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Roland Winters and Clark Bostwick, left and right, are president and member, respectively, of the Handicapped Travel Club. They're organizing the 2013 national rally for their organization in Surprise.

Local travel club builds itinerary for national gathering

NORA AVERY-PAGE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Clark Bostwick was a heavy equipment operator in 1987 when he suffered a spinal cord injury in a work-related accident.

Ever since, he has needed a wheelchair to get around. And thanks to the Handicapped Travel Club, these days the Sun City resident gets around more than ever.

"I've driven more miles since I've been in my wheelchair than most people do in a lifetime," he said.

Bostwick said he worked hard his whole life just to get by and rarely, if ever, took vacations, so now he's enjoying the time to travel.

Bostwick tows a travel trailer behind his handicapped van, which has a special driving controls and a moveable driver's seat so he can roll his chair in front of the steering wheel. He likes being able to wander around the country, taking different routes home from club rallies.

"I like just getting together," Bostwick said.

And next year, the club's big get-together will be in April at the Sunflower RV Resort in Surprise.

Roland Winters of Surprise is president of the club. He said each year, the

rally takes place in different sections of the country, but this year is the first time it has been in the West region since a 2007 California event.

"The great thing about the club is camaraderie," Winters said. Members share tips, sometimes something as simple as easier ways to put on socks.

Bostwick and Winters, who is also a member of the Surprise Disability Advisory Committee, started planning the rally in March, working to find the right location for the gathering since many businesses can be intimidated by the prospect of hosting so many wheelchairs, Winters said.

"The high point is our wheelchair races," Winters said. "We have a lot of different excitements just around our rally."

Winters said the group "mainly started out as strictly an RV club, but it has evolved to include all handicapped people."

Because of its beginnings, the club's annual rally is remains at recreational vehicle parks, with members from around the country gathering for fun and games and club elections.

While Bostwick has a built-in place

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to stay with his trailer, Winters said he always stays at a nearby hotel for each rally, and the quality of his stay always varies. Rooms that fall under the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act vary from hotel to hotel and one of his biggest problems is having a bed too high to lift himself onto.

In addition to poker games, silent auctions, and potluck dinners, each rally also has an RV open house, where members can check out each other's accessible vehicles that could make their vacations more comfortable.

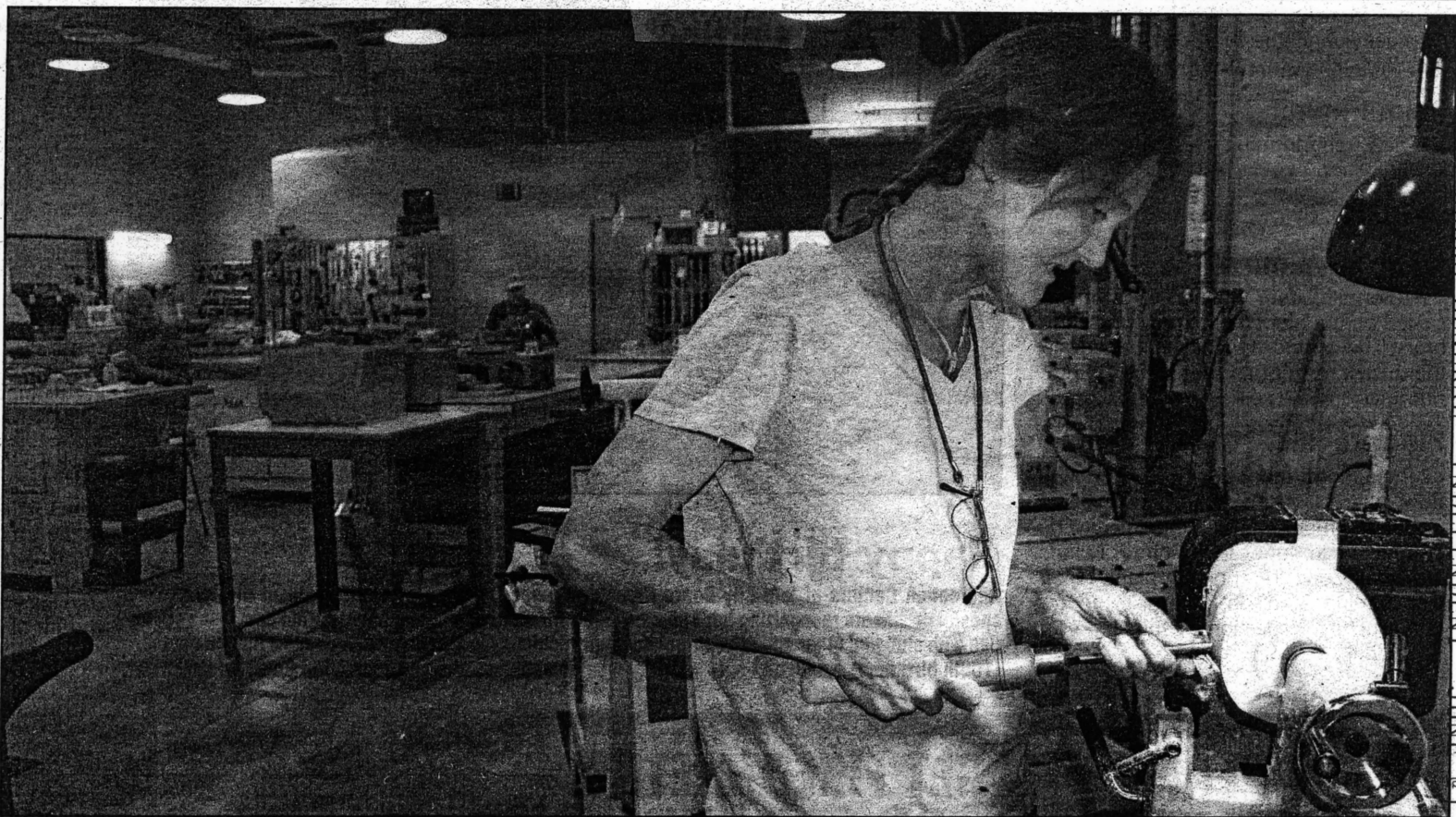
While last year's Mississippi rally was Mardi Gras themed, Bostwick and Winters wanted to stick with a classic cowboy Western theme for the Arizona rally. Not only do the men hope to have dinner at country restaurant I&J Fountain, but they also planned the event to be one day longer than regular rallies to give people time to explore the state.

Winters said the non-profit organization has about 250 members of all ages, with 15 members in the local Valley chapter; about 80 percent of the club members are disabled, but it's not required, Winters added, since they need help from their full-mobility friends, too.

The club is also always happy to answer questions about handicapped travel issues, Winters said, noting that he's had bad travel experiences of his own.

For information about the club, visit <http://www.handicappedtravelclub.com>. Winters is also looking for donations for the rally event, and he can be reached at 623-594-5952.

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With Fairway Woodworking Club members working on their own projects, Leslie Tait, club member Jack Lane's daughter and his guest at the club's shop, lines up the chisel on the lathe before starting the machine. The Woodworking Club will benefit, along with all other sanctioned clubs, from increased event promotion following the RCSC board's decision to alter the way club donations are handled.

Independent Newspapers/Rusty Bradshaw

Club self-promotion

RCSC channels donations back to organizations

By Rusty Bradshaw
Independent Newspapers

Recreation Centers of Sun City officials will handle club donations to the organization in a different way, and that will be good for clubs.

The RCSC Board of Directors, at its May 31 meeting, approved a policy change that calls for any club donations to RCSC to be used exclusively for club promotion. The new policy fits with the new marketing program being researched by the RCSC member communication committee, according to Bill Pearson, RCSC board member and committee chairman.

"It will encourage clubs to get more active in the promotion, and the fun fairs will be more interesting for the residents and visitors," he stated in a post on the Independent Newsmedia Public

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The new policy calls for donated funds to be used to promote club events, including, but not limited to, the club fun fairs, which will be featured in the SunViews, the RCSC's monthly publication.

However, Mr. Pearson said at the May 31 meeting that club event promotion would not be limited to SunViews.

"We should use all outlets available, including our local newspapers," he said.

In the past, donations from sanctioned clubs went into the RCSC general operating fund, according to Jan Ek, RCSC general manager. Donations averaged about \$30,000 per year, she added.

"(This was a) recommendation from the

committee to the board so as to provide funds to promote the clubs," Ms. Ek stated in an e-mail.

The new policy affects only those donations made by RCSC sanctioned clubs. Most donations from other organizations are usually made to the Sun City Foundation, Ms. Ek explained.

The Foundation provides financial assistance to Sun City residents in need, mostly to pay their annual assessments but for other needs as well, according to Mr. Pearson, a Foundation board member.

"There is quite a vetting process to determine eligibility for Foundation assistance," he explained. "But in the time I've been with the Foundation, I see there is real need in this community."

The policy change was welcomed by Jim Koopman, Fairway Woodworking Club acting president.

"If we got more promotion, that would help

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draw new members," he said.

That would especially help the smaller clubs that are struggling to bring in new members, he added.

The woodworking club usually donates about \$500 annually. Mr. Koopman said the club's donation was to help RCSC with the costs of electricity and maintenance.

"We felt we should do something for the use of the facilities," he said.

In addition, he believes the policy change, and resulting increase in promotion for the fun fairs, would be helpful to the smaller centers, such as Oakmont and Marinette, that have fewer clubs. While the woodworking club only participates in the fun fairs, other clubs conduct additional activities during the year that would benefit from additional marketing, Mr. Koopman said.

RCSC officials also make donations to outside organization, such as the Sun City Posse. However, those outgoing donations will not come from the club donation fund, according to Ms. Ek.

"The donation to the Posse is made because of all the service they provide RCSC, and since they don't charge us anything, the least we can do is provide a donation to the Posse," she stated.

The new policy will help provide additional exposure for clubs and promotion of large events in the community, according to Ms. Ek. The change will also help RCSC accomplish its goals for cardholders, she added.

"Our mission is to provide the broadest range of recreational and social facilities possible to enhance the active lifestyle and well-being of Sun City residents," Ms. Ek stated. "We believe the chartered clubs are part of meeting that mission."

Mr. Pearson agrees.

"For all of us living in Sun City, we know just how important the clubs are to the community," he stated.

For years, the three annual rotating fun fairs were left to fend for themselves, he added. This year, clubs asked RCSC officials to take a greater interest in the promotion of those fairs and help the clubs with both promotion and money, Mr. Pearson stated.

"It's clearly a win/win for everyone, and just the beginning in a shift in direction towards the bigger picture of Sun City and its future," Mr. Pearson stated.

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SC men turn tennis into 17-year streak

By MAGGIE REED
Staff writer

Don Bouma and Allen Campbell have been creatures of habit for the last 17 years.

The Sun City men **Tennis** get together five days a week throughout the year to play an hour of tennis at Lakeview Recreation Center.

"Other players claim that this is some kind of a record," Bouma said. "The only thing that interrupts the routine is the rain. Now and again that happens here. The heat may be dry, but not the rain."

The heat doesn't bother either of them.

"We're really just two crazy old guys in the heat doing this," Bouma said of their willingness to play in the summer.

"People ask us why don't we start at 7 a.m. But once it gets over 100 degrees, it doesn't make much difference," Bouma said of their traditional 10 a.m. start time.

Campbell said he learned to adapt to the heat while working as an Westinghouse engineer and manager in Saudi Arabia.

"I really enjoy the heat," said Campbell, who moved to Sun City from Illinois in 1980.

Bouma was a sociology professor in Michigan, receiving degrees from the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University. He retired to Sun City in 1981.

The men stumbled across each other many years ago. Both were at Lakeview playing doubles when their partners left.

"I asked if he wanted to hit some more balls and he said, 'Sure.' That was 17 years ago," Bouma said.

At first, the pair played two hours a day, but have cut back to an hour.

They stick to singles instead of doubles.

'It's not like golf. We don't say a word while we're playing. We both have a tendency to be introverted.'

Don Bouma
Sun City

Throughout the years the men have been enticed to play doubles but always turned down the offers.

"It's much easier this way," Bouma said. "We don't have to call everybody when we want to play. It's very simple. We just show up every day."

The two said they enjoy the solitude of the game.

"It's not like golf," the 80-year-old Bouma said. "We don't say a word while we're playing. We both have a tendency to be introverted."

The competition also appeals to them.

"It's competitive and a lot of exercise," Bouma said. "We play fairly evenly but no matter what the score, we try as hard as we can for every ball."

Both started playing tennis in high school but took some time off and returned to the courts following retirement.

When they began playing together they got a preliminary workout by riding their bikes to the court.

Bouma still rides his bike a mile from his home.

Campbell now drives a golf car the five miles from his house following double-knee replacement surgery he underwent two years ago.

"For my first 80 years I was bowlegged," Campbell said. "For the next 80 they will be straight."

The men said they will be playing tennis for just as long.

"The more we do it, the longer we will postpone the day we cannot do it," Bouma said.



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Don Bouma, left, and Allen Campbell have been playing tennis five days week for the past 17 years. Even in the sweltering heat of summer, the two men show up to play singles for an hour at Lakeview Recreation Center.



Steve Cherek/Daily News-Sun

The Love 50 tennis club was crowned national tennis champions at a tournament in Palm Desert, Calif. The team played seven teams from the United States, Canada and Australia to take top honors. Team members from left are Vesla Werket of Sun City; Amalie Droeser, Sun City West; Marie Seal, Sun City; Barbara Bradford, Sun City West; Joyce Heck, Sun City West; team captain Anita Dahl, Sun City; and Donna Besser, Sun City West. Not pictured are Carol Provo of Carefree, and Stephanie Kahlifa and Felice Rolfes of Tucson.

Theatrical Arts Club grows in numbers

Theatrical Arts Club is a talent club that does variety shows and sing-a-longs for health care centers, independent living and assisted living facilities and the public.

The club formed in June 2004 with only six members attending their first meetings and auditions. The club has grown to 16 members, including an accordion player who performs German songs and sing-a-longs, tap dancers, cloggers, comedy actors and a singer who plays the Omnichord.

The club performed its first show at Vista Del Rio to great applause and has several other appearances planned for August and September.

Marjorie Lane is the founder and director of Theatrical Arts Club. Ms. Lane's mother, Eve

Marcelle, enrolled her in dancing, singing, acting and modeling classes. They both traveled to California where they performed together in stage plays, including "Blue Denim," in which they played a mother and daughter. Ms. Lane also performed for the USO and for variety shows; she first came to Sun City six years ago with her mother to work as an activity coordinator.

The Talent Club was formed so its members can express their love of entertaining and give something to the community. The club needs volunteers to assist with "behind the scenes" support.

For more information about booking the Talent Club or to volunteer, call 972-1637.



Local performers formed the Theatrical Arts Club in June to give back to the community. Pictured above, back row, from left: Pauline Powell, Bill Loslo, Marian Barnmore, Jane Starr, Gerald Fleishman, Janet Dunkel and Rudi Trunk. Front row, from left, Irv Rothman, Daisy Strachan, Marjorie Lane, Shirley Trapp, Sandra Ferrara and Bobbie Hazelton. Pictured, left, tap dancer and clogger Claudia Gay shows off her colorful dance costume.

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JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Rudi Trunk plays his accordion during the Vista del Rio Theatrical Arts Club's debut Saturday at the retirement community in Peoria.

Theatrical arts club debuts

AMANDA MYERS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

What better to follow a leisurely Saturday afternoon lunch at Sun City's Vista Del Rio then with a lively rendition of "Happy Wanderer" by accordion player Rudi Trunk?

"In my hometown, the button box was *the* instrument," said the 77-year-old Sun Citian, who immigrated to the U.S. from Germany in 1964. He effortlessly worked his magic at the Showtime variety show over the weekend, gaining a toe-tapping response.

Trunk is one of 16 members of the newly formed theatrical arts club, started by Sun City resident Marjorie Lane earlier this year. Lane always knew she had the performing bug in her. As a child, she used to go on the road with her mother, singing, dancing and acting. When Lane moved to Sun City six years ago, she knew she wanted to start a performance group. Now, she's using her new group's talents for a good cause.

"It's to entertain people at nursing homes, to make lives a little more



JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Sandra Ferrara sings "I Enjoy Being a Girl" as part of the Vista del Rio Theatrical Arts Club's first performance.

enjoyable," said Trunk.

Like 93-year-old Luis Kelley, a resident of the assisted-living facility, who

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Theatrical Arts Club Talent Showcase
- **WHEN:** 2 p.m. Aug. 18
- **WHERE:** Desert Winds, 10545 N. Lake Pleasant Road, Peoria.

made sure to get a good seat for the show. He said he was looking forward to the music — his favorite being '40s and '50s style. When asked why Kelley wasn't up there performing, he just laughed.

"I used to do that in my high school days!"

Ms. Senior Arizona 2004 contestant Sandra Ferrara wowed the crowd with her selections, "I Enjoy Being a Girl" and "Bye Bye Blackbird." The Sun Citian said she's been singing all her life. The former lead in Guys and Dolls was decked out in a pink gown and sparkling jewels and quickly dismissed any feelings of nervousness about performing.

Irv Rothman certainly didn't seem to

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The Razzle Dazzle Dancers, from left, Pauline Powell, Janet Dunkel and Marian Barmore, perform at the Vista del Rio Theatrical Arts Club first show Saturday.

Theatrical: Retirees razzle dazzle at debut

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be nervous either, as the performer broke pattern from the song and dance numbers and executed a monologue, morphing into Cameron Forbes, a struggling actor just trying to make it.

The Razzle Dazzle Dancers brought down the house with

their tap number "Tea for Two." The three ladies — Pauline Powell of Youngtown, Janet Dunkel of Phoenix, and Marian Barmore of Sun City — broke off from their original tap group, the Satin Dolls, to perform together in the "offseason." Powell said when they saw Lane's ad in the paper asking for

performers, they didn't hesitate.

"I called her up and said, 'We want to try out!'"

But trying out isn't necessary, said Lane.

"Anyone is welcome to join!"

Lane's Theatrical Arts Club meets once a week at Vista Del Rio and performs at

various nursing homes around the Sun Cities area. Dancer, musicians, actors, and "anyone with talent," said Lane, is wanted.

For information, call Marjorie Lane at 972-1637.

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Traveling the world without leaving Sun City

By **JULIE RIDDLE**
Independent Newspapers

In the past month, Sun Citians have seen the Great Pyramids, Grand Tetons, treasures of Italy and riches of Spain. But they never left Arizona.

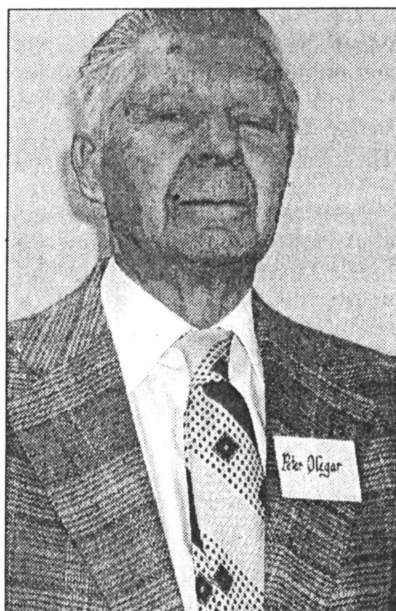
Their "journeys" came courtesy of Sun City's Travelogue Club, where airline tickets and luggage are not applicable.

"A lot of people come (to the club) because they want to "revisit" a place they have already been, or see a place they would like to go but probably will not ever go, like Bora Bora," said 10-year club President Peter Olegar.

Mr. Olegar, along with wife, Mildred, and their children, have some experience themselves in the area of travel. At last count, Mr. Olegar had seen 56 countries, from India to Italy to Tunisia.

"I have been around the world several times — around this way, and back that way," he said. "My wife and I spent seven and a half years in Europe, the Far East and Africa." Mrs. Olegar now serves as program director for the club, finding interesting and practical information for the members.

A charter club of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, members began their "travels" approximately 18 years ago, and the club is currently made up of approximately 200 "armchair" world travelers who meet every Friday night until



By **JULIE RIDDLE**
Independent Newspapers

Travelogue Club president Mr. Peter Olegar invites Sun Citians to "travel the world" with him on Friday nights.

the first week in May at Fairway Auditorium to see what will be shown on the full-size movie screen.

"We have our own library of videos, and have a working arrangement with Bell Library to borrow what we may not have. We welcome unusual tapes that our members may have picked up along the way," Mr. Olegar explained.

Admission, which is free, also

includes live entertainment once a month.

"We usually have a shorter program that night," Mr. Olegar said. "We have a lot of talent in the community — we have had the Desert Aires (barbershop quartet), mariachis, Hawaiian dancers and Sun City Pops Band." Along with \$3 annual dues for Sun City Recreation card holders, a modest donation is requested to the club's "fishbowl" to defray entertainment expenses.

With membership tapering off somewhat, Mr. Olegar is attempting to increase numbers by opening up the club to Sun City West residents, but is finding resistance.

"A lot of people from Sun City West have expressed interest in joining the club," he said. Without a Sun City Recreation card though, membership is restricted.

During the rest of their "season" both a Halloween and Valentine's punch and cookies social are held to help members become better acquainted.

"Videotape was a real breakthrough," he said. "People realized they can now buy or rent videotape and stay at home. Our thrust issue is that you can't live in a cave, but need social interaction. We have a good, friendly bunch and a loyal following. We welcome visitors, out-of-town guests and children. We want it to be a community affair," he said.

For information about the club call 974-5114.



Lisa Goettsche/Daily News-Sun

Tillie Decyk and Bohdan Fostiak, both past presidents of the Ukrainian American Social Club in Sun City, sit at a table that is set in the Ukrainian tradition for the celebration of Christmas Eve tonight. Decyk and Fostiak will be celebrating with other club members at the Sun City West Foundation building.

Traditional celebration

Ukrainian Club plans ethnic Christmas feast

By GINGER SCOTT-EIDEN
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Christmas isn't over for many Sun City residents.

Members of the Sun City Ukrainian American Social Club will celebrate their holiday traditions tonight at 6 at the Sun City West Community Foundation building at the intersection of R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards.

Christmas observance among Ukrainians begins with the feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated either on Dec. 6 or Dec. 19. Young children

receive gifts and are rewarded for their good behavior.

Several Ukrainian traditions are similar to those celebrated in the United States, said Tillie Decyk, member of the Ukrainian American Social Club.

There is caroling after church and a large family meal to celebrate the holiday. However, there are no meat or dairy products served during the Ukrainian holy supper.

Hay is strewn under the table as a reminder of the setting for Christ's birth. Kolach, a special bread, is placed in the center of the table with a beeswax candle placed in the loaf. The candle is lit at the beginning of the meal.

It's these special traditions, Decyk said, that makes the holiday personal for her family and other Ukrainian families. She has passed all of the

Ukrainian traditions on to her two daughters and hopes they will pass them on to theirs.

"These traditions are very important in the Ukrainian family," Decyk said. "Here, in Sun City, most of us are away from family during the holiday, so the Ukrainian Club celebrates."

One of her favorite traditions, she said, is kutia — the first of 12 dishes served during the holiday meal. The dish is a mixture of wheat, honey and poppy seeds.

"Any family, no matter how poor, always had this on Christmas," she said. "It's only served on Christmas Eve."

For information about the Ukrainian American Social Club, call '972-2318.

UKRAINIAN CLUB

Union Club still fights for workers

Sun City man formed monthly club

By Geno Lawrenzi
Independent Newspapers

As a top organizer for the United Steelworkers of America, Larry Spitz recruited union members and fought to make things better for workers. He battled against powerful business interests, made friends with labor giants like John L. Lewis and I.W. Abel and traveled around the world to improve the human condition.

It has been a hard, sometimes bitter fight. For every yard gained, sacrifices had to be made and today, said Mr. Spitz, things do not look very good for labor unions.

"The sweatshops are back in this country," he said. "They're in New York and in Los Angeles. Orientals are working under serf-like conditions in sweatshops and it should be stopped."

With the presidential election just eight months away, Mr. Spitz said unions are losing their members and the movement is in bad shape. Still, he is optimistic about the future of labor unions.

"President Bill Clinton supported NAFTA and he was wrong," said Mr. Spitz. "President George W. Bush is extending the concept of NAFTA around the world and he is wrong. American workers simply cannot compete with low-paid workers in Bangladesh who sleep on sidewalks outside their place of employment."

As for labor unions, he said, they will always be around.

"You can't kill the labor unions," he said. "You can weaken them, but you can't keep them, just like you can't

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kill an idea."

Mr. Spitz was a major union organizer for the late I.W. Abel, former president of the United Steelworkers of America. Mr. Abel lived in Sun City before moving to Ohio where he passed away at 79. Mr. Spitz, a widower, bought a house here in 1977.

"I started out my union career as an organizer of textile workers in New England," he said. "In the 1930s, textile workers were badly exploited. We wanted to end that."

After settling down in Sun City, in 1979 Mr. Spitz and several of his union friends organized the Union Club, which is made up of retired union members. The club serves the Sun Cities, Peoria, Glendale and Youngtown.

One of the club's early major goals was to topple the state sales tax on food.

"We felt it was immoral," he said. The voters agreed with him. In 1980, the food tax was repealed. The club was successful in passing a rent-control law to help tenants of mobile homes. The club also created a resolution that led to the Arizona Department of Aging.

Mr. Spitz grew up in Rhode Island, the son of a watchmaker who worked for the company founded by Joseph Bulova.

Although his father was in management, he chose to be a union member. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, he was chief organizer of textile work-



Submitted Photo

From left, Larry Spitz of Sun City chats with Eddie Lonergan of the U.S. Department of Labor and I.W. Abel, who was then president of the United Steelworkers of America. Mr. Abel and Mr. Spitz were close friends as well as union organizers.

ers across the state.

After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he joined I.W. Abel in Pittsburgh, PA. and became his right hand man. Mr. Abel was impressed by his intelligence and energy, and soon he was involved in key organizing efforts throughout western Pennsylvania.

He laughed as he described a strike he led at a mill in Wrentham, Mass. Company officials had refused to build a separate bathroom for the firm's only female employee. The workers walked off the job and four months later, the company agreed to the demands.

In 1987, Mr. Spitz and his thousands of Union Club members joined United Farm Workers President Cesar Chavez in a boycott of California grapes after Mr. Chavez said pesticides used to grow the grapes were dangerous to farm workers as well as consumers.

Mr. Chavez, a controversial union organizer, spoke to some 700 members of the Union Club at Mountain View Auditorium, saying, "Human lives are worth more than all the grapes." The club donated \$1,000 to the UFW to assist in the boycott.

Scott Molloy, assistant professor of industrial relations at the University of Rhode Island, called Mr. Spitz a "man who not only preserves history, he made it." Mr. Molloy made the remarks at a special ceremony when Mr. Spitz was honored by the Rhode Island Labor History Society for his work in the labor movement.

As Mr. Abel's right hand man, he helped expand the union membership to 1.4 million members.

"I lived through it all," said Mr. Spitz. "I lived through the era when some labor movement organizers were called communists. Most of the most rabid anti-Communist cru-

saders couldn't recognize a real communist if they fell over one.

"They preferred to lump them all together, labor leaders with hard corps communists. Unfortunately, these people, many of them well intentioned, didn't know how to make a distinction between a good American who was simply interested in bettering conditions for his fellow workers and a communist.

"A lot of the opposition to communists came from business."

Despite the pressures, the national labor movement was able to keep its sense of balance, he said.

"People who were veritable saints were involved in the labor movement, and there were organizers who were sinners," he said, smiling. "Fortunately, the saints went there with stardust in their eyes."

He said he is proud of his involvement with the labor movement, which continues today.

"I receive a monthly pension from the United Steelworkers and as long as I keep getting that pension, I will help them every way I can," he said. "John L. Lewis was the first generation of union organizers, I.W. Abel and I were the second generation. We helped bring millions of workers into the middle class.

"And nobody realizes what struggles we had to go through to get there."

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Peaceful picket in Sun City

Union Club members join strikers

By JEFF OWENS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Expanding the month-old battle against supermarket giant Kroger, Teamster's Local Union 104 sent picketers to individual grocery stores Tuesday, including the Fry's Food and Drug store on Grand Avenue in Sun City.

Members of the Union Club of the West Valley took up "Don't shop Fry's" placards and paced in front of the entrances to the store off Grand and 107th avenues.

"We want them to settle the contract between the employees and Kroger," said Sy Hubrig, picketer and Union Club of the West Valley president. "They're prepared to

stick it out to the finish."

Kroger operates Fry's, Fred Meyer and Smith's grocery stores. Kroger closed a unionized Valley Fry's warehouse last April, informing employees, some with 20 years or more experience, that they would be transferred to a non-union Smith's warehouse in the West Valley, with their wages and benefits subject to renegotiation.

When a three-month interim period ended with no new contract in sight, hundreds of employees went on strike on October 2.

The Union Club, composed mainly of retirees in Sun City, was eager to lend a hand to its disenfranchised brethren and got its chance at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Two groups of nine picketers each worked two-hour shifts until 2 p.m.

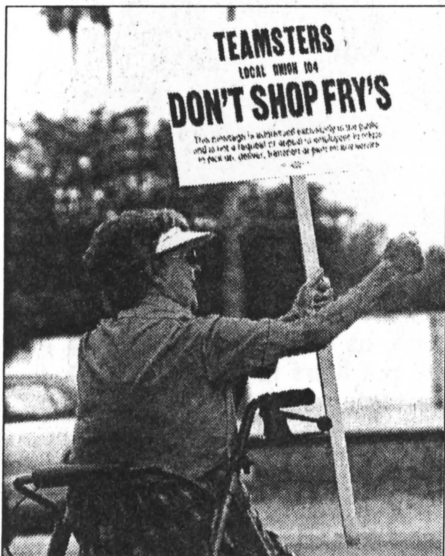
"We're just trying to help the workers out," Hubrig said.

Dana Bond, Fry's assistant store manager, said she heard no comments about the picketers or the strike from shoppers, nor was there any disruption in service at the store.

Maricopa County sheriff's deputies arrived in the afternoon, but only to ask picketers not to stand in the middle of the parking lot entrances. Picketers complied. The Sun City protest was marred by none of the hostility that characterized earlier protests at the giant Smith's warehouse near 99th Avenue and Interstate 10.

Hubrig said Fry's patrons said "nothing derogatory," and that Union Club picketers were "not doing anything sarcastic."

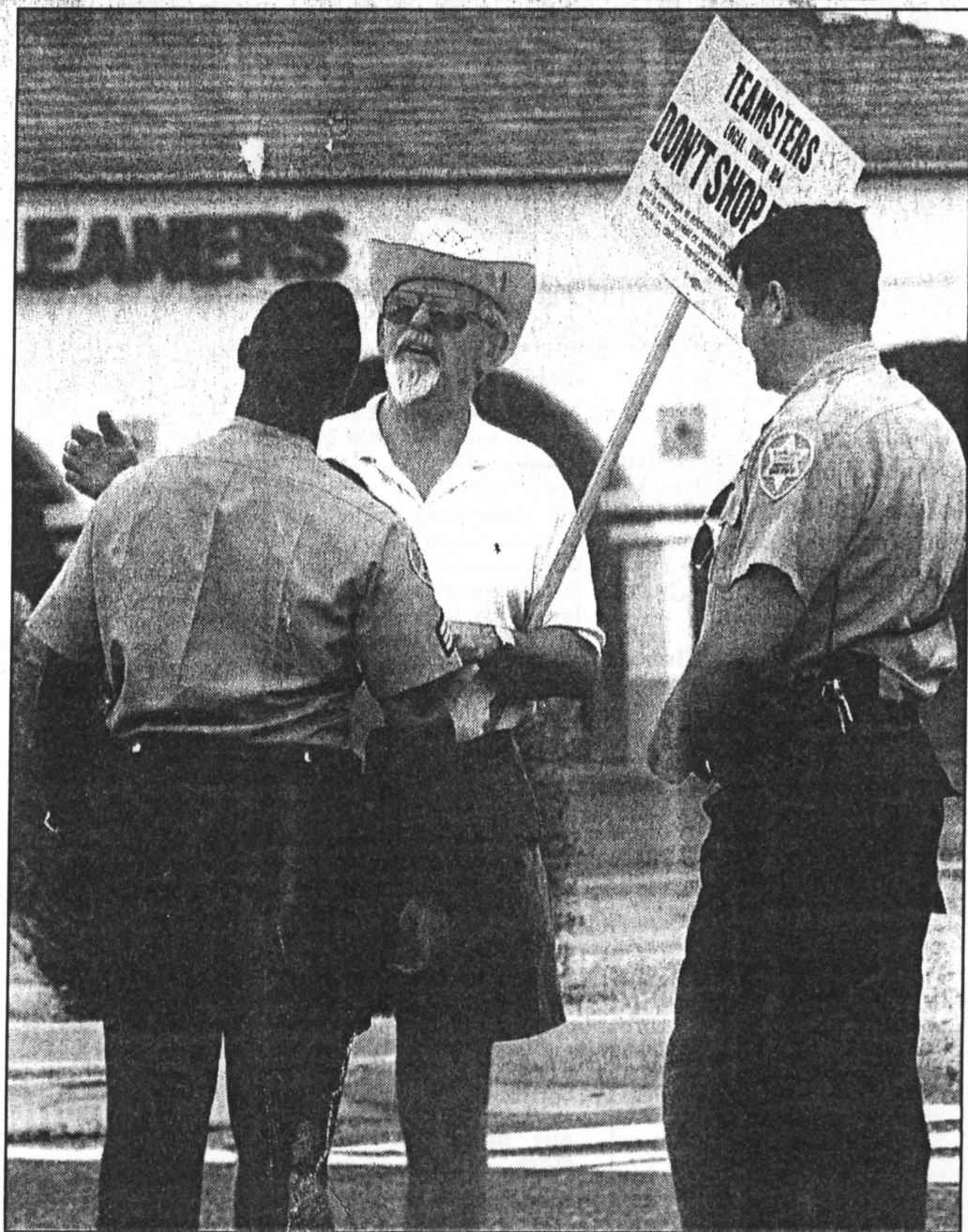
Hubrig said the 10 a.m.—2p.m. picketing shifts would continue until the strike is over.



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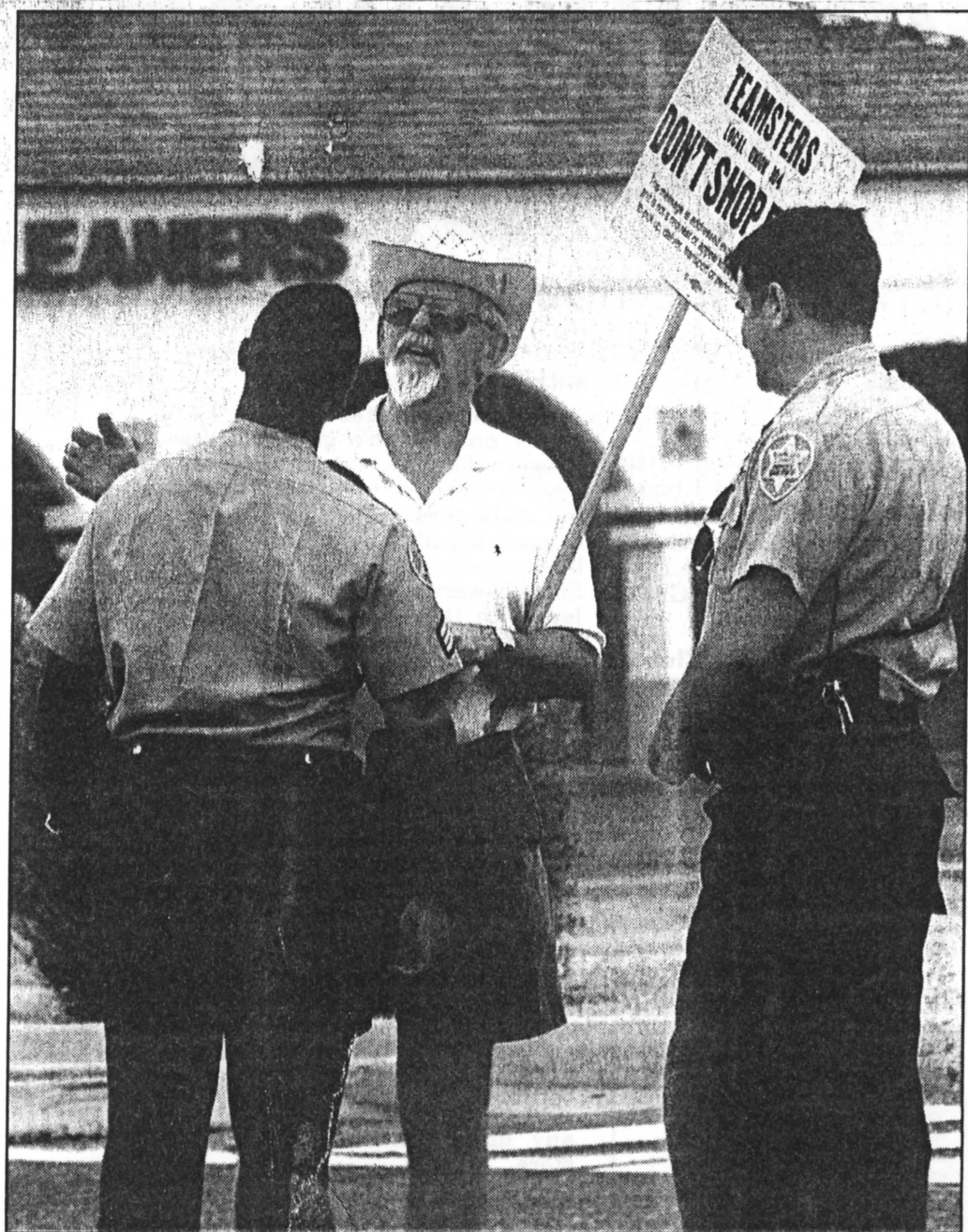
Agnes Hubrig, a Sun City resident, raises a fist to a horn-honker on Grand Avenue in front of Fry's Food and Drug store in Sun City.

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Maricopa County sheriff's deputies encourage Howard Frink, a member of the Union Club of the West Valley, to stay on the sidewalk as he pickets Fry's Food and Drug store in Sun City Tuesday. Protestors gave out fliers to incoming cars and picketed near the store's parking lot in support of union workers at the company who are striking due to loss of benefits.



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Listed below are some of the schools represented in the club.

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| Duke U | Florida |
| Geo. Wash. U | Hawaii |
| Harvard | Indiana |
| Iowa St. U | Iowa |
| McMurray C | Kansas |
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| New York U | Minnesota |
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| No. Dakota St | No. Carolina |
| No. Arizona U | No. Colorado |
| No. Illinois U | Oregon <i>Robinson</i> |
| Ohio St U | Pennsylvania |
| Oklahoma St | Pittsburgh |
| Penn State | Virginia |
| Phoenix Col | Washington |
| Princeton | Wisconsin |
| Purdue <i>Purdue College</i> | Wyoming |
| Rio Salado CC | US Air Force |
| Rutgers U | US MilitaryAc |
| St. Olaf C | US Naval Ac |
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| Smith C | West, Mich. U |
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| Springfield C | Wooster C (Ohio) |
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UNIVERSITY CLUB SUN CITIES AREA
 9519 Hidden Valley Circle
 Sun City, AZ 85351

The University Club of the Sun Cities Area



HISTORY

It all started around the Sundial Recreation Center swimming pool in 1974. Emil Mesics and Donald LeGalley were missing the comraderie of "shop talk" and developed the idea of inviting a few academicians to join together in informal discussions on the latest developments in their several fields of discipline.

The group started with nine members meeting about once a month over a cup of coffee ala a faculty lounge discussion.

As the group grew in size it was decided to organize and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Regular meetings were scheduled and a meeting place other than a private home was selected.

Speakers were drawn from the membership, a practice continued to this day.

PURPOSE

To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas revolving around a university setting; to encourage members to make presentations and lead discussions dealing with their field of expertise.

WHO-O-O

Membership is open to those residents of the Sun Cities area who have been affiliated with a university or college in a teaching, research or administrative capacity, and their spouses. The club now has over 175 members.



MEETINGS

The group meets the third Thursday October through May at the First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103rd Ave, Sun City. A coffee/social hour is 9:30 - 10:00 with the program following.

DUES are modest - \$5.00 a year; just enough to cover expenses.

UNIVERSITY CLUB OF THE SUN CITIES AREA

I desire to be a member. Enclosed is \$5.00 per person.
I am interested in this club but desire more information.

NAME _____ 'Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

My (our) college affiliation was _____

Please return to: William F. Lewis
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Sun City, AZ 85351

SC club invites walkers

— From C1
and 6:15 a.m. during the summer months.

"The hardest part is starting so early," Stazio said. "They go golfing and do whatever they do. People look at us as though we were crazy, but you have to do it to beat the heat."

Simons agreed.

"It gets me out of bed and keeps up my jogging," he said. "I might not do it if I didn't have people waiting for me."

On Tuesdays, members walk an estimated 2 1/2 miles from the northwest corner of 99th Avenue and Greenway Road, east to Lake Forest Drive and north to where the street dead ends just south of Bell Road.

The group walks around the Lakeview Recreation Center on Thursdays and at the Marinette Recreation Center track on Saturdays.

In addition, the club plays host to a monthly walk and social event at parks in the West Valley. Recently, the group met at Thunderbird Park in Glendale for a walk and a potluck lunch.

Newcomers are invited to join the group at breakfast meetings on each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday before participating in a walk.

For information, call Frank Stazio at 977-6347.

Walkers support 15-year-old SC club

By ANN T. DALEY
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Members joke that maybe the word "jog" should be dropped from the club's name.

"Only a couple of us jog anymore," Sun City Walk and Jog club member Marr Simons said.

However, through 15 years, club members have hit the pavement three times weekly for a 45-minute walk through area neighborhoods.

While health problems and side effects of aging have forced some members into retirement, others have opted to lower their workout intensity level or to only participate in the group's social activities.

Club publicity director Frank Stazio said men and women of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join.

"Those who can't walk fast anymore go at their own pace," Stazio

Walking

said. "We have some members who don't walk anymore, but they still come for the fellowship."

Although it is not sanctioned by the Sun City Recreation Centers, the club has maintained at least 50 members through the years.

In addition to providing fellowship and exercise, club organizers have sought professional health advice from such Valley doctors as Dr. Art Mollen.

"The reason we picked three days a week is that all the health books say it's the right thing to do," Stazio said. "All these people do other things, too. They golf, they play tennis and they bowl."

The 45-minute walks begin at 6:45 a.m. each day October through May

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Club proposal charts new waters

Jeff Dempsey
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Randy and Sue Skanes moved to Sun City a few years ago from Ohio, where they were members of their local senior center.

They were regulars there, and by far their favorite thing to do was play water volleyball.

"It's great exercise," Sue said. "But you don't even realize it because you're having so much fun."

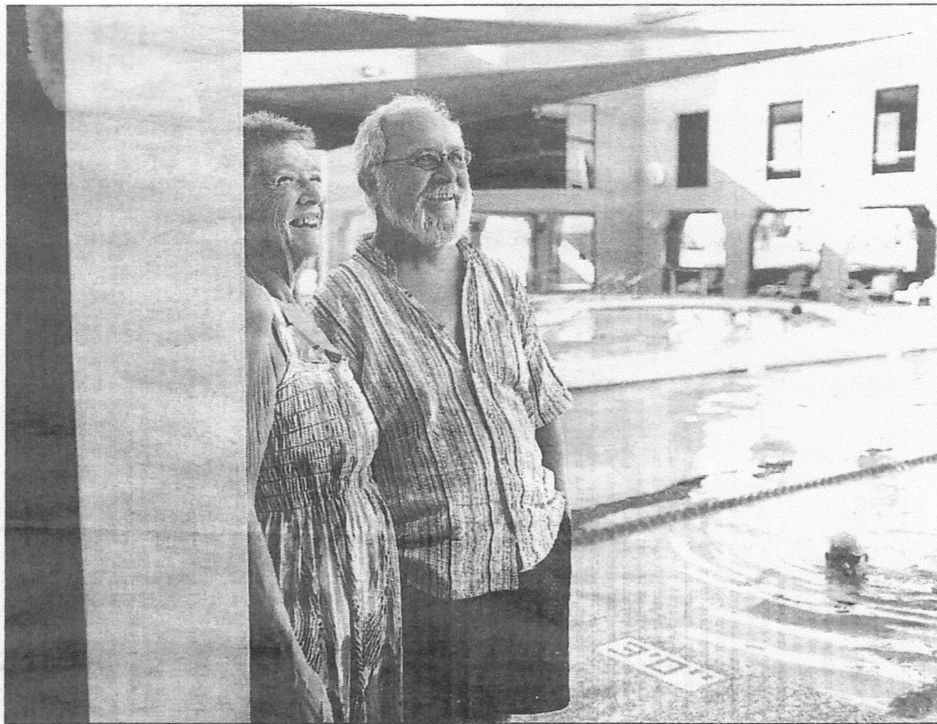
Their way of playing was to use a volleyball-sized beach ball in lieu of an actual regulation water volleyball, which meant no injuries from errant strikes and a much more relaxed, social game.

"There were six of us who decided we wanted to start playing in 2007," Randy said.

By the time they left in 2011?

"We had over 30 people

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Randy and Sue Skanes are working on creating the Fun Water Volleyball Club in Sun City, which the couple says is a good way to get exercise while having fun. [Jarod Opperman/Daily News-Sun]

Game

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playing regularly," Sue said. "We had to rotate people in and out because there was so much interest."

Imagine their disappointment, then, when the Skanes' moved to Sun City and realized not only was there no water volleyball being played, in fact, water volleyball was not even allowed. They could not play pickup games due to the RCSC's restrictions on toys in the pools, which left the Skanes with no choice.

"We decided we wanted to start a Fun Water Volleyball Club," Sue said.

After being told they needed 50 people to get the club going and some personal issues putting the effort on hiatus for about a year, Sue said she came back to take up the cause again and received some surprising news.

"They came out and told me the rules had changed," she said. "That we only need 25 people now to start the club. I told them, well, I can get you 25 right now."

Sue said they currently have upward of 30 people signed up and ready to be part of the club, which is due to receive its charter from the RCSC board of directors at today's meeting. And for

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CLUB?

Have an idea for a club and a group of people ready to join? Approving club charters is up to the Recreation Centers of Sun City's board of directors but the process for applying is actually quite simple and straightforward. First you need a name for your proposed club and a brief description of your club's purpose. You also need to specify at which recreation center you would like your club to be housed and what days/times the club will meet. Clubs with a membership above 50 can have their own dedicated space while clubs with at least 25 members can share space with another club. If the club is entirely new, nothing else need be said on the matter. However, if there is an already-existing club with a similar purpose, the applicant must say why they want a new club and what sets the proposed new club apart. For a thorough description of what is required of clubs once they receive a charter visit www.sunaz.com and read Board Policy 12-10a, Guidelines for Chartered Club Rules & Regulations.

most of them, this is without ever having played.

"There are a few who played at other places and so they know how great it is," Sue said. "And we told the RCSC, you know, there are retirement places in California that are doing this now and having a lot of suc-

cess."

Water volleyball is a sanctioned sport that is taken very seriously, Sue said, which means there is room to get competitive if the club's membership decides they want to.

"But for now we just want to introduce people to the game and play for fun," Randy said. "If they want to get serious we can do that, too."

Barring any unforeseen complications, Sue said the club should receive its charter and be up and running within a few weeks. They do not yet know which recreation center they will call home or when they will be allotted time to meet, but Sue said she is deferring to the RCSC on that.

"I think Oakmont's pool is probably best-suited for it, but they will decide," she said.

Meantime, anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to call Sue and Randy at 623-972-1584 for more information.

"And if you're not sure about it, not sure if you want to join," Randy said, "come and watch. Check it out and see what you think."

Jeff Dempsey may be reached at 623-876-2531 or jdempsey@yourwestvalley.com.

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Love of fibers ties weavers together

KATE FLEITAS
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Phyllis Cipolla holds a spool of yarn to her cheek and sighs.

"When you work with it and it slides through your hands, there's something so primal about it. It's so warm," she says.

Cipolla passes the fuzzy mound through the yarn "jaws," which open and close by pressing and releasing treadles, pedals underneath the loom.

The spool unravels as it moves between the layers, leaving a trail of thread in its path. Once the thread stretches the length of the loom, Cipolla releases a treadle and drops the top jaw.

Using a batten, a rake-like device, she pulls the thread towards her and compresses it against its predecessors, expanding the length of an afghan blanket.

"The feel of the fibers produces a sensation. This is a great thing for people who love fiber," Cipolla said.

The afghan will take Cipolla about a month to complete. She works on it on

and off, throughout the week at the Weavers West Guild of Sun City West guild room at the Kuentz Rec Center.

The guild boasts more than 120 members and is one of 14 guilds that belongs to the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds Inc.

The Sun City West guild owns more than 30 looms, both four and eight harness, which are available for use by members. Members may reserve one of the guild's looms for up to one month.

Many people enjoy the craft because it requires concentration, forcing the weaver to rid his or her brain of any other thoughts, said Pat Stackhouse, club president.

"If you're upset, you can sit down at a loom. You have to concentrate, or else it's a lot of trouble to take out a mistake and put it in right," she explained.

Novice weavers, or people who have never even touched a loom, can learn the basics of weaving — from threading a heddle, which holds the yarn, to cutting and hemming the finished product. The guild offers more than 45 classes which show members how to build on the

Federation plans weaving conference

The Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guild Inc. plans to host a conference from March 24 to March 26, 2000, at Central Arizona College in Coolidge.

The workshops, which will yield two college credits, will be taught by many of Arizona's noted fiber artists. The conference includes a juried show for participants and a gallery show for workshop leaders and committee members. There will also be in-state and out-of-state vendors and a banquet.

For information, contact Lynnette Silberschlag at 520-299-1418. Silberschlag may be reached at 6481 Avenida de Posada, Tucson, Ariz., 85718-2077.

basics and create plaids, lace and corduroy fabrics.

Although the majority of club members purchase commercial yarn, guild instructors can show them how to make their own using a spinning wheel.

The art of spinning produces a calming effect, Cipolla said.

"When you spin yarn, your heartbeat gets in syncopation with the wheel. A lot of older spinners can go to sleep spinning," she explained.

Stackhouse believes the joy of weaving is tied to the transformation of a piece of thread into a larger product.

"That's where the self-satisfaction is, making something out of nothing," she said.

Once complete, some members take their woven creations and make shawls, jackets and other items.

"Oh, I couldn't do that," said Stackhouse. "After all that work, I don't think I could cut it!"

OVER

Spinning yarns



Bette Tibbetts threads a loom at the Weavers West. To find out more about weaving, call Pat Stackhouse, 214-8046.

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Clockwise from lower left: Margaret Steffek, Pat Reidy, Georgia Benham and Torgerson DuAnn play bridge at the Sun City Woman's Social Club at Lakeview Recreation Center on June 30. Club hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For information, call 876-3000.

Widows raise spirits

Club members provide support, friendship

There's a Swedish proverb that says, "Friendship doubles our joys and divides our grief."

The sentiment seems to ring true for many of the ladies who belong to the Northwest Valley Widows' Friendship Club. Gert Keipper is one of those members and has made a number of friends over the years as a volunteer with the Sun City Library, the El Mirage Literacy Center and Spin-Offs, a former welcome-wagon group in the Sun Cities. She knows the value of friendship.



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"It's a group that helps each other through the sad times," she said. "We've all been through these things together."

Arend finds that volunteering at places like Boswell Hospital also helps.

"Volunteering has been my life," she said. "I'm a people person. Whenever my husband and I moved to a new place, the first place I'd go to



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Kinkel said that club members seem to have an immediate bond because they have so much in common.

"We're all in the same boat," she explained. "We're all widows but we don't sit there and mourn or anything like that. In fact, most of the time we don't even mention our husbands. It's a social group and a lot of fun. At our monthly meetings we have singers, musicians or guest

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"I love it here," she said. "There are so many things to do. I have my needlepoint, my embroidery cards, the library and this club. I have more friends here than I ever had

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