

TIME CAPSULE PLACED AT BASE OF VOLUNTEER STATUE LOCATED AT
Lakeview Recreation Center entrance on Thunderbird Blvd.

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE OF THIS CAPSULE

A. Introduction/Purpose of this capsule

Pictures:

1. Sun City Home Owners Association
2. Officers of Sun City Area Historical Society yr. 2000
3. House-Historical Society/officers year 2000
4. Officers of Rec Centers of Sun City - year 2000

B. Indexed pages for:

1. Declaration of Covenants, conditions and restrictions - May 1998
2. Answers to Questions about Sun City
3. Aerial View - 1997
4. Visitors Center brochure
5. Recreation Centers Vehicle compound rules
6. Memories of Sun City (Historical Society brochure)
7. Map of Sun City (40th Anniversary)
8. Sun City, Arizona - and surrounding communities (Ken Meade)
9. 21 brochures "Memories of the Sun City."
10. The book "Jubilee" - 25th Anniversary

B. Taxes: Fees - Cost of Products and Services

1. Introductory Statement
2. Public utilities in Sun City
3. Restaurants
4. Declaration of Restrictions of property (New Life One)
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6. Taxes for Sun City (sales tax included)
7. Costs of Consumer products and services
 - a. Utilities and services for typical household
8. Area motels
9. Travel
10. Condominium information
11. Store brochures reflecting goods, services, prices

C. Health Care

1. Overview of Health care
 - a. Fitness
2. Sun Health Guide
3. Directives for Health Maintenance
4. Wellness brochure
5. Extended and assisted care facilities - Sun Life Magazine
6. Research Institute brochure
7. Health Store brochure - Hi-Health
8. Retirement home brochures
 - a. Carillons
 - b. Wooddale
 - c. Royal Oaks
 - d. History Sun Valley Lodge

D. Cultural Memories and Fine Arts

Purpose Statement

1. Symphony brochure
2. Time capsule article
3. SunDome
4. 40th Anniversary
5. Symphonic chorus
6. Chamber Music
7. Sun Bowl Performances
8. RCSE Dinner Theater/Sun City Players Community Theater
9. Music music groups
10. Recreation Center clubs
 - a. Stained glass
 - b. Lapidary
 - c. Metal work
 - d. Ceramics/porcelain
 - e. Clay clubs
11. Variety Show brochure
12. Sun City Community Fund/United Way
13. Program of first unveiling of Bronze Possee statue
14. Photo of three Sun City sculptors who made the statues.

E. Organizations

Purpose Statement

1. Sun City Home Owners Association
2. List of Organizations/phone book pages of organizations and Services
3. Copy of "Spotlight" - Rec. Centers publication
4. Interfaith flyer
5. Posse and Fire Departments
6. Pen Pen Organization
7. Arizona points of interest
8. SCAT
9. West side food bank
10. Information and Referral Service
11. Rec. Centers and Golf courses
12. Meals on Wheels
13. Recreational reading for the blind
14. Library brochure
15. Sun City Taxpayers Association
16. West Valley Art Museum
17. 40th Anniversary brochure
18. Luke Air Force Base
19. Sun City Volunteers
20. Sun City Visitors Center hand out
21. Rio Salada College
22. Sun City Sheriff's Posse
23. Lions Club - Chapters
24. Sun City Area Historical Society
25. A.A.R.P.

Organizations (cont.)

26. Sunshine Service
27. Common Cause
28. Sunland Memorial Park
29. Prides

F. Sun City Recreation Center, Inc.

1. Recreation Center Book
2. H.O.A. - Board decision sheet
3. Square Dance Sheet
4. Sun City Republican Club
5. Exercise Club
6. Rockhound Club
7. Bell Crafts
8. Dance Club
9. Aquarobics
10. Letter to Land use, Planning and Building Review Committee
11. Senior citizens overlay Provisions
12. Recreation Centers policy moves and changes of many subjects which are under the Jurisdiction of the Rec Centers.
13. Fee sheet for memberships and activities
14. Rec. Center corporation by-laws - 1993
15. Rec. Center restated articles of incorporation
16. Spotlight Flyer - Dec. 2000
17. Motorcycles
18. Oakmont Men's Club
19. Hand Bell ringers
20. Photo Club
21. Democratic Club
22. Newcomers Club
23. Computer Club
24. Stamp Club
25. Woodworking Club
26. Card Club
27. Railroad Club
28. Bell Shuffleboard Club
29. Mini Club
30. Sun City Arts Club
31. Lawn Bowling Club
32. Roller skating club
33. Rec. Centers Day Tours sheet - Dec. 2000
 - a) Movies
 - b) Kid's events
34. Rules for Golf courses
35. Lakeview Photo
 - a) North Golf course photo
 - b) Grand avenue photo
36. Map of Sun City
37. Sun City Age Distribution - 1990
38. Sun City Community Facilities Agreement
39. Aging Statistics
40. Facts and Figures about Recreation Centers

G. Housing

General housing description and resume

1. Real Estate Listing sheets for various styles and locations.
2. Individual homes and Fairway apartments and Fountains, Sun Valley Lodge, Wooddale, Woodmark, Royal Oak
3. Retirement Residences
4. Information sheets (Commercial information)
5. Del Webb vacation apartments brochure - 1970's
6. Del Webb active retirement brochure - 1960's

H. Transportation

Introductory statement

1. Vegetable power
2. Oil production
3. Recreation Vehicles (R.V.'s) persons
4. Dial-A-Ride
5. 40th Anniversary - Editor's notebook
6. Gold River Groundwater Flow
7. Grand Avenue upgrade
8. County Road work
9. Seniors driving
10. Driving alternatives
11. SCAT

ORGANIZATIONS

Sun City is an unincorporated community located in Maricopa County, Arizona, U.S.A. It is dependent upon the County for available government services and, it depends on local non-profit and private businesses for other services. The theme for Sun City is to have a residential community where a variety of housing which is well built and constructed. The costs are affordable and a good quality of life is provided.

Every community must have formal and informal organizations relative to producing guidance in the conducting of necessary tasks and to produce necessary decisions.

One of the first to occur was the "Community Center Association". It had the responsibility to plan and manage the "Recreation Centers Facilities" (pools, auditoriums, clubs, etc.) which are owned by the Rec. Centers as they were assigned by Del Webb to the residents of Sun City. The bottom line, of course, is "How do we live together satisfactorily, fairly and peacefully?"

Since these early days of urban pioneering, the County has accepted and provided for the streets, R.O.W., curb and gutters, the sidewalks, the roadway surfaces, the traffic signals and the storm water drainage; a special Fire District was established and it provides fire protection; some 72 Special Street Light Districts have been provided and established which provide street lights to our residents; Citizens Utilities Co. has a franchise to provide sewer and water service and fire hydrants; Park and Son provides trash removal;

In addition to these services, the private Public Service Co. (gas, electric, phone, T.V.), four private golf and social clubs, some 33 churches, 70 service clubs, 250 additional friendship, social and special interest clubs, we have some 50 non-profit public organizations. The latter group includes "Home Owners Assoc., TaxPayers Assoc., Prides, Sun Health, Possie, Historical Society, Ambassadors and others, which as a group, are very important and provide the Volunteer structure for the Sun City Community decision making and work. Approximately 10,000 volunteers participate.

From 50 years ago...hello!

It is November 15, 1976, and we, your ancestral Sun Citians, are gathered in the Del Webb Memorial Garden to dedicate our Liberty Bell, and to mail this letter to you in a capsule to be opened 50 years from this date. In reading, you will note that some of the capsule ingredients anticipate exposure in 2000. That was our first intention, but your 50-year retrospect is clearer than a 24-year review would have been.

Why write at all? Vanity...no. Pride...yes! We want you to know about us. We can't tell you about us, because we don't know all about us. We're a variant people in a unique community. There's never been anything like the Sun City of November 15, 1976.

Probably, when Del Webb looked across the Boswell cotton fields in the late 50's and saw his vision, even his genius couldn't foresee the ultimate...a carefully and affectionately designed metropolis populated entirely by folks who had lived at least a half-century (most, older), able to live in reasonable comfort on savings, investments, pensions, and Social Security, and anxious to continue lives of active productivity and self-development. Society had never produced a generation like that before, so there had never been a reason for a Sun City until we came along.

We, your Sun City "ancestors" of '76, are motley ingredients in a mixing bowl--with no inclination toward becoming the homogenized product of a melting pot. From every State in the Union, and many foreign countries, we left friends, families, social and business affiliations, familiar surroundings, accustomed routines...just as you have done...and came here to experiment aggressively with a totally new way of making a life. There are 38,000 of us now, and long before you read this letter, Sun City's projected 55,000 will have been reached.

We are looking back on 16 years of expanding experimentation. You are reviewing 66 years of accomplished development. Our view has to be somewhat more limited than yours, because you are standing on our shoulders. You can see us clearly in the records; we can see you vividly in our plans and our hopes.

Where will you have come from? What will you have brought with you? Will our nation, and the world, be at peace in your time? We can't know these things, but we can dream our dreams and plan our exciting "tomorrow"

to your enlivening "today". You are playing where we played... you are enjoying the mega-volumed library which our contributed treasures began... you are walking the clean streets we walked... you are pedalling the 3-wheelers, or thrumming the Yamahas and Harleys we cruised... you are feeling the inexpressible, almost physical impact of our golden sunrises and purple sunsets... you, too, are finding re-creation in recreation... and probing the paths of new friendships, new aspirations, new involvements.

We see that in many visible ways, your Sun City is different from ours. The desert around you is verdant, with an endless flow of fresh water piped from desalinating plants on the Pacific Coast and the Gulfs of Mexico and California. The "Wines of Arizona" are being decanted from vineyards which we gleaned. A multitude of small free-enterprise businesses, derived from the products and skills of our Crafts "n" Hobby shops are dotting the face of Arizona and the West. Our embryo college campus is now a "seat of learning", where the multiple talents of your neighbors are utilized in creative research. The medical and community-care facilities we devised are the prototype for a concerned nation. Your Sun City is now the Charter Founder of "The League of Active Retirement Communities"--a significant economic, social, and political force, amalgamating the concentrated capacities of The New Generation. Electrical energy, with conveying lines, is being broadcast into your homes and industries from solar and nuclear installations throughout the State. All this, and so much more, we have envisioned and you are enjoying.

Yes, the physical body of your living is different, in many ways, from ours! But the spirit of your Sun City is the same as ours. We would feel "at home" with you today... November 15, 2026.

It would be easy for us to look around and feel that we have reached a conclusion; but we know that we are a beginning. We trust that you will never have reason to think back upon our Sun City as "the good old days". We prefer to see you in our mind's eye as the good new Sun City. Otherwise we've failed.

You see, we have tried to conduct this experiment--not merely to leave a pleasant place for you, but to set a goal for a whole society. If all we've done is build an attractive structure, we will not have earned the right to be remembered. If, on our tentative foundation, you are continuing to invent and project a way of life in which the accumulated energies and talents of the growing-older are progressively utilized, then we shall have succeeded--and we'll be grateful.

Nov. 15, 1976

Del Webb built a challenge and called it Sun City. We accepted that challenge... and we pass it along to you.

Thank you for receiving us into 2026. Thank you for making our dream a reality.

Sincerely


Doug Morris


Jerry Svendsen, Chairman
Steering Committee

Wil Stevener, Chairman
Planning and Development
Committee



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers
Jim Hawks, left, of the Sun City Historical Society and Bob Briscoe,
RCSC director, lower the time capsule into its home for the next 59 years.

SUN CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES



SUN CITY, ARIZONA

November 15, 1976

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

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Chairman
President, Del E. Webb
Development Co.

SUN CITY BICENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Jerry Svendsen, Chairman
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Mr. Bill Kent, President
Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.
10626 Thunderbird Blvd.
Sun City, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kent:




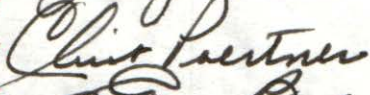
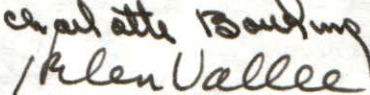
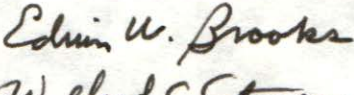

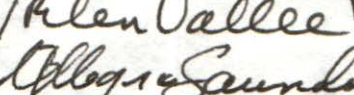
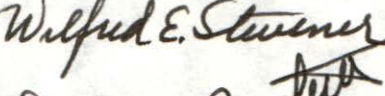
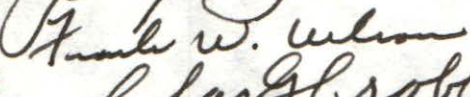
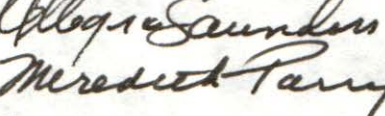

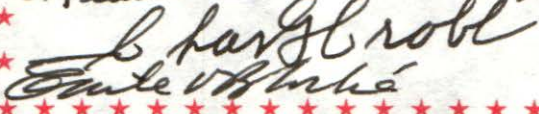
On this day, Sun City's Liberty Bell was dedicated in the Memorial Garden of Bell Recreation Center.

The Time Capsule secured in the base of the Bell contains the story of our Liberty Bell, memorabilia and messages Sun City residents wish to convey to coming generations.

You are asked to keep safe this document and to provide continuing custody for it through the Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

The undersigned, on behalf of the people of Sun City, ask that in the year 2026 the Time Capsule be opened by Sun City representatives then so authorized, and that its contents be made public for the information and pleasure of all our heirs.

Sincerely,

 Jerry Svendsen	 John W. Meeker	 Wil Stevener
 Clint Poertner	 Charlotte Bowling	 Edwin W. Brooks
 George Bender	 Helen Vallee	 Walfred E. Stevener
 Frank Wilson	 Meredith Parry	 Ralph Kofoed
 Emile Bloche'		

IN CELEBRATION OF
ARIZONA'S
DIAMOND JUBILEE
75 YEARS OF STATEHOOD



On February 15, 1987, KOY Radio, Arizona Living Magazine and The Phoenix Gazette buried 75 items representative of Arizona life in a time capsule. This capsule, located in the Roosevelt Triangle at the intersection of Central Avenue, First Avenue, and Roosevelt Street, is to be retrieved on February 14, 2062.

The celebration was honored by a contribution to the time capsule of a Sun City T-shirt — 25 Yrs.
by Kathryn Vegso.

Marie Chappell Camacho
CONTEST JUDGE