the wide array of events planned for the community's 40th anniversary celebration.

The celebration would not have gotten beyond the formative stage were it not for the cadre of volunteers, Mr. Hartman points out.

One of those cadre of volunteers is Mr. Hartman, who has given much to the community since his move here from Encino, Calif.

During his 23 years of residence in Sun City, Mr. Hartman served two terms

on the Sun City Home Owners Association board of directors, as a director for the Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc., as a director for Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona, as a director for the Red Cross and as a member of the Community Fund board of directors.

He is also a past president of the Sun City Foundation and the Lions Club.

He not only remains active as a volunteer but he tries to stir people within the community to action through talks on volunteerism he delivers to various organizations in Sun

City.

During his more than two decades of living in Sun City, Mr. Hartman has not noticed a diminished desire among residents to volunteer, but he has seen a reduction in the number of people who do lend their time.

He does not necessarily attribute that to a self-centered or selfish attitude on the part of the residents, but to the lack of organization's soliciting help.

"You have to ask the new people coming into the community to volunteer," Mr. Hartman says. "In our day, you just did it."

"Also, a lot of the new residents are still working," he adds. "I don't see any reduction in the willingness of people."

He acknowledges that Sun City's service clubs have had difficulty attracting new members but he is convinced people would be willing to volunteer their time and energy to the community if asked.

"If we are to continue with volunteers, we must start asking for volunteers," he emphasizes.



A special salute to Sun City volunteers was held Feb. 14 at the Sun Bowl. Residents who volunteer their time to worthy causes were treated to lunch and entertainment.

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VOLUNTEERISM IN SUN CITY: BREAKING IT DOWN

Sun City is known as the "City of Volunteers." Based on data provided by approximately 75 responding organizations, the 40th Anniversary Committee found out just how true that slogan really is.

Following is a breakdown on volunteerism in Sun City. Organizations were classified in specific categories:

Churches & Synagogues

Based on 18 responses

Volunteers:3,596
Hours per year:2,456,050
Economic value: ...\$12,280,000

Service to Handicapped/Needy

Based on 7 responses

Volunteers:796
Hours per year:202,300
Economic Value: ...\$1,011,000

Hospital and Care Centers:

Based on 13 responses

Sun City Volunteers:2,340
Hours Per Year:413,300
Economic Value:\$1,735,750

Community Service

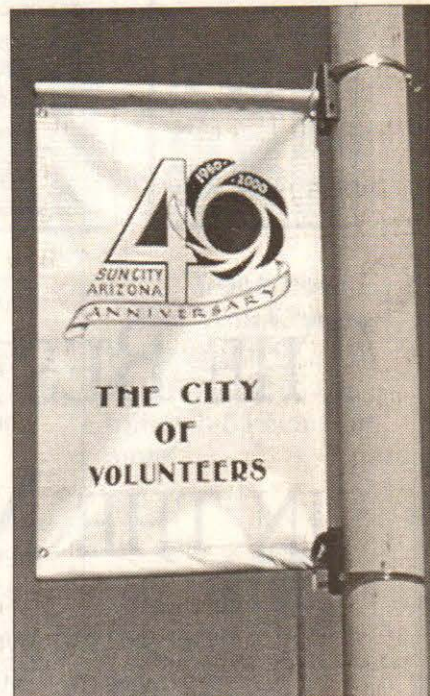
Based on 24 responses

Sun City Volunteers:1,866
Hours Per Year:94,100
Economic Value:\$2,028,700

Total of All Responses

Sun City Volunteers:8,598
Hours Per Year:3,465,750
Economic Value: ..\$17,250,000

Source: Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee. Figures do not include any service clubs, schools and only about half of the known organizations that use volunteers.



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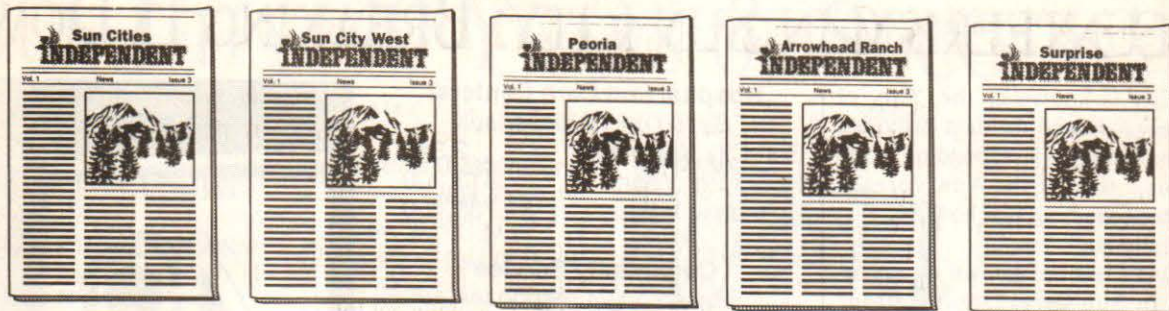
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In 1973 a group of Sun City residents banded together to patrol the streets as a deterrent to crime. A year later the Posse was formed. Like Sun City itself, the Posse has expanded tremendously to serve the growing needs of the com-

munity.

At first, 52 men and women in civilian clothes patrolled in private cars with their own citizen's band radios. Today the Sun City Sheriff's Posse has 170 uniformed members, 15 fully equipped patrol cars, its own radio station and an administration building.

Using its 9-1-1 monitor, the Posse responds to all fire and medical calls, as well as accidents in Sun City. Other services include:

- Vacation Watch to check Sun City houses while occupants are away for any length of time.

- Funeral Watch where a Posse member will stand

security watch while residents attend local funeral or memorial services.

- Block Watch programs, whereby Posse members explain and assist in creating the program that promotes neighbors looking out for each other.

- Home Security Checks — both inside and out — that provide residents with suggestions on how to upgrade a home's security.

The Posse does not receive any county, state or federal funds to carry out its programs and all Posse members are unpaid volunteers.

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Sunshine Service is a non-profit corporation and is funded entirely by voluntary contributions and memorial gifts. No federal, state or municipal funds have ever been requested or received.

The roots of the agency date back to 1961 when the Sun City Civic Association (now the Home Owners Association) appointed a Sunshine Committee.

Within a year, there was an apparent need for hospital beds, which rented for \$35 a month, wheelchairs, canes, etc.

The committee purchased four hospital beds for \$25 each, along with walkers and other second-hand equipment and residents began to donate items. The first bed and wheelchair were loaned out on April 2, 1962.

All equipment was stored in the apartment of the Rev. Duane Thistlethwaite, committee chairman, who went



Sunshine Service Board of Directors for 2000, from left, seated, Audrey Hanks, vice president; Theodore Olson, president. Standing, from left, Frank Simlik, Colonel Vause, treasurer; Ralph Gerber, secretary; Janet Spooner, Ronald Powell, Martha Dale, Arlene Porter and James Sinclair.

on to serve for 17 years as president of Sunshine Service.

Today, the agency occupies a building with 22,000 square feet of warehouse and office space.

Sunshine Service equipment is used in about 2,800

homes each year.

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The Rev. Duane Thistlethwaite, one of the early founders of Sunshine Service.



A look back: Sun City's first church

United Church of Sun City has the distinction of being the community's first church. The photo at right shows the church as it prepared to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1985.



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City of Volunteers

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From early morning until early evening, men and women clad in orange safety vests go about the business of sweeping, raking and disposing of tons of debris that accumulates on Sun City's 210 miles of streets, parkways and medians.

These people are some of the 300 men and women who make up the Sun City PRIDES — an acronym for Proud Residents Independently Donating Essential Services.

Others of the all-volunteer work force water, feed and trim trees and shrubs. Still others maintain the county's 26 miles of watering system as well as the 11 miles of drainage ditches.



Sweeping the streets, picking up trash and maintaining the landscaping along the road are just a few of duties of Sun City PRIDES volunteers.

The PRIDES certainly live up to their motto of "Keeping Sun City Beautiful." The non-profit corporation was organized

in 1980 when the Del Webb Corporation turned over to Maricopa County the responsibility of maintaining Sun City's streets, medians

and parkways.

For nearly two decades the PRIDES have been extraordinarily successful in achieving their dual purpose of maintaining the beauty of Sun City while lessening the financial burden on government.

Maricopa County officials estimate that the 62,000 hours of volunteer work performed each year by the PRIDES has a value of more than \$500,000 annually.

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VISITORS CENTER PROMOTES SUN CITY

The original Sun City is still the best known active retirement community in the United States, if not the world.

When the Del E. Webb Corporation finished Sun City and shifted its attention to Sun City West, it became apparent that the original Sun City needed to actively promote and market itself if it hoped to compete for new residents with the newer, more elaborate retirement communities being constructed in Arizona and other parts of the nation.

In the late 1980s, a group of farsighted residents began laying the groundwork for what would eventually become the Sun City Visitors Center.

In October 1980 the Sun City Ambassadors, a dedi-

cated group of concerned residents and business people who wanted to ensure that Sun City remained a world-class retirement location, was organized. The group's sole purpose was to continue what Del Webb had previously done when the company was still involved with Sun City: Promote the community nationwide to prospective retirees.

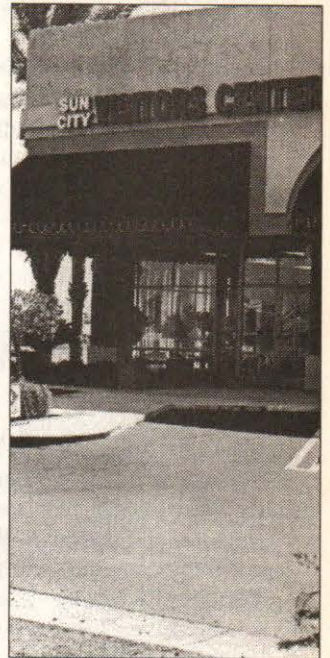
The Ambassadors's most ambitious and rewarding project became the Sun City Visitors Center, located in the Promenade Shopping Center on the southwest corner of 99th Avenue and Bell Road.

Staffed by volunteers, the center offers a wealth of information about housing, health care facilities, leisure

activities and amenities available throughout Sun City.

About 14,000 people visit the Visitors Center each year and thousands make contact by telephone or in writing. The center also now gets great response from its website on the Internet. About 1,000 information packets are sent out each month to interested people throughout the world.

Residents are invited to join the Sun City Ambassadors or visit the Visitors Center. Volunteers are always needed to help with the neverending challenge of sharing to future generations the beauty of Sun City and the joy of living in the nation's first active adult retirement community.



The Sun City Visitors Center is located at 99th Avenue and Bell Road.

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- **Home Care Assistance** provides paid workers to help with bathing and dressing, meal preparation, personal care, light housekeeping, errands and companion sitting. Registered nurses supervise all personnel.

The concept of Interfaith Services began in 1981 when the Sun Cities Area Ministerial Association, consisting of clergy from all denominations, responded to the need for various social services in a retirement community.

The agency today serves more than 7,000 people a year, many of them utilizing multiple programs on a weekly or a daily basis.

Interfaith Services pro-

gram are supported by individual and business donations, gifts, endowments, bequests, grants, fees and reimbursements. Some funding comes from the Area Agency on Aging.

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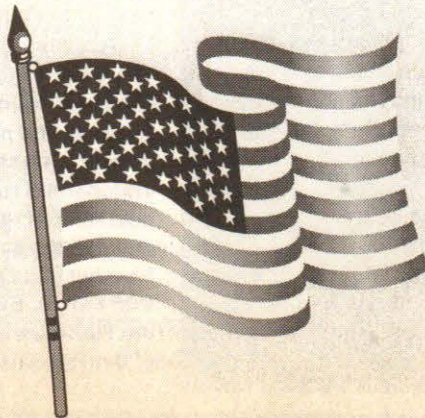


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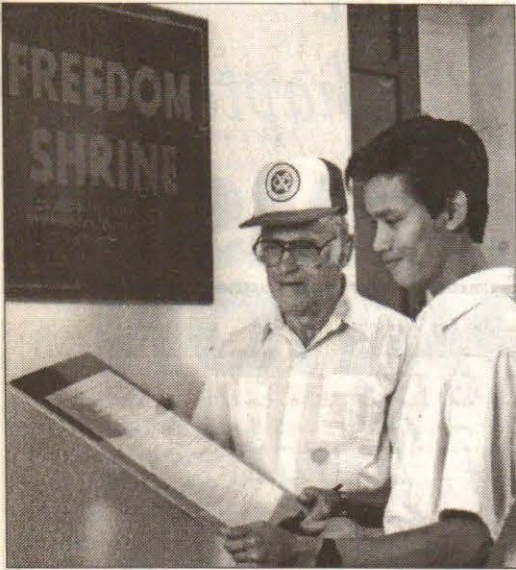
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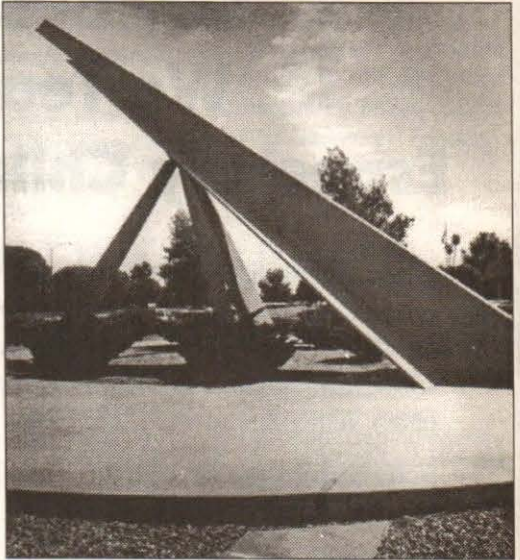


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Before it all began. Youngtown — as it appeared in 1955, five years before Sun City opened. After looking at Youngtown, Del Webb was intrigued by the concept of a seniors-only community and soon thereafter began drawing up plans for Sun City. When this photo was taken, Youngtown had the West Valley all to itself.

Jane Freeman, former president of the Sun Cities Historical Society, speaks during a Fourth of July "Ring That Bell" Ceremony in Memorial Garden.



The sundial at Sundial Rec Center: Largest man-made sundial in North America.



The West Valley Art Museum was built with donations from Sun Citizens. Although located in Surprise, the museum was originally planned to be built on a site near 111th Avenue and Thunderbird Road. Officials went so far as to hold "official" groundbreaking ceremonies in the early 1980s at the original site. On hand were, from left, Dr. Obadiah Harris of ASU, Duane Von Fange, Spencer Earnshaw, president of the then-Sun City Art Museum, and Phil Brant of the Del E. Webb Development Co.

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YEAR-LONG EVENTS PLANNED

Sun City celebrates its 40th anniversary

By Jeannette Ryder

Arizona Senior World's Special Correspondent

Sun City, Arizona, is the place to be in the year 2000 as it celebrates its 40th anniversary with year-long activities and special events.

For the past several months committees composed of Sun City residents have been putting the final touches on a calendar of events that showcases this planned active retirement community. Rev. Fran Parks, chairman of the 40th anniversary steering committee, said that the committees' aim is to let as many people as possible know about the celebrations and events they are planning and offers an open invitation to everyone to come and see just how active this community really is.



The festivities start on January 9 at the Sun Dial Auditorium with a kick-off dinner dance for 750 people. Music for dancing is provided by The Freddy

Guerra Orchestra. On January 25, the Seniors Lovin' Life Expo promises to be another major event, also at the Sun Dial Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths, entertainment, free drawings, a continental breakfast and admission are all free at this day-long event. All residents and visitors are invited to come and browse through the displays, gather information and enjoy the live entertainment. A number of other events are scheduled January 10-29 and people wishing to find out more details should phone the 40th anniversary office at (623) 974-1541.

Sun City first opened its doors to active retirees in 1960 when the Del Webb Corporation presented the first model homes for sale at an affordable price to people from diverse backgrounds wishing to spend their retirement in a planned community. The idea of living in a resort-like atmosphere with extensive amenities captured the imagination of more than 100,000 people the first weekend that the models were open and 237 house contracts were written

within 72 hours. The original development was completely sold out by 1975 and today is home to approximately 43,000 people.

As Sun City began to grow, so did the need for social services. Many of these needs were met by volunteers to the extent that today Sun City is called the "City of Volunteers." Plans are underway to honor them at a huge gathering at the Sun Bowl Auditorium on February 14 as part of the 40th celebration.

The aim of the 40th anniversary committees, while expanding the visibility of Sun City, is to also raise funds for the

Sun City Foundation, a privately funded organization whose duties include financial assistance to needy residents of Sun City. Visitors to the events will be able to purchase gifts and souvenirs, with the proceeds going to the foundation. Many items are already on sale - among them, and selling fast, is the 40th anniversary cook book of favorite recipes submitted by dozens of Sun City residents.

Anyone wishing to obtain more information or to get involved in the celebrations should call the 40th anniversary office at 623-974-1541.

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Sun City will celebrate 40th with yearlong party

By Connie Cone Sexton
The Arizona Republic

Sun City residents better keep their calendars clear this year. Plenty of room is needed for the dozens of events planned for the community's 40th anniversary.

When discussions started a couple of years ago over how to celebrate the Jan. 1, 1960, opening of Sun City, it was clear no one wanted just one big burst, area leaders said.

"Everybody wanted to do

something for a whole year," said Phyllis Roach, vice president of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Club.

About 18 months ago, Roach said, she realized Sun City was not only going to experience its 40th anniversary, but doing it in step with the millennium.

"So our plans had to be something special," she said.

Other community residents had the same notion, and today, more than 100 people have been

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helping shape a yearlong calendar of events to showcase Sun City, its history and its future.

Along the way, residents will be honored, especially those who have donated countless hours of volunteer work.

The events kick off Sunday with a sold-out dinner dance. Upcoming activities include concerts, ice cream socials and parades. Capping the year will be a celebration Dec. 17.

A highlight of the year may be the five-part "Enrichment Seminars." Fran Park, a retired pastor from Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City and president of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Club, will lead the programs. Topics will include senior care and age-related research.

The first program, on active retirement, is scheduled for 8 to

10 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Lakes Club, 10484 Thunderbird Road. Admission is free.

A goal of the 40th anniversary club is to raise money during the year to buy a van for special transportation needs in the community.

In addition, tickets are being sold this year for a Dec. 17 raffle to benefit the Sun City Foundation, the fund-raising arm of the Recreation Centers. A Cadillac DeVille is among the prizes.

The tickets cost \$10 for one or \$25 for three, and they may be purchased at the anniversary club headquarters at the southwestern corner of 103rd Avenue and Greenway Road in the Greenway Terrace shopping center. Information: (602) 974-1541.

Reach the reporter at
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Sun City's 40

PARTY TIME: Hundreds turn out for the kickoff of year-long anniversary festivities

JOSH KRIST
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The 750 people at Sundial Recreation Center bowed their heads and joined the master of ceremonies at Sun City's 40th birthday celebration kickoff Sunday night.

"We thank you for the people who made this vision into a reality," emcee Doug Caravaggio said in his opening prayer.

Freddy Guerra's Orchestra, which includes former members of the Glenn Miller Band, started playing music and the dance floor at Sundial Recreation Center was filled with twirling couples.

Roses weaved into lights decorated the edge of the dance floor, and many people were wearing spiffy black and white outfits.

"They did it so nicely," said Doris Cassedy, a 20 year Sun City resident.

"The truth is, there's no better place to be," she said, a sentiment seconded by her husband, Ed.

It was 40 years ago that curious crowds, lured by the promise of a new era in retirement lifestyles, converged on Grand Avenue to see the "Sun City" that Phoenix builder Del Webb had plunked down in the former cotton fields of Marinette Ranch.

There had been considerable hoopla about the "retirement haven" and its amenities, and traffic was heavy. So heavy that it backed up for miles.



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Jim Foster tips his top hat to Sun City and its 40th anniversary celebration Sunday at Sundial Recreation Center.

And what Delbert Eugene Webb had created was so attractive that sales people ran out of receipts for the eager buyers.

It quickly became a runaway success.

Sunday, residents of the community which eventually grew to include 42,000 people,

kicked off a yearlong celebration.

"I've been to all of the Sun Cities all over the country, and this is number one," Caravaggio said in-between greeting friends and helping people find their seats.

"I love the people; I love the golf, the facilities, the weather — there's so much here," he said.

Tom Chambers, a former Phoenix Suns basketball star, was at the event.

"I see 800 people having a good time," he said.

Chambers said this part of the Valley is often overlooked.

"We're here to recognize it. Everyone's here dancing, having a great time. I love it," he said.

The proceeds from Sunday's event, and any other money-making events during the yearlong festivities, will be used to buy vans to transport Sun Citians who don't drive, Caravaggio said.

"It's already a big success," he said.

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee had no trouble selling all 750 tickets to the event. At \$20 a person, they were gone within a few weeks, said Phyllis Roach, vice chairwoman of Sun City's 40th Anniversary Committee.

"We received a call from a sponsor to see if we needed help selling the tickets," she said. "They were already gone."

There was so much interest in the party that the committee created a waiting list.

More than \$100,000 in gifts, including a Cadillac valued at \$47,000, will be raffled during the 2000 celebration. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, Roach said. The prizes will be awarded at the end of 2000.

OVER



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Wendel and Gerri McCabe spin around the dance floor during the kickoff of Sun City's 40th anniversary celebration Sunday at Sundial Recreation Center. **More photos, Page D1**

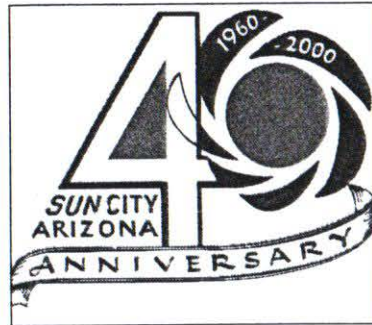
FEBRUARY 9-15, 2000 — SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

Discount rides offered to anniversary events

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

Sun Citians lacking transportation need not be excluded from participating in the festivities associated with the community's 40th anniversary celebration.

The 40th Anniversary Committee wants everyone to be able to enjoy the numerous events planned throughout the year, so they have arranged for Sun Cities Area Transit to provide round-trip transportation to events at a



reduced rate.

The committee will defray \$1 of the normal \$5 round-trip fare

through the passenger's use of the coupon found elsewhere in this newspaper.

"Instead of the usual \$5 round-trip fare, a passenger will give the driver \$4 and the coupon out of the newspaper, to attend an anniversary event," explained Fran Park, 40th Anniversary Committee chairman.

SCAT has also agreed to provide this service for nighttime and weekend events, when it may not normally provide service.

Arrangements with SCAT were worked out by Marge Murphy, a committee member, and Tom Profico, SCAT executive director.

Mrs. Murphy, who serves on the Sun City Home Owners Association Transportation Committee with Mr. Profico, proposed the idea to Mr. Profico, who agreed it would be a beneficial service.

People seeking a ride to an anniversary event must reserve space at least three days prior to the activity, according to Mr. Park. They may do so by calling the

Anniversary Committee office at 974-1541 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Mr. Park noted that all proceeds of the anniversary celebration will be turned over to the Sun City Foundation "for the purchase of vans." "So, the committee believes we need to start the process as early as possible to assist people in attending anniversary event," he added.

Among the anniversary events upcoming in the next two months are: Volunteer Recognition Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 14, Sun Bowl; Bellevue Heights Church; Sun City musicians concert, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Sundial Recreation Center; Symphony of the West Valley, 3 p.m., Feb. 27, Sundome; Sun City chamber music concert, 7:30 p.m., March 13, Bellevue Heights Church; Symphony of the West Valley, 3 p.m., March 19, Sundome; Sun City musicians concert, 7:30 p.m., March 21, Sundial Recreation Center.

Sun City works to stay in shape

Community
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hits the big 4-0

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What Realtors would like visitors to believe is that Joan Sullivan is the average Sun City resident. In her red golf shirt and white shorts, she's fit enough to dance for 2½ hours twice a week and easily could be the model for a billboard promoting the place.

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Still, reminders of aging and the future are everywhere.

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It took Del Webb two years to decide that if people were going to live in Sun City, they would die here, too. In 1962, Sunland opened with maybe a dozen burials. Now, every day, about three more people call Sunland, the state's largest funeral home and cemetery in the state, and Sun City their eternal home.

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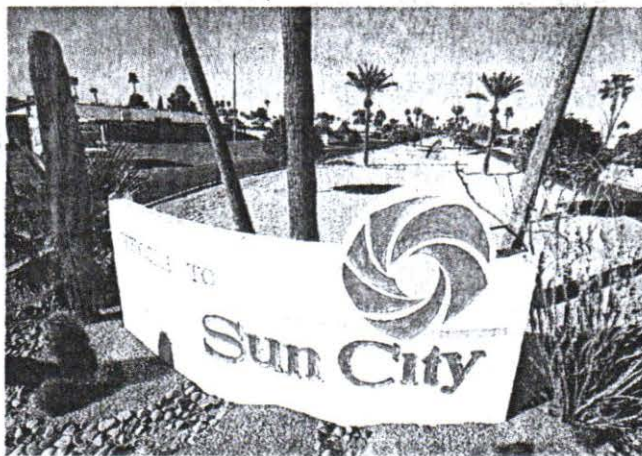
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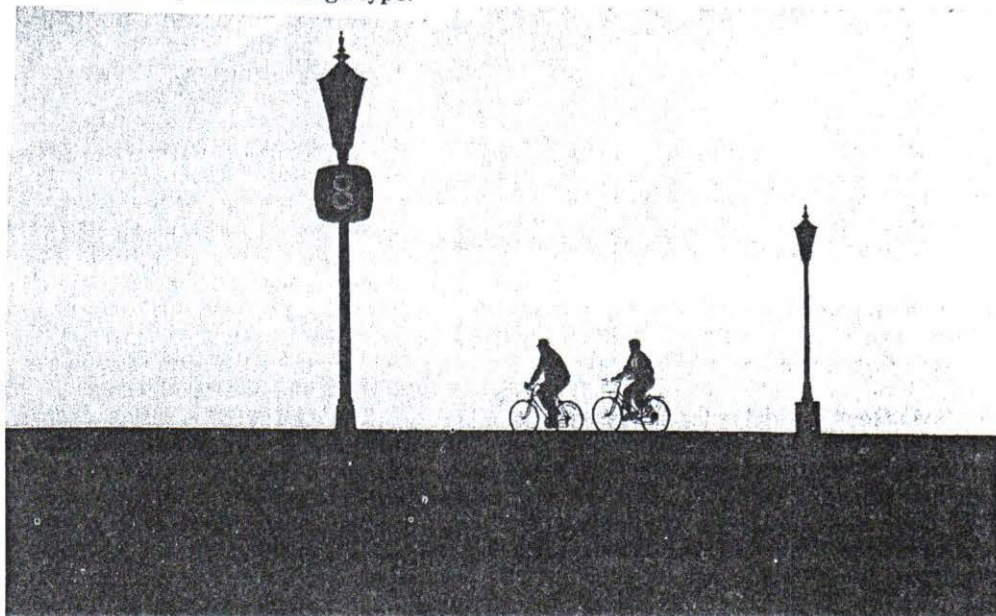
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MARCH 29-APRIL 4, 2000 — SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT —

No April Fool's joke

Parade should be festive event

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

No fooling, Sun Citians should enjoy a memorable April 1.

The members of the community's 40th Anniversary Committee are planning to mark the day by staging a record-breaking event — the world's longest golf car parade.

"This should be a spectacular event," said committee Chairman Fran Park.

The procession is expected to include more than 300 decorated golf cars as well as mounted units, bicyclists and clowns.



It will start at 10 a.m. from Bell Recreation Center and proceed to Sundial Recreation Center.

Paraders will traverse a circuitous

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route 2.6 miles to the finish to give everyone an ample viewing opportunity.

Departing the Bell Recreation Center parking lot, the procession will proceed west on Hutton Drive to Del Webb Boulevard, where it will bend south to Burns Avenue and then east to Boswell Boulevard before ending up in the Sundial parking lot, where refreshments and music will be available. Awards will also be presented at the finish point.

"Free finger foods will be provided at Sundial by Macaroni Grill," Mr. Park said. Beverages will also be sold.

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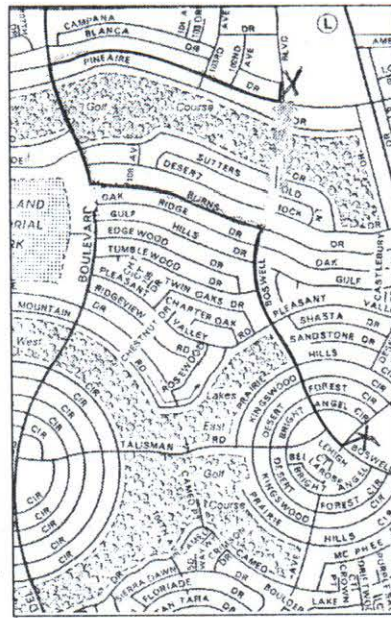
A reviewing stand will be set up at the corner of Burns Avenue and Boswell Boulevard.

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Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated vehicles, with the top prize being a four-day trip for two to London, courtesy of British Airways.

"This will presumably be the longest golf car parade the world has ever seen," boasted Mr. Park.

In addition to the featured golf cars, more than 100 Shriners are expected to participate, performing



Saturdays' golf car parade will begin at Bell recreation Center, the x at the top of the map, and proceed along the route outline by the dark line to Sundial Recreation Center, the x toward the bottom of the map.

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"We will also have a surprise grand marshal," Mr. Park said. "Remember it will be April Fool's Day, so the grand marshal will be appropriate. I think everyone will enjoy the grand marshal."

Danny Davis, an on-air KOY radio personality, will also ride in the parade.

In addition to the London trip, prizes are: air/heating unit, second place; set of tires, third; microwave oven, fourth; installed satellite system, fifth; one year of free haircuts, sixth; free Cox cable installation for three months, seventh, eighth and ninth; free car washes, group winners, 10th; \$40 travel certificates, group winners, 11th; \$250 gift certificate from ABCO Desert Markets, 12th; \$100 gift certificate from Safeway, 13th, and \$100 gift certificate from A.R. Wilde Jewelers, 14th.

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MARCH 22-28, 2000 — SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT -

Dancers to kick up their heels during daylong festival

By **JULIE RIDDLE**
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Uniting dance, food, entertainment and prizes, the Sun City Line Dance Club presents its inaugural Festival Dance March 24 at Sundial Recreation Center at 10 a.m. An exhibition of line and square dancing will start off the event.

The daylong dance festival is part of the community's 40th anniversary celebration.

Along with having the opportunity to kick up their heels, festival-goers will attempt to set a unique record at approximately 4:15 p.m.

"We want to have the longest line," said Sun City Line Dance club vice president and 40th Anniversary Committee member Mary Kerr. "We want people in wheelchairs, with walkers — you can bring your grandchildren or the mailman. Anyone that we can get out there, we want. Knowing how to line-dance is not a requirement."

Kerr said she is excited about the



possible record.

"It has never been done before in Sun City," she said. "We can say this is the longest line dance — we want to set a record." Everyone who participates will receive a certificate courtesy of Ramada Inn.

Before festival-goers begin lining up, several drawings will be held, including a four-day trip to Laughlin at 4 p.m. and a "50/50" drawing.

Admission will be \$2 for dancing from 1-4 p.m. and \$4 per person for those who wish to square dance that evening. Renowned caller Joe

Varrelli, president of the Square Dancing Association of Arizona, will provide his talents.

Festival profits will be turned over to the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee, and will in turn be distributed to area charities.

"Any profit goes to charity," Ms. Kerr said. "The 40th Anniversary Committee will turn it over to charities helping the disabled in Sun City — all of the money will stay here."

Those who get tired or have two left feet will be able to enjoy the sights and sounds of several kinds of entertainment, including Dottie and Friends, performing from noon to 1 p.m. inside the auditorium; the Sun City Poms from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and Dutch Schultz from 1 to 4 p.m. on the patio.

Cuisine at the festival will include both chicken and sausage sandwiches from Carabba's Italian Restaurant. Hot dogs and kettle corn will also be available.

JEANETTE RYDER**Sun City celebrates 40th year****By Jeanette Ryder***Special Correspondent for Arizona Senior World*

The month of March will be the third month of activities in honor of the 40th anniversary of Sun City, Arizona. The plans undertaken by the 40th anniversary committee are paying off as more and more people get involved in events and activities of their choice.

Reverend Fran Parks, president of the main 40th anniversary committee, says that their aim was to let as many people as possible know what was in store for them this year.

Attendance at events in January and February showed that they were successful in getting the word out as all the events have been very well attended so far.

Reverend Parks, on behalf of the residents and committee members, would also like to thank the many sponsors that have donated time and money toward making this year a success. Over 120 businesses so far have become involved with the celebrations.

March festivities begin on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, with a men's softball tournament at the ball park at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, the library honors a Sun City author in the Hoover Room.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, there will be a fun fair from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. in the Fairway center and the 2nd "Life Enrichment Seminar" in the Lakes Club from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. there will be S.C. Chamber Music at Bellevue Heights Church. The luck of the Irish will be celebrated on Friday the 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sunbowl.

March 18, a fun fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lakeview Center, and Sunday the 19th S.C. Symphony of the North West Valley will play at the Sundome.

Tuesday the 21st, S.C. Musicians present a concert at the Sundial 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., and Friday, March 24, there is an all-day dance festival in the Sundial starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 11 p.m. Saturday, March 25, there will be Fun Fair Festivities at the Marinette from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The months' events finish with music in the park on March 27 from noon to 3 p.m.

There are still plenty of souvenirs and gifts available, so if you would like to make a purchase, please call the 40th anniversary office to find out what is available.

The proceeds go to the privately funded Sun City Foundation whose duties include financial and other assistance to needy residents of Sun City.

Anyone wishing to obtain more information or to get involved in the celebrations should call the 40th anniversary office at 623-974-1541.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2000

Golf carts to lead Sun City parade

By Jim Gintonio
The Arizona Republic

More than 300 decorated golf carts will putter down the streets of Sun City on April Fool's Day to headline a parade to be held in conjunction with the community's 40th anniversary celebration.

Fourteen prizes will be awarded, with the big winner getting a trip for two to London on British Airways and three nights of lodging. A spokesman for the airline said a trip such as this could cost as much as \$15,000.

Although golf carts will be featured — and organizers are already calling it a world record — there will be many participants. This includes Shriners, the Wild Women of the West equestrian group, clowns, a drill team, bands, dance groups, floats and antique cars.

The parade begins at the Bell Recreation Center and will end about two hours and 2.6 miles later at the Sundial Recreation Center for the awards presentation. Free food and refreshments will be provided.

British Airways hopes it can resurrect a London taxi from a Los Angeles junkyard and have it ready in time for the parade. It also is studying bringing a double-decker bus to the event.

Fran Park, the chairman of the 40th anniversary committee, said there will be a mystery grand marshal.

The parade committee will hold one more meeting a few days before the parade.

Numerous other events are being planned for throughout the year.

Thousands view festive 40th anniversary golf car parade

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

An estimated crowd of 10,000 people lined the streets of Sun City April 1 to witness one of the major events planned during the community's 40th anniversary celebration.

In an area that is known for its golf, it was fitting that the focal point of the parade was golf cars. Nearly 400 of them, most of them gaily decorated, as well as floats, marching and equestrian units, traversed the 2.5-mile parade route to the delight of the crowd and parade organizers.

"We thought the parade went very well," said Phyllis Roach, parade chair. "We were pleased.

"The turnout of spectators was probably beyond our belief," she continued.

"We did expect the number of entrants on the golf cars but we got a lot of other entries we did not expect. It was very gratifying," she added.

Threatening clouds parted Saturday morning and bathed the



Photos by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

The red and silver clad Sun City Poms were stepping in style, performing precision routines to the delight of the throng of spectators.

community in the natural light for which it is known, and under the azure skies, awash in sunlight, thousands of spectators sounded their approval as the parade rolled by.

The Phoenix Suns Gorilla and radio personality Danny Davis, of KOY, served as co-marshals.

While everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities, Robert Spishak was the day's big winner. He won the grand prize for the best decorated golf car — a four-day, three-night trip for two to London, courtesy of British Airways, for his entry of a Flintstone-inspired vehicle.

Not only did Mr. Spishak win a prize, but so did his brother, Tom, who won a \$250 ABCO Desert Markets' gift certificate for coming in 12th place in the judging.

The remainder of the winners were:

Second place, Gordon Mills, an

air conditioning/heating unit; third, George Spears, set of tires; fourth, George Bischof, microwave oven; fifth, installed satellite system, Bernard Drews; sixth, one year of free haircuts, Richard Pfeffer, Ramada trips, Dick and Marty Rose, Luna Moretti and Art Holmes, and a \$40 travel certificate, Richard Gear; seventh, free Cox cable installation for three months, Joe and Shirley Felske; eighth, \$40 travel certificate, golf group; ninth, free Cox cable installation for three months, Vic and Sackie Savage; 10th, free car washes, C. Gehrman.

Eleventh, \$40 travel certificates, Stan Griffith; 12th, \$250 gift certificate from ABCO Desert Markets, Tom Spishak; 13th, \$100 gift certificate from Safeway, Vern Hindmann; 14th, \$100 gift certificate from, A.R. Wilde Jewelers, Gene Knudson; 15th, free Cox cable

installation for three months, Cliff Crumrine; 16th, free Cox cable installation for three months, Earl Bracken; 17th, free Cox cable installation for three months, Alice Pitsenbarger; 18th, \$10 Mobil gift certificate, Charles Weekley; 19th, \$10 Mobil gift certificate, Naomi Goodwin; 20th, \$10 Mobil gift certificate, Bob Koci.

In addition, every entrant received a commemorative cup.

The parade disbanded in the parking lot at Sundial Recreation Center where a sizable crowd gathered to partake of free food provided by Macaroni Grill.

"We had more than a thousand people at Sundial," Mrs. Roach said. "Macaroni Grill ran out of food and went and got more."

Raffle ticket sales were excep-

tionally strong Saturday afternoon at Sundial, Mrs. Roach reported. Tickets for the \$100,000 raffle, which boasts a top prize of a 2000 Cadillac, valued at \$47,000, are also on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the 40th Anniversary Committee office in Greenway Terrace, 15456 N. 99th Ave. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

Mrs. Roach was especially thankful for the efforts of the Sun City Posse and PRIDES. "The deserve special recognition," she said.

"The Posse was magnificent," she continued. "We could not have expected them to handle things any better. The PRIDES did a great job of cleaning up."



Naomi Goodwin took home a prize for her parade entry — Dr. Doolittle, Dr. Littledo.

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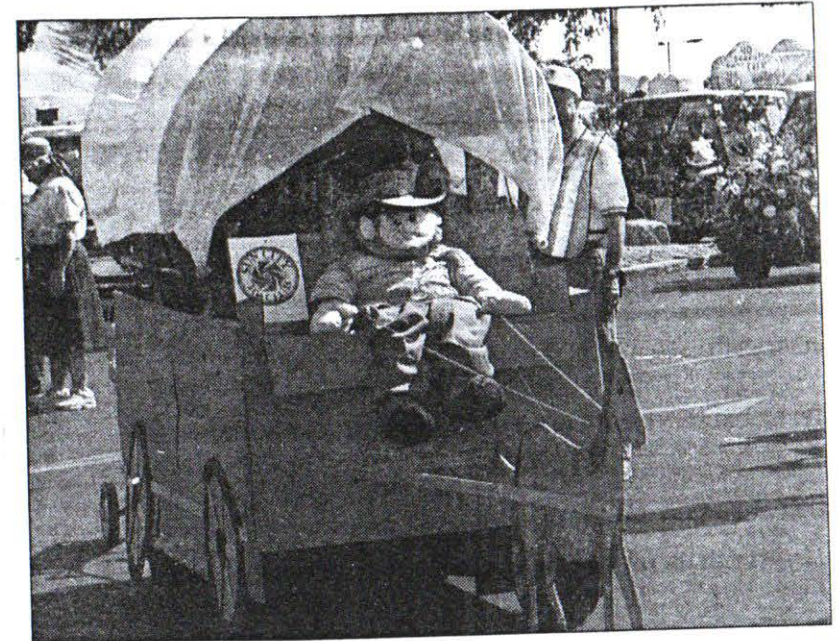


Some magician's hats are more magical than others, such as the one that appeared in the April 1 parade.



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Rosemary Seninara, left, and Connie Plagens, both of Sun City, evoked the memory of the Sun City Saints women's softball team with their brightly decorated golf car in the April 1 parade. For more parade photos and a listing of prize winners, please turn to page 5.



Harkening back to the days of the Old West, this covered wagon was crowd a favorite and prize winner.



Prudential Preferred Properties entered an elaborate float adorned with a miniature house with a sold sign in the front yard.



Maggie's Travel replica boat entry was another of the numerous prize winners.



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May 2000

40th Anniversary Parade was Outstanding

The members of the 40th Anniversary Committee are to be congratulated for organizing such an incredible event on April 1, 2000. Thousands lined the streets to view the parade. "This is the best parade that Sun City has ever seen," was the comment heard for many days after the event.

The parade was in the planning for more than one year. A tremendous amount of time, thought, planning and energy went into making it a success.

Steering Committee co-chairperson, Phyllis Roach, credits Bob Budorik for his organizational skills in staging the parade. The committee and volunteers, under the leadership of Doug Caravaggio, worked from plans prepared by Mr. Budorik to line up the entries for an orderly entrance onto Hutton Drive.

Leading the parade was a shiny fire engine from the Sun City Fire Department carrying radio personality, Danny Davis of KOY, and a surprise guest - the Phoenix Suns Gorilla, who served as co-marshals.

Dozens and dozens of beautifully restored antique cars carried Sun City notables, including several RCSC Directors. Interspersed between the Shriners, the clowns, the Arizona Angels, several floats, Sun City Poms, Tip Top Dancers and Jazzy Poms were close to 300 golf carts displaying Sun Citians'

imagination and creativity. A wonderful diversity of themes brightened the beautiful sunlit morning. The Wells Fargo stagecoach drawn by four beautiful horses caught the attention of many.

The Posse kept the traffic moving and directed the sightseers to various parking lots. And, as the saying goes, "Someone has to do the dirty work", so members of the PRIDES rose to the occasion as they cleaned up behind the equestrians. Their efforts kept the parade moving at a clean pace!

Robert Spishak won the top prize, a four-day, three night trip to London, courtesy of British Airways. The Flintstones and their neighbors was the theme of the winning entry and "yaba daba doo" rang out along the parade route.

Other winners were:

2nd: Gordon Mills, an air conditioning/heat unit.

3rd: George Spears, set of tires.

4th: George Bischof, microwave.

5th: Bernard Drews, installed satellite system.

6th: Richard Pfeffer, one year of free haircuts. Dick and Marty Rose, Luna Moretti and Art Holmes, Ramada trips; and Richard Gear, \$40 travel certificates.

7th: Joe & Shirley Felske, Cox cable installation for three months.

8th: A golf group won \$40 travel certificates.

9th: Vic and Sackie Savage, Cox cable installation for three months

10th: C. Gehrman, free car washes.

11th: Stan Griffith, \$40 travel certificates.

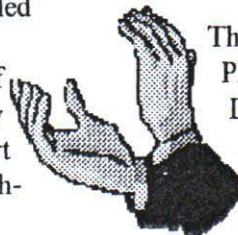
12th: Tom Spishak, \$250 gift certificate from ABCO Markets.

Winners in 13th to 20th places were: Vern Hindmann, Gene Knudson, Cliff Crumrine, Earl Bracken, Alice Pitsenbarger, Charles Weekley, Naomi Goodwin and Bob Koci.

In addition, every entrant received a commemorative cup.

Hundreds of people waiting at Sundial for the judges to announce the names of the parade winners were entertained by "Mr. Sun City," Dutch Schultz, the Tip Top Dancers, Sue and Ken Love and Ed Bracken's Magic Show. Food and beverages added to the merriment.

Did Sun City achieve its goal to be added to the Guinness Book of Records for having the longest golf cart parade in the world? Only time will tell now!



The parade committee of Phyllis Roach, Fran Park, Doug Caravaggio, George Hartman and hundreds of volunteers earned the heartfelt appreciation of all Sun Citians for organizing a parade that will be fondly remembered for many years to come. Thank you, thank you!!

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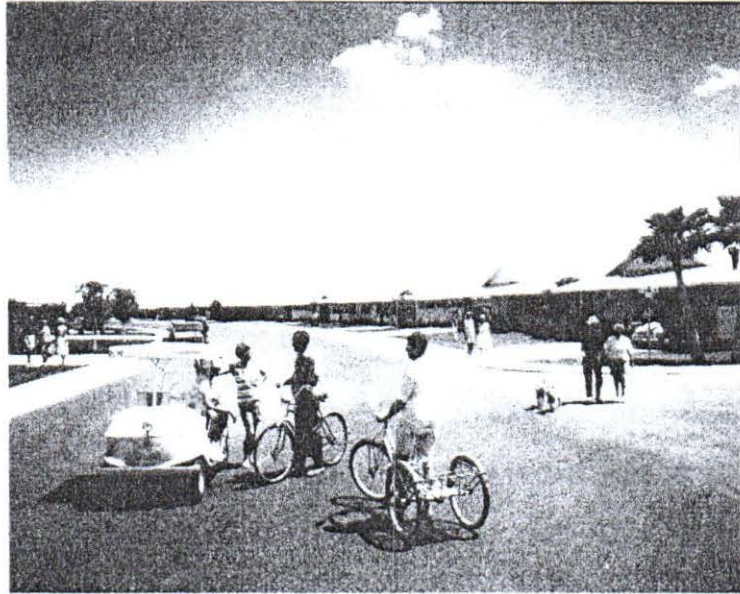
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Sun City: Then and Now

Photographs of 40 years ago compared with contemporary photos of the same sites by **Allen Dutton**

"Building Sun City is a gamble, but I'm pretty sure it will work," Del Webb is quoted as saying in the book by Al Tudor, Along the Old Vulture Trail. The exhibition, *Sun City: Then and Now*, contrasts photographs of the '60's loaned by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society with photographs of the same sites as they appear today taken by Phoenix photographer **Allen A. Dutton**.



Sun City, Deanne and Clair Drives, c. 1961

"I will build you a comfortable place to live," said Del Webb, "but only you can make it an exciting place to live." His "Active Retirement" concept of a planned community in a country club setting, combined with affordable housing, created a rush of 100,000 people the first weekend. In 72 hours, 237 housing contracts were sold. At the end of 1960, thirty-two craft and social clubs had formed.

Sun City was desert when Henry Wickenburg prospected nearby hills for gold. In 1903, Marinette Ranch grew sugar beets between the Agua Fria and New Rivers. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company established a compound on the ranch for its Southwest Cotton Company. In 1936, all 20,000 acres of Marinette Ranch were sold to J.G. Boswell to grow cotton. Del Webb bought the ranch in 1959, and in 1960, Del Webb Corporation launched Sun City.

Tudor describes hands-on visionary Del Webb as coming to Arizona "three decades prior, armed with a saw, a hammer and his wife. He parlayed these assets into a multi-million dollar business that owned housing subdivisions, high-rise buildings, the New York Yankees baseball club and gambling casinos." Webb's "new retirement concept" made "sociological history."

The next year, Town Hall was built. The cotton fields and desert had become Sun City, and later, the adjacent "Lizard Acres" cattle feeding lot became Sun City West.

In the *Sun City: Then and Now* exhibition, an aerial view of Sun City shows Del Webb's first five model homes conspicuously solitary in the middle of vast vacant land, with a line of cars stretching endlessly as people come to view them, tying up traffic for miles on Grand Avenue. Photos like this bring startlingly into focus the changes that have taken place in the West Valley and elsewhere in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Another series of four aerial photographs, taken over time, depict the further development of Sun City, culminating in a graphic shot looking directly down on a neighborhood saturated with homes.

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Sun City: Then and Now continued

The development of the lake and early construction of Boswell Hospital are also shown.

In a series of contemporary photos taken by **Allen Dutton**, we see the Sun Dial as it looks today versus under construction. Early neighborhoods, either barren of vegetation, or with young plants and trees, reveal substantial change and growth in cactus, palm trees and other flora. Simple intersections become complex with the passage of 40 years.

These photos are about change and the passage of time. The trees are taller, the people standing in front of the same home are different. But there is also a sense of continuity, some things staying the same, life going on.

"Until the advent of the photographic process, humans doubted visual art," says **Allen**

Dutton, who has a long list of photographic credits. He was Chairman of the Photography Department at Phoenix College until his retirement in 1982. "We see statues and illustrations of historical figures...but are invariably struck by the notion of how much their authenticity has been compromised by 'artistic license.'

"We know less about the reality of past urban environments which loom large in imagination...The camera changed that. This new medium invested its imagery with a sense of authenticity hitherto unknown.

"It is the rare photographer who has the temerity to claim that a photograph is truly objective. Most realize it is a person subject to the same human frailties which beset us all who is aiming the camera and deciding the instant the shutter is released. Still, the

photograph is invested with a unique sense of validity. It is that sense of actuality which will entreat your vision as you view these pictures of the beginnings of Sun City, especially as they are paired with a contemporary view of the identical place."

Allen A. Dutton was born in Kingman, Arizona in 1922. His paternal grandparents came to the state in 1883. He was educated at the Art Center School in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Art Institute and Arizona State University, receiving a B.A. degree in 1948 and an M.A. degree in 1949.

Dutton served in the military during World War II.

Since 1963, **Allen Dutton** has had many one-man exhibitions in the United States, Europe and the Far East. He is presently

having a show of his work at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC. His photos are in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, Tokyo College of Photography and University of New Mexico, among others.

Books about **Allen Dutton's** work include: The Great Stone Tit (Little Wonder Press), A. A. Dutton's Compendium (Buse Press), Allen A. Dutton Monograph (Northlight Press), Arizona Then and Now (Silver Square Press), Phoenix Then and Now (First Interstate Bank) and Mythology for the Twenty-First Century (Zekwogh Publishing).

In addition, his photography has appeared in over 30 books and magazines in the United States, Europe and Japan. He spends much of his time documenting the state of Arizona in photographs.



Sun City: View South from Town Hall, 1967



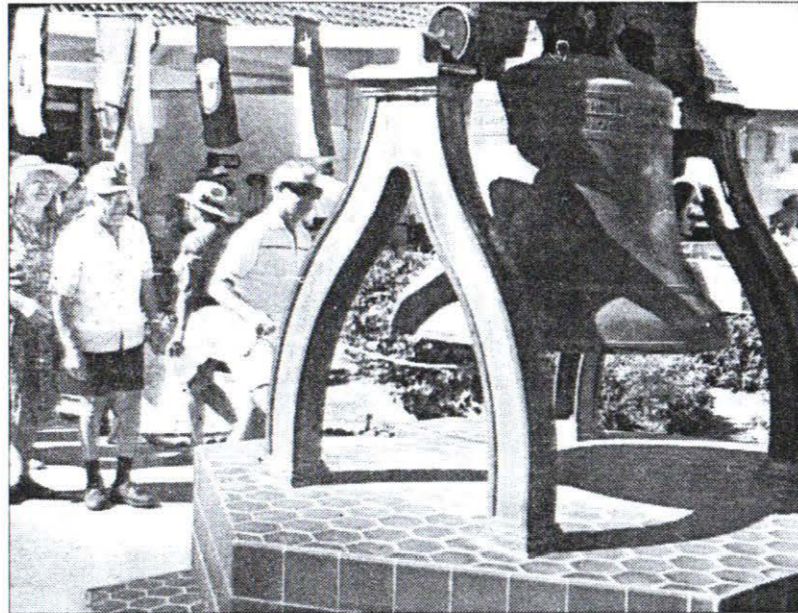
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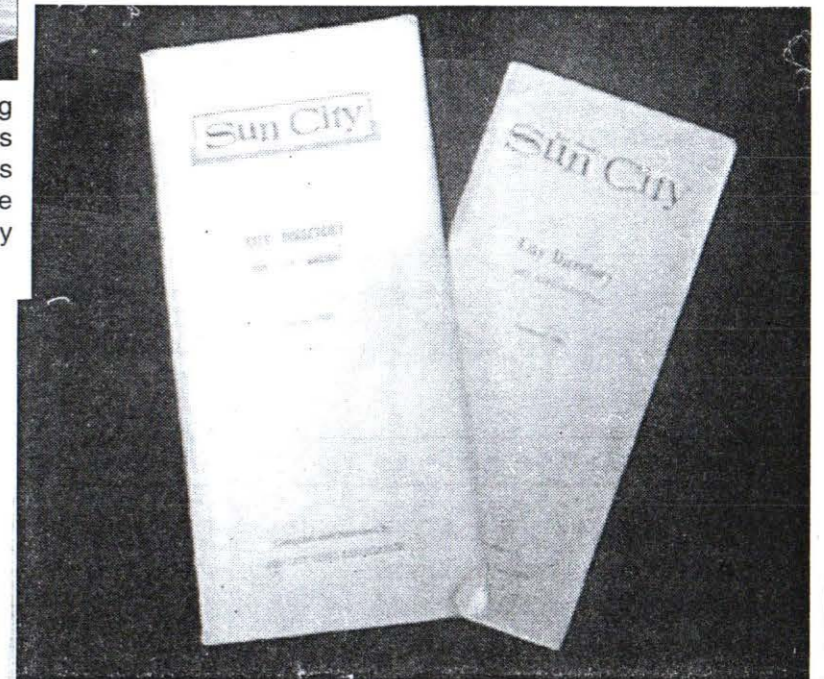




The local Exchange Club was responsible for constructing the "Freedom Shrine" located at Bell Recreation Center. The display cases features a revolving exhibit of copies of our nation's most famous documents, including the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address and more.



Bell Recreation Center is the site of the community's annual "Ring That Bell" Ceremony on July 4. The patriotic ceremony encourages residents to ring an exact replica of the famous Liberty Bell that sits in the center's Memorial Garden. Made from the mold that cast the nation's original Liberty Bell, Sun City's bell is reportedly the only replica of the Liberty Bell that the public is allowed to chime.



Sun City's massive local telephone directory started out quite small. The directory started in 1960 and listed every resident, their former occupation and their hometown — all of which continue to be included in present versions of the directory.

Senior city that sparked a national trend turns 40

By Alan J. Heavens

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHOENIX — Golf and retirement have been indelibly linked in the American mind for decades.

So it wasn't surprising that history's largest golf-cart parade was among the events marking the 40th birthday of the nation's oldest and largest retirement community. Del Webb Co.'s Sun City, northwest of Phoenix, turned 40 on Jan. 1.

Since the weekend it opened, Sun City has been the model for just about every subsequent over-55 housing development, no matter the geographical location.

Although few of Sun City's original buyers remain, they were part of the first generation of middle-class and working-class Americans who could take advantage of retirement — "Too old to work, too young to die," in the words of union boss Walter Reuther.

Dividing generations

Social Security, which began in the Great Depression year of 1935, made it possible for the first generation of Sun City residents, born around the turn of the century, to live on their own when they no longer wanted to work.

Retirement always was possible for people of wealth. But until Social Security guaranteed an income in retirement for the population at large, Americans who lived into their 60s and 70s continued to work, and lived with their children or grandchildren in an extended-family situation.

"Social Security and other trends contributed to the exodus of older people from multigenerational households and jobs," said Marc Freedman, author of *Prime Time: How Baby-Boomers Will Revolutionize Retirement and Transform America*.

Freedman of San Francisco said he had qualms about the impact Del Webb had on retirement.

"When the developers came up with the Sun City concept in the late 1950s, everyone thought they were nuts," Freedman said.

"After all, the concept was based on the idea that older peo-

ple would be willing to take out a 30-year mortgage, leave their children and grandchildren, and move out to the desert," he said.

But on the first weekend of 1960, 100,000 prospective buyers showed up to look at the first models: two-bedroom, one-bath ranchers with a carport (air conditioning was an upgrade).

Base price: \$8,900.

Selling a lifestyle

Sun City captured the imagination of this first generation of retirees "because Webb was selling a positive vision of later life: a new start," Freedman said.

It was Webb who coined the term "the golden years" for retirement, Freedman said. And without using the term, it was Webb who created the concept of a "seniors' lifestyle."

Unlike the subsequent Sun City developments, which reflect the architectural styles of the regions in which they are situated, the first Sun City had a Midwestern look.

The reason was simple. Arizona was then attracting retirees from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, as well as Canadians. Many of them already were "snowbirds" who spent the winter months at trailer parks and RV resorts around Phoenix.

Housing styles didn't change much until the 1980s. In the 1970s, garages replaced carports, and air conditioning proved critical in a place where daytime temperatures hover between 110 and 120 degrees for several months a year.

The last of Sun City's 26,000 houses was completed in 1978. About 48,000 people live there. Resale prices range from \$50,000 to \$300,000.

[Del Webb opened Sun City Center Florida in Tampa Bay in 1961, and in 1996 acquired two active adult communities in Marion County, south of Ocala. The communities are Spruce Creek Country Club and Spruce Creek Preserve.]

Golf played a major role in Webb's Sun City vision, with 10 18-hole courses and one nine-hole course. Recreation centers offered

places to gather to play bridge and socialize. As the Sun City concept was refined, and tastes and interests changed, the number of golf courses declined in subsequent communities.

Recreation centers became more sophisticated and expensive, however, with building costs ranging from a couple of million dollars to \$22 million for Sun City Hilton Head in South Carolina.

Baby boomers — those born between 1946 and 1964 — will not be eligible to live in age-restricted, 55-and-over communities until next year. Will baby boomers be attracted to today's retirement communities, which are being called "active adult"?

Only 10 percent of the nation's seniors now live in age-restricted communities, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard. "We have to keep baby boom diversity in mind," said Charles F. Longino Jr., director of the Reynolda Gerontology Program at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In general, Longino said he did not think that retirement would be a goal as it was for previous generations, but instead a "mission in life."

Will baby boomers be willing to trek across country to live in Sun Belt locations?

The Joint Center expects the push to the West and Southeast coast to continue, with California, Florida and Texas to benefit most.

Arizona, too, will substantially outpace the national senior population rate by 2025.

However, the center's recent study, "Housing America's Seniors," suggests that, "with their higher levels of education, greater wealth, better health, and broader travel experience, the baby boomers will be more mobile" than their parents and grandparents.

"At the same time, the trends toward longer work lives and delayed marriage and parenting may keep seniors in their homes longer," the report stated.

Most people lock in their housing choices before they reach age 60. So, many baby boomers are making housing choices today that will last the rest of their lives.

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Blimp missing

SUN CITY: Reward posted for return of 220-pound balloon

HAYLEY RINGLE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Sun City 40th anniversary balloon that could be seen for miles was stolen early Thursday morning from Sundial Recreation Center.

A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to the return of the 25- by 10-foot balloon, said Doug Caravaggio, a member of the 40th anniversary steering committee.

The blimp was secured in the covered entryway between Sundial's auditorium and the indoor swimming pool, next to a new Cadillac. Nothing else was stolen or vandalized, officials said.

Sometime between 11 p.m. June 21 and 4 a.m. June 22, when maintenance crews are not on the premises, someone either took the balloon or released it, Caravaggio said.

Caravaggio said authorities believe several people worked to untie the balloon, since it weighs about 220 pounds and was secured with bungee cords, nylon



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A blimp commemorating Sun City's 40th anniversary is missing from its storage site at Sundial Recreation Center.

rope with sand bags and a bolt.

"Someone must have watched us (disassemble the balloon) because they knew what they were doing," Caravaggio said. "We don't know if it was a joke or a theft, but we've never lost anything before."

Fran Park, chairman of the 40th anniversary steering committee, said he does not believe wind was a factor.

"It would have dragged everything with it," Park said. "Or it would have been caught under the Sundial deck."

Maintenance workers noticed the balloon was missing at 4 a.m., said Paul Hansen, facility supervisor for Sundial.

"It's a mystery," he said. "We haven't had any problems before."

The vinyl balloon, which is valued at around \$4,000, was donated by Lund Cadillac. The \$4,000 includes the price of the balloon and the helium used to inflate it.

The balloon, which has the 40th anniversary logo on it and a Lund Cadillac banner attached to the bottom, has been on display at various locations throughout the retirement community.

The 40th anniversary committee is waiting to hear any information leading to the return of the balloon, whether someone saw the balloon in the sky or saw people taking the balloon.

"It takes about five or six guys to handle it," Park said. "It's awkward to handle it."

If the balloon was released, it could be lying in somewhere, Caravaggio said.

"Whatever goes up, eventually has to come down," Hansen said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City at 972-2555.

Arizona Senior World - West - October 2000

Sun City 40th anniversary team seeks more volunteer assistance

By Jeannette Ryder

Special Correspondent/Arizona Senior World

When the committee for the 40th anniversary celebrations first got together in August 1998, their goal was to raise enough money throughout the year 2000 to fund a specially equipped van for residents of Sun City who need transportation to go to recreation centers and doctors appointments and to attend functions and local activities, etc. At this point, they have successfully collected enough to purchase one \$50,000 vehicle and are well on their way to purchasing a second.

All enterprises, including the main 40th and all other planning committees are carried out by volunteers and all proceeds from the various events and souvenir sales go directly into the fund.

The committee is also looking for a few more volunteers to help staff the 40th anniversary office on a parttime basis. If you are interested in helping out or would just like to know more about the activities that are planned please call 623-974-1541.

The 40th anniversary celebrations are not only for the residents of Sun City. All the events are open to everyone and especially West Valley residents.

Friday, October 6, 10 a.m.-noon, is the fourth "Life Enrichment Seminar" at Boswell Support Center Bldg. 10401 W. Thunderbird, free admission.

Monday, October 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. there will be a Food Fair at the Sun Bowl,

107th Avenue, South of Peoria Ave. Admission is free but there is a food charge. On-going entertainment is the highlight of this day with different performers every hour. There will also be health screenings and raffle prizes.

On Wednesday, October 11, at 11 a.m. the library honors S.C. authors in the Hoover Room. Free admission, \$5 buffet charge.

Sunday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., "Caught in Del Webb's Web Play" at Mountain View Rec. Center, free admission.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sun City Musicians Concert at the Sundial Rec. Center. Free admission.

Halloween is celebrated on Tuesday, October 31, with a Halloween Turkey Barbecue at the Sun Bowl, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free with a food charge per person for the barbecue. Visitors are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume and prizes will be given for the "scariest."

To find out more about all the events listed here please call 623-974-1541.

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Parade, prizes top 40th finale

ALL DECKED OUT:
Committee expects
crowds for Friday's
boat show, Saturday's
extravaganza

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Just two events are left in Sun City's 40th Anniversary celebrations, but both promise to be spectacular.

This Friday, on Lakeview Lake, up to 81 boats will be decked out for the Christmas Decorated Boat Parade. The event is open to the public, but participants should bring their own chairs. The lake is located at Thunderbird Road and Del Webb Boulevard.

Sun Citizens' boats will make their way around the lake, showing off a myriad of lights and decorations, with some even sporting a Santa Claus or two.

"We are still working out the details of the parade, but it really should be a sight to see," said George Hartman of the 40th Anniversary Committee. "It's the

last thing we have before our finale, and we're guessing that there might be up to 2,000 people there."

But even with the numbers expected for the boat parade, it pales in comparison to the committee's long-awaited "Finale!" at the Sundome in Sun City West.

The "Finale!" features Mac Frampton and the Arizona Masterworks Chorale performing classics of Verdi, Handel, Mozart and Gershwin, along with sounds of the season. Frampton is a concert pianist known for his musical talent, exuberant style and high energy.

"It's really going to be a great show with a lot of holiday spirit," committee chairwoman Fran Park said. "Sales are going great, and we are hoping to have 3,500 people show up."

Currently, ticket sales have been hovering just less than 2,000, but there were many sales in the past couple of days. The committee also is expecting many door sales the day of the event, which kicks off at 7 p.m.

Admission to the show is \$3, and all who attend will walk away

with a gift certificate for two nights at Casino Laughlin in Nevada.

In addition to the gift certificates, the grand prize raffles also will be drawn, and eight lucky residents will go home with prizes worth thousands of dollars.

Raffled off at the finale will be a 2000 Cadillac DeVille; a Gas for Life card, entitling the winner to a lifetime of free gasoline; a London vacation; an EZ-Go Golf Cart; a Panama Canal Cruise; a hand-made celebration quilt and a projection television.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased at the Sun City 40th Anniversary Office, 15404 N. 99th Ave.

Prizes will be raffled throughout the evening, and there will be about two hours of musical entertainment during the night.

But aside from the plethora of entertainment the committee offered Sun City residents throughout the closing months of this year, members report their hard work was all worthwhile.

At Tuesday morning's weekly

meeting, committee members talked about their efforts, and said the one thing they found was a need for such entertainment in the community.

The committee originally started two years ago with just two people. As months went by, more and more volunteers came aboard, dedicating thousands of hours to the program. From the first general meeting in August 1998, volunteers have donated about 4,800 hours of time in meetings alone.

A statement to be enclosed with "Finale!" programs states, "We heard your laughter and applause. We saw your smiles. What a year that was! What it did — more than anything else — was to galvanize an entire community into a bonding of togetherness."

For more information about the final two events of Sun City's 40th Anniversary celebrations, contact the committee office at 974-1541.

John Sokolich can be reached at jsokolich@aztrib.com or at 623-876-2526.

Fine finale to Sun City's 40th year

12-18-00

STAFF REPORT

Labeled as the raffle of a lifetime, the 40th Anniversary Finale Program presented eight extravagant prizes to a handful of lucky individuals Sunday.

More than 2,000 people attended the program at the Sundome in Sun City West.

Raffle tickets for finale program were sold at \$10 each or three for \$25, while prizes totaled nearly \$100,000. The \$100,000 will go toward the purchase of two handicap-accessible vans.

Below is a list of those who took home the eight top prizes.

DeVille Cadillac by Lund Cadillac: Bob Swartz.

Gas for life by Mike's Sun City Unocal: Josephine Hartley.

Trip for two to the Amazon courtesy of Bob Kenney's World Wide Travel Service: John Trigilio.

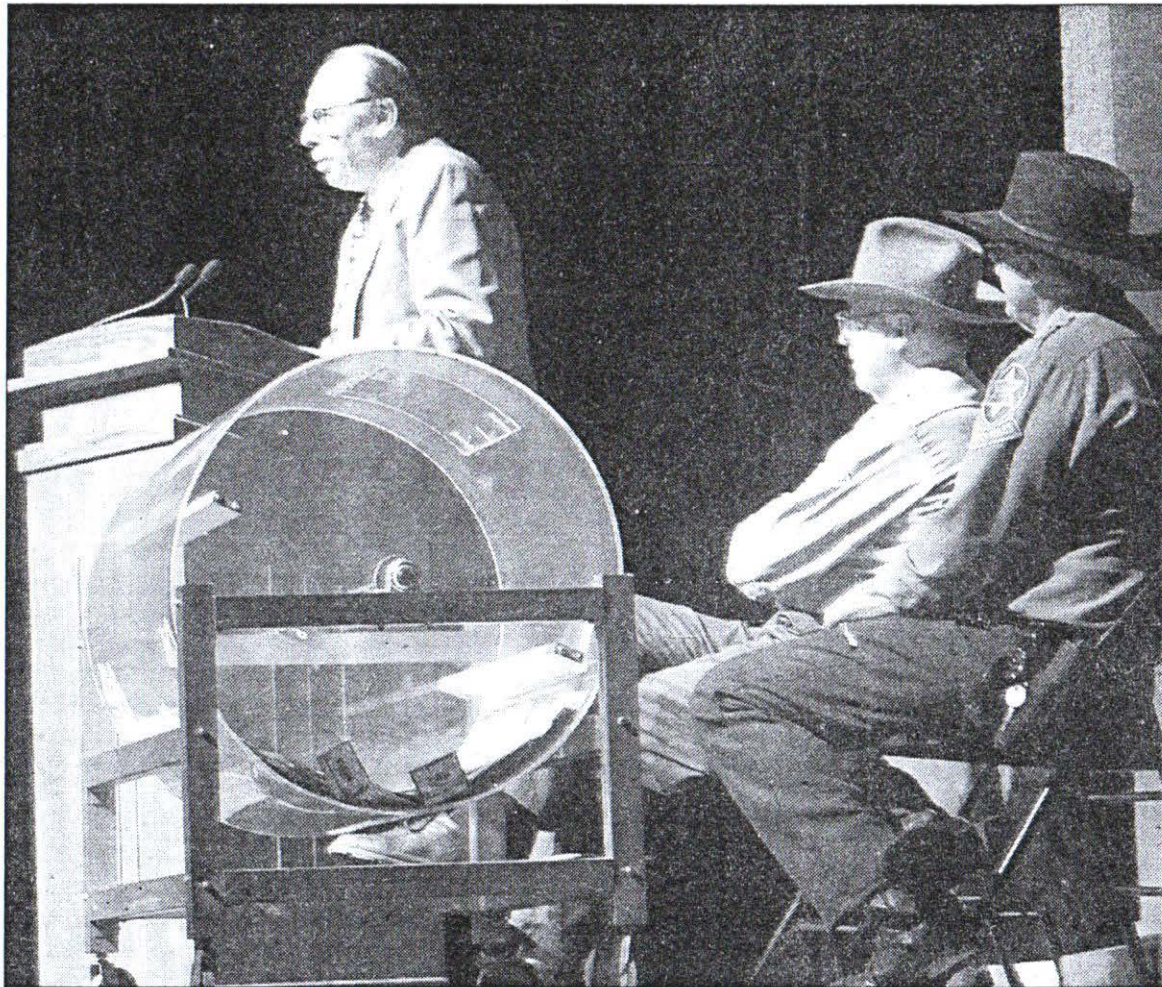
Trip to England courtesy of British Airways: Boyd and Grace Wetter.

Trip for two to the Panama Canal courtesy of Ford's World Travel: Frank Stazio.

Golf cart by Pohle EZ Go: Elton Miller.

Circuit City projection television: Zida Stefanchuk.

Quilt made by the Sun City Quilters: James A. Smiley.



JOY LAMBERT/DAILY NEWS-SUN



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Mac Frampton, at piano, performs with the Masterworks Chorale, above, for the crowd at the Sundome in Sun City West during the Sun City 40th Anniversary Finale on Sunday. Fran Park, left, addresses the crowd, while Maricopa County Sheriff Posse members guard the raffle entries during the celebration, which ended a year of anniversary events.

FINISHING IN GRAND STYLE

Sun City's 40th anniversary celebration concludes

INDEPENDENT

December 27, 2000

By **JULI NESSETT**
Independent Newspapers

Crowds of people, both young and old, gathered together at the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 17 for Sun City's 40th Anniversary Finale, bringing down the curtain on a festive year of events.

According to Bob Budorik, 40th Anniversary committee member, over 2,500 people attended the performance.

The finale featured Mac Frampton and the Arizona Masterworks Chorale, both of whom brought audience members to their feet with renditions of popular, toe-tapping tunes.

Winners for the grand-prize drawing were selected and announced throughout the finale, but unfortunately none of the winners were present. Appropriately, it seems, all of the winners were from Sun City.

Members of the Sun City Posse provided security for the raffle, ushering tickets sold in the hours prior to the finale down to the stage and overseeing the drawing process.

Eight raffle prizes were awarded. James Smiley won the Sun City Quilters quilt. The projection TV, donated by Circuit City, was won by Zida Stefanchuk. Elton Miller won the EZ Go golf car, courtesy of Pohle Golf Cars. The Panama Canal cruise, donated by Ford's Travel, was won by Frank Stazio. Boyd and Grace Wetter were the winners of the British Airways London trip. The Amazon trip, donated by Bob Kenney's Travel, was won by John Trigilio. Josephine Hartley won gas for life, courtesy of Mike's Sun City UNOCAL. The grand prize winner of the 2000 Cadillac DeVille, donated by Lund Cadillac, was Bob Swartz.

According to Doug Caravaggio, committee member, Mr. Swartz found out about his prize shortly after playing a round of golf on his 60th birthday.

The goal of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee's year-long



Doug Caravaggio, right, member of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee, awards the grand prize in a year-long raffle, a 2000 Cadillac, to Bob Swartz and his wife, Kathleen Haines.

celebration was two-fold: to provide entertainment and activities for residents, and to raise \$100,000 for the purchase of two handicap-accessible vans.

The preliminary results of the committee's fund-raising activities were announced at the end of the finale. Fran Park, 40th Anniversary Committee chairman, declared that the goal had been met and exceeded with a total of \$108,382.34 raised.

Almost \$60,000 of the total came from raffle ticket sales, \$55,000 of which was raised during the year and \$4,200 from tickets sold in the hours prior to the finale.

"All of the money goes to the

Sun City Foundation and it is going to be used then to buy two vans for SCAT and the rest of the money will be kept by the foundation and distributed on a monthly basis for upkeep and maintenance of the vans," said Mr. Park.

Members of the 40th Anniversary Committee will meet with SCAT officials after the first of the year to finalize details of the venture.

The two vans will be used to shuttle Sun City residents to recreation centers, beginning Jan. 15. Details of cost, operation hours and routes will be worked out at a meeting in January.

The 40th Anniversary office will close for the holidays, but will reopen on Jan. 2.

Memorabilia from the 40th anniversary will still be sold as well. Call 974-1541, for more information.

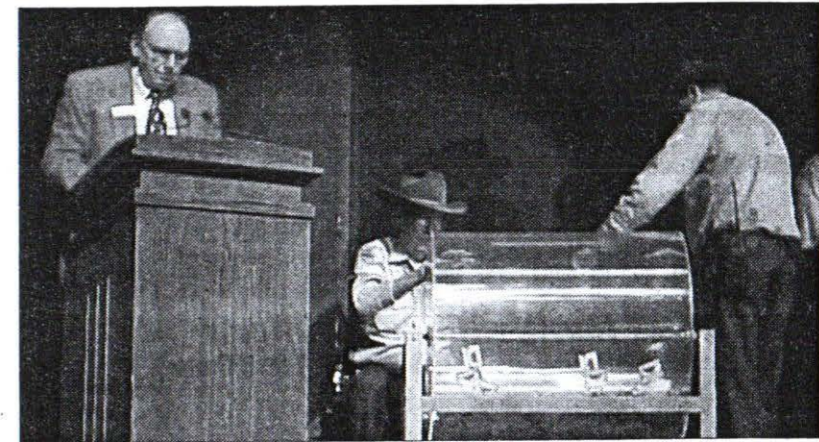


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Fran Park, left, chairman of Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee, served as emcee of the committee's grand finale Dec. 17 at the Sundome. Posse members provided security and assisted with the drawing of winning names.

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Doug Caravaggio, left, Phyllis Roach and the Rev. Fran Park are all smiles at the Sun City Circle 40 party Monday night.

Coming full circle

Sun City club distributes last of anniversary proceeds

STAFF REPORT

The Sun City Circle 40 Club came full circle Monday night during a party to salute the volunteers and businesses instrumental in the community's 40th-anniversary celebration in 2000, and to disburse proceeds from a fund that had once grown to \$119,000.

The Circle 40 Club evolved from the anniversary committee headed by the Rev. Fran Park and Phyllis Roach, vice

chairwoman. It supported the Sun City Foundation and other local causes with money raised from anniversary fund-raisers, including the sale of logo T-shirts and mugs.

The 40th-anniversary and the Circle 40 club's executive committee was composed of Park, Roach, George Hartman, Treasurer Lila Stevens, Secretary Fran Lang and Doug Caravaggio.

Park, Roach and Caravaggio recognized the individuals and businesses during a dinner Monday night at Sundial Recreation Center.

In December 2001,

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\$100,000 of the \$119,000 in the fund was given to the Sun City Foundation, which has used some of that money to provide free transportation passes to needy residents and to pay annual property assessments for those who cannot afford them. In addition, two vans were purchased for the Sun Cities Area Transit.

On Monday, there was \$6,000 remaining to disburse from the original fund, Park said. Recipients of the balance of the fund are the West Valley Alzheimer's Association, SCAT and the PRIDES — each of which received \$2,000.

Guests at Monday's party contributed \$500 to Michael Quihuis, a 21-year employee of RCSC, to help pay for his bone marrow transplant at the University of Arizona Cancer Center. Quihuis has leukemia and has exhausted his health benefits. Circle 40 has set up an account — 647460013 — at Bank One for those who would like to help him.

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT October 29, 2003



Photo by Charlene Patti Bisson/Independent Newspapers

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee — known as the Circle 40 Group — held its final event last week at Sundial Recreation Center. In addition to planning all the events to mark Sun City's 40th anniversary in 2000, the committee raised over \$200,000 for local charities. The Rev. Fran Park, left, and Doug Caravaggio, right, both representing the committee, distribute the final contributions to local organizations. From left, Rev. Park, Art Klein of the Sun City Prides, Rosie Bosch of the Alzheimer's Association West Valley Resource Center, and Tom Porficio of Sun Cities Area Transit.

GIVING CIRCLE

Committee lends hand to RCSC worker

By Charlene Patti Bisson
Independent Newspapers

A committee organized four years ago to plan Sun City's 40th anniversary and raise funds for local charities is now offering financial assistance to an ailing Rec Centers employee as its final benevolent act.

The Sun City Circle 40 group held its final meeting last week to honor those who participated in planning anniversary events. During the meeting, group organizers announced an effort to raise money for Michael Quihuis, a 21-year Sun City Rec Centers employee who is battling leukemia.

"Give until it hurts," said Doug Caravaggio during the SC Circle 40 Group final dinner and award banquet held Oct. 20 at the Lakeview Recreation Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd.

"Sun Citizens are so great with charity even if they are sometimes tight," he joked.

Before the night ended, more than \$500 was collected for Mr. Quihuis.

Mr. Quihuis is 39 and lives in Phoenix.

"He is a dedicated employee," Mr. Caravaggio said. "Let's help a fellow man in our own community."

Mr. Quihuis appreciates the community's effort.

"I was surprised and real happy that they are helping me out — Doug and his friends," Mr. Quihuis said.

He learned that he had leukemia last April and soon after was unable to work.

"I was happy to go to work and I never had any problems and I miss all that," Mr. Quihuis said. "I got along with all the elderly people. I enjoyed being with my boss and friends. I wish I was still working."

Mr. Quihuis and his donor will be in Tucson for 90 days to obtain a bone marrow transplant at the University of Arizona Cancer

Center.

He is a father of two, Crystal and Michael Jr., and has a wife, Lucinda.

Mr. Caravaggio's wife, Betty, said they plan to ask all Sun City clubs to donate.

"We are getting a hold of everyone we can," said Mrs. Caravaggio, who collected raffle money to help for his cancer treatment.

A bank account was also set up in Mr. Quihuis's name. The account, No. 647460013, is established at Bank One. Mr. Caravaggio said the Rev. Fran Park helped him with the fund-raising campaign.

"People can go to any Bank One to help him. Please help us help him," Mr. Caravaggio said.

Mr. Quihuis is very grateful.

"I thank everyone who is helping me. I really appreciate what they are doing," he said.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE PLANS BIG FINALE

Yearlong celebration culminates Dec. 17

By **JULI NESSETT**
Independent Newspapers

Turning 40 is often a monumental occasion and Sun City's 40th anniversary has been no exception.

Over the past year the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee has presented numerous events and activities for the enjoyment of residents of the City of Volunteers. But as all good things must come to an end, so must Sun City's 40th anniversary.

It will not be without one last big bang, however.

On Dec. 17, the committee will present the Sun City 40th Anniversary Finale! "Celebrating Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" at 7 p.m. in the Sundome Center for



the Performing Arts, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West.

Mac Frampton, a renowned concert pianist, and the Masterworks Chorale will be the featured entertainment for the event. The Masterworks Chorale will present an extensive repertoire, from the classics of Verdi, Handel and Mozart, to Gershwin.

Fran Park, 40th Anniversary Committee chairman, will emcee the affair, which is sponsored by Ramada Express, Ken Meade Realty, Lund Cadillac, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Wells Fargo Bank.

Ramada Express is also providing an added bonus to those who attend the finale. Each person will receive free a two-night stay at Ramada Express in Laughlin, Nev. Complete details will be specified on the certificates, which will be handed out that night.

Although this last year has been full of fun and games, the celebration has not been without an important and meaningful goal. The main purpose of the 40th Anniversary Committee has been to raise enough money to purchase two handicapped-accessible vans to shuttle residents without transportation to the recreation centers.

The committee has almost reached its goal of \$100,000, which will pay for the vans. This money has been raised through raffle ticket sales, event ticket sales and 40th anniversary memorabilia.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 for one or \$25 for three, and can be purchased at the 40th Anniversary office, 15404 N. 99th Ave.

Raffle winners will be drawn during the Dec. 17 finale and some lucky people will go home with prizes valued over \$100,000.

Prizes include: a 2000 Cadillac DeVille, courtesy of Lund Cadillac; gas for life from Sun City UNOCAL; a London vacation, courtesy of British Airways; an EZ Go Golf Cart from Pohle Carts; a Panama Canal cruise, courtesy of Ford Travel; a handmade celebration quilt from Sun City Quilters; an Amazon cruise, courtesy of Bob Kenney's Travel and a large-screen projection TV from Circuit City.

Tickets for the finale are \$3 and are available at the Sundome Box Office. They are also available through Ticketmaster but a service charge for the tickets will apply.

Monies raised from ticket sales will go to pay for use of the Sundome.

Residents who would like to attend the finale and have no transportation are asked to call the 40th Anniversary office at 974-1541.

October 29, 2003

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

Anniversary group thanks volunteers

The committee responsible for planning and carrying out the events that marked Sun City's 40th anniversary in 2000 held its final meeting last week to recognize those who supported its activities.

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee — also known as the Circle 40 Group — thanked its volunteers and business sponsors for all the work that went into the many anniversary events.

"We did a damn good job," said Doug Caravaggio, committee co-chairman.

The committee handed out plaques to over 60 volunteers and dispersed

remaining funds to the Sun City Prides, Sun Cities Area Transit and the Alzheimer's Association West Valley Resource Center.

"Del Webb built the houses, but it takes the people who live in those houses to make a community," said Co-chairman Rev. Fran Park in thanking those who attended the event.

The committee publicly thanked the following volunteers:

Gene and Eileen Afdahl, Marjorie Black, Bob Briscoe, Bob Budorick, Andy Caravaggio, Doug and Betty Caravaggio, Ed Chappell, Audrey Christensen, Gene and Rose Craven,

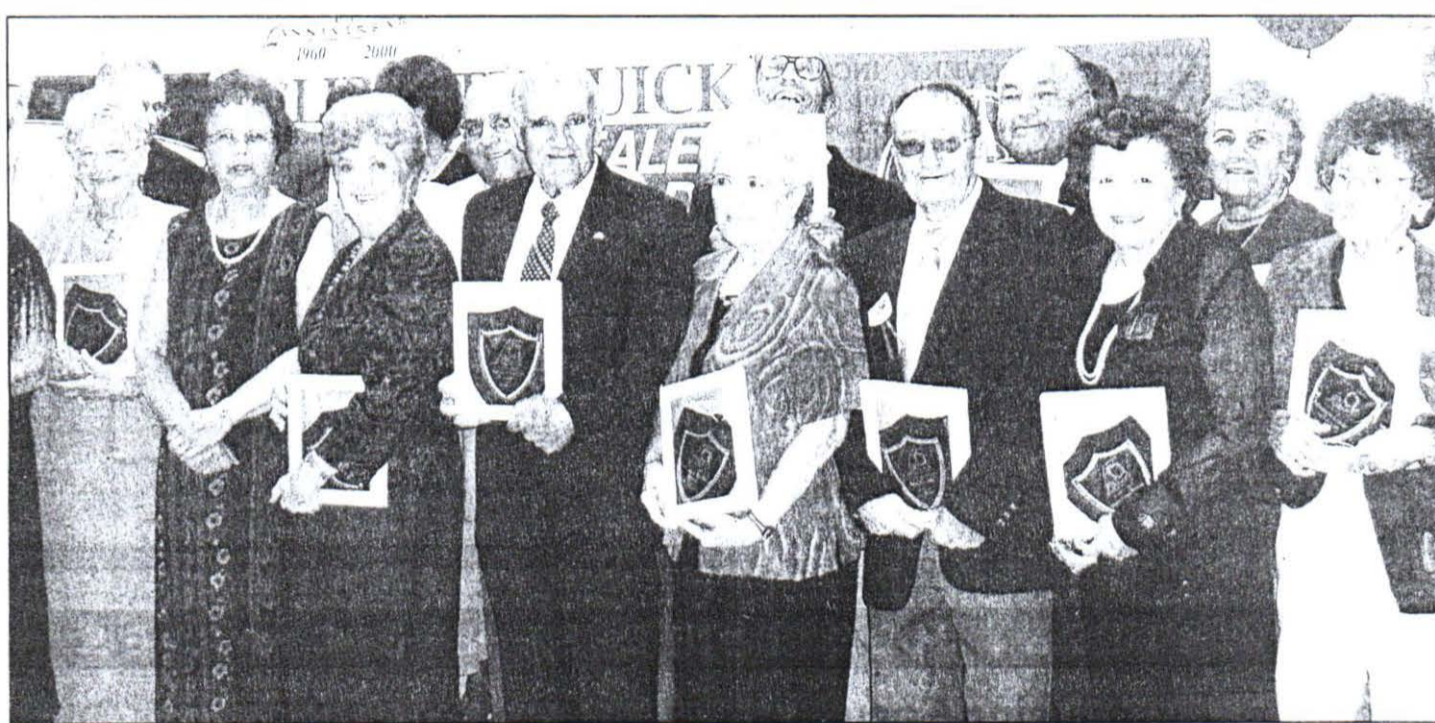
Daily News-Sun, Francine Dey, Rich and Maryann Dunning, Dick Elton, Joe and Millie Fabbiano.

Also, Ken and Billie Fold, Ruby Fox, Paul Hanseon, Opal Hantke, Beege Harrington, George Hartman, Jack and Ruth Hayes, Paul Herrmann, Betty Hurley, Sun Cities Independent, Genife Jacob, Mary Januchowski, Gloria Jarger, Cheryl Johnson, Fran and Tony Lang, Lois Levering, Clarence and Millie Mallett, Tony Mangiapane, Midge Manno, Hilda Marquis, Rae Mason, Jerry Miller, Marge Murphy, Bob and Maria Naumann.

Also, the Rev. Frank Park, Spike and Connie Pas-

colini, Charlie and Verna Pitcher, Alice Pitsenbarger, Josephine Posa, Bob and Pat Purtil, 2000 Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. Board of Directors, Robert Resch, Theresia Reuther, Priscilla Richie, Frank and Phyllis Roach, Mike Russo, Harry and Ina Romito.

Also, Tom Spishak, Lila Stephens, Ingrid and Tony St. James, Helen Thiel, Philomena Tiberia, Richard and Jean Van Andel, Joan Vasapollo, Mary Wentz, Boyd and Grace Wetter, Vivian Whitehead, Robert Wilson, Miriam Woolever, Claudette Wren, Dolores Yacobelli, Jean Zimmerman and Joe Zweben.



Staff photos

Anniversary honors

The Sun City 40th Anniversary held its final event last week at Sundial Recreation Center. Volunteers who assisted with planning events in 2000 to celebrate Sun City's 40th anniversary were honored. Plaques were awarded to over 60 residents and organizations who helped with the anniversary celebration. Businesses helping with the event included Carrabba's, Trader Joe's and Liberty Buick.





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**Sun City's Year-long
40th Anniversary
CALENDAR of EVENTS**



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CALENDAR, 2000

Activities scheduled for the year-long celebration of Sun City's 40th Anniversary in the year 2000.

JANUARY

- 9 Sun** Dinner/Dance at Sundial.
- 10 Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society presents Miami String Quartet
- 12 Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
- 16 Sun** 40th Anniversary "Clayfest"
- 18 Tue** Sun City Musicians Concert
- 23 Sun** Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
- 25 Tue** Loving Life Expo at Sundial
- 27-28 Thu-Fri** Arizona State Shuffleboard Split Singles Tournament
- 29 Sat** 1st "Life Enrichment Seminar" Lakes Club

FEBRUARY

- 7 Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society presents "Chanticleer"
- 9 Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
- 11 Fri** Lawn Bowl Tournament
- 14 Mon** Volunteers Day-- (Posse 27th, Prides 20th, Sunshine Serv. 38th) Sundial
- 14 Mon** Tanya Griffith Presentation
- 15 Tue** Sun City Musicians Concert
- 27 Sun** Sun Cities Symphony of the West Valley
- 28-29 Mon-Tue** Arizona State Senior Olympics - Bocce Tournament

MARCH

- 4-5 **Sat-Sun** Men's Soft Ball Tournament
8 **Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon
11 **Sat** 2nd "Life Enrichment Seminar"
13 **Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society
presents the Carmina Quartet
17 **Fri** Luck of The Irish Program
Sun Bowl
18 **Sat** Fun Fair at Lakeview
19 **Sun** The Sun Cities Symphony of the
West Valley
21 **Tue** Sun City Musicians Concert
24 **Fri** Festival Dance: all types (morning,
afternoon & evening) at Sundial
25 **Sat** Fun Fair at Marinette Rec Center
27 **Mon** Music in the Park at Lakeview
(bring your own chair) Ice Cream,
Caramel Corn & Hot Dogs

APRIL

- 1 **Sat** Parade - Golf Cars, Antique Cars,
Bands, Floats, etc. Starts at Bell,
ends at Sundial; refreshments.
1 **Sat** Fun Fair at Fairway Rec Center
3 **Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society:
Australian Chamber Orchestra
8 **Sat** Fun Fair at Oakmont Rec Center
9 **Sun** Sun Cities Symphony of W.Valley
12 **Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon
15 **Sat** Fun Fair at Sundial Rec Center
16 **Sun** "Tribute to Broadway" by the
Arizona Jamboree. Sundial.
18 **Tue** Sun City Musicians Concert
22 **Sat** Fun Fair at Bell Rec Center
23 **Sun** Easter Service at Sunbowl
28 **Fri** Apple Dumpling Festival
29-30 **Sat-Sun** Sundial Men's Club Golf
Tournament

MAY

- 5 **Fri** Pizza Party & Ice Cream Social
at Sundial
- 6 **Sat** Special Event at Sundome
- 6-7 **Sat-Sun** Sundial Men's Club Golf
Tournament Finale
- 6-7 **Sat & Sun** Bowling Tournament
- 10 **Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon
- 12 **Fri** Mother's Day Program
- 13-14 **Sat & Sun** Bowling Tournament
- 20 **Sat** 3rd "Life Enrichment Seminar"

JUNE

- 6 **Tue** Ice Cream Social at
Lakeview Rec Center
- 14 **Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon

JULY

- 4 **Tue** Ring That Bell Ceremony and
Freedoms Foundation program
- 4 **Tue** Fire Cracker Bowling Party
- 5 **Wed** Ice Cream Social at Lakeview
- 12 **Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon

AUGUST

- 5 Sat** Fraternal Day /Service Club Day
9 Wed Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
23 Wed Ice Cream Social

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
15 Fri "Back to School" Quiz
25 Mon Variety Show Sundial
30 Sat 4th "Life Enrichment Seminar"

OCTOBER

- 1 Sun** Ballroom Dance at Sundial
9 Mon Food Fair and Entertainment Sunbowl
11 Wed Library Honors Sun City Authors at Luncheon
15 Sun Sun City Players Presentation
17 Tue Sun City Musicians Concert
31 Tue Turkey Bar BQ and Halloween Costume Contest Sun Bowl

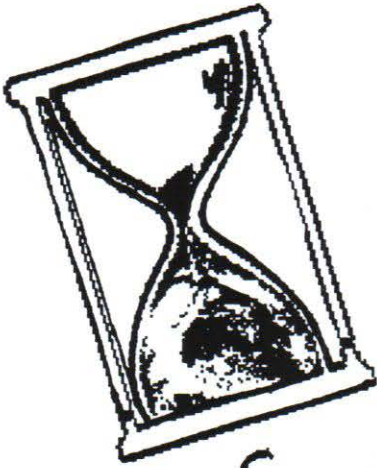
NOVEMBER

- 8 Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon
- 13 Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society
- 17 Fri** Women's Invitational Golf
Tournament - Lakes West
- 18 Sat** Women's Invitational Golf
Tournament - Willowcreek
- 24-25 Fri-Sat** Sun City Arts and Crafts
Festival

DECEMBER

- 2 Sat** 5th "Life Enrichment Seminar"
- 4-5 Mon-Tue** Arizona 21st Women's
Senior Championship Bowling
Tournament
- 5 Tue** Jamboree Christmas Variety
Show Sundial
- 11 Mon** Sun City Chamber Music Society
- 13 Wed** Library Honors Sun City Authors
at Luncheon
- 15 Fri** Christmas Decorated Boat
Parade
- 17 Sun** 40th Anniversary Finale

*Thanks to the many volunteers, Rec Center Clubs,
sponsors, business and industry for their time,
talents, support and community spirit!*



And what a year it was!

In the beginning the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee began with two people. The nucleus grew to involve hundreds of dedicated volunteers. The year-long variety of events brought entertainment: music, dance, sports, lectures, theatre, parades and food -- most of it free and attended by thousands. The 40th Anniversary reached out and touched merchants, from the smallest store or business to national corporations who responded with generous financial donations and prizes.

We heard your laughter and applause. We saw your smiles. What a year that was! What it did -- more than anything else -- was to galvanize an entire community into a bonding of togetherness. Civic spirit and pride -- *that* was the Sun City celebration. The legend lives on.

--The 40th Anniversary Committee



January - December, 2000

40th Anniversary



Finale

Sunday December 17, 2000

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their sponsorship and continued support of Anniversary activities throughout the year:

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40th Anniversary

Finale

Welcome

Mac Frampton
“American Piano Man”

Prize Drawings

Masterworks Chorale
“Anthem for the Millennium”

Intermission

Masterworks Chorale
“Christmas Canticle”

Prize Drawings

Mac Frampton
“My Heart Will Go On”

Mac Frampton
“Request Medley”

Grand Prize Drawing

Preliminary Report
40th Anniversary Fund Drive

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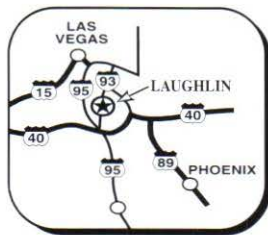


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A virtuoso pianist who began performing at the early age of seven, Frampton earned degrees at Erskine College and the Cincinnati Conservatory. He then gained national prominence at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition where his classical abilities were recognized with a special medal.

Frampton's thirty-year career has included appearances with orchestras of St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Atlanta and the Boston Pops, as well as tours of the United States, Canada, Europe and the Near East.

Masterworks Chorale

The Arizona Masterworks Chorale was formed in 1979 at the request of the Phoenix Symphony Association. Currently under the direction of Mary Ann Dutton, it is recognized for its quality of performance and breadth of presentation.

The Chorale has delighted audiences in the United States, Mexico, Germany, England, Finland and Spain. At the invitation of New York Pops founder and musical director Skitch Henderson, the Chorale performed in Carnegie Hall in 1986, 1991 and 1996.

Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee

Chairman	Fran Park
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Jane Freeman	Tom Spishik
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Sincere thanks is extended to the many volunteers who contributed hundreds of hours and dedicated service in making all 40th Anniversary events possible.

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Anniversary

Anniversary group thanks volunteers

The committee responsible for planning and carrying out the events that marked Sun City's 40th anniversary in 2000 held its final meeting last week to recognize those who supported its activities.

The Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee — also known as the Circle 40 Group — thanked its volunteers and business sponsors for all the work that went into the many anniversary events.

"We did a damn good job," said Doug Caravaggio, committee co-chairman.

The committee handed out plaques to over 60 volunteers and dispersed

remaining funds to the Sun City Prides, Sun Cities Area Transit and the Alzheimer's Association West Valley Resource Center.

"Del Webb built the houses, but it takes the people who live in those houses to make a community," said Co-chairman Rev. Fran Park in thanking those who attended the event.

The committee publicly thanked the following volunteers:

Gene and Eileen Afdahl, Marjorie Black, Bob Briscoe, Bob Budorick, Andy Caravaggio, Doug and Betty Caravaggio, Ed Chappell, Audrey Christensen, Gene and Rose Craven,

Daily News-Sun, Francine Dey, Rich and Maryann Dunning, Dick Elton, Joe and Millie Fabbiano.

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Also, the Rev. Frank Park, Spike and Connie Pas-

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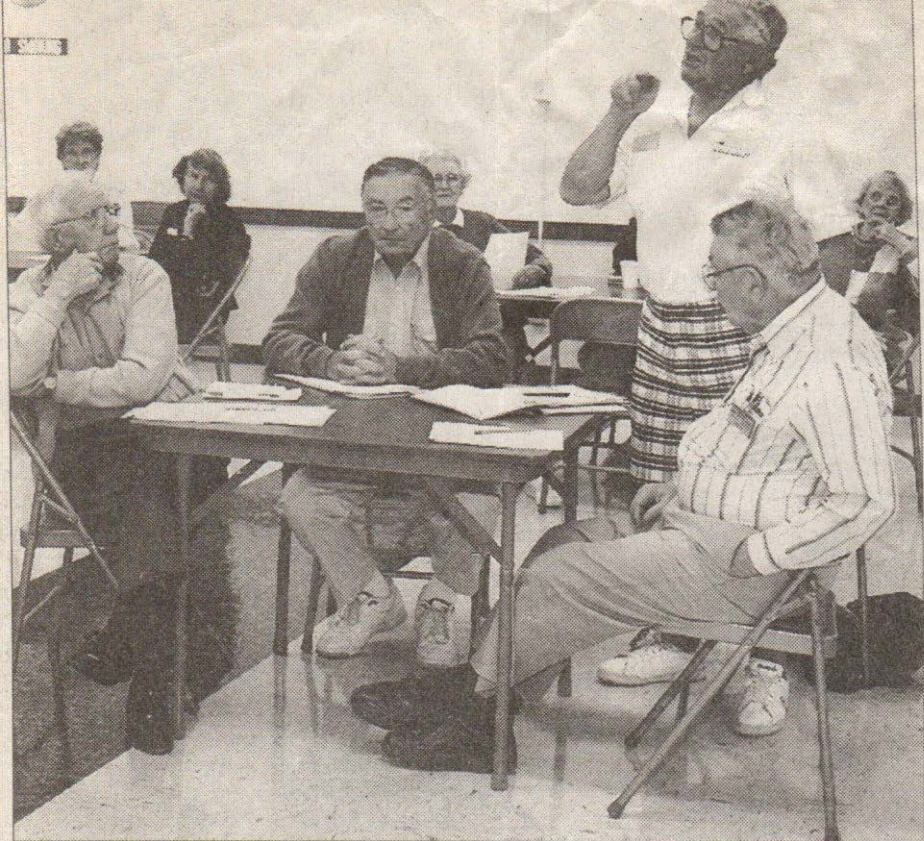


Staff photos

Anniversary honors

The Sun City 40th Anniversary held its final event last week at Sundial Recreation Center. Volunteers who assisted with planning events in 2000 to celebrate Sun City's 40th anniversary were honored. Plaques were awarded to over 60 residents and organizations who helped with the anniversary celebration. Businesses helping with the event included Carrabba's, Trader Joe's and Liberty Buick.





Lisa Goettsche/Daily News-Sun

Doug Caravaggio, a member of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Steering Committee, speaks at a meeting Friday to sign up volunteers for the celebration in 2000.

Sun City to fete its 40th

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music in the park, Sun City author luncheons and a series of five enrichment seminars featuring national and local speakers. Among the highlights will be the April 1 "World's Largest Golf Cart Parade."

Committee member Doug Caravaggio, a Sun City resident since the 1970s, is helping with fundraising.

The committee, which is trying to raise about \$200,000, is looking for more corporate sponsors.

Among Caravaggio's success stories is getting Lund Cadillac to donate a \$47,000 car for some lucky winner during the December 2000 celebration finale.

Caravaggio hopes to tap some well-known people for the events through the year.

"We're going to try and get Willard Scott as grand marshal of the parade," he said.

To spread the word about the celebration, Caravaggio said area shopping centers will hang banners advertising what's happening that month.

"We're going to get people into the spirit of things," he said.

Park said Valley residents might be surprised at just how active Sun City residents are. People should embrace retirement, he said.

"We want to let people know that retirement is not sitting in a rocking chair and twiddling your thumbs and wondering what happens next."

40 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

Eventful year draws to a close with big splash

Tn the beginning the Sun City Anniversary Committee began with two people. The nucleus grew to involve hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

The year-long variety of events brought entertainment, music, dance, sports, lectures, theatre, parades and food — most of it free — attended by thousands of people.

The 40th anniversary reached out and touched merchants, from the smallest store or businesses, to national corporations, which responded with generous financial donations and prizes.

We heard your laughter and applause. We saw your smiles. What a year it was!

What is did, more than anything else, was galvanize an entire community into a bonding



togetherness.

Civic spirit and pride, that was the Sun City celebration.

The legend lives on.

SUN CITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
FRAN PARK, CHAIRMAN

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Congratulations! Once again we must commend the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee for such a fabulous year. The Dec. 17 finale at the Sundome was spectacular.

We only heard a small part of the entertainment, but we enjoyed every performance. Congratulations Chairman Fran Park and your committee, you did it and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Happy New Year, Sun City, and we hope to help celebrate your 50th anniversary.

DUTCH AND DEE SCHULTZ
SUN CITY

Anniversary Committee plans another gala dance

Event set for Oct. 1

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

With the buzz created by the January 40th anniversary celebration kickoff dance still reverberating in their ears, members of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee are laying the groundwork for another event that will deliver similar excitement.

Committee member Joe Zweben said he is still receiving accolades to the Jan. 9 dance. "I have had several people tell me that was the best dance ever put on in Sun City," Mr. Zweben said.

The committee pledges to try and

duplicate that feel when it stages a costume dinner/dance from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Sundial Recreation Center auditorium.

As was the case with the Jan. 9 dance, 750 tickets will be sold at \$20 each. Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Centers Club Office at the Lakeview Recreation Center.

Tickets to the dance will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and guests of Sun City residents are welcome.

"We expect to sell out again," said George Hartman, dance chairman.

"Everyone who missed the kickoff dance will have an opportunity to attend the costume dance," Mr. Hartman added.

Costumes are optional for the event but men not wearing a costume must wear a tie and jacket and women must wear a dress. Casual



attire is not acceptable.

"Although costumes are optional, we would like most people to come in costume," Mr. Hartman said.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and Mr. Hartman is working on securing celebrity judges.

Dance music will be provided by Jack Merlin's big band performing "Hit Parade" selections.

The 14-piece band features musi-

cians who have played with renowned orchestras fronted by such bandleaders as Jimmy Dorsey, Les Elgart and Lester Lanin, Tommy Dorsey and Vincent Lopez.

Mr. Merlin's band, which features the vocal stylings of Sheri Lee, has a repertoire of more than 1,000 songs.

"They have played many times in Sun City," said committee member Doug Caravaggio. "They are top notch."

In keeping with the costume theme, the Wester Jesters will assist attendees in locating their tables.

Mr. Hartman reminded those attending to leave their bottles of alcohol at home. "It is against the law and you will not be admitted," he said.

A no-host bar will be set up and

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Circle 40 Holds Final Event

The Sun City Circle 40 group held its final event in October at the Sundial Recreation Center. Volunteers and businesses involved in the planning of Sun City's 40th Anniversary events that were held in 2000, were honored and presented plaques at the event.

Carrabba's Italian Grill provided the dinner, and Trader Joe's provided the wine for the event. Liberty Buick donated funds for the the plaques that were given.

A fund, raised by the group, was dispersed among local charities. The West Valley Alzheimer's Association, SCAT and the PRIDES each received \$2,000. The bulk of the funds raised during the 40th Anniversary events were donated to the Sun City Foundation. The \$100,000 donation has been used by the Foundation to purchase two vans for the Sun Cities Area Transit, provide free SCAT tickets to needy residents and has helped to pay annual property assessment fees for those who can not afford them.



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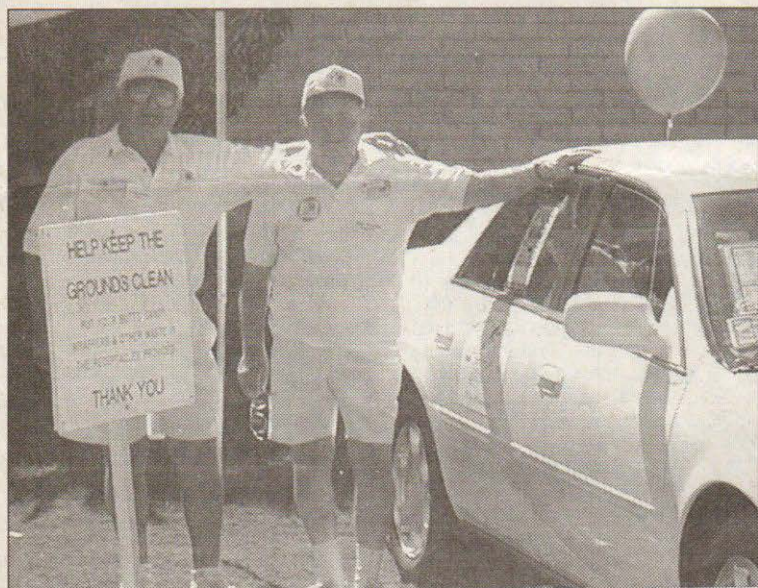


Celebration inflation

Joe Fabbiano, left, Jack Hayes and Robert Purtill blow up balloons for the Sundial Dance Club New Year's Eve party Thursday.

Steve Cherek/Daily News-Sun

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YOU VOLUNTEER



Photo by JULIE RIDDLE/Independent Newspapers

Cadillac of raffles

Members of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee have been hard at work selling raffle tickets, including at the recent Apple Dumping Festival and the pizza and ice cream social, to benefit the 40th anniversary celebration. Tickets for a chance to win a 2000 Cadillac, valued at \$47,000, donated by Lund Cadillac, sell for \$10 each or three for \$25 and are on sale at the 40th Anniversary Committee office located near ABCO in Greenway Terrace, 154556 N. 99th Ave.

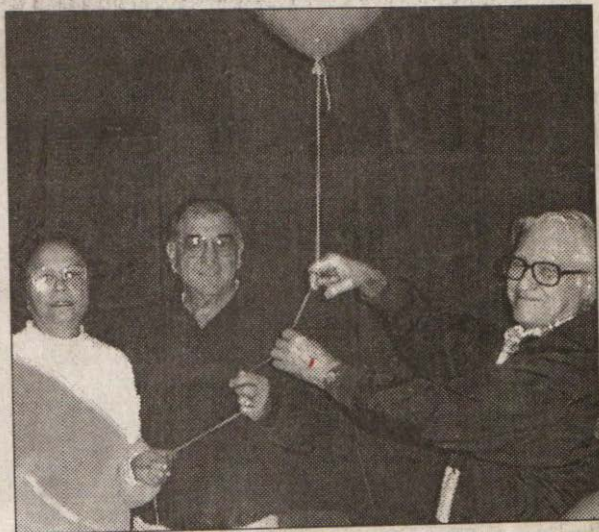
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Preparing for a gala celebration

Members of the Sundial Dance Club were busy Thursday afternoon decorating the auditorium for a New Year's Eve celebration. (Above, from left) Clarence Mallett, president; Ruth Hayes, publicity chairperson, Doug Caravaggio, first vice president; and Al Schlegel, second vice president, prepare to hoist balloons to the rafters. (Right) Connie Pascolini, Fred Cerroni and Eck Sellars affix string to helium-filled balloons. More than 800 people were expected to attend the festivities.

Photos by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers



Anniversary Committee plans Food Fair

Italian cuisine featured
in Columbus Day event

By **JULI NESSETT**
Independent Newspapers

If ever there was a reason to celebrate Columbus Day, this year is it.

On Oct. 9, the 40th Anniversary Committee will sponsor a Food Fair at the Sun Bowl, located on 107th Avenue, south of Peoria Avenue, that will feature continuous entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free and the only charge for the event will be for food or raffle tickets.

Carraba's Italian Grill will be



selling chicken marsala, while Romano's Macaroni Grill will sell pasta and lasagna.

Sun City Catering will be offering Italian sausage with onions and

peppers and Italian burgers. Domino's Pizza will be selling pizza and Sun City's American Italian Bilingual Club will be providing all of the sweets for the event. Wine and beer will be available for \$1.25.

The event is sponsored by Lund Cadillac, Liberty Buick, Moore Chrysler Jeep, Wells Fargo Bank and Northwest Valley Health Association.

Raffle tickets will be sold six for \$5 or \$1 each. Prizes will be given out all afternoon but ticket holders need not be present to win.

According to committee member Doug Caravaggio, there will be

about \$2,000 worth of prizes to be given out.

Prizes will come from a variety of sources, including, Trader Joes, Home Depot and Palmbrook Country Club.

Winners' names will be posted and prizes will be available at the 40th Anniversary office, located in the Greenway Terrace shopping center.

Entertainment for the Columbus Day event will start with the Rhythm Ramblers at 10 a.m. and line dancers will perform from 11 a.m. to noon with Joe Verella taking on the duties as caller.

The Sun City Players Community Theater will perform from noon to 1 p.m. and later in the afternoon Fletcher's Organ Music, the Jack Merlin Band and the Terry McFee Band perform.

For those looking for a little information, booths will be set up offering product demonstrations and health services information. Northwest Valley Health Association will also have a booth and will perform free blood-pres-

Anniversary Committee prepares for big finish

By **TODD FARRAN**

Independent Newspapers

Following a hectic six months of events — highlighted by a gala kickoff dinner/dance and a highly-popular April 1 Golf Car Parade — the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee is regrouping for a busy second half of the year.

More than 20 events are planned over the next five months, culminating in the Dec. 17 celebration at the Sundome during which the grand prize in the year-long raffle will be awarded.

Some lucky person will drive home behind the wheel of a new 2001 Cadillac, donated by Lund Cadillac. Chances to win the car, and myriad other prizes, are \$10 each or three for \$25, and are available at the anniversary committee office in Greenway Terrace, 99th Avenue and Greenway Road.

In addition to the raffle tickets, numerous 40th anniversary memorabilia is on sale at the office, including: golf car parade videos, cookbooks, watches, T-shirts, golf shirts, caps and mugs.

The next event on the calendar is an Aug. 23 root beer float social at Sundial Auditorium.

The committee is gearing up for a large turnout, based upon the popularity of a July 5 ice cream social. More than 700 people attended that function at Sundial.

A "Back to School" quiz is slated for Sept. 15. That will be followed by an Oct. 1 costume diner/dance at Sundial.

In the midst of making preparations for all these events, the committee is still anxiously awaiting information that will lead to the return of the blimp-shaped balloon that was freed from its moorings on June 20. "We have heard nothing," said Doug Caravaggio, committee member.

A \$500 reward has been offered for information that will lead to the safe recovery of the \$3,000 balloon, the use of which was donated by Lund Cadillac.

Dear Doug,

I moved into my 3-bedroom condo in 1971 when I was employed at GCC. Over the years I've been actively involved in many Sun City doings as a volunteer. Including: officer on 2 RCSC clubs; on 3 committees of HOA; in 1978 started a community college branch in Sun City and by 1981 had 2,000 taking courses; taught back-packing & walking classes for free; went door to door to establish the age 55 Senior Overlay; gave 47 talks to groups; taught use of weight machines; president of my condo 22 years; 7 years on COA (3 as pres.); on 2 RCSC committees; 3 yrs. RCSC Director. Plus much even less significant stuff for Sun City.

BUT,

never have I observed such hard work and such total success and achievement as you and your 40th committee (with other volunteers) accomplished in order to properly celebrate Sun City's 40th Anniversary! It is overwhelming to think about the great variety of events which were sponsored so successfully throughout the year, and then finally winding up with a simply beautiful dinner/dance last night, October 20th, What a great accomplishment for you all! Thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU!



Dick Elton

Of course I wish I could have done more for the 40th. On 18 May 1998, as I was running a RCSC meeting, my eyes blew up because an MD had not recognized *temporal arteritis* (which leads to blindness). He thought I had arthritis! I dropped the 40th but continued my term as RCSC Director. I sued the doctor and won easily without going to trial. But I am legally blind and would rather have my eyes back than the money. I do feel great and am in excellent health — of course I have little difficulties such as recognizing people a short distance away, reading, etc. Life could be a lot worse.