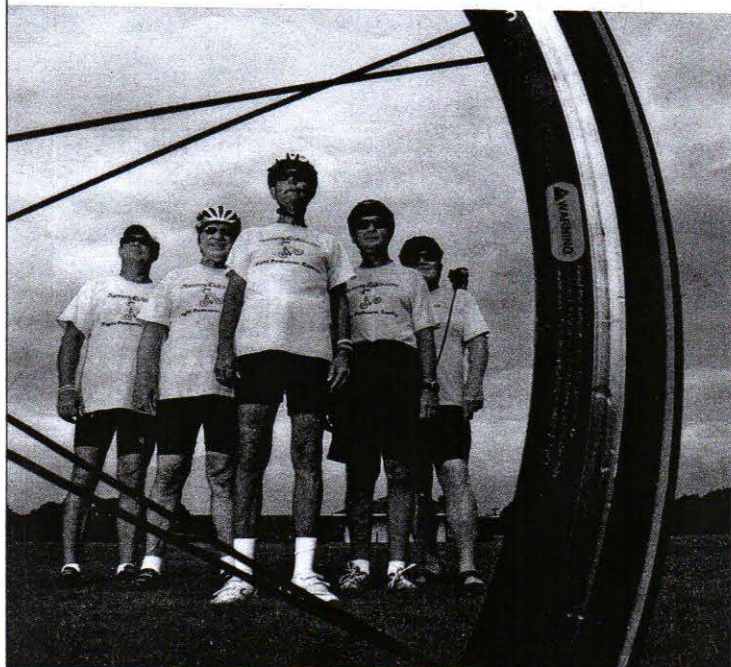


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In the News

64% Percentage of all workers age 55 and older who worked full time in 2008.



Pedaling Miles for Grandkids' Health

A compulsive quipster, Michael Libenson, 72, couldn't be more serious about bicycling practically coast to coast to honor his late granddaughter, Sammy Rotman. Libenson will be joined next spring by four fellow Sun City Center, Fla., retirees for SammyRides: Grandparents Riding for the

■ **Libenson (center) with fellow riders.**

Health of Grandchildren. ■ The five cyclists, average age 70, are now training for the ride that will cover 2,400 miles and stop at 60 towns and cities over 65 days. The bikers will start in Sun City, Ariz., and arrive in

Sun City Center. ■ The event aims to raise funds for pediatric cancer, demonstrate the role grandparents play in the well-being of grandchildren, and showcase what physically fit older adults can accomplish. ■ Sammy, who died in 2008 at the age of 9, developed osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer that led to amputation of her left leg. "She was a terrific kid," says Libenson. ■ For more information, go to SammyRides.com. —Blair S. Walker

On-the-job training

Seniors gain work experience for return to workplace through AARP program

MICHAEL MARESH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Barbara Robson works for one agency and gets paid by another.

Robson always wanted to return to work, but knew she probably needed additional training.

Robson works 20 hours a week for Interfaith Community Care and is paid through the new AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program in Arizona.

While participating in the program, enrollees are assisted by SCSEP to find permanent part-time or full-time employment outside of the program.

The program attempts to provide temporary work assignments for people older than 55 with incomes at, or below 125 percent of the federal-poverty level.

AARP recently took over the program that was under the direction of the National Council on Aging.

People enrolled in SCSEP are given temporary work-experience assignments with government agencies or nonprofit community organizations, where they receive on-the-job training for 20 hours per week at minimum wage.

While participating in the program, enrollees are assisted by SCSEP to find permanent part-time or full-time employment outside of the AARP senior employment program.

Robson, who had been out of work since 1986, needed training to get her up to speed on the technology in today's work force. AARP realized this and put her through a six-week

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Barbara Robson, above, works as a volunteer coordinator in Interfaith Community Care's main office in Surprise. She got her minimum-wage job through a program with AARP, which matches low-income seniors with Title V jobs. At left, Louise Fata works as a receptionist at Interfaith Community Care's Sun City Restorative Care Day Center at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Sun City through the AARP program. For information on the AARP program, call 602-841-0403.

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training course at Gateway Community College.

"Everything was still in my head, and I was told 'I was hot stuff,'" she said jokingly while working at Interfaith Thursday morning. "I was ready to get back into the job field."

Louise Fata of Sun City is another Interfaith employee taking part in the AARP program. Fata works 20 hours a week as a receptionist at Interfaith Community Care's Sun City Restorative Care Day Center at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Sun City.

"It has worked out great for me because I want to stay around Sun City," she said. "I wish I could stay forever."

Robson said the experiences she and other seniors

are getting from this program is invaluable.

"I think it helps people over 50 who did not (use) all the equipment they have now," she said. "I have a wonderful position."

Robson checks references on people wanting to be volunteers and also has learned about the organization's database.

Interfaith Marketing Director Chelsea Evans said Title V has worked out well for Interfaith.

"It allow us to work with seniors and to train them," she said. "It is like a training ground."

Robson said the \$5.15 minimum wage she earns definitely helps because relies solely on Social Security.

Fata said she can use the money, but added it is not her top priority. She said she

likes interacting with Interfaith clients.

Under the SCSEP Program, AARP could pull Robson and Fata away from Interfaith at any time and place them with another agency.

Evans said the program is similar to a training program where an employee will gain skills only to take that experience to another organization.

Evans said it would be a little discouraging to lose Robson or Fata to another organization at a moment's notice, but added they could always bring them back at a later date if a position were to open.

"We can go to (them) directly and tell them the job is open if they want to apply," Evans said.

Fata said knowing she could be sent to another

organization at a moment's notice is discouraging.

"I would definitely do it," she said. "It is not something I would want to do. Moving around too often is not good for anyone."

"I have looked for other employment," Fata added. "But I do not want to drive outside of Sun City for \$6 an hour. One-half of that would go for gas. This works fine for me."

Evans said the SCSEP Program attracts people who believe in working hard.

"I have found that some of them are the best employees to work with," she said, adding most still have the old-time work ethic.

"It really has been good," she said.

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AARP to close Sun City office

Walk-in traffic fails to justify expense

By **JULI NESSETT**
Independent Newspapers

Most people are aware of the fact that Sun City is comprised almost entirely of residents over the age of 55. This fact would seem to make Sun City an ideal place to locate an office for the nationally known AARP.

For the last four years it has situated an office in the retirement community and helped 300-500 customers a month. However, almost of this help has been given to customers over the phone.

It is because of this lack of actual walk-in customers that AARP will close its Sun City branch, located in the 13200 block of West Coggins Drive, on Nov. 30.

AARP State Director David Mitchell explained the office visits in Sun City were practically non-existent.

"It just doesn't get any walk-in traffic. The purpose of those places is to provide literature and to answer any questions they (customers and members) may have about AARP, all of which can be done from our main office," he said.

Due to the expense of renting space for the office and all the bills that come along with its operation, officials thought the closure of the office would make good business sense. The large number of tele-

phone calls could be taken at the main office in Phoenix.

Many people who call AARP are looking for information about its driving classes and tax aid, matters which can be handled over the phone.

No jobs will be cut due to the closure of the Sun City office. The office was staffed entirely by volunteers and according to Mr. Mitchell, the volunteer who was there most often will be moving out of state soon.

Members of AARP and anyone interested in the services it can provide can call 602-256-2277.

For those who do not wish to speak to service representatives over the phone, they can visit the state office located at 302 N. First Ave. in Phoenix.



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40 and going strong

AARP chapters No. 1 of Youngtown and No. 4 from Sun City were honored during a Nov. 2 luncheon at the Lakes Club. Both chapters recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Among the longtime members of each chapter in attendance were, from left, seated, Mary Taylor, Sun City; Eileen Greiss, Chapter No. 1 president; Better Crumrine, Chapter No. 4 president; Ruth Martin, Sun City; middle row, Art Semick, Youngtown; Maureen Semick, Youngtown; Helen McKeever, Sun City; June McDonald, Sun City; Millie Jakoubek, Sun City; Josephine Hanks, Sun City; Genevieve Traver, Sun City; Elsie Marek, Sun City; back row, Madeline Jameson, Sun City; Bob Balling, Sun City; Sally Baling, Sun City; Slater Hanks, Sun City; Eldora Agena, Sun City; Edwin Marek, Sun City.

AARP chapters lauded for work in 4 decades

By Ashley Bach
The Arizona Republic

The long lives of the first AARP chapters in the country can be credited solely to their members, Tom Nelson, AARP's associate executive director, said last week at a luncheon in Sun City.

Nelson spoke to a group of about 200 members of the American Association of Retired Persons at a luncheon celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Youngtown and Sun City chapters. The Youngtown chapter, founded in July 1960, was the first chapter in the country. The Sun City chapter, founded a few months later, was the fourth.

Over the years, members of the chapters have been able to see opportunities for

activity and outreach when they came along, Nelson said.

"You've worked so hard to bring the pieces together so they mean more to our members," he said.

Bette Crumrine, president of the Sun City chapter, said that serving the present community is important but that it soon won't be enough.

"The baby boomers are getting older, and they're not necessarily joiners," she said, "so we're going to have to make some changes."

One of the biggest feats of the AARP and its chapters is their involvement in the political process, said Secretary of State Betsey Bayless, who also attended the luncheon.

"My bottom-line message is to thank AARP for encouraging people to vote," she said.

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AARP shuts Sun City office, not service

Group committed to area, officials say

By Ashley Bach
The Arizona Republic

When the AARP closed its Sun City Information Center last month, residents replied with a flurry of calls asking if the group was leaving the area.

They needn't have worried.

The Sun City chapter is alive and well, the chapter president says, and AARP officials say the group is committed to the Sun Cities.

"This closure doesn't mean we're retreating from where our members are," said Curtis Cook, the AARP's state associate director. "We just weren't getting any foot traffic in the area."

The AARP also closed the information center at its Phoenix office in September because of a lack of walk-in

visitors. The centers were places where people could inquire about AARP and its programs.

Cook says that neither center ever had many visitors even though membership is rising in the state.

The centers were built as part of a national expansion begun in 1995.

Bette Crumrine, president of the Sun City AARP chapter, says the chapter won't be affected because it never had much to do with the in-

formation center. The only difference community members might see is instead of calling the center for information, they'll now call the Phoenix office, she said.

"They can still obtain the information, but it may be a little more difficult," Crumrine said.

The number for the Phoenix office is (602) 256-2277.

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Older is better for volunteer

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

W. Ardell Haines wants to make life better for Arizona's 520,000 senior citizens.

As the new state director of the American Association of Retired Persons, Haines donates countless hours helping people who are at least 50 years old.

"It's a big challenge," the Sun City West resident said about his two-year appointment in February. "It's a full-time volunteer job and then some."

But the former community college president is quick to credit the hundreds of volunteers who provide AARP programs in Arizona.

Examples are income tax help, 55 Alive/Mature Driving courses, health advocacy services, support for newly widowed persons, employment help, minority issues, voter education and lobbying at the state Legislature.

"I'm amazed at the numbers of volunteers who give their time to AARP," said Haines, 74.

Marion Pritchard, a Sun City resident who chairs the AARP legislative committee, said AARP members were successful in getting laws approved this year to help senior citizens.

The laws regulate private fiduciaries, establish a pilot project for care of Alzheimer's patients and provide money to train respite care volunteers.

While the AARP will continue to depend heavily upon volunteers, Haines said he's glad that paid staffers will be hired to operate an office in Arizona.

Arizona is one of 23 states that was selected by the national board to have a state office. The office, which will open in about a year, is expected to be in Phoenix.

What is the AARP?

"With more than 34 million members, AARP is the nation's largest organization of Americans ages 50 and older. It's nonpartisan. The Retired Teachers Association is part of our group."

What is the AARP's purpose?



Russell Gates / Staff photographer

"I'm amazed at the numbers of volunteers who give their time to AARP," says the group's new director, W. Ardell Haines.

"To promote better lifestyles for older Americans."

How much does it cost to belong to the AARP?

"Annual dues are \$8."

What have you done previously in the AARP?

"I was a recruiter specialist in Arizona from 1990 to 1993 and was active with the Maryland AARP State Legislative Committee and the Retired Teachers Association."

What does the future hold for the AARP?

"Baby boomers will be eligible to join in one or two years, so we're going to see a big increase in our membership. There will be a lot more people needing our services."

What is one of your main goals for the AARP in Arizona?

"We've been concentrating on health care reform. This is a big issue for us, and we have many speakers who are available to talk about it."

What kind of impact do older voters have?

Profile

Name: W. Ardell Haines.

Age: 74.

Birthplace: Punxsutawney County, Pa.

Family: Wife, Wilma; son, Gordon; daughter-in-law, Beverly.

Education: Master's of education and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Occupation: Volunteers as Arizona director of the American Association of Retired Persons; former president of Allegany Community College in Maryland; and director for Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation in Maryland.

Hobbies: Woodworking and singing in the Sun Cities Symphonic Chorus and the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church choir. Also active in Rotary International.

"Older people are generally eager to participate in all facets of political life. The number of people between 45 and 64 years old have the highest voter turnout, and those who are at least 65

AARP tax aides saluted

Sun City holds program history

By JACQUE PAPPAS
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Spending year after year helping hundreds of local residents fill out their Form 1040s would be taxing for most people.

But Sun Citizens Edward C. Gunther, Al Fechner and Joseph Flaherty don't get tired of taxes.

As volunteers for the American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program, the men have spent a combined 62 years of their retirement helping others fill out state and federal income tax forms at no charge.

"There's just great satisfaction in this," said Fechner, 84, who has volunteered for the program since 1972. "Each year there is a fair number of people you just feel good about helping because they have problems and it would be a hardship for them to pay someone to do their return."

At an awards luncheon Wednesday during Arizona's first AARP State Conference in Phoenix, the three Sun Citizens were recognized for their long-time dedication to the local Tax-Aide program.

"The first tax site in Arizona was in Sun City. It's amazing to think that there are now 184 sites in the state and more than 1,000 volunteers," said J. Frank Glotfelty, AARP state director. "These men have done a remarkable service."

Since 1971, AARP volunteers in Sun City have helped their peers fill out state and federal income tax forms every Feb. 3 to April 15.

Gunther, 80, was one of four original tax counselors who volunteered for the program when it was started 22 years ago in Sun City.

"That first year we helped fewer than 100 people and now we have 120 volunteers who help thousands of people," said Gunther, who worked more than 28 years for the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition to being a tax counselor, Gunther is the senior instructor for the local tax-aide program. Every January he instructs about 120 local counselors on how to help taxpayers fill out their income tax forms.

Gunther is also one of six special instructors in the state who provides training to other instructors.

"AARP is the largest purveyor of a free tax service in the country and Sun City has the largest number of volunteers giving tax-aide in the nation," Gunther said. "It's definitely helpful out here because the incomes of the people in Sun City run the gamut of very low to very high."

The program, funded by the

Internal Revenue Service, offers free income tax counseling and return preparation for low- and moderate-income seniors.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped 1.5 million taxpayers last year and local volunteers helped more than 5,000 people.

Fechner has volunteered for the program for 20 years since retiring as a hospital medical director and administrator.

He soon became involved on the administrative side of the program as a local coordinator for Sun City. He now serves as

associate district coordinator for an area that includes Glendale, Peoria, Sun City and Youngtown.

As a coordinator, Fechner recruits volunteers, sets up locations to conduct the program, find places for training and makes reports to IRS and AARP offices.

"I think this is a wonderful service. We not only have sites that people go to, but we make home visits, go to retirement centers and have even gone to hospitals on request," Fechner said.

Flaherty, a retired sales representative and credit manager, has volunteered as a counselor for 20 years in Sun City. He was out of town during Wednesday's awards luncheon.

Plans are under way for the Tax-Aide Program that will help local residents fill out their 1992 tax forms. Volunteer counselors will be trained in January and tax help sites will be set up beginning Feb. 3.



Frances Guarino/Daily News-Sun

Albert H. Fechner, left, and Edward C. Gunther examine tax material. The Sun Citizens have worked as volunteers in the AARP Tax Aide Program for 20 and 22 years, respectively.

'That first year we helped fewer than 100 people and now we have 120 volunteers who help thousands of people.'

Edward C. Gunther
AARP tax aide

Nation's first AARP chapter turns 30

By PEG KEITH
Sun Cities Independent

The 300 members of the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter No. 1, Youngtown, are preparing a 30th anniversary observance, set to begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 6.

It's a charter event — a nod to past and present members of Youngtown AARP, No. 1 — proud possessors of the very first AARP charter presented in the United States.

The Sun City AARP chapter was the fourth one established in the country.

Ethel Mae Taylor, president of the Youngtown group, says the observance of this 30th-anniversary milestone will be a relatively low-key affair.

"Westside Food Bank is needing contributions," she says. "Rather than spend money for a party, we're planning to have a box ready and the members can bring a food item when they come to the meeting."

The meetings attract, on average, about 100 members.

The speaker for the anniversary event will be Dolores Miner, SuperCare consultant, Sun Ridge. Her topic will be health care.

The food collection program, in lieu of a birthday party, is representative of the AARP group's philosophy.

From the beginning, the chapter was programmed to "secure better living for older people,"



ELISABETH PECK, 92, is the only surviving charter member of the Youngtown Chapter No. 1, AARP.

says Sylvia Olson, the Youngtown chapter's public information representative. "Our motto is 'To serve; not to be served.'"

An organizational meeting for the chapter first took place Sept. 9, 1960, with Elisabeth Peck serving as the first program chairman and Elmer Johns conducting the meeting.

"It (chapter recognition) was not official until Oct. 5, 1960," says Mrs. Olson.

The current president, Mrs. Taylor, finds the 30th anniversary date somewhat flexible. Some members mark the September calendar, because of the organizational meeting, while others take the date that the char-



NO. 1 TURNS 30. The American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1, Youngtown, celebrates its 30th anniversary this month. The chapter was the very first AARP chapter organized in the country. Admiring the club's original charter are, from left, Joanne Boggs, treasurer; Ruth Tatro, secretary; Sylvia Olson, second vice president; Robert Tatro, first vice president; Ethelmae Taylor, president.

ter was delivered.

"Dr. Percy Andrus brought the charter from (the) National (organization)," says Mrs. Taylor.

Records show that, of the original officers, Mrs. Peck is the only one still living, and, at 92, is a resident of Baptist Village.

Mrs. Peck was elected "officially" to the office of program chairman at the first meeting.

Nearly 30 people attended that 1960 organizational meeting. The roster had burgeoned to 94 new members by the time the first official meeting took place the following month.

"Clifford Brown was instru-

mental in getting a large number of new members," says Mrs. Olson. C.B. (Cy) Owens was elected president and Paul Peck was selected as the first treasurer.

Other officers were E. L. Keller, vice president; Dina Rees Evans, corresponding secretary; B. F. Clark, recording secretary and E. Morgan, executive secretary.

Anybody past 50 years of age is eligible to join AARP, says Mrs. Olson.

"The Youngtown chapter contributes to the food bank and helps people, and the community, in a variety of ways."

Whither SC West when Webb goes?

By MARY DUMOND
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — "However AARP goes, the community goes," said Walter Schifter, legislative chairman of Chapter 3514 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tuesday.

Chapter members voted "yes" on the question, "How many of you want to study alternatives on the community's future after Webb leaves?"

Information was given by two members, Ernie Edison, who submitted the original report, "Life After Devco," and Phil Vision, who presented the ramifications of central government of some sort in Sun City West.

The master plan of Del E. Webb Communities, which controlled the arrangement and architecture of shopping centers and smaller areas, showed that Webb intended to leave Sun City West in the 1990s, Edison said.

"Now we're looking at two, maybe three or four years that they'll be out of here," he said.

Edison held up newspaper clippings listing the donations and the institutions benefitted by Webb during its stay.

"Last year the rec centers lost \$300,000," he told the audience. "That means they spent more money than they took in. Webb made up the difference."

Edison also noted other benefits — acreage and a \$500,000 pledge for the SCW Community Services Building and other donations to community activities.

When Sun City Westers are left to fend for themselves, he said, "We will have three rec centers and five golf courses. And we are going to have to take care of this."

Edison listed five possible solutions to fill the vacuum:

- Do nothing — let things stay as is.

- "I can refer you to Sun City, which did just that," Edison said.

- Allow Sun City West to be annexed by a nearby community.

- "Do you want to be annexed by Surprise?" Edison asked.

- "No," the audience shouted.

- Form a special district to serve community needs.

- Incorporate — "a dirty word in Sun City."

- Combine the governing board of the Recreation Centers and PORA.

"But will that be enough?" Edison queried the audience.

Vision identified himself as "chairman of a subcommittee to study the legal foundations for some kind of central governmental

body.

"I'm not here this morning to speak for or against incorporation. Municipal government, no matter what form it takes, establishes services to be provided to its people."

A positive element will be gained by studying incorporation, Vision commented, because in studying it, "we will have to ask where does it (the community) want to go and what does it want to accomplish after Del Webb leaves?"

Answers to these questions can be used for or against incorporation, he added.

"This is a very emotional subject," he said.

Vision's hope: that the committee will provide statutory bases of organization ... "and that groups like this ... will schedule meetings and workshops to study self-government with more light than heat."

Two other alternatives were listed:

"Special districts can be formed to meet limited needs — the rural fire district, for instance," Vision said. "But beware of creating more than are needed."

The other choice, Vision said, "is remaining under Maricopa County rule. But some counties — including Maricopa County — are pushing for home rule and that means higher taxes.

"We see the need to bring control closer to the people involved — for instance, the Coronet development on the north side of Sun City West. But we have only two out of nine representatives on the (Maricopa County) Planning and Zoning Board and only one county supervisor who's a friend — but not a resident."

Many Arizonans, Vision said, think that the Sun Cities receive far more services than their residents pay in taxes, a view that will be more expensive as time goes on.

He pointed to the multi-storied buildings that have gone up in Sun City and said, "I doubt, if there had been a city government, that these buildings would have been accepted."

"And there's the Grand Avenue Corridor plan that affects Sun City West," he said. "Some centralized agency should deal with that."

Apathy is the major pitfall of incorporation, Vision said. "Apathy can destroy an incorporation movement, or it can destroy a community that is incorporated."

"The final question can be resolved only by residents of the area."

AARP president to visit area; will celebrate with chapters



Vita Ostrander

Vita Ostrander, national president of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will be here in October to help the Youngtown and Sun City chapters celebrate their 25th anniversaries.

She will also address an open meeting, sponsored by Sun City AARP Chapter 4, at 2 p.m. Oct. 9 in Sundial Auditorium.

The topic of her talk is not available.

Mrs. Ostrander is scheduled to arrive in the Valley Oct. 7 to take part in a "team convention" of state AARP officers being held in the Metro Center Rodeway Inn, Phoenix.

On Oct. 8, she will join the Youngtown AARP chapter for a 25th anniversary picnic lunch of hot dogs and baked beans in the Francis Greer Park in Clubhouse

Square.

Also expected to attend are Randy Powell, AARP state director, and Ed Graham, assistant state director.

Certificates are to be presented to 16 Youngtown chapter members, honoring them for their work in the organization over the years.

That evening, Mrs. Ostrander will be honored at a Sun City Chapter 4 sponsored banquet in the Union Hills Country Club.

Attending the affair will be state officers, past presidents and charter members of Chapter 4, and the current board members and officers.

Banquet activities, according to chairman Gladys Catton, will include a talk by Mrs. Ostrander and a performance by the Sun City Pom Poms.

The Youngtown group, which now has a membership of 350, was the first in the country to be approved as an AARP chapter. This occurred on Sept. 23, 1960.

To honor of the event, Ethel Andrus, head of the national teachers organization who started AARP, visited Youngtown on Oct. 5, 1960, to personally present the chapter with its charter. Receiving the charter were Elmer Johns, chapter founder, and Cyrus Owens, its first president.

The current president is Richard Hodson.

The Sun City chapter, which now has some 3,000 members, was organized on Oct. 9, 1960, with John Drenth as the first president. Serving as president this year is Millie Jakoubek.



Russell Gates, The Phoenix Gazette

Refiees listen to AAR commemorative talks at Youngtown Clubhouse Park.

Numero uno Youngtown Chapter first to win national membership

Gazette Northwest Bureau

YOUNGTOWN—A quarter of a century ago, 22 Youngtown residents asked American Association of Retired Persons founder Ethel Andrus for permission to form a local chapter.

Andrus agreed, and the Youngtowners became AARP Chapter One.

Chapter One President Richard Hodson said several communities applied for chapter status at the same time in Youngtown, but Youngtown had an edge that won it the *numero uno* status.

"They were approved on the basis that they were the first retirement community," he said.

Sun City applied about the same time, and became Chapter Four.

Since then AARP has grown quickly. Seven-year-old Sun City West, for instance, is Chapter 3514. The national AARP recently enrolled its 20

millionth member.

National President Vita Ostrander honored Youngtown and Sun City last week by attending meetings in both communities.

Hodson, who spoke in Youngtown, said Chapter One has grown to 350 members. Of the 22 charter members, one still lives in Youngtown. She is Dina Rees Evans Shaw.

AARP has done so well because it caters to the needs of older people, Hodson said. "It is nothing but people helping people," he said.

Among the things done by Chapter One:

- 55 Alive. That is a driver's education program for adults. Those who pass receive a discount on their auto insurance.

- Medicare claims. One day a week AARP volunteers help members sort through the

complicated process of filing Medicare health care claims.

"A lot of people don't know how to file a claim," Hodson said. "They get a letter back from Medicare and they don't know what to do."

- Individual help. Members help others in need by picking up groceries, medicine and to "get out and do things," Hodson said. "We help people in any way we can."

- Tours. Through AARP, members can travel at a discount, and the tour organization brings in money to the organization. The profitability of the tours explains why annual AARP dues are \$5, and Chapter One dues are \$1.

Chapter One also looks beyond Youngtown. The group donates money and time to many local service groups.

— Carl Young

AARP president returns to mark group's birthday

*By Carl Young
Gazette Northwest Bureau*

SUN CITY — When asked whether the American Association of Retired Persons has any clout, President Vita Ostrander's eyes widen with confidence.

She ticks off a few statistics: 29 percent of all people older than 50 belong to AARP, members are organized into 3,400 chapters, and the group recently enrolled its 20 millionth member.

There are 300,000 AARP members in Arizona. Sun City alone has 17,000 members, or 20 percent of the residents. Ostrander said each membership translates into three votes: one for the member, one for the spouse and at least one for a member's child.

Not a bad record, she says, for a group that is only 25 years old. To celebrate that anniversary, Ostrander flew from her home in Atlanta last week to meet with members of AARP Chapter 1 in Youngtown and Chapter 4 in Sun City.

"It is big business, and it is our responsibility to be out front as an advocate and as a responsible organization," Ostrander, 67, said.

As its role as advocate for older people, AARP has four goals: to bring health care costs under control, to eliminate age discrimination, to aid those who are poor and alone, and to bring more blacks, Hispanics and Asians into AARP.

Ostrander has been urging local chapters to become involved in health care. The Arizona AARP last year helped gather the signatures that placed the health care issue on the November ballot. The proposition to have the state strictly

regulate hospital costs was defeated, however.

"We have been spending 11 percent of GNP on health care costs," she said. "Every day of the year we spend \$1 billion on health care."

Ostrander said the federal government is helping by paying fixed prices for medical procedures, but she said there needs to be some fine tuning of the payments based on a "severity index" that would account for multiple illnesses.

Private businesses and insurers also need to work harder to hold down their costs, which will in turn keep costs down for the elderly, she said. Preferred provider systems, in which doctors agree to work for a fixed set of fees, and health maintenance organizations are steps in the right direction, she said.

Preventive medicine, which emphasizes a healthy way of living, may do the most to cut medical bills, she said, but the payoffs for reducing health risks will not show up for many years.

AARP leaders will meet this year with the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and the American Nurses Association at a conference to discuss health costs. Ostrander also will meet in November with representatives from many different countries to discuss international health care.

AARP is attacking age discrimination by lobbying Congress for an end to mandatory retirement laws, and by urging local chapters to ask state legislatures to do the same.

"An older person must be given

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the same kinds of choices as a younger person," she said. Many people older than 50 have a hard time finding a job if they are fired or quit, and those who stay on past 65 find they are shorted on pension benefits, she said.

Ostrander said 75 percent of the lonely poor are women. There are about 500,000 older Americans living below the poverty level, she said.

Many women worked briefly and do not qualify for Social Security, or qualify for very little.

Those poor women need adequate health care, and adequate Supplemental Security Income, she said.



"An older person must be given the same kinds of choices as a younger person."

— Vita Ostrander

The fourth major goal of AARP is one that the Arizona chapters are strongly positioned to work on, Ostrander said. AARP needs to bring more minority group members into the organization, and

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Arizona chapters could do a lot to organize the many Hispanics who live in the area.

AARP recently has begun to work with some Indian groups, she said, to help them begin to lobby for more care for older Indians.

Ostrander also is proud of the work done by the Andrus Foundation, named for AARP's founder, Ethel Percy Andrus. The foundation gives money to further research into aging.

Included in the many grants is one to the University of Arizona for a study on the diagnosis of communication disorders among the elderly.

MEMBERS CELEBRATE

AARP chapter marks 20 years in SC

By **LORAIN TOWNE**
Staff Writer

Chapter 4 of American Association of Retired Persons had reason to celebrate Monday night—its 20th anniversary.

President Ray Folino and his wife, Mary, greeted more than 2,000 members at a party in Sundial Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Roberts attended with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raab. Hollis is AARP state director; Charles is assistant state director.

J.P. Lyons, AARP Area 9 vice president, attended with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris joined the distinguished guests. He was 1979 AARP state director and now is a member of Chapter 4.

President Folino explained, "Special invitations were extended to

members of the board of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc., and to Fritz Clymer, general manager.

"**WE ALSO** sent invitations to the surrounding area chapter presidents and spouses. Past presidents of Chapter 4 who are residing in Sun City were invited. There are seven of them."

J.R. and AEola Mitchell were among those to receive a special invitation. AEola is president of Wickenburg Chapter 1940. She looked around in amazement at the crowd and festivities in progress. "This party is fantastic."

Elmo and Elaine Roll represented Deer Valley Chapter 2489. Elaine is president and Elmo is on the board of directors.

"We have a very good program going on for Medicare assistance," she

said. "We are also involved in the newest program, 'Advocacy Assistance.' In addition to that, we are holding forums for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging."

ETHEL JORDAN chatted with Joe and Catherine Holland while they waited in the food line.

"I take advantage of the AARP tours," Ethel commented. "I recently visited the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec with an AARP group. I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Members continued to arrive in great numbers. They wore colorful party attire and their happy mood was sustained by live music.

Max Sommer played the organ in the breezeway. It was a Thomas organ on loan by Hassler's Music Co.

MAX HAD several cards in his breast pocket with hundreds of song titles listed on them. "These are only part of the numbers I can play by request. I have about 500 of them."

When he took a break, Trio Emanuel took over. Led by Manny Grodman and his accordion, the group included George Rouvalis on the bass and Bill Jones with his saxophone.

Chester and Edna Butler talked with friends as they waited in line for the catered dinner.

"We belonged to AARP back in Illinois," Edna said. "It keeps us abreast of activities that pertain to us retirees. We love our beautiful magazine, Modern Maturity."

TED DRUCKS expressed his appreciation

for the dinner. "I think it was just great. Everything was super. We didn't expect such excellent food tonight. It was catered by Atlasta Catering."

Pete Cipriano, event director and publicity chairman for Chapter 4, beamed at the success of the party. He told about the prizes.

"One hundred fifty gifts have been donated by Sun City merchants, restaurants, banks and businesses. Five separate drawings will be held intermittently during the evening. Some gifts are valued as high as \$50."

After dinner the crowd moved into the auditorium, where 1,050 chairs were set up. They were all filled for the entire program.

LOUISE BATES played the organ onstage. Later, Evan McCoy's Dixielanders played for dancing.

Bill Lewis was master of ceremonies. He exhibited great wit and aplomb as he introduced the following acts:

The Retreaders, a barbershop quartet under the leadership of Ray Strindmo; The Musicians, a comedy act by Lyle and Clara Wiseman; the Leslie Dance Trio under the leadership of Corinne Leslie; The Katydid's, a ladies' choral group; Dorothy Newberg's Hawaiian Dancers, and the finale by the Pom Pon Girls.

The dancing and fun continued until 10 p.m. when the AARPers departed.

They truly put into practice some of the philosophy of AARP — "Live each day as a preliminary to tomorrow, and the tomorrow after that."



Roy Folino, president of Chapter 4, and his wife, Mary, greeted members at the Monday night event.



Joe and Helen Verrechio take a turn on the dance floor. "We wouldn't trade Sun City for anyplace in the world," Joe said.



Doris and Pete Cipriano enjoy a good laugh together. He is event director and publicity chairman for AARP Chapter 4.

News-Sun Photos by Robert Filley



PRESIDENTS OF CHAPTER 4

1960	John Drenth	1982	Edwin Graham
1961	John Drenth	1983	Harry Dykman (Dec. to May)
1962	George Heath	1983	Lyndell Bell (May to Dec.)
1963	George Heath	1984	Lyndell Bell
1964	Warren Rogers	1985	Mildred Jakoubek
1965	Warren Rogers John Drenth	1986	John Paul Thomas
1966	Gene Hellberg	1987	Gladys Catton
1967	Anna Heath (Dillavou)	1988	Gladys Catton
1968	Anna Heath (Dillavou)	1989	Doug Morris (Jan.- Feb)
1969	James Bridgeman	1989	Tom Winfree (Feb. to Dec.)
1970	James Bridgeman	1990	Tony Tesarek
1971	Dr. Joseph Herzog	1991	Donald L. Barnes
1972	Walter Lindgren	1992	Donald L. Barnes
1973	Walter Lindgren	1993	Van Cromwell
1974	L. Q. Yowell	1994	Van Cromwell,
1975	L. Q. Yowell	1995	Frank Gerig \
1976	Marvin Gluntz	1996	Frank Ger g /
1977	Marvin Gluntz	1997	Betty Edwards
1978	Freda Crane	1998	Betty Edwards,
1979	Freda Crane	1999	Clara Toon (103)
1980	Roy Folino	1999	William Butler
1981	Edwin Graham	2000	Bette Crumrine

CHARTER MEMBERS - AARP CHAPTER 4

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(16 signed the application)

John & Beulah Drenth - Last known in California

Malcomb & Margaret McDougall - ?

Charles & Margaret Slatten - ?

Emil & Lillian Munson - Emil & Lillian deceased; second wife, Helen B.
(Ethel H. Daniel, former name) 10610 Willowcreek Cir., S.C. 85373

Jesse & Miriam Conner - Both deceased

William & Mary Bartley - William deceased; Mary living w/ daughter in Idaho

Frederick & May Upthegrove - 11640 105th Ave., S.C. 85351 (from directory;
(933-8668) no contact)

Earl & Hattie Grombacher - Earl deceased; Hattie in Glendale nursing home
12630 Pebble Beach Dr., S.C.

Harry & Inez Robertson - Inez deceased; m. Noel - 13030 Desert Glen Dr.,
S.C.W. 85375 (584-3077)

Rev. E. Duane & Fern Thistlethwaite - Fern deceased; Rev. T. in Sun Valley
Lodge, 12415 103d Ave., S.C. 85351 - unlikely able to attend but
send invitation

Warren & Margaret Rogers - Warren deceased; was told Margaret lives on
Andover but could not trace address

Thomas & Sally Snyder - ?

William & Elizabeth McNabb - Elizabeth deceased; 12234 St. Annes Dr.,
S.C. 85351 (933-1569)

Forest & Bea Dana - ?

STATE OF ARIZONA

Corporation Commission



To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

BE IT KNOWN THAT SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC.

HAVING SUBMITTED TO THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA GOVERNING THE INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES, IS, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN THE COMMISSION UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, HEREBY GRANTED THIS

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

AUTHORIZING SAID COMPANY TO EXERCISE THE FUNCTIONS OF A CORPORATION, UNDER THE LAWS NOW IN EFFECT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND SUBJECT TO SUCH LAWS AS MAY HEREAFTER BE ENACTED, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED BY AUTHORITY OF LAW.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.



In Witness Whereof, I, MILTON J. HUSKY

THE CHAIRMAN, HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION TO BE AFFIXED AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, THIS 19th DAY OF December A. D. 1966

Milton J. Husky
CHAIRMAN.

ATTEST: *James S. Lummie*
SECRETARY.

NO. 70198

BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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STATE OF ARIZONA

Corporation Commission



To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

I, GEORGE S. LIVERMORE, SECRETARY OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the annexed is a true and complete copy of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC.

which were filed in the office of the Arizona Corporation Commission on the 19th day of December, 1966, as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION, AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX, THIS 19th DAY OF December A. D. 1966

George S. Livermore
BY SECRETARY,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC.

* * * * *

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arizona, and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST. The name of the corporation is

SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC.

SECOND. The principal place of business of the corporation is in the City of Sun City, County of Maricopa, Arizona.

THIRD. The general nature of the business to be transacted is as follows:

1. To understand aging as a modern social achievement measurable in terms of longer life and a shift from a work-centered society to one that is leisure-centered.
2. To offer the individual senior citizen opportunities for self-appraisal and for planning a way of life designed to attain the maximum amount of self-realization and enrichment in the years ahead.

3. To help foster equality of opportunity for the aging population by (i) promoting its continued growth and development, its self-respect, its self-confidence and its usefulness, (ii) encouraging its participation in the stream of contemporary life, and (iii) stimulating a dynamic public interests in all segments of the aging population, and recognition of their potential.

4. To study and to discuss the meaning of a longer life for retired persons in a society which offers more and more free time; and to present statistical data for gerontological purposes.

5. To identify through educational procedures, experiences which will further growth and development of personality for retired persons and lead to new, useful and creative roles which in turn will provide a sense of life-fulfillment in our changing society.

6. To devote the energies of the Corporation to furthering its educational, scientific and philanthropic objectives of prolonging and improving the mental and physical well-being of retired persons.

7. Generally, to aid retired persons in their social, physical, economic and intellectual needs by acting as a local chapter of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, a District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "AARP"), in accordance with and in furtherance of its purposes, objectives and ideals.

FOURTH. The Corporation shall not have any capital stock.

FIFTH. The name, residence and post office address of each incorporator is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>POST OFFICE ADDRESS</u>
EUGENE HELLBERG	10418 Oakmont Dr. Sun City, Arizona	10418 Oakmont Dr. Sun City, Arizona
ANN HEATH	11826 105th Ave. Sun City, Arizona	11826 105th Ave. Sun City, Arizona
CLARA McDONALD	12446 St. Andrew Dr. Sun City, Arizona	12446 St. Andrew Dr. Sun City, Arizona

SIXTH. The time of commencement of the corporation shall be the date that the Arizona Corporation Commission issues a Certificate of Incorporation to the corporation, and the termination shall be twenty-five (25) years thereafter, with the privilege of renewal as provided by law.

SEVENTH. The affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors, the number to be fixed by the by-laws. The following directors were elected at a meeting held on December 6th, 1965, at Sun City, Arizona:

I. PRIME BARTLEY, WILLIAM BARTLEY, TOM BUEHLER, WILLIAM M. DROEGKAMP, WARREN G. ROGERS, CALVIN F. SLOAN, MAY UPTEGROVE, and GEORGE WORNER. Thereafter the directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of members to be held on the 1st Monday of December in each year.

EIGHTH. The Corporation is to have members. The designation of the class or classes of members of the Corporation and the qualifications and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each such class, shall be as follows:

1. The Corporation shall have two classes of members: national organization and individual. AARP shall be the national organization member of the corporation. All persons who are members in good standing of AARP and who pay, in advance, to the Corporation the annual dues which may be prescribed from time to time in the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be individual members.

2. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the By-Laws, the national organization member of the corporation shall not have any voting rights, but all voting rights shall be vested in the individual members, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the individual members present in person and entitled to vote at a meeting of members with respect to a question or matter brought before such meeting shall be necessary and sufficient to decide such question or matter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the national organization member shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy on all matters relating to the amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws, but the affirmative vote of the national organization member with respect to any such matter shall be necessary to decide such matter.

NINTH. The manner in which the directors of the Corporation are to be elected or appointed shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

TENTH. The private property of the members is to be exempt from corporate debts.

ELEVENTH. The amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent to which the corporation may at any time subject itself, is \$25,000. The corporation may not contract for, secure or pay any amount in excess thereof.

TWELFTH. The following provisions are hereby adopted for the purpose of defining, limiting, and regulating the powers of the Corporation and its directors.

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director, member or other private individual, except that

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the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article THIRD hereof. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2. In the event the existence of the Corporation should for any reason be terminated, all funds of the Corporation shall, after the payment of its liabilities, be distributed exclusively for charitable purposes.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not engage in any transaction which is a prohibited transaction as defined in Section 503 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent United States Revenue Laws.

4. Neither the Corporation nor any officer or individual member of the Corporation shall have the authority to represent, contract for, or otherwise act in an official capacity for AARP. No officer or individual member shall use the Corporation to further his own personal interests.

5. The purposes and objects of the Corporation shall in all respects conform to the purposes of AARP. The Corporation shall not engage in or permit or suffer any activity detrimental to or which detracts from the best interests of AARP or its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of, 1966.

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Eugene Hellberg
Eugene Hellberg

Ann Heath
Ann Heath

Clara McDonald
Clara McDonald



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STATE OF ARIZONA }
COUNTY OF MARICOPA } SS:

Before me, *Eva G. Phelps*, a Notary Public in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared EUGENE HELLBERG, ANN HEATH, and CLARA McDONALD known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this day of *13th July*, A.D. 1966.

Eva G. Phelps
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan. 3, 1969



Appointment of Agent

Know All Men By These Presents: That SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC., a corporation organized under the

laws of Arizona, does hereby appoint EUGENE HELLBERG

of 10418 Oakmont Dr., Sun City, who has been a bona fide resident of Arizona for at least three years, ^{Address} ~~OR, a corporation licensed to transact business in this State empowered by its articles of incorporation,~~ shall be its lawful agent in and for the State of Arizona for and in behalf of said company, to accept and acknowledge service of, and upon who may be served, all necessary process or processes in any action, suit or proceeding that may be had or brought against the said Company in any of the Courts of said State of Arizona, such service or process or notice, or the acceptance thereof by said agent endorsed thereon, to have the same force and effect as if served upon the President and Secretary of said Company, the said Corporation hereby revoking any appointment of Agent heretofore made by it for the purposes designated.

In Witness Whereof, the said Corporation has caused these presents to be signed by its President, and attested by its Secretary, at Sun City in the State of Arizona this _____ day of

Sept. 2nd, 19 66

Eugene H Hellberg
President

By the President of the SUN CITY CHAPTER #4 OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC.
Attest:

Anna Mae Roberts
Secretary

Appointment of Agent

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Phoenix, Arizona

By Helen Knox
George S. Livermore, Secretary

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STATE OF ARIZONA
County of Maricopa } ss.

I hereby certify that the
within instrument was filed and
recorded at request of

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seal the day 1 year aforesaid.

CLIFFORD H. WARD

County Recorder

by *[Signature]*

Deputy Recorder

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Sun City AARP closes book on chapter

DECLINING MEMBERSHIP: Lack of joiners contributes to demise

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The latest AARP chapter to fall victim to a generation of nonjoiners is the local AARP Chapter 4 in Sun City.

With just a handful of members left in the chapter, President Bette Crumrine decided the last meeting of the group would be Dec. 4. At one time, the 42-year-old chapter boasted upwards of 1,500 members. For the last few years, however, the chapter was having trouble getting enough people to serve as officers.

"Well, it got to the point where we couldn't put an officers' slate together," Crumrine said. "By the national bylaws, we are supposed to change officers every two years. Our ad-hoc committee found that they couldn't get together enough nominations this year and recommended to the board that we close up."

That recommendation was accepted by the board, prompting the closure.

The chapter has been losing members consistently for

several years. In fact, many of the about 20 local chapters statewide are foundering.

Chapter 1 in Youngtown reported that it has lost about a third of its members in the last two years. A Sun City West chapter closed its doors a while ago.

Local chapters are a dying breed, but state and national membership is climbing steadily, according to data compiled by the association.

Baby Boomers are blamed for the decline of membership in the local chapters, which hold regular meetings to discuss issues facing seniors.

That group, according to Crumrine, isn't as willing to join local chapters and tends to subscribe to AARP for its benefits rather than its local ties.

That reasoning was given by Richard Gregory, president of local AARP Chapter 1, who said Baby Boomers are not as likely to join clubs or volunteer their time as freely as their mentoring generation.

"The afternoon meetings



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Bette Crumrine, president of AARP Chapter 4 in Sun City, holds the club's incorporation papers from 1966 in this file photo.

don't work for the younger generation because I think most of them are still working," Crumrine said. "We have old folks passing away, and the new folks just don't

want to join."

Chapter 4 has a roster of 147 members, many of whom are in the 90s, but has a meeting turnout of about 25 to 30 members each month, Crumrine said. Of those who attend, few are willing to devote the time necessary for service as an officer.

Crumrine also attributes the community's maturity as a reason for declining membership.

"In our heyday, we used to organize trips everywhere," Crumrine said. "Some chapters even took tours of Canada. But as the recreation centers and churches became involved in the trips, it became harder and harder to sell ours. Then it got to the point where we just couldn't compete anymore and our members went somewhere else for interests."

The chapter's closure came as sad news to AARP Arizona state director David Mitchell, who referred its demise as "unfortunate."

"It's unfortunate because many of our chapters are finding it difficult to fill their leadership positions," he

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said. "But it's a national trend. We are finding that people are doing community service but they are not joining chapters. And I don't think that this will mean that all local chapters are going to close. It's nothing that is automatic."

Mitchell said there are a number of chapters experiencing the same fate as Sun City's, but there is little that the state or national association can do to make people join.

"Our big focus is still on community service," he said. "But with the national trend heading elsewhere, I think we are heading into a new phase."

During the final meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Lakeview United

Methodist Church, 10298 West Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, the chapter will present contributions to several local organizations.

"We help Sun City," Crumrine said. "We are supposed to give what funds we have left to the national chapter, but we figure that we can't give them the money if it's already given away."

For members looking to stay active in a local chapter, the Youngtown chapter invites remaining members to come over. For more information about moving membership to the AARP Chapter 1 in Youngtown, call Gregory at 974-5024.

Mitchell said the Sun City chapter closing could benefit the Youngtown chapter.

"At least for the short term, it might help their membership," he said.

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