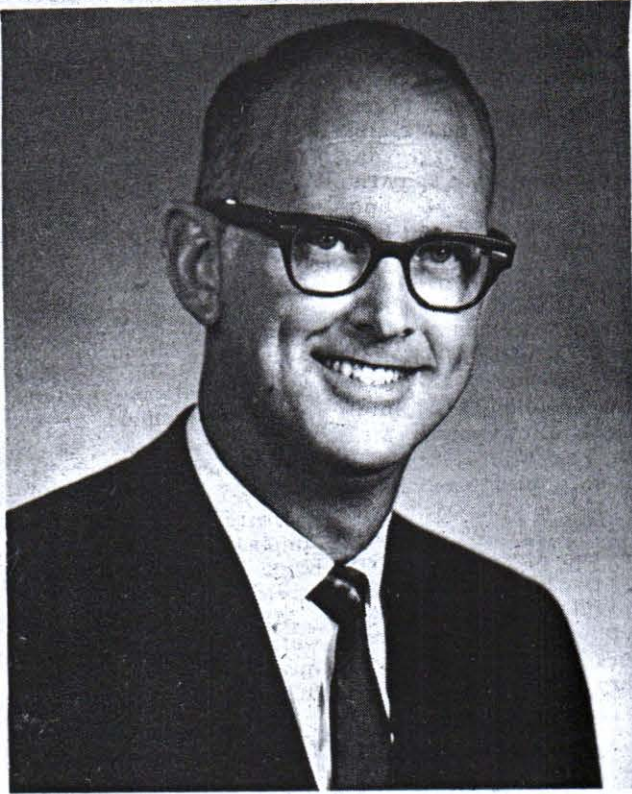


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Owen F. Childress

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Owen F. Childress of Phoenix is a vice-president of the Del E. Webb Development Company, and project manager of Sun City.

Childress was born in Detroit, coming to Phoenix at an early age where he attended the Isaac District school. He returned to Detroit for his freshman high school year coming back to the Valley to attend Phoenix Union and to graduate from Phoenix College.

Childress first worked for a cigarette firm, but as he had been offered a chance to play professional baseball, he did so for one year in North Carolina, returning again to the cigarette firm until he was offered the chance to work for the Del E. Webb Corporation in 1951.

Starting as an office clerk in the purchasing department, he advanced to assistant purchasing agent, and then went into the housing department, handling financing and titles. In 1960 with the starting of Sun City he worked with the titles and closings department of the title companies, and with permanent financing not only in Sun City, Arizona, but for Sun City, Calif., and Florida.

In 1964 Childress worked as administrative assistant to the president of the Webb Corporation, then in March 1965 he was appointed assistant to the treasurer. In September of the following year he was appointed a vice-president of the Development Company, and project manager of Sun City.

Childress married Marie Duncan of Phoenix in 1951 and the couple have three sons, Stephen, Joel (Kip), and Paul. The boys are attending Phoenix schools.

Son Joel, or Kip to his family and friends, provides his dad with one of his chief hobbies, that of managing a Little League baseball team. Kip is pitcher for the Orangewood School Orioles. Childress is a photographer, and one of his prize pictures is an action shot taken at the 1963 Rodeo which was accepted for publication in the January Sunset magazine.

The project manager earned his school letters in

baseball while attending Phoenix Union and Phoenix College. It was while playing for Phoenix College that he was asked if he would be interested in playing professionally, which he did for one year.

He is a member of the Sun City-Youngtown Rotary Club, The Kiva Club, The Home Builders Association and the P.T.A. He was the first sales manager for Sun City and sold the first home in Sun City. Working with him at that time were Bob Ditzler and Jack Hayden.

Owen Childress considers his luckiest break came with the opportunity to work for the Webb Corporation. He has received, he said, every opportunity to advance, with counselling to attend night school in accounting and business law. Said Childress, "If I had it to do over, I would follow the same line."

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## Bill Chapman honored for volunteer work

By Susan Martin

Gazette Northwest Bureau

SUN CITY — Bill Chapman is the kind of guy who likes to praise others but tends to downplay his own accomplishments.

He has much to show for his 21 years in Sun City. He's had his hands in a little of everything relating to the community's development, from the installation of fire hydrants to the construction of Boswell Hospital.

Chapman, 83, said he merely donated his talents, as so many have done, in order to benefit the community.

"It's the most cherished thing in the world to work with these talented people."

He was one of three honored Tuesday at a 25th anniversary celebration sponsored by the Del E. Webb Development Co. for his years of volunteer work.

Chapman, former manager for Frigidaire, and his wife, Marge, moved to Sun City from California in 1964. Chapman's company had been supplying the Del Webb community with appliances, so he had visited Sun City frequently since its opening in 1961.

The couple moved into a house on Cumberland Drive in Sun City's

Phase I, with a cotton field across the street. In no time Chapman's retirement grew busy.

He became president of the passport club and a director for the Home Owners Association. He served on an HOA committee that worked with DevCo. to get fire hydrants for the community and ultimately set up a fire district. Insurance rates were soon cut in half.

Before that, firefighters brought huge water tank trucks to the scene of a fire.

"Fortunately, there weren't many fires in those days," Chapman said.

Chapman was elected vice president of the Recreation Centers in 1966 and president in 1967.

As president, he was instrumental in knocking down the "Berlin Wall."

Members of the original Community Center (now Oakmont), were not welcome at the newer Town Hall (now Fairway), because of a difference in dues, Chapman said. But when Town Hall acquired a therapy pool, Community Center users wanted in and "created quite a flap."

After much discussion, frustration and negotiation, an agreement



Bill Chapman

was reached that permitted residents to use both centers.

The Webb company, anticipating more growth, asked Chapman to poll residents and examine facilities to determine what expansion or centers would be required.

Chapman said the surveys were similar to those he did in business.

"We were able to tell, for example, that for every 100 people, 17

did this or that activity, which required this much space."

As a result, Town Hall was doubled in size and Mountain View Center was built.

When DevCo. crossed Grand Avenue to develop Sun City's northern half, it hired Chapman as a part-time consultant. Once again he conducted thorough studies — how much closet space the puppet club required, or how many machines were needed for lapidary enthusiasts — and specifications were set up for the expansion or building of new centers.

Chapman was involved in the planning of the remainder of Sun City's seven recreation centers and helped with Sun City West. He left DevCo. in 1980.

His office at the company and access to information for his work put him in the ideal spot for what was to become the project closest to his heart — Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital.

"Health care was lacking in the area. We only had four or five doctors, some of those part-time, for 6,000 or 8,000 people. It wasn't enough for this age group."

Sun City Community Hospital Inc. formed with plans to build a

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50 to 60-bed facility. But Jim Boswell had grander plans and said his G. Boswell Company would donate \$1.2 million if the hospital was built as the best of its kind.

Chapman, who was not involved with the plans at the time, said a good friend suffered a mild heart attack in Sun City. But by the time he was taken to a Phoenix hospital, his condition worsened and he later died.

"That really brought home how isolated we were," Chapman said.

In 1968, when the hospital group's president, Burr Welch, died, Chapman agreed to takeover.

He was faced with the tremendous challenge of raising millions of dollars needed for construction.

Chapman approached the problem with his usual thorough methods. He compiled the facts on what was needed, then presented his requests for money.

"You find out what the job is then you go out and get the best available people to do the job."

A steering committee was orga-

nized and three fund drives were conducted in which \$1 million was raised.

Chapman founded the Boswell Auxiliary, with 30 members, in order to help with the work. The group now boasts more than 1,700 members.

The Sun Citian also compiled an extensive economic profile on the community that he used to obtain a \$3.5 million bank loan.

He served as president of the hospital board for 6½ years and remained on the board until 1982.

He now serves as vice chairman of the group seeking permission to build a hospital in Sun City West.

Chapman plans to diminish his community involvement soon, in order to spend more time with his wife — "the main reason I exist."

But don't expect him to disappear.

"I don't know what you call retiring. You can't retire from life. All those years of experience and knowledge go to waste if you just sit around."

# Resident lends knowledge, skill to find cure for dreaded disease

By ANNE RYMAN  
Sun Cities Independent

When Sun City resident W. Harold Civin entered the medical field, no one had heard of Alzheimer's disease.

Today, as a volunteer at the Institute for Biogerontology Research next to Boswell Hospital, he is involved in work that one day may lead to therapy for or prevention of one of the most debilitating diseases to strike senior citizens.

As a pathologist, Dr. Civin worked in Hawaii, Ohio and Michigan before he retired and moved to Sun City. He now devotes three hours a day, five days a week toward examining brain tissue under a microscope for signs of the memory-impairing disease.

A board certified pathologist is necessary to correctly diagnose Alzheimer's disease in the human brain and ensure the tissue is safe for research, says Dr. Joseph Rogers, institute director.

"He makes a tremendous contribution. Without him we couldn't have a brain bank and

**Pathologist  
W. Harold  
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volunteers his  
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Research in an  
effort to find a  
cure for  
Alzheimer's.



without a brain bank there'd be no institute. Rats, cats and dogs don't get Alzheimer's so the only way to study it is to look at human brain tissue."

Dr. Civin is the longest-serving of 16 volunteers who assist 15 staff members at the 6-year-old research institute. It consists of the now unmanned Hoover Arthritis Center, the partially manned Christopher Center for Parkinson's Research and the fully operational Roberts Center for Alzheimer's Research. In honor of Dr. Civin's contribution, the pathology center has been named for him.

Dr. Civin became interested in

the institute in 1987 after hearing a lecture on the institute by Dr. Rogers. Although he had done volunteer work before in the community, it was sporadic.

"Here was a field I could do a lot of work in and there was continuity," he says.

He even continues his volunteer work while away from the community. Dr. Civin has a microscope at his second home in Prescott so he can continue his research while out of town.

In addition to the knowledge Dr. Civin lends the institute, Dr. Rogers says the pathologist is a pleasure to work with.

"He's not just a nice person but an extra nice person and he has an active and inquisitive mind."

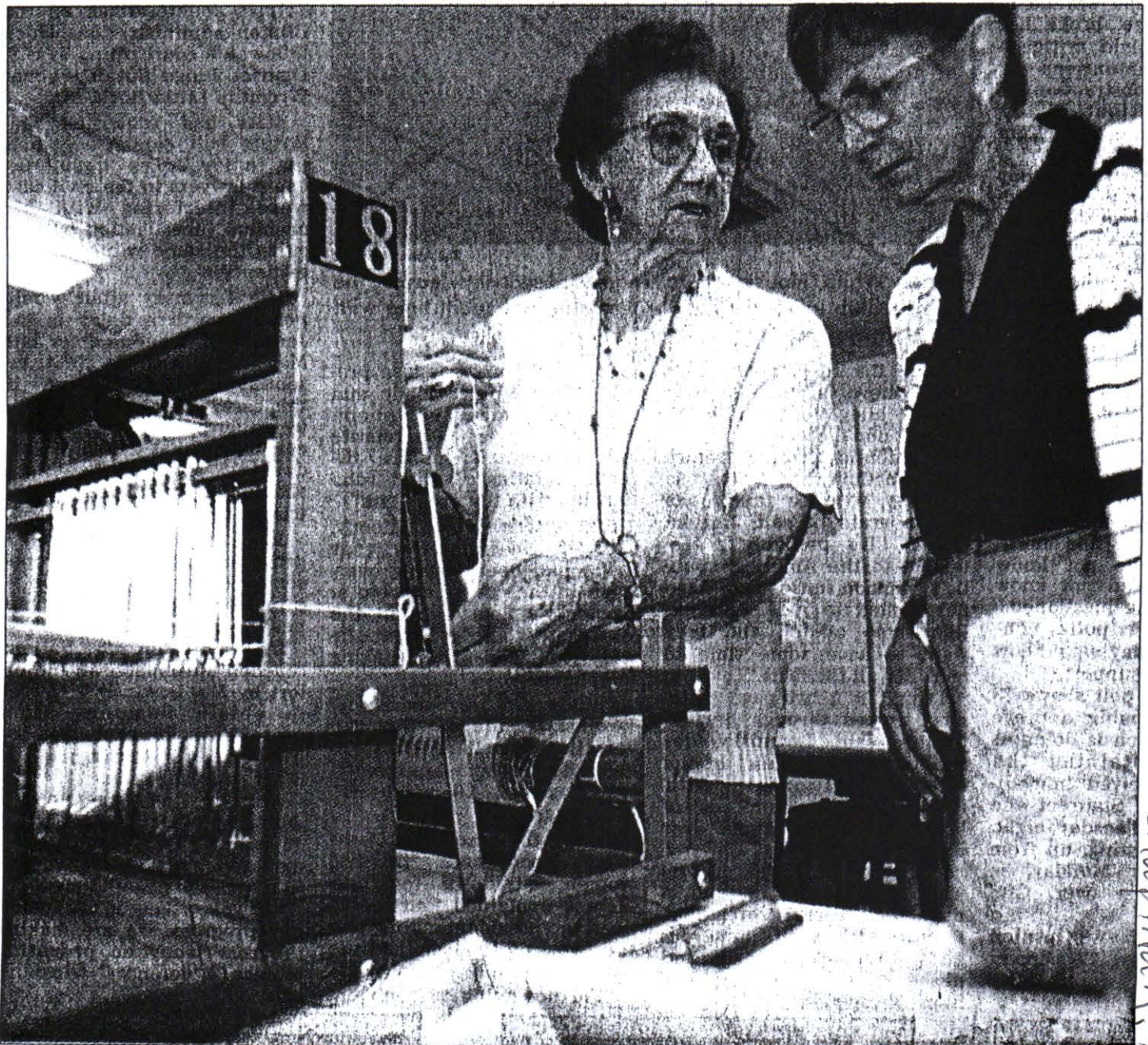
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Muriel Chapman, left, helps Helene Weiss with her weaving sampler in the Oakmont Recreation Center Artistic Weavers room. Chapman, 90 years old, has been teaching weaving classes for the past 25 years.

## ***Fabric of her life***

### **Love looms for local artist**

By JANICE TARLETON  
Staff writer

For a half century now, Muriel Chapman has been weaving her way around the world, and for 25 years, she's taught the weaving of the world to Sun Cities residents.

Artists to housewives, Europeans to Egyptians have practiced the centuries-old art of spinning and weaving thread into tapestries, rugs, linens, wall hangings, and even clothes.

Weaving her way among the table-top looms in Oakmont Recreation Center, Chapman patiently instructs her students in the fine points of their first project, a sampler.

"Setting up the loom was frustrating and tedious, but it was worth it," said Sharon Rushton, who was attending her fourth class. "When you get beyond that and do the weaving techniques, it's so interesting."

Joyce Kasper, a winter visitor from Michigan, agreed that learning to set up the loom was the hardest part, but "it's been fun ... you get such satisfaction out of seeing the pattern develop."

After two classes, Kasper has already decided she would like her own loom and would prefer Southwestern designs.

"I love taking beginners who are kind of frustrated and don't know

what to do and turning them into weavers who turn out beautiful weavings," Chapman said. She also teaches an intermediate class and voluntarily mans the Artistic Weavers room at the recreation center, offering help to whomever needs it.

"We're doing here what they are doing all over the world," she said, noting that each country or area of the world boasts a unique style and pattern. Swedish, Finnish and Canadian are just a few of the patterns represented in the placemats, potholders and linens for sale.

An artist and former art teacher,

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# Youthful fascination prevails

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Chapman, now 90, began her study of the craft when she was 8 years old, observing a widowed Swedish neighbor who wove rags into rugs. "I used to walk by her place when I was going to school and I would stop to watch. Often she would invite me in. I loved it," Chapman recalled.

It wasn't until she was grown, with three children of her own, that she pursued formal training in the art. It included two summers in Europe where she learned about tapestries in heavily guarded West Berlin.

In addition to earning an art degree from the University of Wisconsin, she spent two summers studying painting and India ink techniques under Frank Lloyd Wright at

Taliesan East, his Madison, Wis., home and studio.

With three various-sized looms set up in her Sun City home, Chapman weaves nearly every day. Widowed for 20 years now, she said it fills a void.

"Weaving is my life," she said. "Making the fabric, the designs and the color is fascinating. While I'm working on something, I'm thinking of something else I want to do — a new design."

Though she enjoys all styles of weaving, Chapman said she prefers "the finer threads and lace weavings," mostly producing towels, table linens, stoles and clothes.

Always learning, her most recent course was in Navajo weaving, but, she said, it is a craft best left to the tribe. "I feel like I have no right to

copy their weaving. There's so much tradition and religion built into it ... but it makes you understand and appreciate their work more," she said.

It's the learning, the teaching, the love of people that keep Chapman going. "I love teaching people from all over the United States and getting to know them," she said. "It's important to get out with people."

Though she is raising up a whole new generation of weavers, none of Chapman's three children, five grandchildren or six great grandchildren has followed her to the loom. "They told me it looked so difficult they never wanted to get into it, but they love it and they're always putting in their orders for more," she said with a laugh.

# Man of many sports

## Sun City athlete achieved success in baseball, golf and bowling

By MIKE RUSSO  
Independent Newspapers

Years before Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders were making headlines as two-sport stars, Percy "Toby" Chinery was excelling in three sports.

A native of Lakehurst, N.J., Chinery was a promising fireballing pitcher as a teen-ager and in later life became quite adept at golf and bowling. He will also admit to knowing his way around a billiard table, having once unsuccessfully challenged the legendary Willie Mosconi.

"God gave me some talent," Chinery explained during a recent interview at his Sun City home.

That God-given ability allowed the lanky right-hander to fashion a five-year career in the minor leagues which concluded in 1942. He did, however, later return to the diamond to play sandlot ball in his native New Jersey.

Chinery made his professional debut in 1937, when, at the age of 17, he pitched for the International House of David, a team that barnstormed primarily in the South, playing town teams.

Much like the more famous House of David nine, all the players were bearded — with the exception of Chinery. "I was too young to grow a beard," he laughed.

His career got off to a rousing start as he won his first 10 games. He triumphantly returned with the squad to play Jamesburg, N.J. The stands were packed with family and friends rooting for the hometown hero.

Unfortunately, the story did not have a happy ending. "They clobbered me," Chinery recalled with a grin.

The following year, Chinery stayed closer to home, playing with local sandlot club in New Jersey, before setting out once again in 1939 to work his way toward the major leagues.

The journey began at the lowest rung on the minor league ladder —

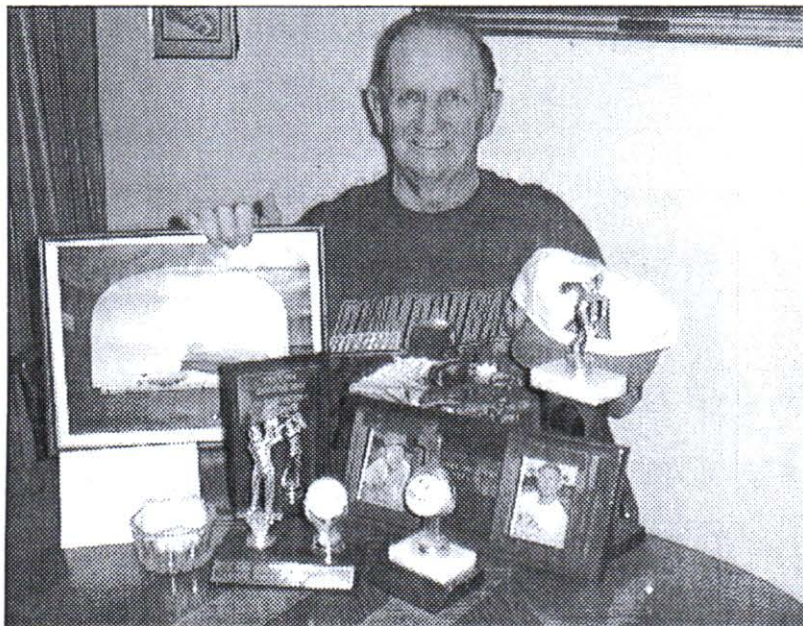


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Percy "Toby" Chinery displays some of his prized memorabilia including a baseball autographed by Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller and an Arizona Diamondbacks hat signed by manager Buck Showalter. Trophies attest to his proficiency as a pitcher, bowler and golfer.

Class D. He toiled on the mound for Tupper Lake, N.Y., of the Vermont Northern League, which was an amalgam of semi-pro, local and collegiate players on summer break.

"It was kind of an outlaw league," Chinery said. The league served as the training ground for several future major leaguers, including former Philadelphia Phillies ace Robin Roberts, who played in the circuit during summers while attending Michigan State University.

The league also spawned Lawrence "Crash" Davis, on whom the Kevin Costner character in the motion picture "Bull Durham" was based.

Chinery enjoyed a successful season, fashioning a 5-1 record for a last-place Tupper Lake team.

Bolstered by his success the previous campaign, Chinery was looking forward to the 1940 season. However, the euphoria was soon dashed when the Northern League revoked the franchises of Tupper Lake and neighboring Saranac

Lake because the towns were too distant from the remainder of the league's teams, which were located in Vermont.

Scrambling to hook on with a team, Chinery signed with the Cornwall Kilties, based in southern Ontario, Canada.

"They only played a few games, so I left them and moved on to Olean, N.Y.," Chinery said of what was to be his low point in professional baseball.

The manager at Olean was Jake Pitler, who was later to become a coach with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"All I did was pitch batting practice for 10 days; got blisters on my fingers, and he released me," Chinery sadly recalls. "I had to hitchhike home. I didn't have any money."

The nightmare of 1940 behind him, Chinery enthusiastically embarked on the 1941 season, which saw him go to spring training with Columbia, S.C. of the Class B South Atlantic League.

During camp, he was briefly a teammate of future major league

players Clyde Vollmer and Bob Rice.

Vollmer played parts of 13 seasons in the major leagues with Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators.

Rice enjoyed an even lengthier stint in the big leagues, playing for the St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Braves, Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles and Los Angeles Angels. He played on pennant winners in St. Louis and Milwaukee during his career, which spanned 1945-1961.

Still a little green for that level of play, Chinery was dispatched to Greeneville, Tenn., to play in the Class D Appalachian League.

Used sparingly, Chinery compiled a 2-1 record at Greeneville.

Though he did not get to play much as he would have liked, the 1941 season produced Chinery's professional baseball highlight as he struck out Dale Alexander, one-time American League batting champion.

A powerful right-handed hitting outfielder, Alexander was a native of Greeneville, which heightened the thrill for Chinery. Alexander had won the AL batting title in 1932 with a .367 average while splitting the season between Boston and Detroit.

"He was a big man," Chinery said of the menacing figure posed by Alexander. "It was especially sweet to strike him out in his hometown."

He remained in the Appalachian League in 1942 but moved on to play with the Newport, Tenn. Cannons. "They got that name because there was a Stokley's clothing factory in town," Chinery said.

After starting a disappointing 4-1 record, Chinery ran off five straight wins before the team folded at mid-season. The league shut down its teams in Newport and Greeneville to save travel expenses.

Faced with the prospect of forming a new team, Chinery hooked

It was in Elizabethton that Chinery was a batterymate of catcher Andy Seminick and the duo have remained friends.

"Andy is a good friend," Chinery said. "We still keep in touch. He live in Melbourne, Fla."

Seminick went on to gain fame as the catcher for the Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kids," who in 1950 won the National League pennant and played the New York Yankees in the World Series. During that championship campaign Seminick batted .288 with 24 home runs and 68 runs batted in.

Seminick received his call to the big leagues the following season and remained through 1957, compiling a .243 career batting average. He cracked 164 homers and knocked in 556 runs.

Another teammate at Elizabethton was Paul Minner, who later went on to a 13-year major league career with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Chicago Cubs. Minner rung up a sterling 18-1 record with Elizabethton.

"He could throw hard," Chinery said of his tall, left-handed teammate.

In 1943, Chinery reached another low point in his career and took a job working at the Stokely canning plant in Newport.

A bit homesick, Chinery returned home in 1944 and went to work at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, famous for being the site of the Hindenburg disaster in May 1937. He remained there as an aircraft fabric mechanic for the next 18 years.

"I gave up baseball because I got tired of the traveling; the long bus trips," he said.

Although he retired from professional baseball, Chinery could not get the game out of his blood and he returned to the diamond in 1946, pitching for New Egypt of the Central Jersey League, a semi-pro loop.

The following year, Chinery hurled the Cornhuskers to the league crown.

He went 11-4 with a 1.08 ERA in the regular season but it was during the playoffs that he shone most brilliantly.

He went 5-0 in the playoffs to lead New Egypt to the title and in the process tossed 30 consecutive shutout innings.

His play in the Central Jersey League caught the attention of Bill McKechnie, an ex-major league manager, and George Case, former Senators' outfielder, who offered

"They offered me \$85 a week," Chinery recalled. "I told them I was already making \$85 a week at the naval air station and was getting \$10 per game playing for New Egypt. So I turned it down." A decision which has caused him some ambivalence.

Had he stayed with Trenton through the 1950 season, he would have been a teammate of a rising star — Willie Mays.

Chinery said he sometimes wishes he had accepted the Trenton offer. "I could have taken a leave of absence from the naval air station," he said. "It would have been great to play with Willie Mays."

At Lakehurst, Chinery used to repair and paint blimps.

Blimps were an important part of the U.S. military effort in World War II, according to Chinery. "They used to use them to spot submarines," he said. "They could hover undetected over a sub and drop bombs."

With the conclusion of the war, the need for dirigibles waned and the station was phased out in 1961, leading to Chinery's going to work for Ocean County, N.J., at Toms River.

He actually departed Lakehurst on a disability. "I lost most of my hearing from years of working around the lighter-than-air ships and airplane motors," he explained. He has only 3 percent of his hearing capacity in his left ear and none in his right.

The hearing loss does not keep him from communicating with a legion of friends and family members across the country.

One of Ma Bell's best customers, Chinery keeps the wires singing as he places several calls daily to renew relations with family and friends.

"I make calls to people I know in every state except Alaska," Chinery said.

Among the people he remains in close contact is his mother, Virginia Murphy, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Nov. 1. She resides with Chinery's sister in Bayonne, N. J.

Chinery has also maintained a relationship with people in the baseball realm, such as Al Campanis, former Los Angeles Dodgers general manager; Tommy LaSorda, former Dodgers manager and Buck Showalter, manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Chinery received a Christmas card from Showalter and one of his most cherished possessions is a

"It's the first Diamondbacks hat," Chinery proudly proclaimed. His son, Percy "Don" Chinery III, general manager of an Ocean Breeze, Fla., television station, obtained the hat from Showalter, a native of neighboring Pensacola.

In addition to Don, Chinery has another son, Kenneth of Lakehurst, and two daughters, Elaine Smith, Lakehurst and Virginia Eck, half Moon Bay, Calif.

Retiring from Ocean County in 1979, Chinery and his wife of nearly 24 years, Doris, moved to Laguna Hills, Calif. "I retired on Aug. 1 and on Aug. 2, I was in California," Chinery said.

It was in retirement that Chinery developed zeal for golf and bowling.

He used to golf once a week while residing in Lakehurst and carried a 12 handicap. He also bowled in a league and had a 150 average. Both scores dramatically improved with an increase in play.

In retirement, his bowling average zoomed to 171. "I got better as I got older," he chuckled.

His best score is a 266, which he recorded on three occasions — once each in Lakehurst, Laguna Hills and Sun City.

As much as his game advanced on the lanes, it was on the links that he showed the greatest improvement.

He trimmed that 12 handicap to a six or seven. "After I moved to California, I played five or six times a week. That's when I got good," he said.

He reached his golfing pinnacle when he was named the 1982 Golfer of the Year at Laguna Hills Golf Course.

It was during that year that he shot his best round of golf — a 66, which included seven birdies — for which he received a trophy.

As a portent of the good fortunes to follow in 1982, Chinery registered his lone hole-in-one on Christmas Eve 1981 at Leisure World in Laguna Hills.

Arthritis has taken its toll on both of Chinery's knees and has forced him to the bowling sidelines.

He has also substantially curtailed his golfing, but recently demonstrated his old prowess when he returned to the course and fired a 90 at the Sun City South Course after having been idle for a year.

With his physical activities reduced, Chinery spends his time watching sports on TV, and calling and writing to old friends.



## History observed from the human side, protocol was way of life for resident

By YOLANDA MUHAMMAD  
Sun Cities Independent

As one who has walked with kings, she has still been able to keep the common touch.

And it must be the same spirit of determination that brought her to the United States in 1923 from Norway when she was only 16, that has placed her so near the seat of governmental power.

Ingrid Carlson has a trustworthy face and the kind of easy manner that could make anyone feel at home.

A Sun City resident since 1981, she lives with her sister, Solveig; and between the two of them they look like they could knit a couple of sweaters, stitch together a quilt and bake up a batch of prize winning muffins all in an afternoon.

Ingrid has had an opportunity few could boast of -- she has met and worked with every American President from Eisenhower to Johnson ... and a whole boatload of foreign rulers and dignitaries as well.

Her job, for 17 years, was as a hostess at Blair House in Washington, D.C. -- the guest house where the President and First Lady accommodate honored visitors.

When she came to America, her sister Solveig was already living in New York.

"The only thing that was open for anyone who came over at that time was domestic work. I was lucky that I worked in the big houses in New York."

A hard worker, her early training gave her a solid background to call on when she and her husband, Pete, moved to Washington. He was a construction worker who helped to build the Pentagon in the 1940s.

"I got tired of sitting home alone and I started catering for

the State Department -- that eventually led me to the Blair House."

She says for 17 years she was part-time, on call for the big parties.

"Then during the Kennedy inauguration, Mrs. Gainey, the housekeeper at Blair House, died very suddenly, and they called me in that evening and offered me the housekeeping job."

Mrs. Carlson was head housekeeper until 1966 when she and her husband retired. For three of those years they lived in Blair House.

Ask her for intimate details about her experiences with the Presidents and guests, and her diplomatic training goes into action.

She will only say that they were all very nice and very cordial.

Ingrid will, however, talk about the history of Blair House.

It was built in the early 1800s by a Dr. Lowell, Ingrid says. And Blair was a newspaper man from Kentucky who bought Blair House in the 1830s; and his son was the Postmaster General under Abraham Lincoln.

It was during WWII that Blair House became the guest house because there were so many visitors, there was not enough room in the White House for all these extra people.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Ingrid says, insisted that she have a guest house.

The house was bought complete with furniture, silverware and china from the Blair family.

"It was a cozy home and that was the way they tried to keep it," Ingrid says. "It was a home away from home for the visitors."

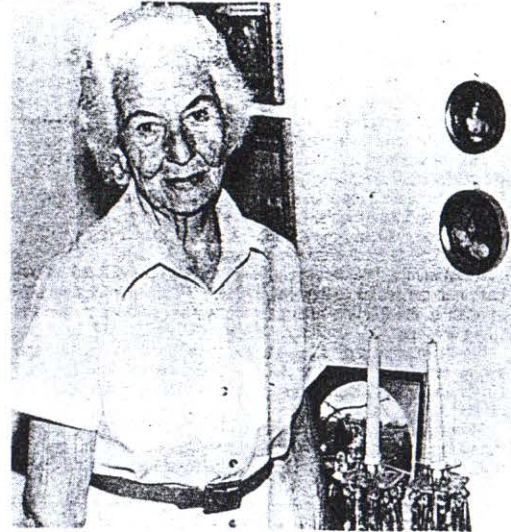
The household staff was only four people, with about 18 on call, part-time workers.

At a formal dinner they

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could serve 30 people at one table.

Ingrid says it's impossible to talk about her experiences with visitors to Blair House because "that was where they relaxed -- it was their home when they were in the city. And they were all very nice, I must say. We never had any trouble."

But she has complete respect for their privacy and would not think of telling any of the many stories she has filed away in her head.

The parade of potentates included King Hussein of Jordan, King Saud of Saudi

Arabia and the King of Denmark.

In a small glass case in the living room, Ingrid has a collection of medals, mementos, gifts and awards from her service at Blair House.

There are two beautiful fans made of feathers, a blue green one of ostrich plumes given to her by the ruler of Madagascar; and a delicate white one decorated with feather flowers of reddish orange from Panama.

And there are two intricately carved white ivory bracelets given her by the first Prime

Minister of India, Nehru.

Ingrid goes into her room to bring out a striking indigo blue and golden thread shawl also given to her by Nehru, who she says was a very gentle man.

And she has a pair of golden slippers given her by the daughter of the Prime Minister of Formosa.

A festive place to be, she says parties went on almost continually at Blair House between the visits of the world leaders.

When she and her husband retired, they returned to Norway. She lost him there in 1975.

"So I kept on going forth and back until I moved back to the United States in 1979.

"And I am glad I came back. I was an American citizen when I came back -- I would never give up my citizenship."

Ingrid is active in the Sew n' Sew Club and her church.

Content with her routine in Sun City, she has a full life of service to her country and to her credit.

**INGRID CARLSON** stands next to a display case with mementos from Blair House. Below, she sits with her sister, Solveig.

Laurie Hurd-Moore/Independent



# Hospital honors area fund-raiser

By MIKE GARRETT  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — You can't tell the history of Walter O. Boswell Hospital without first talking to Bill Chapman.

The first thing Chapman will tell you is that you can't tell the history of Boswell Hospital without knowing the history of Sun City and the tremendous talent living in the community at the time plans were being developed to build the hospital.

Chapman, 88, is retiring from active service to Sun Health Corp., after 22 years. Sun Health is the non-profit parent company of Boswell Hospital as well as Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital in Sun City West and other area health care facilities.

Chapman is described as "one of the best friends that health care in the Sun Cities and Northwest Valley ever had" by Haakon Bang, chairman of the board of Sun Health's volunteer board of directors.

Chapman, then a Frigidaire Co. sales manager, first flew over the future Sun City site in the summer of 1959. The community opened in January 1960 and Chapman retired to Sun City in 1964 from Los Angeles.

Now living in his sixth Sun City home with Margaret, his wife of 65 years, Chapman is also credited with being the biggest fund-raiser Sun Health Corp. ever had, directly raising more than \$6 million and indirectly millions more.

His contributions include a \$3 million grant from the Del E. Webb Foundation for Webb Hospital and a \$1 million J.G. Boswell Foundation grant for Boswell Hospital's recent renovation.

Chapman, who was honored by more than 150 community and hospital leaders at a reception Wednesday in Boswell's Memorial Hall, will be elected to corporation member emeritus status at the annual Sun Health Corp. meeting in April.

"He has worked tirelessly for years to assure that residents of these communities not only have locally available health care services but also have the best care possible," Bang said.

"Bill truly is an excellent example of the commitment and vision that our board members have exemplified from our pioneering days to the present."

Austin Turner, former Sun Health Corp. president and chief executive officer, said the two things that stand out in his mind about Chapman include "



Daily News-Sun photo by Mike Garrett.

**22 YEARS OF MEMORIES** — Bill Chapman and his wife, Marge, look through scrapbooks of newspaper clippings about Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital. The retiring Chapman was honored Thursday for his fund-raising efforts.

... his wonderful rapport with the Boswell family and the arrangements with them to provide more than \$6 million in contributions towards the hospital over the years.

"The other thing is he just has such a positive and constructive attitude towards everything," Turner said. "There isn't a mean bone in him. My experience with him was that if we had a good idea, if it was different and it was something we could do to improve things, he was ready to do the things that needed to be done. He was very supportive of others and didn't interfere with them doing their jobs."

Chapman's official involvement with Sun Health dates to early 1968. But he first started the wheels turning in 1966 as president of the Sun City Recreation Centers by conducting community surveys on the need for a hospital. He also served on the Sun City Home Owners Association

board.

In April 1968, he was elected president of the volunteer board of directors of Sun City Community Hospital Inc. to establish a hospital. Ground was broken later in 1968 and Boswell opened in November 1970.

Chapman continued as president until October 1974 and has been involved since, serving as a Sun Health board member and vice chairman of Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital's founding board.

His association with the hierarchy of Del Webb Corp., developer of the Sun Cities, and a close friendship with James G. Boswell, president of the J.G. Boswell Co. and Foundation, has allowed him to gain access to "a tremendous amount of information" about the Sun Cities.

Chapman's said he has always operated by tapping someone talented when a need arises and then just let one thing lead to another.

CHAPMAN, BILL & MARGE

## Witness to history

### Sun Citian devotes half century to nursing profession

By LAURIE HURD-MOORE  
Sun Cities Independent



Sun City Nurse Mary Callahan.

Nearly six decades of advances in the field of medicine have played before the trained eyes of local resident and nurse Mary Callahan.

The Sun Citian can recall a time when surgical instruments were washed and used again and when hearts were not so easily replaced.

She's also known killer diseases — from the once-incurable scarlet fever to today's AID's epidemic.

Mrs. Callahan, who still works in her

profession after 55 years, says she began her studies in nursing right out of high school.

"I went into it (nursing) at the age of 17, after high school. I took a three-year diploma course, working 10 hours a day, at a hospital in New York City — Manhattan. It's a large hospital, in fact it's mentioned frequently in Danielle Steel's books," says Mrs. Callahan.

The resident says she entered nursing to achieve a higher education.

"I figured this was one way I could do it and not have it cost a fortune like going to college," she says.

Once she finished with her studies, Mrs. Callahan began work in the area of surgery. "I

always found that very fascinating," she says.

She left surgery only to marry a doctor, Edward T. Callahan, and assisted him in his obstetric and gynecological practice.

The couple moved to Sun City in 1974, where Dr. Callahan died three months later.

Mrs. Callahan went on to work for 16 years at Valley View Hospital (now Vencor Hospital) in the intensive care unit.

A little over a year ago she joined the Sun Health Corp. and now works in home health services.

In reviewing her years spent in the

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medical field, the registered nurse says "strangely enough," procedures have not changed a great deal.

"I found that the basic concept of any procedure I was asked to do didn't change that much — it's the materials we used because we didn't have plastic at all. When I started, it was strictly the days before plastic," she explains.

The nurse says she remembers a time when intravenous tubing was made of rubber.

"What shocked me when I first went back into the hospital was people just threw things away," she says.

"When I was in surgery, we used to re-wash some dressings and boil them. We patched gloves and used them again," she adds.

Mrs. Callahan saw nursing from yet another angle when she visited China in 1985 with a group of fellow nurses.

She found Chinese medical workers using much of the same equipment she used at the beginning of her career.

"The girls (the American nurses) were big-eyed you know saying, 'What are they doing?' And I said, 'It's not so many years ago that we did that.'

"It was interesting to see it again. It all looked very familiar."

The Sun City nurse says she recalls a time when open heart

surgery was not attempted and only about a dozen basic drugs were available for use on patients.

"When I was in surgery, they were just beginning to really go into the chest cavity, to do lung surgery. Now we think nothing of going in and replacing hearts," says Mrs. Callahan.

In the earlier days of nursing she says, there was much less testing equipment available.

Doctors listened with their stethoscopes to make their diagnoses.

"The pharmacopeia — we only had about a dozen basic drugs. Sulfa was just coming out," says the registered nurse. And when all else failed she adds, they prayed a lot.

Epidemics, such as the outbreak of AIDS, are not new to nursing, according to Mrs. Callahan.

"In those days, we had a lot of diseases that weren't under control. You had scarlet fever.

"And because you didn't have penicillin or anything like that, pneumonia was bad. There was also meningitis."

Another major disease was syphilis, a contagious venereal and often congenital disease.

"I can't understand all this flap about not testing people before they get married for AIDS. For years, everybody had to take a Wassermann (a test for syphilis) if they were going to get married."



A look back ... Mrs. Callahan, left, and a friend during the 1930s.

She says much like having AIDS, there was a stigma attached to having syphilis.

"But a lot of people had it and rather than let it spread ..."

Asked if she plans to retire from nursing Mrs. Callahan responds, "When I find something I would rather do. That's what I tell everybody.

"I still have not found anything that I would prefer doing."

# Couple sees shining stars among youth

By JACQUE PAPPAS  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — William and Margaret Chapman are enjoying their golden years by helping students further their education.

"There are so many kids who have the potential to be useful citizens, but can't go to school because it's too expensive. We decided to help some of them by giving them a chance they might not have had otherwise," William Chapman said.

After many years of planning, the Chapmans, of Sun City, established a scholarship fund in their names in 1989.

Since then, they have given dozens of students to further their education in nursing and other fields.

On Tuesday, the Chapmans awarded four more scholarships — three for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000.

The recipients were: Bonnie Roberts, who has completed her first year at the Boswell School of Nursing; Travis Smith, a Cactus High School graduate who will attend Northern Arizona University in the fall; Dean DeBoer of the Arizona State University College of Nursing; and Lisa Stallings of Mesa Community College.

The Chapmans honored the scholarship winners and their parents at a luncheon at the Union Hills Country Club.

"We want to give these kids all the motivation we can," Chapman said. "We thought the biggest problem for many students is that most scholarships are for perfect grades or people who excel in sports. We wanted to help those kids who are not able to get all As because they spend so many hours working to put themselves through school."

William Chapman worked for General Motors for 32 years and was president of the Recreation Centers of Sun City in 1967 and the first president of the Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital board of directors, now Sun Health board.

Margaret Chapman was one of the original founders of the then Boswell volunteer auxiliary.

The Chapmans, who do not have children, decided long ago to give their life estate to students striving to further their educations.

Three years ago they founded the scholarship trust so they could see for themselves the benefit it gave students.

"We get the joy of it because we are alive to see the good the scholarship does for these students," Chapman said. "It makes us feel pretty good and we wish more local residents would do the same."

The scholarship winners are selected by the fund's six-member board of directors.

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Frances Guarino/Daily News Sun

Margaret and William Chapman of Sun City look over a scholarship certificate to be given to each scholarship winner during a luncheon Tuesday at Union Hills Country Club.

# Chabela! A Bright, Shining Star

By Ruth Borchardt

Your eyes are deceiving you. This vibrant woman whose "cup runneth over" with talent, beauty, wit and charm can't be 89. But she is! Chabela (Elizabeth Haas) is a world renowned artist with well over 1500 paintings sold, and she didn't start her artistic career until age 58. Collectors include Senator Barry Goldwater, Astronaut Wally Schirra, a former President of Mexico and hundreds of other prominent admirers of her art on three continents.

The world is enriched by a gifted woman such as Chabela, or "Little Elizabeth" as famed muralist Manuel Leal named her. She brings hope and encouragement to those over the 50 mark. No sitting back and vegetating. She brings joy and happiness with her talent and concentrates on upbeat, colorful scenes from the every day life of Mexico—clowns, fiestas, laborers, burros, and particularly children. Always her pictures have human

interest.

Her wonderful review could fill a book. From New York: "Chabela's paintings have a spontaneous style with quick brush strokes that almost dance..." Robert Peterson, King Features Syndicated.

"Chabela projects herself into her painting. Here there is vibrance, uninhibited love and a special quality of aliveness which makes the world sing..." Marian Miller, Phoenix Gazette.

"Light, color and happiness combined with intuitive technique and a juicy palette..." Señorita Aurora Mateos Art Critic La Moda En Espana.

Traveling to Mexico to take some courses, she was encouraged by Manuel Leal to try her hand at painting.

"But I'm not an artist. My sister Kathryn is the artist in the family." Her eldest sister was a distinguished art professor at the University of California, "I would need to take art lessons."

"Don't ever take any lessons.



Chabela  
(Elizabeth Haas)

Paint from the heart. That's what counts." This from Manuel Leal. Following his advice, Chabela never did take any lessons. This proved to be to her benefit. When Mrs. Estes Kefauver, wife of the Senator

viewed her work, she was so impressed she arranged a one-person show in Washington D. C. with wonderfully enthusiastic results. Chabela skyrocketed to success, one collector after another requesting her paintings.

An aristocratic beauty, you would hardly expect to find Chabela traveling on decrepit buses in the company of peasants on their way to market. But this is exactly what she did on her many visits to Mexico to gain the local color. Speaking perfect Spanish, she was able to relate to the people and the warmth and affection she received is reflected in her paintings.

Counting innumerable, interesting experiences, she recalled the time she was honored in a very lovely home. The Mexicans appreciated her works and always extended their friendship and hospitality. This time she was invited for dinner. She was in for a surprise! An entire pig's head was brought in, complete with eyes, ears and teeth! This was accompanied by a tureen of soup. Serving her guest, the hostess offered Chabela a slice of the pig's cheek with the soup, PLUS the eye! This singled her out as the honored guest. Without the

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slightest hesitation Chabela dipped her spoon into the soup, and knowing it was considered a delicacy, gulped the eye down as if it were a choice morsel. An "academy award performance!" She carried it off to perfection.

Born Elizabeth Hole in London, no not England, Canada, she was "in the middle" of seven children. Her father being a railroad builder and oil well drilling contractor, his fortunes were either "feast or famine." Imagine being offered an interest in the beginnings of the Ford Motor Company and turning it down! With her usual sense of humor Chabela now finds it very amusing.

The family moved first to Calgary, Alberta, and in 1914 to Burlingame, Calif. where Elizabeth became the outstanding tennis player in her high school. Her eldest sister, Kathryn was the art professor and Elizabeth embarked on a career as a columnist and reporter for the San Mateo Times. One day when she heard a lecture given by Lewis Haas, the San Francisco Chronicle's business manager, she knew immediately he was the man she wanted to marry. She did just that in 1932 in Carmel By the Sea.

In 1945, Haas accepted a position as manager of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce when their daughter, Elizabeth developed asthma. She was completely free of it within a few weeks. Elizabeth attended the University of Arizona, and a successful career woman in her own right now lives in Madrid with her husband Antonio Alvarez-Barrios and their son, Luis Antonio.

Chabela and her husband always enjoyed extensive traveling, but her main interest was a wife and mother. She also found time to work for various civic organizations. Being on the com-

mittee founding the Phoenix Symphony, she was a leader in Community Chest Campaigns, plus being one of the founders of the Scottsdale Players, even acting in several of the company's productions. Since becoming an artist she has designed Christmas cards for many organizations, and also illustrated a children's book, "Peregrinations" which raised \$17,000 for the Children's Hospital.

On the personal side, Chabela is very disciplined, having given up heavy coffee drinking "cold turkey." She always has been an advocate of exercise and diet, and her schedule includes arising each morning at 5 a.m. A few years ago she rode a speedboat driven parachute 1000 feet into the air above a Mexican Beach. With her great optimism and positive outlook on life, when asked how she is, whether feeling fine or not so fine, she always responds, "Fantastic!"

No middle aged, dour lady here; just an inspiring, uplifting woman of great talent who spreads joy wherever she goes. Chabela!



## DOERS PROFILE

Sylvia  
Cartsonis

- Hometown:** Toms River, N.J.
- Family:** Husband; five children
- Inspiration:** "Minnie Harlow was a good friend. She always urged me on. I was active in social work before I ever knew Minnie. But she was very important to me in the Sun Cities."
- Self Portrait:** "I'm a social worker. To me that means advocating for the needs of people who can't speak for themselves. I've always wanted to be a social worker. It's something I enjoy doing. It gives me a lot of personal satisfaction."

## Director gives time, talents to seniors

By RUTHANN HOGUE  
Staff writer

**S**ylvia Cartsonis starts each day with a cup of hot coffee and a perusal of the morning newspaper like most everyone else.

But that's where the similarities between ordinary folk and the executive director of the Sun Cities Area Community Council end.

Cartsonis commutes daily from Litchfield Park to her office in Sun City. It's a ritual that started 12 years ago when she decided to devote much of her time and talents to the council.

"It was an important challenge," Cartsonis said. "The council had already been formed by volunteers who lived in the Sun Cities who saw the need to develop social services here. The city was promoted as active retirement, yet there were people who had significant needs."

When the project became overwhelming, they hired Cartsonis, a professional social worker, to pick up the slack. Her responsibilities gradually grew from a half a day each week to her current status, which she describes as more than full time. And these days, instead of merely taking over where others leave off, she runs the place.

Clutter from a recent health and beauty fair filled her office during a recent interview and seemed to reflect the countless hours of preparation that no doubt went into making the event successful.

But Cartsonis' work is generally more serious than skin care tips and setting up performances for the Sun City Poms.

Jewels in Cartsonis' crown since she came on board with the council include close involvement with Interfaith Services, the Volunteer Bureau and Sun Cities Area Transportation. She is especially proud of her hand in developing the Olive Branch Senior Center.

"We researched needs and developed services to meet needs of an aging elderly population who could no longer maneuver a recreation center," Cartsonis said.

Another successful project was the Happy Nooners lunch crowd for people between 90 and 100 years old. The program was meant to be temporary until the Olive Branch Senior Center opened. But those who participate enjoy it so much that the program stuck.

"They become very close, fast friends," Cartsonis said. "The people have gotten so bonded to each other and they have outlived relatives, so this serves as a family for them."

For those who need help around the house there is the Wake up/Tuck in program. One hour of personal service is offered in the morning or at night, whichever is most convenient, for \$8 an hour.

"It's allowed a lot of people to remain at home who need a minimal amount of help," she said.

But the program Cartsonis is most proud of is the Guardian Review Project. Early in her tenure with the council she noted abuses of the elderly who were wards of the court.

"The law provides that people who are appointed as guardians of those wards are to be reviewed once per year," Cartsonis said. "That wasn't happening."

Cartsonis looks back on the development of each program fondly.

"They were hard to achieve, but wonderfully rewarding when it happened," she said.

That doesn't mean there aren't still things to be concerned about and challenges for Cartsonis to tackle.

Cartsonis, Sylvia

# Happy feet

## Sun City runner gets ready to defend title

By RICH BOLAS  
Sports editor

Mary Lou Carlson always wondered why her husband enjoyed running.

"He'd come into the house during the winter with icicles hanging off of him and his cheeks would be all rosy," said Carlson a Sun City winter resident from Minneapolis. "So I put on my tennis shoes and pedal pushers and gave it a try."

"I came back with shin splints and my thighs hurting and I still didn't understand it."

Nearly 20 years after that inauspicious beginning, Carlson is hooked on running.

The 70-year-old runs between three and six miles each day and 10 miles on the weekend. She won a gold medal in the 10K event in her age bracket at the 1996 Arizona Senior Olympics.

"I just gradually increased how far I ran and eventually began to like it," Carlson said. "Then I went out and got some running shoes and I felt like I was running on a cloud."

The Arizona Senior Olympics begin Feb. 21 with opening ceremonies in Sun Angel Stadium in Tempe. There will be 27 sports this year, including road races at Sun City Grand in Surprise.

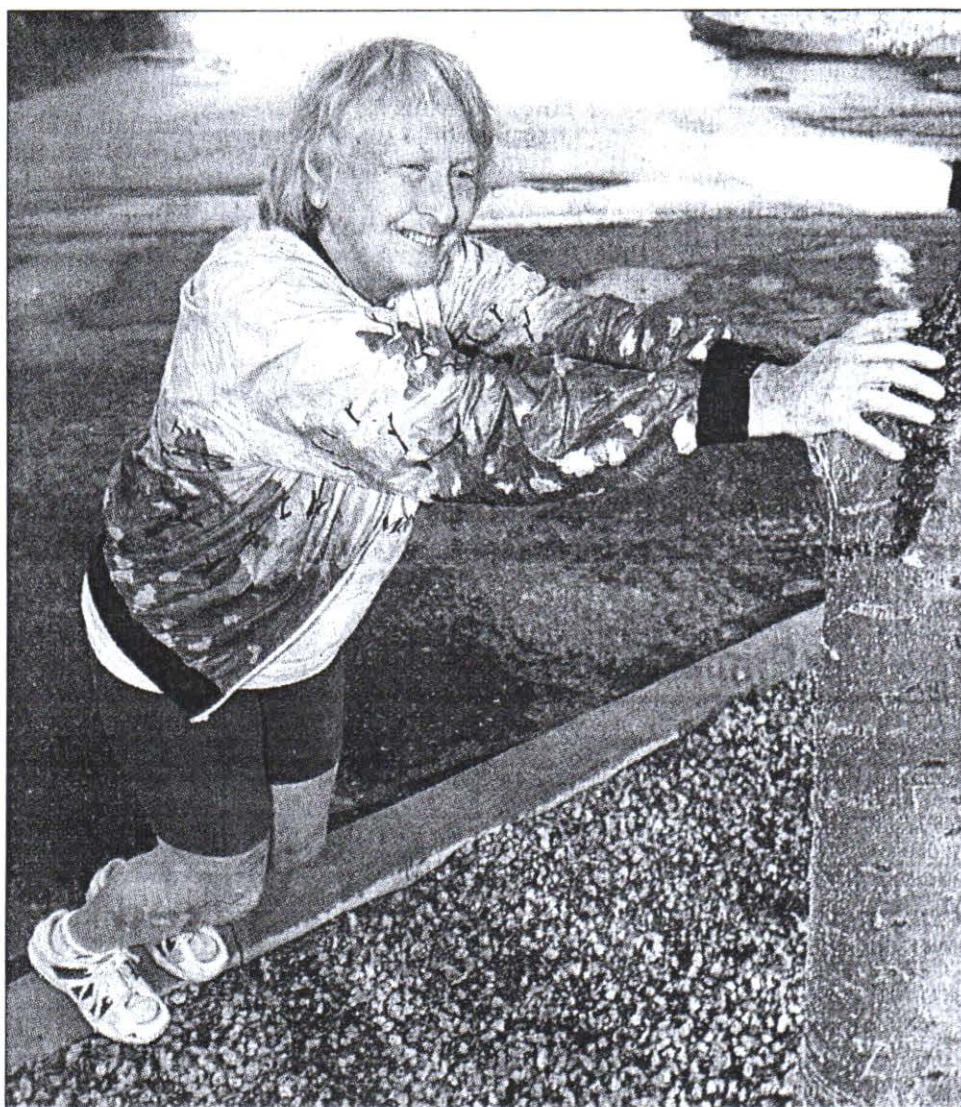
Carlson said she runs in all kinds of events and all kinds of weather, from a 5K in Scottsdale to the Boston and New York marathons.

"I think I like the 5Ks the best because they're over early and I still get to meet all the people," said Carlson who spends her summers as a volunteer at the Melpomene Institute.

The Minneapolis organization studies the effect exercise has on women's bodies.

Carlson ran her first 26.2 mile marathon in Duluth, Minn., and later ran one in Minneapolis. Her

### Arizona Senior Olympics



Steve Cherek/Daily News-Sun

Mary Lou Carlson has run in two Boston Marathons as well as the New York Marathon. She won the 10K event in her age group at the 1997 Arizona Senior Olympics.

### FYI

**WHAT:** Arizona Senior Olympics  
**WHEN:** Feb. 21 through March 8  
**WHERE:** There will be 27 sports at various locations throughout the Valley, including Sun City, Sun City West and Surprise  
**REGISTRATION:** Deadline is Friday  
**INFORMATION:** 261-8765

ability to handle the increased mileage convinced her to try the Boston Marathon, the sport's premier event.

"I wanted to run it because that's every marathoner's dream," she recalled. "But it was actually a disappointment."

"They ran out of medals for the participants and when we crossed the finish line all they gave us was yogurt — with no spoons."

Despite the unpleasantness, Carlson's daughter convinced her to return to Boston in 1996, when the event marked its 100th anniversary.

"We decided we would run together, but my daughter didn't train for the event," Carlson said. "She's a good skier, but it's not like training for a marathon."

They both made it across the finish line, but made allowances such as walking one minute of every

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mile and walking every hill.

"It took us six hours, but we were so elated when we finished."

Carlson will have to defend her Arizona Senior Olympics title on new territory this year. The 10K was run in Sun City West in 1997, but has been moved to Sun City Grand. The event will be run on March 7.

"Del Webb is our primary sponsor so we try to have at least one event in our sponsor's location," said Irene

Stillwell, executive director of the Arizona Senior Olympics. "That's why we moved the road races to Sun City Grand."

For Carlson, the 10K event is just another chance to make new friends and get some exercise.

"Running is a social event and it gives you self-confidence and self-esteem," she said. "Plus you get to call yourself an athlete."

MARY LOU CARLSON

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## A Name to Know

She has given her time so others might have a hot meal, find a good book or get financial help.

Mary Callahan, a 26-year Sun City resident, has served in a number of capacities during the last quarter-century.

A former secretary and librarian at her childrens' school, volunteering has been a part of her life for a long time.



Upon moving to Sun City in 1974, Ms. Callahan immediately set to work, using her nursing and administrative expertise for the benefit of Sun City residents by working on numerous projects and programs.

A self-professed "book lover," Ms. Callahan took a place on the Sun City Library board, serving as president for 10 years, organized and directed the Home Health Services for her church for her three years, and worked as a board member for the Sun City Community Fund, which gives financial help to Sun City residents in need. Sun Health also benefits, since Ms. Callahan volunteers at the Sun Health record office once a week.

A member of the Sun City Meals on Wheels board for over 10 years, she is now the nutrition chairperson. She also coordinates meal deliveries to more than 100 homebound residents and occasionally brings them to the doorstep herself, something she has done for eight years.

"I have been here for 26 years," she said. "I have to give back to the community. Anything that helps others makes you feel good."

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Photo by Jeremy Pearlman/Independent Newspapers  
Margaret "Peg" Chew of Sun City was recently elected to the top Arizona post for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

## Sun City woman elected to top post on statewide board

By Jeremy Pearlman  
Independent Newspapers

There is not much room to eat on Margaret "Peg" Chew's dining-room table. Papers and files cover most of the table's usable surface, leaving little room to dine or do much of anything else.

To eat, Mrs. Chew has to shuffle the items around to create enough space.

Paperwork is not only placed on the table, but more of the stuff can be found in boxes a few feet away on her living-room floor.

Recently elected to the top Arizona post of a Catholic woman's philanthropic and spiritual organization, the Sun City resident is inundated with material for the job.

Despite the massive amounts of preparatory items she has for the position and the work still to come setting up said material, she is happy to have been chosen for the position.

"It's very awesome," Mrs. Chew said.

"I have to get my obligation jobs done first but I look forward to doing (the job)."

Like her grandmother and

mother before her, Mrs. Chew is a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas – an international organization started by the Knights of Columbus in 1903.

"It's my way of giving back for all the wonderful things God has given me," she said about her membership.

Joining the group 43 years ago while living in Illinois, she believes the organization is one of the best-kept secrets in the church.

"Being a member of the Catholic Daughters is like having a American Express credit card – you can go anywhere with it," Mrs. Chew said.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas mission is to strive to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement for human rights and human dignity for all

mankind.

On June 1, Mrs. Chew took office as the Arizona Regent for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Serving in a similar capacity as a president, Mrs. Chew will preside over a board that oversees 21 local chapters – known as courts – for a three-year term.

As regent, Mrs. Chew wants to help the different courts with

any problems they may have and assist the courts in their many programs.

There are approximately 1,230 members throughout the state, with nearly one-third living in the Sun Cities area.

Mrs. Chew will be the first resident of Sun City in 20 years to serve at this post.

"I think she will be a good regent," said Barbara Brozman,

a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. "Peg is very dedicated and a real hard worker."

In addition to Mrs. Chew's election, Mary Early of Sun City was re-elected to the state board as its treasurer.

For more information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, call 977-1007.

## Veterans' vanguard earns Kachina volunteer honor

**PATRICK ROLAND**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

When the phone rings, George Cushing does whatever he can to help.

That can do spirit is what earned the Sun City West man the prestigious Hon Kachina award for community volunteerism, which he will receive Oct. 13 in Phoenix.

"I want to help any veteran in need, whether it is to help them get counseling or apply for benefits," said Cushing, a Vietnam veteran and retired Senior Master Sergeant of the Air Force. "Families of diseased vets aren't always aware of everything they can get."

Among Cushing's contributions are the numerous funerals he con-

duct each month.

"We provide an umbrella type service for any comrade who has passed away," Cushing said.

After a 23 year career in the military, Cushing retired in 1994. He and his wife moved to Arizona in 1999. Cushing quickly took on several leadership roles at volunteer organizations.

Driven by patriotism and a strong work ethic, Cushing oversees groups of volunteers and organizes and coordinates numerous programs.

He is commander of the Northwest Valley



Cushing

Veterans Association, an umbrella group of 14 veteran's organizations that promote patriotic interests and provide assistance to approximately 6,000 veterans and their families.

He manages a team of volunteers that arrange for Memorial and Veterans Day programs attended by thousands of people.

As past district commander of American Legion District 11, Cushing managed the work of 16 posts that also aid veterans and their families. He is responsible for rallying veterans to attend about 3,750 military burials a year at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

No veteran is turned away. When a home-

less veteran died on the streets of Phoenix this year, Cushing tracked down the man's estranged children and arranged for 20 veterans to be at the service.

Cushing serves on the Veterans of Foreign Wars State Memorial Squad with more than 1,500 hours of service.

He also supports and raises funds for the Veteran's Administration hospital and the Arizona State Veterans Home. He volunteers in the hospital gift shop and is an on-call driver for the Northwest V.A. Clinic.

Outside of his work for veterans, he is a member of the Surprise Sundancers that staff events at Surprise Stadium. The money the group saves the city is used for proj-

ects like the new Dream-Catcher Park for special needs athletes.

For his service to veterans and the community he was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2006.

Cushing said he was honored and humbled to receive the Hon Kachina award.

"I want to give back to my fellow veterans and help the families and the community remember the gift they gave to their country," Cushing said. "They were willing to give it all, and many did."

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## Hats Off To...

# 'Mr. Sun Sity' created mold for volunteer

*As Sun Citians approach volunteerism for the 2010 Sun City 50th anniversary celebration, volunteers take their cue from the serious time and effort that past volunteers have given towards the success of previous anniversary celebrations. Volunteers of the 50th and prior efforts will be saluted in this monthly column.*

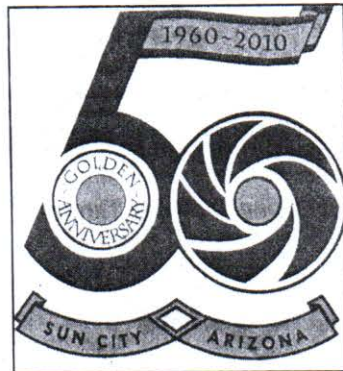
### By Marilyn Holley and Darrell Bradshaw

This month, the "Hats Off" salute honors Sun City resident Doug Caravaggio — referred to by some as "Mr. Sun City."

To Mr. Caravaggio volunteering in the Sun City community comes as naturally as breathing. His involvement in the 40th anniversary celebration, as a member of the board at large, stands as his commitment to give back to the community he lives in and loves. With passion and intensity, Mr. Caravaggio approached the securing of sponsorships for the 40th anniversary from local businesses, politicians, sports figures and celebrities using his "sell it" attitude. He became a major player in the sponsorship/donation game and he succeeded.

In the end it was the community that won. They were rewarded from his persuasive salesmanship with many high dollar donations and sponsored events. With these successes the 40th Anniversary Board, after all was said and done, was able to donate two vans to the Sun City SCAT program and deposit \$100,000 in Sun City Civic Foundation's bank account.

For the Sun City 50th anniversary celebration Mr. Caravaggio has shared his book of sponsorship contacts, donation information and media clippings with the 50th Anniversary Board — information he hopes will be useful as the board moves forward with the planning of the 2010 year-long



celebration.

Mr. Caravaggio was living in Detroit in 1969 when a friend returned detailing a vacation in Arizona and reported he found "heaven" in a place called Sun City. Never one to be out of the loop, Mr. Caravaggio traveled to the Valley to see for himself what Sun City had to offer. It did not take him long to see the light and in 1969 he purchased a Del Webb one-bedroom vacation apartment and began getting to know the community.

When he decided to purchase the two-bedroom duplex where he and his wife happily reside today he met and had a few words with Del Webb about the length of time it was taking to complete the construction. In the end all issues were resolved between he and Mr. Webb through a round of golf.

When Mr. Caravaggio came to the community he brought energy and enthusiasm. He kept up that pace since his arrival. He states casually that when he decides to devote his time and effort it is at 110 percent. This is obvious by his involvement as a current member and past president of the Sun City Men's Club, holding that position for three consecutive years. He is also a board member of the Sun City Democrats.

In Mr. Caravaggio's personal life, after a 41-year courtship he

married his wife Betty Soos. According to a newspaper clipping about their wedding, Mr. Caravaggio stated his excuse for not getting married sooner was that "Betty wasn't sure I was the right guy." In true 110 percent Caravaggio style, they celebrated the long awaited occasion by repeating their vows four times.

Originally married in Las Vegas, they returned to Sun City to repeat the ceremony at the Sundial Recreation Center. Jerry Colangelo, then owner of the Phoenix Suns, arranged for them to repeat the vows during a Suns/Los Angeles Lakers game televised on ESPN. And, finally, they returned to Detroit for a ceremony and party with family and lifelong friends.

Mrs. Caravaggio retired from teaching school in 1976. Her organizational skills assisted their household in keeping order of the many appointments, contacts and donations regarding the 40th anniversary celebration. She states that she was an assistant to the "sell it" man.

Mr. Caravaggio officially retired as an international union representative for the United Auto Workers in 1989. His negotiation and bargaining skills proved to be a bonus for Sun City as he sought prospective sponsors and donations for the 40th anniversary celebration.

Individually they both hold their own, however together they make quite a team. The Caravaggios' energy and enthusiasm about the Sun City community is to be admired. They repeatedly state the community was good to them and they owed a pay back in return. With all the amenities and wonderful lifestyle they enjoy in Sun City, they believe volunteerism is the way they could say thank you.

Both are quick to point out all



Submitted photo

### Doug Caravaggio

of the work and dedication devoted to the 40th anniversary was well worth it. As much as the 40th anniversary celebration benefited from the Caravaggios' efforts, they feel they are the winners because of the fond memories and many friendships that are theirs forever.

They advise and invite all Sun City residents to give back to the community by volunteering and getting involved. They suggest starting now with the planning of the 50th anniversary celebration slated for 2010.

*Editor's note: Ms. Holley, a real estate associate with Ken Meade's Greenway office, is a volunteer for the 50th Anniversary Committee and serves on its community involvement and ways and means committees. Mr. Bradshaw is also a real estate associate with Ken Meade and is a volunteer for the 50th Anniversary Committee. They are looking for Sun City volunteers associated with the anniversary celebrations to be recognized through this column. Call Ms. Holley at 623-505-8743 or Mr. Bradshaw 623-810-9183.*



SUBMITTED PHOTO

James Crain, 89, holds the U.S. and Navy flags given to him during a recent ceremony at Banner Boswell Medical Center by Hospice of the Valley honoring his military service. From left: Crain's wife Janet; Tom Fenner, military liaison for Hospice of the Valley; Rob Humphrey, CNA with Hospice of the Valley (standing); Crain's sisters Lucille Dick and Betty Walley and Crain's nephew John David Walley.

## Impromptu ceremony at Banner Boswell honors Blue Angel

### STAFF REPORT

James Crain of Sun City was surprised recently to receive a military honor during a recent stay at Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City.

Crain, 89, was hospitalized for a broken hip when his caregivers from Hospice of the Valley honored him with a special tribute.

Tom Fenner, military liaison with Hospice of the Valley, performed a small ceremony to commemo-

rating Crain's service to the country as a member of the Blue Angels Squadron. He presented Crain with a lapel pin and flags representing the Navy and United States.

After the ceremony, Crain shared stories of serving in the war. Staff and Crain's visitors held out cell phones so family members in other states could listen in.

"We had a great time in the Blue Angels," Crain said. "I'm proud of what I did in

# 'This Is Our Forest'

## Local man fondly remembers 1940s Forest Service stint

MARC BUCKHOUT  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

In 1944, 16-year old Harold Coffman went from a high school student working as an usher at the local movie theater in Lafayette, Ind., to building trails and fighting fires in the forests of Montana.

In 1942, as the United States' involvement in World War II intensified, the Civilian Conservation Corps was abolished by Congress. Created as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, the Conservation Corps had at one time enlisted 500,000 men to build roads and trails to make the forest more accessible. With a large majority of those men sent off to war, the Forest Service turned to high school students to pick up the slack.

Coffman, 74, recounts a number of his adventures during his first trip in 1944 and then the summers of 1948-50, after serving in the Navy, in his recently published book, "This Is Our Forest."

"It was an opportunity of a lifetime," Coffman said. "I was just a dumb city kid who had rarely been outside of the city. It sounded very exciting and quite adventurous."

After his wife, Marrie, encouraged him to begin writing about his life, Coffman wrote on a number of subjects but his experiences in the Cabinet National Forest in Montana and Clearwater National Forest in Idaho stood out.

"I had some friends of mine read about my adventures working for the Forest Service and from their positive response I decided to go ahead with a book," he said. "It was a very interesting and educational experience. The book is a series of vignettes about people I met during that period of my life."

Jack Minton, a Peoria resident who has known Coffman since their high school days together, and went through similar experiences working for the Forest Service, said the book has wide ranging appeal.

"Obviously I enjoyed it because I had similar experiences, but I think anyone that enjoys the outdoors or adventures would like reading it," he said. "Clearwater is a great area. I spent my honeymoon there and my 50th anniversary."

Coffman's story begins with his cross country train trip with a high school friend on their way to Missoula, Mont.

"It was such a smooth ride and the scenery was spectacular: great forests of huge white and yellow pine trees, balsam firs that looked like giant Christmas trees, rocky, craggy mountains soaring into the sky to be topped with snow, mountain streams tumbling down the hillside. Seeing all this for the first time was simply breathtaking." (Page 7)

Once the two arrived in Missoula they went to Guard School where they learned the ropes of life in the forest: map reading, navigating in the woods and fighting fires.

After returning to Lafayette for his senior year of high school, Coffman spent two years in the Navy. In 1948, Coffman joined Minton in the Kelly Creek Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho.

One of Coffman's most vivid memories of the area came on a day while he was working on Hidden Creek trail.

After clearing and rebuilding a trail for hours removing brush that had overgrown the path, the two came to a clearing.

"The first grove was perhaps 100 yards wide and ran from high up the hill right down to the creek below. The first thing that hit us was the fact that it was so quiet. Out where the brush was so heavy, it seemed real noisy, but in the grove there was an awesome silence." (Page 86)

"It was like walking into a cathedral," Coffman said. "We were so awestruck by these huge cedars, we sat eating our lunch without saying a word."

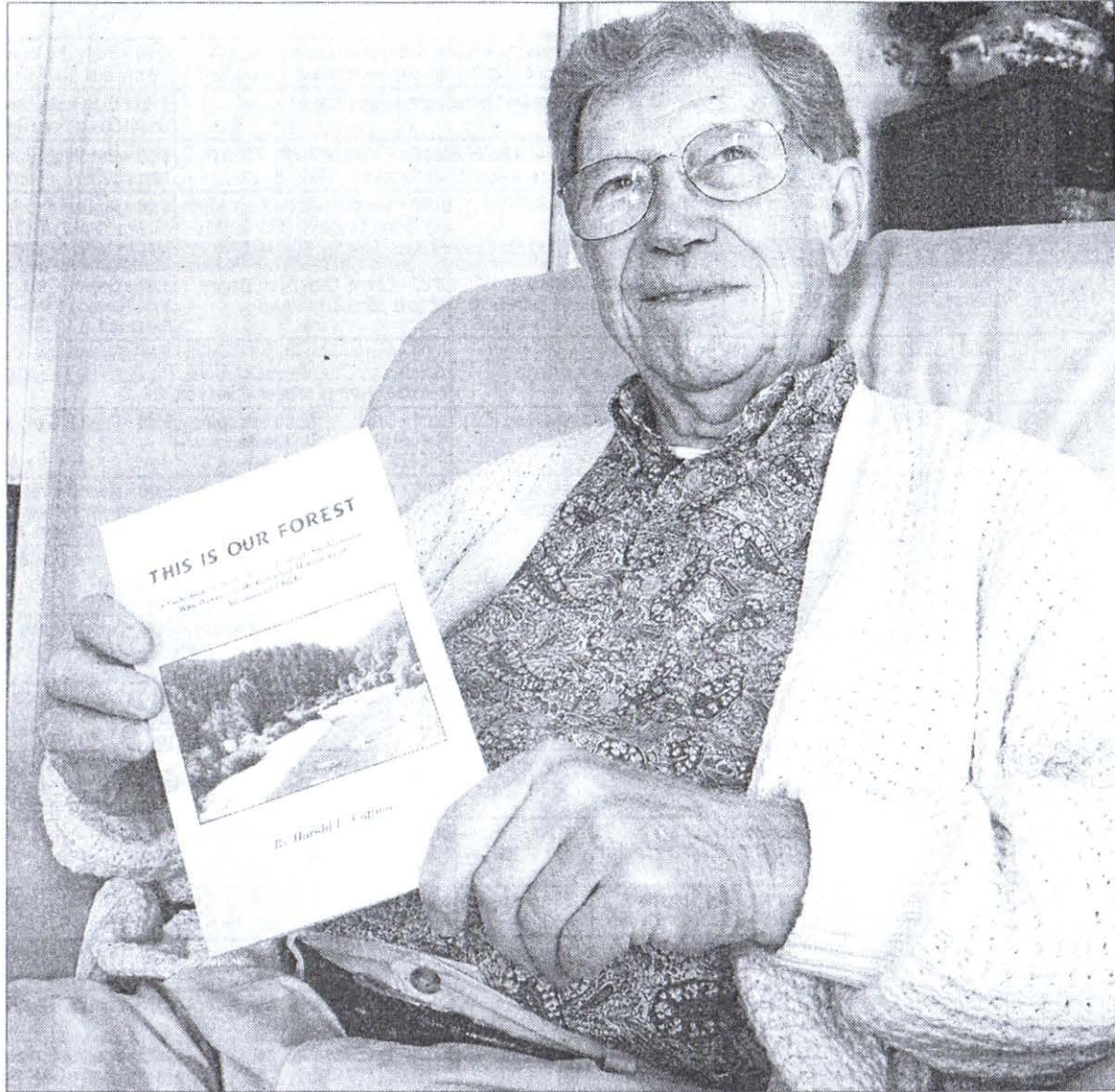
Coffman and his wife moved to Sun City 20 years ago. Minton and his wife, Bettye, live in Peoria. This past summer, the two couples vacationed in Rexburg, Idaho. On July 29, Minton and Coffman left their wives in Rexburg to camp in the Kelly Creek Ranger District once again. In five days, they visited a lot of their old haunts, but came away with mixed feelings.

"It's not the same place it used to be," Coffman said. "It brought back a lot of fond memories, but it has changed quite a bit. There are so many more people there now and it is so much more accessible than it was at one time. That's where I came up with the title of the book. We both selfishly wanted to know what all these people were doing there. We said, 'This is Our Forest.'"

Coffman's book, "This Is Our Forest" is available in paperback from HalMar Publications, 10128 Shasta Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351-1204. The price for the 122-page book is \$11.95 plus \$2.95 for shipping and handling.

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STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Harold Coffman recently self-published a book about his experience working for the Forest Service in the 1940s. He maintained trails and fought fires in Idaho and Montana.

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## Nebraska couple found warm

*Sun City's 30th anniversary celebrations will continue throughout the year. In keeping with the observances, the Independent will focus, from time to time, on some of the individuals, business establishments and events that helped mold the nation's premier retirement community.*

By PEG KEITH  
Sun Cities Independent

With true pioneering spirit, Phil and Ruth Compton were among the first 75 people to move to Sun City.

There were seven jobs waiting for them after they arrived — but Mr. Compton never filed an application for employment.

When they moved into their home, Jan. 1, 1960, retirement and only retirement, was on their minds.

"I don't like to move," says Mrs. Compton. "We've been right here, ever since."

With a nod toward her husband, she continues, "Mr. Compton's feet get to itching once in a while. He likes the four seasons, fall and winter. But I don't like the cold weather."

He returns the nod with a smile and picks up the conversation. "When I retired as a postmaster in Nebraska, I wanted to go back to Idaho, where I came from.

"But some friends came to visit us. They were going to Arizona, and invited us to go along."

Mrs. Compton continues, "It was 64 degrees, here, when we arrived ... springtime with flowers.

"I couldn't imagine. It was 28 degrees below zero, with snow, in Nebraska."

Mr. Compton hadn't intended to work when they came to Arizona, but work was something that sought him out.

He continued his career in Sun City and in the surrounding area, with postal positions in contract offices.

"He had to work in the contract offices, because he was retired," explains Mrs. Compton.

"When he finally retired, he had worked in several places; for a while he was over on 35th Avenue, in a T.G. & V. store."



PHIL AND RUTH COMPTON, Sun City pioneers.

"Thomas G. Austin (Webb's activities coordinator) was my first boss, here in Sun City," Mr. Compton says.

"Mr. Austin was a dollar-a-year postmaster for the government."

The first post office, itself, was notable, as it opened in the gift shop of the Grand Avenue shopping center drug store, April 4, 1960.

The rent, also, was a dollar a year.

There was a special commemorative stamp issued,

when the office opened.

The special cachet cover was sponsored by the Arizona Society of Topical Philatelists and Dell E. Webb Development Company.

"Del Webb had to build the post office, himself," says Mr. Compton.

"Mary Garretson was chief clerk, as a paid employee, trained by the post office."

It wasn't all work, no play, though, for these pioneer retirees.

"We had such a good time

Compton, Phil & Ruth

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## weather, warm friends in Sun City

when we first came," says Mrs. Compton.

"There were 75 of us; then it got to be 350. We all knew each other."

Before long, though, Mr. Compton accepted an assignment on the West Coast.

"Del Webb sent us there for two years, to the first post office in Sun City, Calif."

There was a different atmosphere in the Golden State, says Mr. Compton, recalling that, while they knew lots of people and made lots of friends, things weren't the same.

"Many of the retirees in California considered us an intrusion, of sorts," he says.

"The attitude was that there were plenty of people there who could have done the job as well as I did."

The Comptons (she's 93 this month; he'll be 94 in May) were born in Iowa and were married in 1922. He's a World War I Navy veteran.

They moved to Idaho after they were married and he became captivated with the outdoors, the Snake River, the "wide open spaces," and spectacular scenery.

Carrying a postal route in Twin Falls proved to be tiresome, though.

He didn't relish the twice-daily mail delivery, with Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward cat-

alogs and other bulky items that loaded his shoulder bag.

He put in for a transfer to Nebraska and got quick action: a clerk's position at Hastings. He worked his way up to the postmaster's position.

Mrs. Compton had her own career with the telephone company. On stormy days the company transported her to the office where she handled the old-fashioned switch board.

"I remember one day, there was a big explosion at the Navy depot near Hastings," she says.

"A fussy woman called to complain that the Germans were here and were blowing up her house. All of a sudden, my own windows were dropping out.

"There were explosions two different times, at the Navy depot."

Sun City was a welcome change from Nebraska, but it took time to adapt.

The Comptons fit into a familiar pattern. As a pioneering couple, they cut family ties and left old friends behind.

The couple has a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, living near Guadalajara, Mexico. She's a violinist (Eastman School of Music graduate), teaches and travels a great deal.

"My daughter wanted good weather all year," says Mrs. Compton. "Guadalajara never

gets colder than 64-65 degrees. But the altitude's too high, for me."

Was her daughter's musical talent inherited?

Not at all, the Comptons agree, although Mrs. Compton adds, "I used to sing in the choir.

"But our daughter had polio as a child. We started her with the violin when she was 5 years old."

Being a pioneer has its joyous moments. There are sorrowful ones, as well.

Mrs. Compton recalls starting the first Canasta Club in her neighborhood. Mr. Compton didn't play, but was an enthusiastic golfer.

"So many of those old friends have passed away," says Mrs. Compton.

"Sun City has changed a lot. When we first came, everyone was young. We were 67th and 68th, in the United Church. We don't go much, any more. We don't drive."

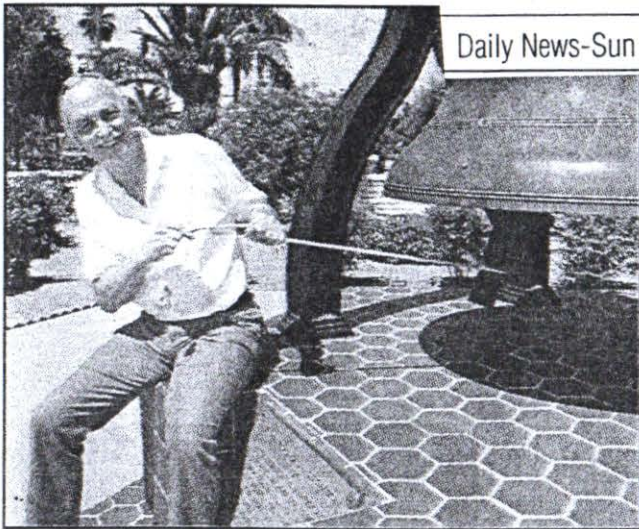
They look back, with pleasure, though, at three decades of Sun City experiences.

"Changes ... time marches ... progress. You can't stop any of it," she says.

"Sun City's been so much fun. Even though you grow old, you settle in, but still get around a bit. And you always have neighbors and friends.

"I love it here."

# Popular Bell supervisor calls it a career



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Former Bell Recreation Center superintendent Dick Coopman's bell has rung for retirement.

By JEANNIE JOHNSON  
Staff writer

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SUN CITY — The reaction by Sally Muntean, pool monitor at Bell Recreation Center, to a visit by the newly retired Dick Coopman says it all.

"Well hi, Dick," cried out Muntean, as her former supervisor toured the facility. "We sure do miss you!"

"He did such a wonderful job. You know, he not only worked for Mr. Warfield (centers General Manager Jim Warfield), he worked for his employees. If I had a problem I could give Dick a call and he would be right over."

While Coopman said he misses the "great people I worked with," he doesn't miss the responsibility of running the largest recreation center in Sun City with a staff of 28 and a budget of nearly \$600,000. He turned in his staff badge March 31.

"I reached 62, and I decided I wanted to do a lot of traveling which I love to do," he said. "I'd like to go back to Germany because I thought it

was so pretty. I was stationed there in 1953 while I was in the Army. My wife wants to go to Ireland because she's Irish. I imagine we'll try and make a trip there soon."

Originally from Prospect, Ill., Coopman worked as machinist. He moved to Arizona in 1982 and he and his wife spent eight years in northwest Arizona in Lake Havasu City. They moved to Sun City five years ago.

"We wanted to get out of Illinois," he said. "We wanted to go to California, but it was too expensive. A friend of ours said try Lake Havasu City, and we fell in love with it and built a house there. After awhile, it got too crowded and was too far from everything, so we decided to move to Sun City."

A monitor position at Marinette opened up, and Coopman accepted it. Shortly thereafter, he was offered a full-time position working on one of the golf courses.

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Coopman was only at that for three weeks when the Bell Recreation Center staff needed a lead man. Four weeks later, Coopman was the supervisor.

The responsibilities of the supervisor vary from maintaining all 27 acres to addressing complaints by patrons. In the more than four years he worked as supervisor, Coopman said he never had any catastrophes.

"The only catastrophe we've had at

Bell was a leak in the roof of the social hall," he said. "They brought a crane in to help fix it, and the leg of the crane caved in through the blacktop and broke a 6-inch water main. But that just happened after I had retired. I sure am glad I wasn't here."

His bias doesn't show at all when Coopman compares Bell to the other recreation centers in Sun City.

"It's the largest, the prettiest, it has the statue of Mr. Webb, it has the largest exercise room, the most ten-

nis courts, the best sports facility and bowling alley, and of course, the nicest employees," he said with a smile.

Now that he's turned in his employee badge, Coopman hopes to put on a membership badge and make use of the facilities he worked so hard to maintain. He's looking forward to participating in a variety of activities.

"I want to get into line dancing," he said. "I'd like to try my hand at silvercraft. I also want to play some

golf and take up bowling again. I also do a lot of woodworking at home which keeps me busy."

Stepping into Coopman's shoes is recreation centers veteran Mike Marshall. He served as lead man under Coopman for nearly five years. Marshall said he has big shoes to fill, but he's excited to accept the challenge.

"I'd like to pick up where Dick left off," he said. "I'd like to continue the improvements he's made to the inside and outside of the facility."

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## ■ A Name to Know

**Eraine Copeland** is happiest when she is active.

Whether it is taking a morning walk or spending a day at Boswell Memorial Hospital volunteering, Mrs. Copeland has invariably enjoyed keeping herself busy.

At 96 years young, this desire has not changed a bit.



"I have always been active," Mrs. Copeland said. "I don't ever pause to think about stopping what I do."

Mrs. Copeland has been volunteering for the last 40 years, at her church, care centers and a senior center gift shop.

Since moving to the northwest Valley six years ago, Mrs. Copeland has dedicated herself to the volunteer needs of Sun Health.

She currently works an average of five hours per week at Boswell handling mailings and assembling Vial of Life medical-information capsules for the community.

"I don't mind volunteering at all," Mrs. Copeland said. "Everyone appreciates my volunteer work, so I keep doing it."

Mrs. Copeland is not the only member of her family to be a Sun Health volunteer.

Her son Marv volunteers at Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

"I was real surprised when I found out he was working there," Mrs. Copeland said. "But I'm very happy he is. We get go to a lot of the same meetings together."

For more information about volunteering at Boswell Memorial Hospital, call 876-5387.

## Sun Citian finds solution to hearing problems

Western Electric retiree **Roy Corderman** has developed a device that can enable those with hearing United Presbyterian churches have installed Kodacast. Willowbrook United Methodist Church now working on antenna systems for different uses, such as in drive-in theatres and museums.



Roy Corderman and his Kodacast outfit.

Staff Photo by Stephen Wolfson

problems to hear clearly what is going on in public places.

Corderman's Kodacast system can be installed in public places, and clear sound is picked up by the listener's transistor radio. The system is in the process of being patented, said Corderman, retired from Winston-Salem Defense Activities Center.

Corderman and his wife, Faye, live on Long Hills Drive, where he stores an abundance of ham radio equipment. His interest in radios, kindled in his youth, and his background in engineering were combined to invent Kodacast.

The Kodacast transmitter operates in the AM broadcast band, and can be connected to the church or meeting hall sound system. Two strip antennae are placed under carpets and transmit a radio signal through the building.

The listener carries his own transistor radio and tunes into the station that carries that radio signal. The sound is confined to the listener by the use of earphones.

Kodacast does not interfere with regular radio broadcasts, as the signal does not project outside of the building.

Corderman said Kodacast has been cleared by the Federal Communications Commission for over-the-counter sales, and requires no further approval for installation.

Currently, Corderman said four Sun City churches use the system. Faith United Presbyterian, where the Cordermans worship, Sun City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Elizabeth Seton, and First

is considering purchase of the system.

The cost includes a transmitter and two antennae—about \$1,100.

Corderman said he is

During his 37 years with the Bell System, he received five patents. One of his inventions was a privacy system for telephone service, developed

during World War II.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized Corderman in 1937. At that time, Corderman was president of a radio club in Washington, D.C., which relayed congratulatory messages from the 48 state governors to the president.

# Marking a milestone

## VOLUNTEER

**EXTRAORDINAIRE:** Sun City Fire Department honors 1st person to achieve 20 years of service

JOHN SOKOLICH  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

A Sun City volunteer was axed Tuesday morning after 20 years of serving the Sun City Fire Department.

But Robert Cory, 82, was happy to receive the golden axe from the department, and his years of volunteering provide a benchmark for future fire department volunteers.

"He is the first volunteer to make it through 20 years," fire district Chairman Irvin Mitchell said. "This is really a big mark and a very big achievement."

Mitchell said other volunteers have come close to hitting the 20-year mark, but extenuating circumstances have stopped them before they've reached the goal.

"Volunteers do such a good job for us," he said. "They save the residents

of Sun City and Youngtown a lot of money for all their hard work. And to be able to have a full career after retiring to come to Sun City is just an amazing feat."

Cory's main responsibility was to conduct building inspections to ensure fire-safety equipment was up to par and codes were being obeyed. The department's volunteer program eases the workload of firefighters who can then dedicate their time to more pressing matters, such as responding to calls.

"I think the volunteers are a big part of the department," Cory said. "If it wasn't for the volunteers, I think the department would have to hire another two or three people to just pick up some of the work."

But even with the honor of being a 20-year volunteer veteran, Cory was timid of speaking about his work. As he accepted his award, he spoke highly of the men in the department. Without them, he said, Sun City would be hard pressed to find such excellent service.

"The fact that I stuck it out for 20 years has a lot to do with the exceptional bunch of guys we have here," Cory said. "All of them are highly motivated and I am very proud of them, and

proud to be part of this organization."

Cory started volunteering for the department in 1981, when the Sun City Fire Department was under the command of Rural Metro. The change-over came in 1989, which Cory said was a great improvement.

"We really have a good thing over here," he said. "The people of Sun City should be proud of this department. I just think that working here has been fascinating. I don't like to think of it this way, but I was the department's first volunteer, so in a way, I started all of this."

Assistant Fire Chief Steve Morrow said he considered Cory self-motivated:

"This is not an easy milestone to reach," Morrow said. "And for him to stick it out here, especially with me here, takes a lot."

Cory said he would continue to volunteer his time at the fire station, though he now is officially retired from the department. The former retail clerk has experienced three official retirements in his life, two coming from the retail industry and the latest from the department — a tenure of which he is especially proud.

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Brayton Willis, left, a member of the Sun City Fire District Board of Directors, congratulates Robert Cory on attaining 20 years of volunteer service with the fire department.



## DOERS PROFILE

### Lillian Cox



- Hometown:** Waukesha, Wis.
- Family:** Two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren
- Inspiration:** Serving others is an award in itself.
- Greatest feat:** Helping all those first- and second- graders I taught for 32 years.
- Motto:** Keep a sense of humor.

## Love of books bound to rub off on other retirees

By TINA SCHADE  
Staff writer

As a history buff and former first- and second-grade teacher who spent her entire career around books, it seems only natural that Lillian Cox of Sun City would spend her retirement years volunteering at the library.

For the last eight years, Cox has happily helped both browsers and bookworms inch their way through the thousand of titles that line the shelves at the Bell Library in Sun City.

And she couldn't be happier. Not only does Cox have a love for reading, she also has a love for readers.

"They come in here and they like books. We have something in common and we can relate to one another," she said.

Cox locates and circulates books for the library at least three days a week. She also collates membership cards and finds time to work in the cassette department.

"It keeps me out of the bars," Cox said laughingly.

Keeping in the spirit of teaching, Cox also serves as a substitute, not for a local school, but for the Meals on Wheels program, which provides nutritious meals to the homebound.

"It's another rewarding thing I do. Sometimes, I'm the only person these people see all day," she said.

Cox said she makes between five and 10 stops a day and said the job doesn't take a lot of brain power, but provides a necessary service to many people who live in the community.

She has served the homebound in other ways. Cox and her husband used to run errands and pick up groceries for homebound members of Lakeview United Methodist Church, where she served on the membership committee.

This Wisconsin native has also used her muscle power to help keep the streets of Sun City gleaming. She worked with the Sun City PRIDES for seven years and still gets wistful driving down the street.

"I look at the trees and I think I painted those or swept that street. It's a wonderful organization," she said.

She is a little nostalgic about her career as a teacher. Five years ago, she started the Retired Teachers of Wisconsin in Phoenix.

Cox credits her spirit to growing up poor in Wisconsin, raising her children and attending night school to earn her degree.

"I think it gives you a feeling that you've done something with your life ... to know you worked hard and did what you could," she said.

Cox applies the same theory to volunteering that she did to working.

"It's a tremendous and rewarding thing to do. You get more than you give," Cox said.

When Cox isn't volunteering, she likes to play golf, do needlework, knit and of course, read.

"I'm not a great TV watcher," she said.

To nominate a Doer, call Tina Schade at the Daily News-Sun, 876-2514.

Cox, Lillian

# Arizonan publishes book of Globe memories

*Helen Craig, storyteller  
for a pioneer family in  
a country of colorful characters*

Helen Craig has more speaking engagements nowadays than time to fill them. No small feat for a first-book writer, despite her firsthand knowledge of fabulous country filled with colorful characters.

When we got together in Sun City the other day to talk of the big weddings and bigger funerals of Globe's earlier days, we talked, too, of the last chapter of her "Mail Order Brides."

It's a story, sympathetically and sensitively told, of a woman from a small Southern town who had answered an ad that read: "Wanted: a mature wife to share a miner's cabin home in a camp in Arizona. Must be a Christian woman who does not need to live in a town."

The woman, in an unprecedented burst of words and emotions, once told the author that she had a minister answer the letter for her, carefully excluding the part of her life about bearing a child out of wedlock—a child that soon died but

made her an outcast in her hometown forever.

Perhaps, had she known she was to become a virtual prisoner and forbidden even to talk to townspeople, she'd have stayed in the South and toughed it out.

On rare occasions that her dirty, unkempt husband brought her into town for supplies, he left her in the old truck parked on Broad Street while he played poker hour after hour at the Lodge Hall.

SHE SAT for hours, expressionless. Embarrassed by those who tried to exchange pleasantries with her, and frightened into slavish submission to her husband.

"But where could she go? She had no friends. Not even a penny. They lived in that deserted camp for three years and I think I'm the only human being she ever talked to. And that was only the one time when our husbands were dickered about a pump.

"Eventually, I realized I hadn't seen her in the truck on Broad Street for several months. I inquired, but nobody seemed to know anything about them. Not even the store clerks who had waited on him. I never saw her again but every once in awhile, her face-expressionless as always—flashes through my mind and I wonder and wonder what ever happened to her," Helen said.

I probably saw her in that truck on Broad Street by the Lodge Hall many times myself. If I thought of her at all, it was probably to think how lucky she was to be in a truck because if you had one of those, you could see what it was like on the other side of the Pinal Mountain. Maybe you could even see what it was like down there in Phoenix, gee whiz.

But if I had just scraped the scabs off my knees again, I probably didn't think of anything except my own clumsy awkwardness.

When I was a kid with perpetual scabs on my knees and ore samples in the pockets of my jeans, it was a memorable adventure when I got far enough away from Globe to see what was on the other side of Pinal Mountain.

I think the first time I ever did was when we went "to the ranch to get apples." The ranch was Pinal Ranch (though the natives always referred to it as the Craig Place), at the top of Devil's Canyon, midway between Miami and Superior.

I vaguely remember that my mother and Helen Craig would exchange flowers, plant cuttings, recipes and gossip on those occasions while I marveled at the adobe ranch house and its splendid antique (even then!) furnishings and Oriental rugs. Even an organ that had been brought around the horn in an 1880 sailing ship and then around the tortuous bends of the old trail from Silver King on a pack train.



## Maggie Wilson's ALBUM

Helen Craig lived in that place from 1932 when she married Gerald Craig until they sold it in 1973 and moved to Sun City. That organ had been in the living room 93 years then and is now in the home of the Craig's daughter, Mrs. Phillip Knight at Date Creek Ranch near Wickenburg.

So, when I heard that Helen Craig had written a little book called "Within Adobe Walls, 1877-1973," I knew it would be an automatic best seller. In Gila and Pinal counties, I mean . . . you know, among people like me who

remember some of the prospectors, Apaches, miners, archeologists and town characters she tells about.

AND SURE enough, when she had her first book signing party at the Old Dominion Hotel in Globe, copies sold like the proverbial hotcakes.

But the book has sold more copies already than there are folks who can remember the way we were, so it's in its second printing now and is available at most local bookstores (Art-Press, paperback, \$3.95).

# To change the world...

## Sun Citian wins award for support of seminaries

By KIMBERLY HICKS  
Daily News-Sun staff

One life changed makes a difference in the world.

It's a motto Sun Citian J. Lowell Craig lives by, and one that has compelled him to ensure higher education can be offered to prospective church leaders.

"We tend to do so little in support of our church institutions, particularly the seminaries. But I think our leadership in the churches is so important.

"My feeling is that it's our only basic hope for the future of a democracy," Craig said. "A democracy cannot survive without honesty and integrity as a common ideal...I don't know where else a turnaround can occur. The church needs stronger leaders. We need to look to the seminaries for this leadership and put them on the front burner in terms of our priorities."

Craig's belief led him to dedicate years to the United Methodist Church and the education of its leaders. And for that, the 83-year-old has been named recipient of the 1992 Stanley S. Kresge Award by the United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education.

Established in 1987, the award is presented annually to an individual who exemplifies two noted characteristics of the late Stanley S. Kresge, noted philanthropist and United



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Sun Citian J. Lowell Craig has been named a recipient of the 1992 Stanley S. Kresge Award for his dedication to the United Methodist Church and for his commitment to higher education in religion.

Methodist layperson: dedicated membership in the United Methodist Church and unselfish support of United Methodist-related education.

The award includes a medallion and certificate of merit for the recipient, and a \$10,000 scholarship for the United Methodist-related school where the recipient is a volunteer.

"It's quite an honor," said Peggy Townes, spokeswoman for the United Methodist Foundation in Nashville, Tenn.

College presidents and bishops from around the country are asked to submit nominations every year, Townes said. Each year dozens of nominees are considered.

Craig will be honored Sept. 25 at

the School of Theology at Claremont in Claremont, Calif., where he has been on the Board of Trustees since 1980. The school will receive the \$10,000 scholarship award.

"His philosophy is one of the joy of giving," said Bob Edgar, school president. "He has an astonishing gift of being able to infect others with the same philosophy."

Craig certainly hopes so; he has remained modest about the honor, saying he only hopes it will inspire others to follow his lead.

"If this helps the school raise more money it will be worth it," he said. "I hope I am an inspiration to others to raise money for schools of theology...I

hope what I've done has been helpful.

"I've had a lot of awards in my life. I don't think awards are important. If you are accomplishing something and inspiring others, that is worth something."

Craig said his efforts are rooted in his desire to change society for the better.

"Money is merely the necessity for doing that job," he said.

A graduate of DePauw University, where he received the Outstanding Graduate Award in 1962, Craig now belongs to the First United Methodist Church of Sun City. He was instrumental in setting up the First United Methodist Foundation of Sun City, which funds three professorships at the School of Theology at Claremont and provides significant operating and scholarship funds. Today the foundation has nearly \$3.4 million in assets.

It was started in 1981 for four main reasons, Craig said. Money was needed to assist the ailing Pacific Homes retirement center in California, to pay for new church development, to pay for one teaching chair at a school of theology and to cover costs of past-service pension liabilities for ministers.

Today it also pays for two additional scholarship funds, one at Claremont, the other at DePauw.

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## Kresge Award winner taps into joy of giving

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"Our success, I think, was helped by the fact that all of our donors have selected where there money will go," Craig said.

He and his wife Edna — who enticed him to join the United Methodist Church after they were married 60 years ago — also have funded the Edna and Lowell Craig Professorship in Pastoral Care and Counseling.

Edna Craig and the Rev. Don A. Bassett, senior pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Sun City, also will attend the upcoming awards ceremony.

"The whole congregation is very pleased Mr. Craig has been honored in this way. He certainly deserves it," Rev. Bassett said. "He has an outstanding record in higher education.

"It is extremely important that local churches take on the responsibility of higher education in the ministry."

Within the next 10 years, 40-percent of the current United Methodist ministry will retire, Rev. Bassett said.

"A heavy load will be placed on seminaries to recruit and train," he said.

# Sun Citian outlines 50 years with group

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When Edwina Crosby was a senior in high school, she set two goals for herself: to speak at graduation and to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The Sun Citian reached the first goal, and has spent the last 50 years not just meeting but exceeding the second goal.

Crosby had read about the Catholic Daughters in her local newspaper in Concord, N.H., and decided it was just the thing for her.

"It sounded like a good thing to me," she said. "I was very Catholic, and wanted to strengthen my faith and get together with other Catholic women."

However, with life's little twists and turns, it would be another five years before she would join the CDA. She went away to college and in September 1947 married William Crosby. The couple had a baby soon after, but Papa Crosby's teacher pay was low, and money was tight.

Nevertheless, Crosby fulfilled her high school goal to become a Catholic Daughter when she joined the Belle Fleur Court No. 1208 in Littleton, N.H., in 1951. For the next nine months, she enjoyed becoming active in her first membership in CDA. Life was about to change, however. William, in order to increase his income and support his growing family, accepted a teaching job in Dover, N.H. Edwina sought out and joined the CDA court there. The name of the court escapes her now and she is trying to locate it on her computer files, but for six years, from 1952-1958, the Dover, N.H., court fulfilled her strong desire to be and serve as a Catholic Daughter.

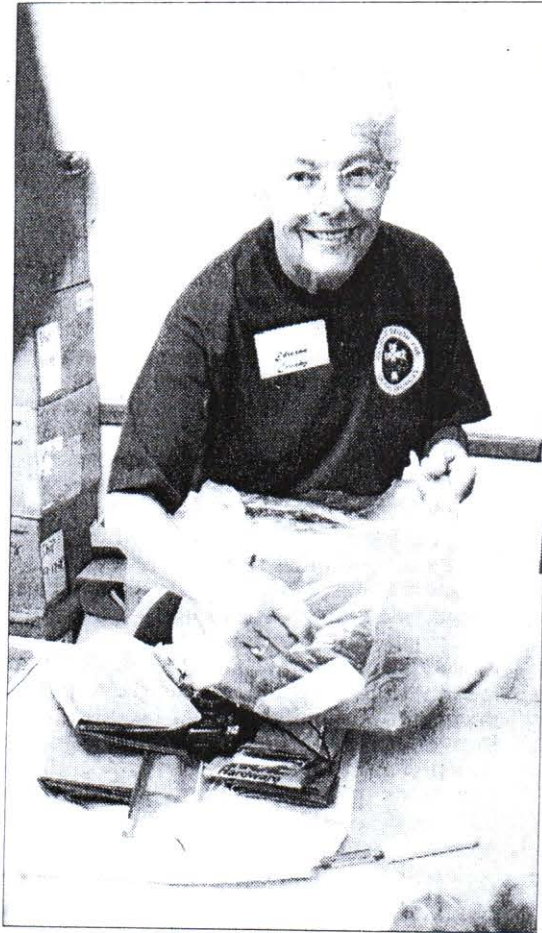
In 1958, change came again. With six children to feed and clothe, William accepted an even higher-paying teaching job at a new school opening in Rochester, NY.

"I was determined to join the CDA in New York," Edwina recalled. "My husband took me downtown and dropped me off at an office building where the CDA meeting was to be held. As he drove off, I climbed the stairs, only to see a sign on the door saying, 'No meeting tonight.' There I sat, waiting for him to return."

Edwina eventually joined the CDA once again — this time Court Our Lady of the Cenacle No. 1139. But she did more than just join. She was regent three times and district deputy twice. The regent's position is much like the president in other organizations.

Of her time as district deputy, Edwina said, "I had three courts under me and had to visit each court three times a year, audit their books and install their officers. I was also state publicity chairman and I co-chaired the New York State Convention back in the '60s. I held every office but treasurer.

"I was a delegate to the national convention in Seattle, Wash., back in the '70s. I attended a number of conventions as New York state regent, and there were times I was gone five days at a time. My husband never objected, just let me go. I would prepare all my meals in advance, had lists everywhere, and would get all the kids in bed and then go to my meet-



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Sun Citian Edwina Crosby packages items from the St. Joachim and St. Anne Catholic Church rummage sale Saturday. She has been a Catholic Daughters of the Americas member for 50 years.

ings."

Edwina was a "supermom" long before the term became popular.

Nine children and 21 years later, in 1979, William retired from teaching and the family moved to Winter Park, Fla. Devoted Catholic Daughter that she was, Crosby joined Court Our Lady Queen of Peace, No. 2021, and was regent and vice regent during her 14-year stay.

"I still correspond with members from that court," she said.

In 1995, the Crosbys moved to Sun City. Edwina saw a notice about CDA in the St. Joachim and St. Anne Catholic Church bulletin, called Louise Bates, regent at the time, and became a member of St. Anne's Court No. 2353.

She now serves as secretary of the court and was recently honored by court members for her 50 years of service.

"At each court, I've made friends easily," Edwina said. "And I feel that I have received much more than I have given in service to others. It's fun to be with other women who have the same ideals as you do."

Crosby's fellow members believe she has embodied the goal of every Catholic Daughter — "To strive to be a spirit-filled woman who loves Christ, His church, her country and all humanity" — since her high school years.

CROSBY, EDWINA

## Republican activist dies at 88

By DAN BURNETTE  
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SUN CITY — Alan A. Cullman, longtime Republican Party activist in the retirement community, international volunteer and adviser to two presidents, died Tuesday in Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital. He was 88.



Cullman  
Mr. Cullman, who moved to Sun City in 1977, was best known in the retirement communities for his activities in the Republican Party.

"Alan Cullman was a dear friend of mine and a pillar of the Re-

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publican community in Arizona," said Sen. John McCain of Phoenix. "He was one of my earliest and best supporters, and I can't remember a Republican Party event where the presence of Alan Cullman was not felt.

"His passing is a tremendous loss to the state of Arizona and to those who knew him. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time."

Cullman served several terms as president of the Sun City Republican Club, and was a member of Republican Forum West, the Arizona State Republican Committee and the Republican National Committee. Cullman was named Republican Man of the Year in Maricopa County in 1986 for his organizing efforts and party activism.

He served as a presidential elector in 1984 for President Reagan.

Cullman was on the board of directors of the Pinnacle West Shareholders Association.

"Alan always worked for the betterment of his county, state and country," said Cullman's wife, Karin. "He never worked for his own benefit; he was very unselfish. For his part, he made the world a better place."

Rep. Bob Stump of Tolleson, R-District 3, said, "What a tremendous loss of a trusted and wise friend who was so very generous with his time and talents. Alan's dedication to this country, the Sun Cities community and the Republican Party are renowned, and it made him a very valued and special leader in Arizona.

"Alan earned people's respect because he was a doer and always set a high standard of commitment and example. His strong belief in this country and the strength of the principles it was founded upon was truly his guiding force, and it is a legacy which leaves us all so much richer."

Stump added that his thoughts and prayers are with Karin and the family, and "those many, many lives he

has touched over the years."

Cullman was born in 1905 in Jersey City, N.J., and worked for 40 years for Columbia Gas Systems, where he served as financial vice president and treasurer.

His utility career led to his appointment as a volunteer to President Roosevelt's Advisory Council on Questionnaires and the Petroleum Administration for Defense.

During the Korean War, Cullman was director of gas planning for the United States, developing the first long-range forecast of the nation's natural gas supplies. He served as a consultant to President Eisenhower's Cabinet Committee on Energy Supplies and Requirements.

Cullman belonged to the Legion of Honor of the Order of Demolay and served as master counselor of the Haines Chapter in Jersey City, N.J.

After retiring from Columbia Gas, Cullman served as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps in three African nations. In Tunisia, Cullman helped reorganize the country's national electric and gas operations. He helped the Gambian government reorganize its electric and water utilities, and advised the Kenyan government on reorganizing 210 credit unions.

Karin Cullman said her husband's volunteer efforts overseas were not well-known in Sun City, but were among his most satisfying.

"In Gambia, they had no public schools when we were there," she said. "Alan started a fund for tourists to donate money for schools, and then that led to the government starting public schools. We liked to think that fund helped push that along."

Fellow Republicans remembered Cullman as a tireless volunteer and organizer, until declining health curtailed his activities recently.

"Alan was a dynamic contributor to the conservative Republican cause the last 16 years," said Hawley Atkinson, a Sun City resident and for-

mer Maricopa County supervisor whose district included the retirement community. "He also was unsparing with his time and efforts to help Maricopa County when he served on a committee (in 1978 and '79) to work out some changes in the way we did the budget. If those practices had been continued, we (the county) wouldn't be in the mess we're in today."

Sen. Jan Brewer of Glendale, R-District 19, also remembered Cullman's political activism.

"I will surely miss him; he was a guiding light in the district," Brewer said. "I don't think there's anyone who's really going to be able to replace him."

Brewer said she and Cullman didn't always agree, but "he always kept a calm head, backed up his arguments and usually got you to see things his way."

Brewer said that in 1986, during a stint in the House of Representatives, she decided to run for the Senate seat she now occupies when the incumbent dropped out of the race with three days to go until the deadline for filing candidate petitions. Cullman took charge of getting the petitions signed by registered Republicans, no easy task since the law stipulated they could not be the signatures of those who had signed petitions for the incumbent Republican.

"He delivered them to me in a day and a half," Brewer said.

Cullman is survived by his wife, Karin; two daughters, Connie Broderick of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Diane Balfour of Traverse City, Mich.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 24 in All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church, 9502 W. Hutton Drive.

Memorials may be sent to the Sun City Library, 16820 99th Ave., Sun City, 85351; or the Arizona Republican State Committee, 3501 N. 24th St., Phoenix, 85016.

# Local 'Mr. Republican' packs his trunk

By JACQUE PAPPAS  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Shortly after Alan Cullman moved to Sun City in 1977, he broke his back and went into the hospital for surgery.

But even confinement to a hospital bed could not stop the man many local residents know as "Mr. Republican."

Cullman was determined to organize a calling committee for the Sun City Republican Club and made more than 500 phone calls to do so.

Monday evening, nearly 100 members of the club and many state and county dignitaries honored Cullman for his dedication to the GOP.

Cullman, 86, resigned his post as chairman of the club "to make way for the younger people." Taking over as chairman is Sun Citian George Davis.

"My first and second presidential votes were cast for Herbert Hoover. That first one in 1928

was a long time ago. I think it's time to give it a rest," Cullman said.

Cullman has served several two-year terms as president of the Sun City Republican club, has been a local precinct committeeman and deputy registrar.

He played a vital role in getting the Northwest Valley Republican Headquarters opened during election time in Sun City.

The national organizations he has participated with include President Roosevelt's Advisory Council on Government Questionnaires, the Federal Power Commission, President Eisenhower's Energy Commission and the International Executive Service Corps.

At the meeting, Cullman spoke at length about the national debt, morality, inflation, education and other topics he said have become "politically catastrophic."

"Why is a basketball player called a hero when

in his own book he estimates sexual encounters with 20,000 females around the country," Cullman said, referring to Wilt Chamberlain's autobiography. "I am afraid this is all a part of the malaise of morality which has seized upon us."

Among the Republican elected officials who attended the meeting to honor Cullman's last hurrah as chairman was Maricopa County Sheriff Tom Agnos, County Attorney Rick Romley, County Recorder Helen Purcell, Deputy County Treasurer Paul Corrington, Sen. Pat Wright and Sen. Bob Denny, Rep. Bob Burns, Rep. Kyle Hindman and Rep. Nancy Wessel and Peoria Justice of the Peace Lex Anderson.

In honor of the occasion, Gov. Fife Symington issued a proclamation honoring Cullman.

Part of the proclamation reads, "Alan Cullman's Herculean efforts, energies and determination on the part of the Republican Party, his business

ventures and all the projects he has touched have been outstanding ... when Alan arrived in Sun City in 1977, he immediately set out to transform Sun City Republican organizations into something completely different; today the city boasts some of the most vibrant and viable GOP centers in the nation."

Club officer Rita Nicholson said Ann Symington came up with the idea of issuing the proclamation for Cullman.

"She's very aware of his presence and she and the governor decided that this would be something special for him," Nicholson said. The Symingtons were not able to attend the meeting.

Denny, R-Litchfield Park, said Cullman has been indispensable to the Sun City Republican Club.

"He's actually been Mr. Republican in Sun City for years," Denny said. "When things get rough they call on Alan to save them."