



Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

"City of Volunteers"

July 9, 2008

Betty Jane Peters
18412 N Laurel Drive
Sun City AZ 85373

Dear Ms. Peters:

The remaining funds for the "Sparky" project total \$1931.29. These funds will be divided equally, as requested, providing \$643.76 each for 2 artists and \$643.77 for one artist. The purchase of a plaque will be the responsibility of the artists, as a plaque was not required to replicate the original Sparky.

Please complete and return the enclosed W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to Linda Menna in the RCSC Corporate Office. Upon receipt of the W-9 form, your check will be processed and mailed within five business days.

Sincerely,

Jim Wellman
Assistant General Manager

Cc: Denny Nichols, President, RCSC Board of Directors
Jan Ek, General Manager



Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

june 26, 2008

Recreation Centers of Sun City
Jim Wellman
Assistant General Manager

Dear Mr. Wellman:

Now that Sparky II is in place, please divide the remaining funds as follows:

\$225.00 Sundial Mens Club plaque

\$568.76 each sculptor

T. \$1931.29

It has been our pleasure to enrich our Community with an Icon honoring Sun City Volunteers.

Sincerely,

Connie Turner Kay Smith Betty Jane Peters

Cc: Denny Nichols, President, RCSC Board of Directors
Jan Ek, General Manager
Larry Carr, President, Sundial Men's Club

The Volunteers Statue Committee

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AWARDS BY C & L

8273 W. Washington Street
Peoria, AZ 85345
623-878-9050
FAX: 623-486-3038

Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE #
6/26/2008	3237

NAME / ADDRESS
SUN CITY FOUNDATION STATUE FUND CONNIE TURNER 977-8935

TERMS	Requisition #
Due on receipt	

DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST	TOTAL
5 X 8 Bronze Casting Plaque w/Patina Finish <i>3-4 week turnaround</i>	1	225.00	225.00
TOTAL			\$225.00



Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.
"City of Volunteers"

June 23, 2008

Betty Jane Peters
18412 N Laurel Drive
Sun City AZ 85373

Dear Ms. Peters:

Now that Sparky II is in place with the original statues at the Lakeview Center, the only outstanding items regarding his placement are the charges submitted by the three artists for re-creating the statue.

I am enclosing an accounting of the funds available for the Sparky II effort, which, unfortunately, falls somewhat short of the money requested by the three artists.

Your dedication to recreate the original installation of the artwork is inspiring and I would ask one more favor of the three artists: that you would entertain the idea of allowing the remaining funds to stay with the Sun City Foundation, where your generosity will provide much needed assistance to others and possibly make the difference in allowing some of our citizens to remain members of our community.

Should you choose to receive the remaining funds as compensation for your efforts in creating Sparky II, please advise how the funds should be divided between the three artists. The RCSC will supply a 1099 form at the end of 2008 listing the amount paid to each artist.

Sincerely,

Jim Wellman
Assistant General Manager

Cc: Denny Nichols, President, RCSC Board of Directors
Jan Ek, General Manager
Larry Carr, President, Sundial Men's Club

Sparky

Funds available:

Insurance payment	\$4100.00
Donations	<u>2480.00</u>
	\$6580.00

Expenses:

Skurja Foundry	\$3800.00
Skilled Trades	<u>848.71</u>
	\$4648.71

6580.00

-4648.71

1931.29 available funds

Kay Smith	830.00
Betty Jane Peters	758.00
Connie Turner	<u>880.00</u>
	\$2468.00



Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

August 13, 2007

Board of Directors
Recreation Centers of Sun City
re: replacement dog for Volunteer's statue

Dear Board Members,

The three original artists (Smith, Turner and Peters) have agreed to collaborate on making a clay replica of Sparky for a fee of \$20 per hour per artist. Time involved estimated at ten hours per artist and includes materiel, construction, armature, firing, etc.

We have contacted John Skurja at his Foundry in Prescott, Az., and he will make molds and cast our sculpture in bronze for \$4000. Additionally, a more secure device may be welded to the anchoring stake to deter theft.

In 2002 Sparky, alone, was appraised at \$15,000 so we are confident you will consider this a bargain in restoring Sun Cities Icon, The Volunteers Statue.

Three months is a reasonable time frame and we await your decision to begin work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Turner
Connie Turner, temp. chrm.

cc: Kay Smith

Betty Jane Peters

13709 N. 98th Ave. Unit E
Sun City, Az 85351

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Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

"City of Volunteers"

August 17, 2007

Connie Turner
13709 N 98th Avenue Unit E
Sun City AZ 85351-2973

Re: Replacement of "Sparky" for Volunteer's Statue

Dear Ms. Turner:

Your letter of August 13, 2007 to the RCSC Board of Directors has been forwarded to me for response.

I am impressed that the three original artists are again willing to fabricate another "Sparky" for the Volunteer Statue. I appreciate your pride in our community and applaud your efforts. As my assistant, Linda Menna has advised you, the insurance payment of \$4100 is available if you wish to replace "Sparky".

I regret to advise you that at this time, RCSC is focused on critical building issues and reconstruction efforts; therefore, any additional funds needed for your project are not available from the Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

Sincerely,

Jim Wellman
Assistant General Manager

Cc: RCSC Board of Directors
Jan M. Ek, General Manager



Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.
"City of Volunteers"

October 8, 2007

The Volunteers Statue Committee
Betty Jane Peters, Chairman
18412 N Laurel Drive
Sun City AZ 85373

Dear Betty Jane:

At this time the RCSC Board has not made the determination to approve the replacement of the bronze dog sculpture and therefore, is unable to approve any expenditure for this project. The Board elects to defer their decision, pending further review of donations received and final costs of the project.

Once the RCSC Board of Directors has convened to discuss this issue, they will be happy to meet with you and further discuss the project details. However, please be advised that if the Volunteers Statue Committee moves forward using other funds, the RCSC cannot guarantee reimbursement of any funds pertaining to this project.

Please feel welcome to contact Irma Fredericks if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Menna".

Linda Menna
Executive Assistant

Cc: Board of Directors
Jim Wellman, Assistant General Manager

October 8, 2007

Board of Directors,
Sun City Recreation Center of Sun City
10626 Thuncerbird Boulevard
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Dear SCSC Board of Directors,

Regarding Sparky Replacement

In answer to your letter of Oct. 8th, 2007, we would like to voice our deep disappointment regarding your decision of non-support..

We were told by Mr. Wellman that \$4,100 of insurance money is available to replace Sparky and we offered to raise the additional funds, (\$2,243) . Fun raising letters have already been delivered to the Daily News-Sun (after the article appeared on October 5th, 07) as well as the Independent and Sun Views. All funds are to be processed through the Sun City Foundation 301C Fund.

We realize that many of you are new to the area and unaware of the fact that we spent three years on the Volunteer Statue, and raised \$100,000 to have it cast in Bronze and presented to Sun City as a tribute to thre man and women who make up the City of Volunteers.

We are preplexed by your attitude in as much as the \$4,100 is available as quoted.

Let us know if we should distroy the clay model of Sparky, and abandon our attempts to replace him.

We await your answer.

Sincerely

Betty Jane Peters

Connie Turner

Kay Smith

Cc: Jim Wellman



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October 22, 2007

Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

Dear Board of Directors,

This is an urgent plea for your cooperation in helping replace the Bronze dog, Sparky.

We can not keep the clay at the proper " leather-hard " to have the foundry make the Bronze statue. The clay is beginning to get too hard, and will start to crack and crumble soon.

It must go to the foundry, before Oct. 31, Kay Smith (one of the artists) and her husband who would be transporting the clay model, to the Foundry in Prescott, will be leaving on Nov. 1st for a few weeks, for Medical appointments in Colorado. So it is most urgent that the clay model is transported before then, or the entire project will have to be abandoned.

We know that the Insurance Money received, is more than enough to cover the price of having the model Bronzed. The foundry has sent a Flax quoting about \$3,800. The other small expenses can wait until clubs have their meetings and will send donations.

Please give this your consideration. Thank you for caring.

Betty Jane Peters
Chairman

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October 30, 2007



Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

*Sun City Foundation
Lakeview Recreation Center
Sun City, Arizona 85351*

To Whom It May Concern;

Eight years ago, when the "Statues of the Volunteers" were being made and placed, the Foundation graciously accepted taking care of the donations to pay for the Sculptures.

Now, the dog, Sparky, is being replaced. Advertisements for donations are appearing in the local newspapers. The advertisements are asking that donations be sent to the Sun City Foundation. Hopefully the donations will be sufficient to cover the expenses of the Labor, which amounts to \$1,200. Any amount over that, can be retained by the Foundation, to be dispersed however they see fit.

Thank you for helping, and caring.

Sincerely,

Betty Jane Peters

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October 27,2007

Betty Jane Peters
18412 N Laurel Drive
Sun City AZ 85373

Dear Betty Jane:

In answer to your recent correspondence the R.C.S.C. Board has agreed to Pay for the Bronzing of "Sparky" from the insurance moneys', This money will be paid only upon the delivery of the statue including the bars and rods for affixing it in place, to Jim Wellman.

The total amount the R.C.S.C. will pay is \$4,100. This is the total amount received from the insurance company.

This Statue can not be insured again.

Please respond in writing with an approximate date for when "Sparky" will be completed and delivered, and an itemized bill showing the cost of creating "Sparky" and a copy of the fax for the work being done at the foundry. We ask that all three artist sign the letter stating that they realize that they will receive no money until the R.C.S.C. has received the finished statue

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irma Frederick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Irma Frederick [Secretary}



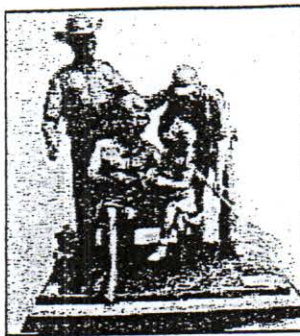
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1. 50 lbs Amador clay		18.
2. sculptors' labor (\$20/hr)		
Kay Smith	hrs. 780	
	39	
Connie Turner	44	980
Betty Jane Peters	27	540
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3. 3 trips to Skurija Foundry		12 00
Prescott, AZ	925	125
	only	
4. molds and casting dog		4000
by John Skurija		<hr/>
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REVISED LETTER
October 29, 2007



Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

Irma Frederick
Secretary, R.C.S.C.
Sun City, Arizona

Dear Irma:

We fully understand your letter of October 27th, 2007

The estimated time of completion of the Bronze Sparky Dog is 3 to 6 months, depending upon the Foundry work load.

A fax, from the Foundry, was sent to the R.C.S.C. on October 5th. The approximate cost will be \$3,800.

For the convenience of anyone who does not seem to understand the complete story, I am enclosing copies of all correspondence regarding the creation of the sculptured dog. This will fully explain why we are attempting to replace a part of the Statues of the Volunteers.

Last Spring, the Insurance found a Bronze Dog, at a Foundry, which did not resemble the old Sparky at all. The cost was over \$6,000. This offer was turned down.

Because the dog was part of the project we completed over 5 years ago. to the acclaim of the entire community, we felt we should replace Sparky. For our efforts, we have received only negative response from the Board.

A couple of weeks ago, when the clay sculpture was in perfect condition to be taken to the Foundry, the R.C.S.C. board would not approve. Since then, the dog has collapsed once, and had to be repaired. So it is most urgent to be delivered to the Foundry NOW!

As per our phone conversation; today, Oct. 29th, the R.C.S.C board will only be responsible for the Bronzing of the Dog, the clay used to make him, and the Transportation (3 times to Prescott).

Sincerely,

Betty Jane Peters
Betty Jane Peters

Connie P. Turner
Connie Turner

Kay Smith
Kay Smith

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October 30, 2007



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Lakeview Recreation Center
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Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

"City of Volunteers"

October 30, 2007

Mary Jane Peters, Chairman
The Volunteers Statue Committee
18412 N. Laurel Drive
Sun City, AZ 85373

Dear Mrs. Peters

I just received your letter dated October 28, 2007.

You characterize the RCSC reply as "...only negative response from the Board." This is completely untrue. The response you received followed good business practice. Simply, the RCSC needs proof that your undertaking has enough money up front to complete the project. It would be irresponsible to enter into a project without the appropriate funds to complete it. Your last letter indicated you would be seeking donations from the clubs, which means you do not have adequate funds to complete the project.

Had you discussed this project with the Board prior to its undertaking all of this would have been explained and your current dilemma with the clay Sparky could have been avoided.

I hope your group is able to complete this project without any more problems.

Sincerely,

Norman Dickson, Treasurer,
RCSC Board of Directors

November 1, 2007



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Sun City Foundation
Lakeview Recreation Center
Sun City, Arizona 85351

To Whom It May Concern

This is a CORRECTION of the letter I sent on October 30th, 2007

The total Labor cost for the making of the Dog, Sparky Statue is \$2,200.
The letter stated \$1,200 (a typing error).

The Artists: Kay Smith hours were 39 which totaled \$780.00
Connie Turners hours totaled 44 total 880.00
Betty Jane Peters hours were 27 totals 540.00
\$2,200 ————

Again, Thank You for helping us resolve the problem of the Lost
Dog Spraky.

Sincerely,

Betty Jane Peters

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Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

November 8th, 2007

Mr. Larry Carr
President of Sundial Men's Club
10849 Wedgewood Drive
Sun City, Ar. 85351

Dear Mr. Larry Carr,

Eight years ago, when Sun City was celebrating their 40th Anniversary, three lady artists, living in Sun City, decided to sculpture a memorial dedicated to the Volunteers of Sun City. a Living Memorial.

To the acclaim of the community, these Sculptures have been standing in front of the Lakeview Recreation Center.

Two years ago, the Dog, Sparky, (which represented more than 4,000 pets who found homes through Sun City Animal Rescue) was stolen.

Countless of requests have asked that he be replaced. So the three ladies decided to make his twin. The mold is now at the Foundry in Prescott, and will be cast into bronze.

The Sun City Recreation Board received \$4,100 from the Insurance company, which is not sufficient to cover all the expenses. I am told that the Dog will not be placed, until the entire amount needed is received through donations. This would be \$2,000.

I am told that the Sundial Men's Club is most generous in helping the needs of Sun City. A Plaque would be placed next to Sparky II, with the name of the donor and the date of the replacement.

Any amount donated to the Sun City Foundation, Marked for SPARKY, the Dog, would be graciously accepted.

Thank You most Sincerely, for your consideration.

Betty Jane Peters
Betty Jane Peters,

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Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

November 14, 2007

Mr. Larry Carr
President of Sundial Mens Club
10849 Wedgewood Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Dear Mr. Larry Carr,

Your letter, telling me that the Sundial Men's Club has donated \$2,000 to complete the project of placing the new Sparky with the rest of the Volunteer Statues at Lakeview Rec. Center, was received with great joy. We three sculpture artists have hurdled many obstacles to get the stolden Dog replaced. Now the project can be completed.

We Thank the Sundial Men's Club most heartedly for their generosity, I'm certain the people of Sun City will feel the same.

A plaque will be placed next to Sparky II, with the Sundial Men's Club name on it, and the date of the replacement.

Thank you again, Most Sincerely,

Betty Jane Peters

Betty Jane Peters
Chairman of the Volunteer Statue Committee

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Sundial Men's Club



November 13, 2007

The Volunteers Statue Committee
Betty Jane Peters, Chairman
18412 N. Laurel Drive
Sun City, AZ 85373

Dear Betty Jane,

At the Sundial Men's Club Executive Board meeting today we voted to donate \$2000.00 to the RCSC marked for Sparky, the Dog.

This money was raised from our Thursday night bingo games and the Arizona Department of Revenue requires that we give the money to our parent origination unless we receive permission from them to give money to a local charity.

I hope this will provide you with the funds needed to complete Sparky.

Larry Carr, President
SDMC
14801 N. 103rd Ave
Sun City, AZ 85351
583-3092

Security enhanced document. See back for details.

SUNDIAL MEN'S CLUB BINGO ACCOUNT		1157
14801 N. 103TH AVE. SUN CITY, AZ 85351 PH. 623-977-5116		91-8721/1221 28
DATE <u>11-13-07</u>		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>R. C. S. C</u>	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	
<u>THE SUM 2000 0000 00</u>		DOLLARS
AMTRUST BANK		
10706 West Bell Road Sun City, AZ 85351		
FOR <u>SPARKY, The Dog</u>		
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Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

To
Editor Rusly Bradshaw -

12-3-07

Dear Sir -

This is a Update on the replacement of Sparky II - the Bronze Dog to be placed with the "Statues of the Volunteers" at Lakeview Recreation Center in Sun City.

The clay model is at the Foundry in Prescott - and expected to be completed in about 4 months.

The Sundial men's Club - have generously donated the money needed to complete the project. So once again - the Dog will sit in his place with the other Bronze statues.

For Publication

Betty Jane Peters

Betty Jane Peters, Chairman
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Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

November 18th, 2008

Susan Summers,
50th Anniversary Committee Chairman,
Sun City, Arizona.

Dear Susan Summers,

I did try to find a phone number to call you, but could not do so. Hopefully, this is the best way to reach you? I have been reading about the progress you and the committee are making in preparing for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Our Wonderful Sun City.

My deep concern is that great thought will be given to having the "Works of Art" the BRONZE Statues, (the "Del Webb Statue" standing at Bell Center, and the "Sun City Volunteers Statues" that adorn the entrance to Lakeview Center) --SANDBLASTED TO RESTORE THE WONDERFUL BRONZE COLOR AGAIN! These Statues have Not been maintained, and it is very sad to show them off to visitors, in their condition.

The "Sun City Volunteer Statues" were created for the 40th Anniversary. Now, after almost 10 years, with no maintenance, they should be restored for the 50th Anniversary. The Bronze Company, owned by John Skurja, in Prescott, can be contacted. He did the Bronze replacement of the dog, and is very capable of doing Sandblasting to restore the lovely art.

Thank you for caring.

Most Sincerely

cc: Paul Herrmann

Betty Jane Peters

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Sun City Foundation

10626 West Thunderbird Blvd.

Sun City, AZ 85351

(623) 876-3000

July 5, 2000

Betty Jane Peters
P. O. Box 138
Solon, Springs, Wisconsin 54873

Dear Betty Jane:

For the past two months we have been receiving correspondence and, occasionally, a check addressed to you as Chairperson of Sun City Foundation.

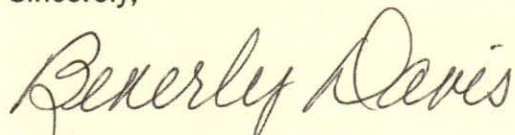
While your May solicitation letter does not state that you are the chairperson of the Foundation, the implication is there because of the last paragraph in your letter. The Board of Directors of Sun City Foundation request that you refrain from continuing to solicit funds for the statue using the attached letter format which also appears to imply that Sun City Foundation is sponsoring the statue.

In 1999, the Board of Directors of Sun City Foundation agreed to receive tax exempt funds for the statue when it was their understanding that the statue was sponsored by the Clay Club at Marinette, a RCSC Club. According to the Articles of Incorporation, in order for the Foundation to be able to accept tax exempt donations for the statue, it has to be a RCSC project. Since there is no RCSC sponsor, the Foundation cannot continue to receive tax exempt funds for the statue. The funds on hand will be held until an acceptable committee is organized.

Could you please send to me a name list of the businesses you have sent letters to so that we may have an idea of how many businesses have received this form of letter.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beverly Davis, President,
Sun City Foundation



Sun City Volunteer's - A Lifestyle of Giving

October 4th, 2000

Dear Beverly Davis,

As you requested, by phone today, October 4th, 2000, Director Marge Murphy will "No longer be included in anything to do with the Volunteer Statue, under penalty of being asked to resign from the Recreation Board of Sun City."

We are apparently mistaken in our preception of the rights and duties of members of the Recreation Board of Sun City, and the Sun City Foundation, and regret that you feel this action is necessary, as we are all working solely to honor the essence of the City of Volunteers.

Cordially,

Betty Jane Peters

*cc. Robert Briscoe
cc. Marge Murphy
cc. Jack McManamon
cc. Sonia Abrams*

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SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT JAN. 16-22, 2002



Photos by Jeremy Peariman/Independent Newspapers

Kay Smith, Betty Jane Peters and Connie Turner, from left, check the new wall that has been added behind the Sun City "Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving" statue.

Finishing touch applied to Sun City volunteers' statue Wall contains plaques

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

Nearly a year after the "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," statue was dedicated at the Thunderbird Boulevard entrance to the Lakeview Recreation Center, the final touches have been put into place.

A five-foot high wall was recently placed behind the life-size bronze statue that salutes the volunteer efforts of Sun Citians.

The new wall contains historical plaques, as well as plaques bearing the names of prominent donors and sponsors of the statue project, according to Connie Turner, one of the three women whose idea and hard work resulted in the bronze tribute.

Ms. Turner was joined by friends Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters in coming up with the idea, spearheading the fundraising effort and shepherding



A new plaque identifying the artwork has been placed at the statue paying tribute to Sun City's volunteers.

their labor of love to completion.

The idea for the statue was conceived about three years ago by Ms. Turner while attending a meeting of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee.

The statue is an homage to the numerous Sun City volun-

teers who donate so much of their time to the betterment of the community. It features representations of the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer, the Sun City Posse and a dog. The women and child are seated on a bench fabricated by the Bell Metal Club.

The student represents the youngsters who have been tutored by Sun Citians. The smock lady is a symbol of the

Sun Health Auxiliary and the dog is representative of the hundreds of dogs who have been placed in new homes through the Sun Cities Animal Rescue.

The statute figures were cast in Big Timber, Mont., by Lyle Johnson, brother of renowned sculptor Snell Johnson, who was originally scheduled to cast the statue but became ill. Lyle was assisted by his son, Curg.

The wall was constructed

with funds leftover following the completion of the statue. Approximately \$100,000 was raised for the statue project, according to Mrs. Turner.

"Erecting the wall was always part of the plan," Ms. Turner explained.

Public response to the statue has been very positive, Ms. Turner remarked.

"People have been very pleased with the statue," she

said. "Sun City now has its icon in place which honors what Sun City is all about (voluntarism).

"The statue has enhanced the community," she continued. "It was a wonderful project."

The statute placement in Sun City has apparently enhanced its value.

"We paid \$86,000 for the statue," Ms. Turner said. "It was appraised a couple of months ago for \$205,000. That was only six months after the statue was put up." That appraisal was for the five life-size figures only, and does not include the bench, wall or plaques.

Not content to rest on their laurels, the three ladies are now trying to get the Recreation Centers to do some landscaping behind the statue and wall.

"That would enhance the statue that much more," Mrs. Turner said.

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT SEPT. 26-OCT. 2, 2001

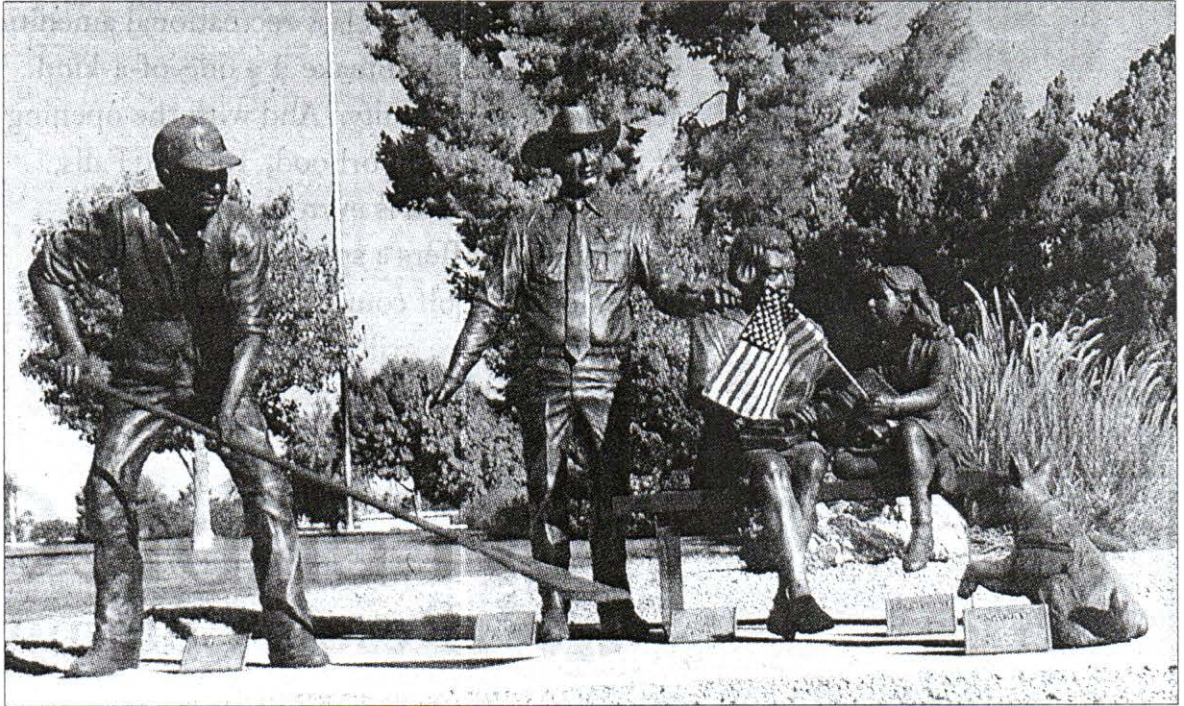


Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

The statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," has added a patriotic aspect with the young girl now proudly waving an American flag.

Final statue figures dedicated

More than two years of work reaps reward

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

More than two years of toil for three Sun City women was rewarded March 17 when the final four life-size figures of the "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," statue were dedicated at the Thunderbird Boulevard entrance to the Lakeview Recreation Center.

The bronze statue, an homage to voluntarism in Sun City, was the idea of Connie Turner, Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters, who shepherded their labor of love to completion.

Although titled "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," it could easily have been tagged "From Frustration to Fruition," Don Hutchings astutely observed.

"So many people put obstacles



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

From left, Betty Jane Peters, Connie Turner and Kay Smith pose with the statue following the March 17 dedication of the final four figures.

in their way but they overcame them," he said.

The idea for the statue was conceived more than two years ago by Ms. Turner while attending a meeting of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee.

The statue is an homage to the numerous Sun City volunteers who

donate so much of their time to the betterment of the community. It features representations of the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer, the Sun City Posse and a dog. The women and child are seated on a bench fabricated by the Bell Metal Club.

The student represents the youngsters who have been tutored by Sun Citians. The smock lady is a symbol of the Sun Health Auxiliary and the dog is representative of the hundreds of dogs who have been placed in new homes through the Sun Cities Animal Rescue.

Sun Citians annually donate in excess of 1.3 million hours of their time, valued at an estimated \$15 million, to make life better for area residents.

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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.

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OVER

Statue's final four figures to be unveiled March 17

Bronze statue pays tribute to volunteers

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

More than two years of work will reach fruition when the remaining four life-size figures of the bronze statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," will be dedicated during a 1 p.m. ceremony March 17 at Lakeview Recreation

Center.

The final four figures will join the Sun City Posse figure and metal bench that were dedicated Dec. 16 before a large, enthusiastic crowd.

The statue features representations of the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer and a dog, in addition to the already placed posse.

The statue is a tribute to the

numerous Sun City volunteers who donate so much of their time to the betterment of the community.

Sun Citians annually donate in excess of 1.3 million hours of their time, valued at an estimated \$15 million, to make life better for area residents.

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The maquette was displayed at recreation centers, the library and banks throughout Sun City, generating interest in the statue.

The original maquette will be bronzed, according to Mrs. Peters. "We are not sure where it be put in display. We have had several offers but we have not yet decided where to put it."

Some major contributions, donations from residents and a donation of the bench by the Bell Metal Club, who fabricated it, made the statue a reality.

"We raised nearly \$100,000," Mrs. Peters said.

Names of donors of \$1,000 or more will be placed on plaques. Placement of the plaques is still in the planning stage.

The statue's figures were cast in Big Timber, Mont., by Lyle Johnson, brother of renowned sculptor Snell Johnson, who was originally scheduled to cast the statue but became ill. Lyle was assisted by his son, Curg.

Taking part in the March 17 dedication will be: Curt and Maronee Ulman, unveiling the PRIDES figure, which they sponsored; Don E. Hutchings and Gilbert M. Haake, unveiling "Sparky" the dog, sponsored by SCAR; Margaret Ptolomy, unveiling the student figure she is sponsoring.

The posse and smock lady figures were funded through community contributions.

The student figure represents the young people helped by Sun Citians

Although the project has been a labor of love for the three women spearheading it, "It will be a great relief to be finished," confessed Betty Jane Peters, who has worked closely with Connie Turner and Kay Smith to bring the statue to reality.

"We have worked on this for more than two years," said Mrs. Peters.

The three women had to overcome several obstacles, including having to raise a substantial amount of money and finding a new sponsor.

The original sponsoring organization, the Clay Corner at Marinette, withdrew its endorsement of the project amid controversy, but the undaunted trio secured new sponsorships from the Bell Metal Club and Sun City Community Players.

Despite the setbacks, Mrs. Peters said the project has been worth the effort.

"This will be a wonderful new landmark for Sun City," she said. "Everyone who sees it, says it is wonderful."

The idea for the statue sprang from Mrs. Turner, who while attending a Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee meeting, reflected upon how much time Sun City residents donate for the community's betterment, and decided a statue would be fitting tribute to volunteers.

Once the idea was formulated, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Smith set out to produce a maquette, a miniature model, of the statue and raise \$100,000.

who volunteer their time teaching in schools.

The PRIDES figure is a tribute to the countless hours donated by the organization's members to keeping Sun City's streets and sidewalks clean.

The dog depicts the 3,000 pets placed in loving Sun City homes by Sun City Animal Rescue.

The woman represents the people who have donated numerous hours of their time, including seven million hours at Boswell Memorial Hospital and 421,000 hours at the Bell and Fairway libraries.

In addition to the statue dedication, a time capsule will be placed by Bob Briscoe and Jim Hawks, representing the Historical Society. No decision has been made as to where the time capsule will be placed.

Jerry Swintek, RCSC board president, will serve as emcee.

The Sonoran Brass band will perform prior to the dedication.

The Rev. Franklin L. Bartell of St. Elizabeth Seton Church will deliver the Invocation and Byron Healy will represent the West Valley Art Museum board of directors.

Guest speaker will be Daniel Maynard, Hon Kachina 2001 chairman.

A reception will be held following the dedication ceremony on the Lakeview Recreation Center patio.



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Front row, from left, Connie Turner, Betty Jane Peters and Kay Smith were the driving forces behind the volunteer tribute statue that will have its final four figures unveiled March 17.



40 Years of Volunteerism

SUN CITY

City of Volunteers

Volunteers in Sun City – City of Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of life in and around the Sun Cities. Based on the enclosed, unofficial study we have an estimated eleven thousand volunteers – working an estimated 5 million hours for an economic value exceeding twenty-two million dollars. These figures have been derived from questionnaires that were sent initially to approximately one hundred and forty organizations that utilize volunteers in their programs. Enclosed are the names of the organizations that responded with their estimates of the number of volunteers, the average number of hours/per week for each volunteer. We then took these numbers and multiplied them by 50 weeks and again multiplied this number by five dollars (a conservative number of what it would cost to replace them with a hired employee). These totals are included in this document.

It should be noted that there are several major classifications that are missing. Neighboring schools were contacted and did not reply. Service clubs did not respond and are well noted for their volunteer programs. Other programs were overlooked and for this we apologize.

Several disclaimers should be noted before presenting the enclosed data. All figures are based on returned questionnaires and are often strictly estimates of a single individual. Misinterpretation is very possible. At times it was necessary to fill in a blank response and a conservative response was provided. Finally, any errors in calculation is the responsibility of the author.

For use in the presentation of the data, classifications were made for the various organizations. It can be argued that some organizations are misplaced, but all organizations that responded before January 25, 2000 are included.

General Observations According to Classification

CHURCHES

Sun City has over thirty churches and synagogues. Neighboring congregations in other cities were not contacted but often have Sun City volunteers. This classification probably has the largest number of volunteers. Thrift stores, food for the needy and many other programs are typical of this classification.

<i>Name</i>	<i>S.C. Volunteers</i>	<i>No. of Hours</i>	<i>Econ. Value</i>		<i>S.C. Volunteers</i>	<i>No. of Hours</i>	<i>Econ. Value</i>
1. Congregational Church	350	35,000	175,000	11. West Valley Christian	23	9,200	48,000
2. Church of the Palms	198	29,700	148,500	12. United Church of Sun City	150	37,500	187,500
3. First Baptist	125	2,500	62,500	13. Willowbrook Methodist	400	1,000,000	5,000,000
4. First Presbyterian	50	1,000	50,000	14. Unity of Sun City	10	1,000	5,000
5. Temple Beth Shalom	125	2,500	93,750	15. First Christian	40	8,000	40,000
6. American Lutheran	370	37,000	185,000	16. Sun City Christian	200	30,000	150,000
7. Grace Bible	370	37,000	185,000	17. West Olive Church of Sun City	175	35,000	175,000
8. Lakeview Methodist	450	45,000	225,000	18. St. Christopher Episcopalian	30	15,000	75,000
9. Fountain of Life Lutheran	130	26,000	130,000	19. First United Methodist	181	27,150	135,750
10. Shepherd of Desert Lutheran	400	160,000	800,000	TOTALS	3,777	483,200	7,509,000

OVER

HOSPITALS AND CARE CENTERS

Boswell Hospital and Sun Health have won many deserved awards for their programs. Much of this acclaim can be attributed to the approximately 2,000 volunteers that work so hard for them. Little recognition has been given to the many volunteers that work at the many care centers in and around Sun City. They too should be recognized.

Name	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	
1. Sun Health Care Center	58	17,400	87,000	9. Forum of Desert Harbor	60	6,000	140,000
2. Sun Health Grandview Care	15	22,500	11,250	10. Glencroft Ret. Community	280	28,000	140,000
3. Woodale Village	80	20,000	100,000	11. Immanuel Campus of Care	55	8,250	35,000
4. El Dorado	100	10,000	50,000	12. Sierra Winds	1	50	500
5. Alzheimer Association	6	1,200	6,000	13. Woodale Village	80	8,000	40,000
6. Boswell Memorial Hospital	1,578	315,600	1,131,000				
7. American Heart Assn.	20	3,000	10,000	TOTALS	2,340	441,050	1,735,750
8. Baptist Village	7	1,050	30,000				

SERVICE TO HANDICAPPED AND NEEDY

Sun City has to be one of the most caring communities in the world. Programs for the blind, hard of hearing, terminally ill and many more are served. SUN CITY CARES!

Name	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	
1. Volunteers for Hospice	126	25,200	126,000	5. Self Help for Hard of Hearing	23	1,150	5,350
2. Recording for the Blind	35	10,500	52,500	6. West Valley Lutheran Thrift	115	23,000	115,000
3. St. Vincent DePaul	41	51,250	256,250	7. Soroptimist Thrift Shop	51	10,200	51,000
4. Westside Food Bank	450	81,000	405,000				
				TOTALS	796	202,300	1,011,100

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sun City, not having a city government, depends on volunteers for many so-called city services. Still, we have one of the cleanliest, neatest and best patrolled cities in the country. Our PRIDES and POSSE are models of volunteer organizations for communities all around the world. Note the many other worthy organizations.

Name	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	S.C. Volunteers	No. of Hours	Econ. Value	
1. Theater Works	50	7,500	37,500	14. SC Symphonic Chorus	40	6,000	30,000
2. Sun City Volunteer Placement	4	200	4,000	15. SC Taxpayer Assn.	15	3,750	18,750
3. Community Fund	9	450	2,250	16. SC Visitors Center	86	12,900	64,500
4. Sun City Posse	170	85,000	425,000	17. SC Home Owners Assn.	50	5,000	25,000
5. West Valley Union Club	63	6,300	31,500	18. AARP, Ch. 4	85	12,750	63,750
6. Interfaith Services	250	25,000	125,000	19. Sun City Library	230	69,000	345,000
7. S.C. Chamber Music Soc.	24	4,800	24,000	20. Salvation Army	10	1,000	50,000
8. Sun City Animal Rescue	90	27,000	135,000	21. S C A T	21	1,050	5,200
9. Sunshine Services	10	1,000	5,000	22. Penny Wise Thrift	50	17,000	87,500
10. SC Symphony of the West	15	1,500	7,500	23. SC Four Paws Rescue	36	12,600	63,000
11. PRIDES	315	47,250	236,250	24. Fire Dept. of SC	25	5,000	25,000
12. SC Info and Referral	23	4,600	23,000				
13. Olive Branch Senior Center	195	39,000	195,000	TOTALS	1,866	394,100	2,028,700

THE TOTALS FROM THE RETURNED QUESTIONNAIRES ARE:

Number of Sun City volunteers 8,598
 Number of hours per year 3,465,750
 Economic value 17,250,000

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Money was specially donated for this event by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, Barnet and Dulaney Eye Clinic and Dr. Gary Morgan.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

It is impossible to truly understand the value of our volunteers. Many programs could not exist without them, prices are lower because of them and our quality of life is enhanced by their existence.

*Thank You Volunteers!
 We Love You.*

VOLUNTEER DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Howard and Lorraine Matthias, Chairpersons
 40th Anniversary Steering Committee

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Volunteer statue unveiled Saturday

SNELL JOHNSON:
Scottsdale sculptor
dies the same day his
last work debuts

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Two years of planning and sculpting spearheaded by 40 years of volunteering came to light Saturday as the final version of the Sun City Volunteer Statue was unveiled at Lakeview Recreation Center, the same day the project's sculptor died.

The statue — done by Scottsdale artist Snell Johnson — is composed of a posse member, a P.R.I.D.E.S. member, a smock lady, a child and a dog.

The project will be the last completed by Johnson, who died Saturday night after battling cancer.

Johnson, who began sculpting only 12 years ago, was heralded for his sculptures large and small, most notable among them was the lion gracing the entrance to the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. Johnson produced more than 500 works during his career.

More than 50 people attended the ceremony marking the completion of the bronze statue, as 40 years of community voluntarism was recognized.

"You can build houses, but you can't build a community," said Byron Healy, vice president of the West Valley Art Museum said. "And this community is thriving because of volunteers. Everything that has happened in Sun City for the past 30 years is due to volunteers."

Connie Turner, art director for the event, said the four statues unveiled Saturday are named "The PRIDE," "The Student," "Sparky" for Sun Cities Area Rescue, and "The Smock Lady." A nearly life-sized statue of a posse member was unveiled in December.

The Smock Lady, Turner said, represents the 3,000 current volunteers at Boswell Hospital, and the more than 420,000 hours volunteered in the past 10 years by helpers at community libraries.

The PRIDES, a group that has donated countless hours to keep the community well-groomed, is represented in its own portion of the statue, while the flowers she carries represent the work of the

Agricultural Club and the Westside Food Bank in helping curb hunger in the community.

The final figure, the dog, represents 3,000 pets that have found loving homes since 1985, courtesy of Sun City Animal Rescue.

"It is our intention to honor all volunteers," Turner said in the artists' statement for the statue. "These figures represent the highest value of our community: strength of character, dignity, compassion and mindful responsibility to our own and future generations."

The idea for the statue came to Turner when she attended a 40th Anniversary Committee meeting last year and thought about all the hours volunteers donate to the community.

Though many community officials have expressed concern that the number of community volunteers are dwindling lately, at the unveiling Saturday, Healy said he didn't believe it.

"The volunteer base has grown beyond the boundaries of Sun City and into the entire West Valley," he said. "As time goes on, others will join the efforts, but there needs to be an active recruitment of

volunteers."

Jerry Swintek, president of the Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors, said bringing the statue into the community is just one more way volunteers have helped shaped the community.

"This was an unbelievable effort," he said. "And today will be a day we will all remember."

The designers of the statue were Turner, Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters, and the three were recognized for their time and dedication Saturday.

Topping off the event was a presentation by Jim Hawks and Bob Briscoe, who worked to fill a time capsule which is set to be dug up in 2060.

Inside, the capsule is filled with documents, newsletters and tax statements, Hawks said. Most of the enclosed items are documents, but several small crafts made by various clubs were also added.

"Opening the capsule will coincide with Sun City's 100th anniversary," Hawks said. "We were looking for things that would give a visual and mental composite of Sun City. And everyone is invited back to see it opened in 2060."

Sun City Volunteers

a Lifestyle of Giving

A TRIBUTE TO THE SUN CITY VOLUNTEERS

Prelude **Sonoran Brass Band**
 Burt Johnson, Jene Kreipler, Don Johns, Tom Macon,
 Bill Fedor, Dave Leppanen, Director

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony **Jerry Swintek**
 President, R.C.S.C.

Invocation **Rev. Franklin L. Bartel, V.F.**
 Pastor, St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Byron Healy **V.P. West Valley Art Museum**
 Board of Directors

THE UNVEILING

The Pride **Curt & Maronee Ulman**
 Sponsors

The Student **Margaret C. Ptolemy**
 Sponsor

"Sparky", the S.C.A.R. dog **Don E. Hutchings and**
Gilbert M. Haake, Sponsors

The POSSE figure and the SMOCK LADY were sponsored by
 community donations. The bench was crafted by members of the
BELL METAL CLUB.

Daniel Maynard ^{Author} **2001 Chairman, HON KACHINA**

THE TIME CAPSULE

^{WINNER}
 Jim Hawks, representing the Sun Cities Historical Society, will
 assist Bob Briscoe, R.C.S.C. Board member, in placing the capsule
 which will be opened in 2060.



You are all cordially invited to attend a reception at the Lakeview
 Patio immediately following the ceremony, courtesy of the sun City
 Players Community Theater Club. Music by Doyle New.

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The International Year of the Volunteer
 Saturday, March 17, 2001

VF VOLUNTEER'S STATUE



THE VOLUNTEER STATUE COMMITTEE

Betty Jane Peters, Chairman
Connie Perrin Turner, Art Director
Kay Smith, Art Consultant

Gil Haake
Tree and Frank Wilkus
Maronee and Curt Ulman
Kitty and Roger Yadro
Colonel and Pat Dilmore
Jack McManamon
Marian and Don Carlsen

Henry Smith
Sterling Murphy
Katie Wall
Sonia Abrams
Gordon Peters
Bert Groenewold
Rosellen Doherty



We wish to thank our guests and all those who have
contributed so generously to make this dream a reality.

A special Thank you to the men at the Bell Metal Club
and to Snell and Mary Johnson, for believing in us.



**WE HAVE TAKEN THE SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY;
MOLDED IT WITH CLAY;
CAST IT IN BRONZE AND RETURNED IT TO YOU
SO THAT YOU MAY CONTEMPLATE YOUR SELFLESS WORK
AND KNOW THAT IN GIVING, YOU RECEIVE.**

**CONNIE PERRIN TURNER
KAY SMITH AND BETTY JANE PETERS
SUN CITY SCULPTORS**

This memorial was completed under the direction of
Internationally known sculptor, Snell Johnson, and cast
at **BRONZE WORKS** in Big Timber, Montana.



SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT FEBRUARY 21-27, 2001

BRONZE AGE

Final statue figures to be dedicated March 17

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

The remaining four life-size figures of the bronze statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," will be dedicated during a 1 p.m. ceremony March 17 at Lakeview Recreation Center.

The final four figures will join the Sun City Posse figure and metal bench that were dedicated Dec. 16 before a large, enthusiastic crowd.

"We will be so happy when it is done," said Connie Turner, one of three women who has spearheaded the project. "It will be a wonderful landmark for Sun City."

The idea of the statue sprang from the mind of Mrs. Turner, who while attending a Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee meeting,

reflected upon how much time Sun City residents donate for the community's betterment, and decided a statue would be fitting tribute to volunteers.

She teamed with Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters to bring the project to fruition.

The three women set out to raise \$100,000 to pay for the statue. Some major contributions, donations from residents and a donation of the bench by the Bell Metal Club, who fabricated it, made the statue a reality.

"Thanks to the community's generosity, we are able to pay for everything, and we are doing the plaques right now," Mrs. Turner said. Names of donors of \$1,000 or more will be placed on plaques. Placement of the plaques is still in

the planning stage.

The statue's figures were cast in Big Timber, Mont., by Lyle Johnson, brother of renowned sculptor Snell Johnson, who was originally scheduled to cast the statue but became ill. Lyle was assisted by his son, Curg.

Taking part in the March 17 dedication will be: Curt and Maronee Ulman, unveiling the PRIDES figure, which they sponsored; Don Hutchings and Gil Haake, unveiling "Sparky" the dog, sponsored by SCAR; Margaret Ptolomy, unveiling the student figure she is sponsoring.

The posse and smock lady figures were funded through community contributions.

In addition to the statue dedication, a time capsule will be placed by Bob Briscoe and Jim Weekes. Jerry Swintek, RCSC board president, will serve as emcee. No decision has been made as to where the time capsule will be placed.

Guest speaker will be Dan Maynard of Hon Kachina.

A reception will be held following the dedication ceremony on the Lakeview Recreation Center patio.



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

From left front row, Connie Turner, Betty Jane Peters and Kay Smith have spearheaded the effort to erect a statue honoring Sun City's volunteers,



Photos by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Taking part in the Dec. 16 posse figure dedication ceremony at Lakeview Recreation Center were, from left, front row, Connie Turner, Betty Jane Peters and Kay Smith, the ladies who spearheaded the statue project; back row, Snell Johnson, sculptor; Jack McManamon, representing the Bel Metal Club, which fabricated the bench; Lyle Johnson, sculptor who cast the bronze statue; Gil Haake, ceremony emcee and committee member.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Placing of posse figure is first step

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

Dreams normally occur at night, but the dream of three Sun City women was realized under sun-drenched, azure skies Dec. 16.

As hundreds of people looked on, the cornerstone of the statue honoring the community's volunteers was unveiled at Lakeview Recreation Center, at the corner of Thunderbird and Del Webb boulevards.

The figure representing the Sun City Posse was unveiled to the delight of the sizable crowd.

The bronze statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifestyle of Giving," will eventually feature representations of the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer and a dog, in

addition to the posse figure.

The 7-foot posse figure, and the bench on which two other figures will eventually rest, were the items placed during the Dec. 16 ceremony. The remaining figures are

expected to be placed in early 2001, which has been designated as the international Year of the Volunteer.

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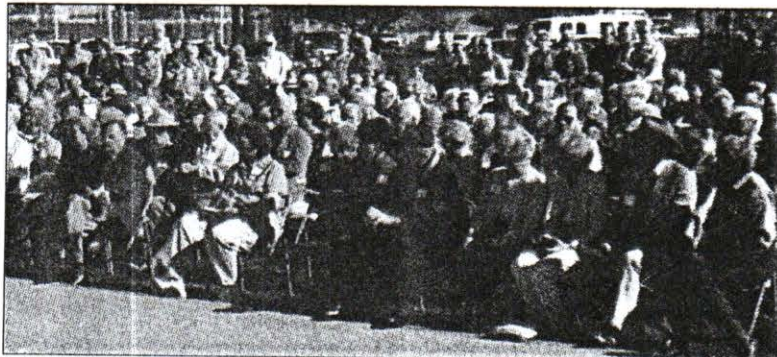


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Hundreds of people turned out Dec. 16 to witness the unveiling of the posse figure of the statue honoring Sun City's volunteers.

The bench was fabricated by the members of the Bell Metal Club.

"This statue is very important to Sun City," said Bob Briscoe, president of the RCSC board of directors.

"When I moved here in 1988, I was impressed with the cleanliness and neatness of the community," he continued. "It was due to the hard work of volunteers. It is a system that works very well."

Mr. Briscoe said the statue gives Sun City residents a sense of pride. "This statue represents 40 years of retired people volunteering," he said.

"Take pride in what we have done to make this a wonderful place to live," Mr. Briscoe remarked.

He urged more people to volunteer and continue the tradition of volunteerism in the community.

The reality of the statue grew from a vision by Connie Turner. While attending a Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee meeting last year, she reflected upon how much time Sun City residents donate for the community's betterment.

She teamed with Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters to bring the project to fruition.

"This has been almost a spiritual experience," Ms. Turner said. "We have had many things to overcome but it was meant to be. It was well worth it."

The statute was cast in Montana by Lyle Johnson, brother of renowned sculptor Snell Johnson, who was originally scheduled to cast the statue but became ill.

"He was wonderful," Ms. Turner said of Lyle Johnson. "He drove through a blizzard to get here from Montana."

Mr. Johnson is also casting the statue's remaining three figures,

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This has been almost a spiritual experience. We have had many things to overcome but it was meant to be. It was well worth it.

Connie Turner
Statue Committee member

according to Ms. Turner. "They should be finished in January."

Mr. Johnson said he was honored to participate in the project.

"My staff and I took on the dream of this group," he said.

"The most important things in life are love and helping others," Mr. Johnson continued.

"I loved getting involved with this project," he added. "Our goal was to convey the message of volunteerism."

Another celebration will be held once the other figures are placed. Meanwhile, fund-raising continues.

The posse figure was paid for with donations collected by the Volunteers Statue Committee.

Sun City resident Margaret Ptolemy is sponsoring the student figure, which represents the young people helped by Sun Citians who volunteer their time teaching in schools.

An anonymous couple is funding the PRIDES figure and the dog replica has received funding from Gil Haake and Don Hutchens.

"We still need a major donor to come forward and sponsor the

smock lady," Ms. Turner said.

The woman represents the people who have donated numerous hours of their time, including seven million hours at Boswell Memorial Hospital and 421,000 hours at the Bell and Fairway libraries.

The dog depicts the 3,000 pets placed in loving Sun City homes by Sun City Animal Rescue.

Committee fund-raising efforts have generated \$74,000 of the needed \$100,000, according to Betty Jane Peters, committee chairperson.

Contributions may be sent to: Sun City Foundation, Statue Fund, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351.

Donations, since they are sent to the Foundation, are tax deductible.

Contributions of \$1,000 or more will earn the donor special recognition on a bronze plaque to be placed on the statue.

Should more funds be contributed than needed for the statue, the excess funds will be donated to the Sun City Foundation, which has decided to purchase automatic external defibrillators, which cost about \$3,000 each.

"We appreciate everyone who has supported us generously," Ms. Turner said.

In dedication the posse figure, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio noted posse members donated 65,000 hours of service last year. "Think what we saved," the sheriff commented.

While praised was heaped upon the community's volunteers during the ceremony, special recognition was reserved for the three women who spearheaded the project.

"These are three steel magnolias," observed Mr. Haake, who served as the ceremony's emcee.



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Connie Turner, left, and Kay Smith display the maquette of the statue honoring Sun City volunteers. A tentative unveiling date for the bronze statue is Dec. 16.

SCULPTING A TRIBUTE

Effort continues to raise funds for statue

By MIKE RUSSO
Independent Newspapers

A generous donation by a local bank and an agreement to cast the statue at a private foundry, at a reduced cost, has so encouraged the two women pushing for the establishment of a statue honoring Sun City volunteers that a date has been set for the unveiling.

With about half of the original estimated cost, \$100,000, having been raised, Connie Turner and Kay Smith are planning to unveil the statue — "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifetime of Giving" — Dec. 16, in

time to coincide with the finale of the community's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration.

"This will be the culmination of our 40th anniversary celebration," said Ms. Turner. "That was our goal all along."

The tentative location for the statue, which pays homage to Sun City's volunteer spirit, is the Lakeview Recreation Center, corner of Del Webb and Thunderbird boulevards.

The duo spearheading the fundraising effort, members of the Clay Corner at Marinette Recreation Center, were greatly encouraged

when Dick Brown, president of Wells Fargo Bank, Sun City, agreed to make a sizable contribution, between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and challenged other areas businesses to match it.

The project received another boost when renowned sculptor Snell Johnson agreed to cast the bronze, life-size statute at his private foundry in Cave Creek.

"With Snell Johnson doing it, he has 19 people working for him, they can get it done in a short time," Ms. Turner said.

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Additionally, the Bell Metal Club will fabricate the bench for the statue, resulting in a savings of about \$7,000.

Several donations in excess of \$1,000 have also been received recently. Those major donors will have their names inscribed on a plaque placed on the statue.

Recent major donors are: Del Webb Corporation, the Sun City Posse, the Sun City PRIDES, John M. and Eileen Weber and Helen Teichman

"I am very pleased with the donations we have received but we still need more," Ms. Turner said.

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Donations, since they are sent to the Foundation, are tax deductible.

While individual residents and organizations have stepped forward to lend monetary support, the business community has not displayed the same degree of support, according to Ms. Turner.

The idea to erect a bronze tribute to Sun City volunteers came about when Ms. Turner attended a meeting of the Sun City 40th Anniversary Committee. She felt a permanent monument to the "The City of Volunteers" would be fit-

ting.

Sun Citians annually donate more than 1.3 million hours of their time, valued at an estimated \$15 million, to make life better for area residents.

Ms. Turner and Mrs. Smith have produced a marquette (miniature replica) of the statue and it will be on display during the May 12 meeting of the Sun City Christian Woman's Club at Union Hills Country Club.

DECEMBER 13-19, 2000

A LIFETIME OF GIVING

Statue honoring Sun City's volunteers unveiled

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

In a fitting way to close out a milestone year for "the City of Volunteers," the first figure from the statute honoring the community's tireless volunteers will be unveiled at 1 p.m. Dec. 16.

The ceremony be held at Lakeview Recreation Center, at the corner of Thunderbird and Del Webb boulevards.

The bronze statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifetime of Giving," will feature representations of the Sun City Posse, the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer and a dog.

The 7-foot Posse figure, and the bench on which two other figures

will eventually rest, will be the first items placed. The remainder of the figures will be placed in 2001, which has been designated as the international Year of the Volunteer.

There is no significance in the Posse figure being the first placed, according to Connie Turner, who has spearheaded the statue project with Betty Jane Peters.

"The Posse figure was just the first one finished," Ms. Turner said.

"We hope to have the entire statue in place by early February," she continued. "We will have another ceremony then.

"We wanted to get at least one piece in place as our commitment to honor the 40th anniversary year and we accomplished that," Ms.

Turner added. "Next year is the international Year of the Volunteer and we hope to maybe get some national publicity for Sun City and the Sun City volunteers (through the dedication of the entire statue)."

The Dec. 16 ceremony will include an honor guard from Luke Air Force base, music performed by the Sun City Pops Band and speakers, including Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Bob Briscoe, president of the RCSC board of directors.

A reception will be held at the Posse Headquarters, 10861 Sunland Drive, following the ceremony.

Work has been nearly completed on the Posse figure. The figure was cast by renowned sculptor Snell Johnson at his Cave Creek studio. Additionally, the bench on which the woman and girl will sit is being fabricated of stainless steel by craftsmen from the Bell Metal Club.

The Posse figure is being paid for with donations collected by the Volunteers Statue Committee.

Sun City resident Margaret Ptolemy is sponsoring the student figure. An anonymous couple is funding the PRIDES figure and the dog replica has received funding.

"We still need a major donor to come forward and sponsor the smock lady," Ms. Turner said.

The woman represents the people who have donated numerous hours of their time, including seven million hours at Boswell Memorial Hospital 421,000 hours at the Bell and Fairway libraries.

The dog depicts the 3,000 pets placed in loving Sun City homes by Sun City Animal Rescue.

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Contributions of \$1,000 or more will earn the donor special recognition on a bronze plaque to be placed on the statue.

Should more funds be contributed than needed for the statue, the excess funds will be donated to the Sun City Foundation, which has decided to purchase automatic external defibrillators, which cost about \$3,000 each.

The idea for the statue germinated when Ms. Turner attended a 40th Anniversary Committee meeting last year and she reflected upon how much time Sun City residents donate for the community's betterment.

"We have had a lot to overcome but we will make it," Ms. Turner said with determination.



Photo by MIKE RUSSO/Independent Newspapers

Mr. and Mrs. Claus

Connie Turner, left, and Betty Jane Peters pose with a model of the statue they designed honoring Sun City volunteers. The statue's posse figure will be dedicated 1 p.m. Dec. 16.

VOLUNTEER'S STATUE

Etched in bronze

Statue captures spirit of voluntarism in Sun City

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PATRICK O'GRADY
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Leroy Gilbrech was in no hurry to see the statue honoring the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City Saturday in front of the Lakeview Recreation Center.

There was no hurry for something that he, after all, catches glimpses of every time he walks past a mirror.

"They did a real good job," said Gilbrech, a posse member who was the prime model for the statue, one of five to be displayed eventually at the site.

About 200 people gathered in the recreation center's driveway as the community debuted its first piece of public art, one that honors all the volunteers who spend time helping others.

"We just felt this had to be done for Sun City," said Betty Jane Peters, chairwoman of the Volunteer Statue Committee responsible for the project.

The project, sponsored by the Bell Metal Club and the Sun City Players Community Theater, was commissioned to Valley artist Snell Johnson, whose more than 500 sculptures adorn various places around the world, including the largest bronze sculpture ever made in modern times at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

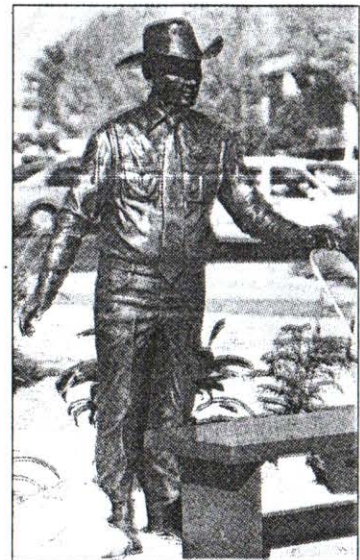
Johnson said he became involved in the project

at the urging of Peters, Connie Perrin Turner and Kay Smith, all of whom served on the committee and worked toward bringing the statue to the community.

"With these beautiful ladies over here, we've done a wonderful job," he said.

The \$100,000 artwork features five separate sculptures around a bench created by the Bell Metal Club. The Posse statue is the first in place, with others honoring the Sun City PRIDES and volunteers who work with children and animals expected to be brought to the site by the end of January, Johnson said.

Gil Haake, a committee member and master of



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

ceremonies for the unveiling, said the artwork's price was affordable, particularly with Johnson doing the work.

"That is a big-time bargain for someone of his stature," he said.

Although the committee would have liked to have the entire artwork finished by the end of Sun City's year-long 40th anniversary celebration, the initial fund-raising for the work did not take off and pushed back the project. Members are glad the first piece is in place, and the rest will be installed during the International Year of the Volunteer.

"We're just elated," Peters said. "We've worked so hard to get this through."

The statue's placement on the edge of the center's property overlooking Thunderbird Boulevard will serve as a reminder to all in the community as to the importance of volunteer work in Sun City, said Bob Briscoe, Recreation Centers of Sun City Board of Directors president.

"In the future, when you drive down Thunderbird Boulevard, all of you should be proud of the amount of time you put in (to volunteering)," he said.

Briscoe said when he first moved to the

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community in 1988, he didn't believe a community could exist without the essentials — government, a police force and public works.

"As I lived here, I began to see that it does work, and it works very well," he said.

The Posse was an important volunteer component to be recognized for all they do for the community above and beyond keeping it safe from crime, Briscoe said.

"Not only do they deter crime by being on the street, patrolling in the alleys, but they also help people," he said.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio also lauded the Posse for its work and volunteer service.

"This shows that if you work together, you can get a lot done," he said.

As for Gilbrech, who thanked the artist for his work on the project, he has plans for the statue.

"Every time I go by it, I'm going to say, 'Hi,'" he said.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN



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Dutch Schultz sings his Sun City Posse song as the statue dedicated

With the statue of the Posse member in place, Ed Pierce, left, Merri Lay, center, Jessica Ramirez and Mandy the dog depict the other pieces of the monument dedicated to Sun City's volunteers. From left in the photo at right are Kay Smith, Connie Perrin Turner and Betty Jane Peters, who were honored Saturday for their commitment to the statue project.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Roger and Kitty Yadro unveil the first statue in a monument saluting Sun City's volunteers. The ceremony Saturday at Lakeview Recreation Center was dedicated to the Sun City Posse.

Sun City volunteer statue debuts next month

PHASE ONE: First stage of art work unveiled Dec. 16 outside Lakeview Recreation Center

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

For their selfless dedication to Sun City, community volunteers will be immortalized next month.

Volunteers, widely recognized as the foundation of Sun City, will be honored Dec. 16 when the first stage of a volunteers statue is unveiled at Lakeview Recreation Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd.

The statue is titled, "Sun City Volunteers: a Lifestyle of Giving," and is dedicated to all current, past and future volunteers in the community.

In literature distributed by the statue artists, the goal of the project is to allow all residents to feel a bond with each other, and to make a recognizable statement of brotherhood between all volunteers.

"To keep our promise to the 40th Anniversary Committee, we will be installing the posse and bench portion of the statue on the 16th," said artist Connie Turner. "The rest of it will be put in place next year."

Turner, along with fellow artist Kay Smith, spearheaded the statue project for the past two years, and both said they are excited about the unveiling.

"This is a very wonderful thing, and it represents all the volunteers who have been so beneficial to this community," Turner said.

The life-size bronze statue features six figures, each representing a different area of volunteerism, Turner said.

The posse figure represents all the guardians and helpers of the community, and will be the first part of the statue to be erected. The bench, which also will be set this December, will be the seat for the student figure, which represents the future of the community and volunteer programs.

The bench was designed and welded together out of stainless steel by Bell Metal Club members.

Elements of the statue to be erected next year include the Smock Lady, the PRIDES, flowers and a dog.

The Smock Lady, Turner said, represents the 3,000 current volunteers at Boswell Hospital, and the more than 420,000 hours volunteered in the past 10 years by helpers at community libraries.

The PRIDES, a group that has donated countless hours to keep the community well-groomed, is represented in its own portion of the

statue, while the flowers represent the work of the Agricultural Club and the Westside Food Bank in helping curb hunger in the community.

The final figure, the dog, represents 3,000 pets that have found loving homes since 1985, courtesy of Sun City Animal Rescue.

"It is our intention to honor all volunteers," Turner said in the artists' statement for the statue. "These figures represent the highest value of our community: strength of character, dignity, compassion and mindful responsibility to our own and future generations."

The idea for the statue came to Turner when she attended a 40th Anniversary Committee meeting last year and thought about all the hours volunteers donate to the community.

According to literature distributed by the artists, Sun City volunteers have donated more than 1.3 million

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Unveiling of the first stage of the Sun City volunteers statue
- **WHEN:** 1 p.m. Dec. 16
- **WHERE:** Lakeview Recreation Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd.

hours of collective time, doing work valued at about \$15 million per year.

"Volunteers have done so much, and we just wanted to honor them and their spirit of giving," Turner said.

A Luke Air Force Base honor guard will take part in the dedication ceremony, and Sheriff Joe Arpaio will be the keynote speaker.

A portion of 107th Avenue will be closed during the ceremony, and a reception at the Sun City Posse Building on Sunland Drive will follow.

November 22, 2000

STATUE COMES TO LIFE

Placement of first figure set for December 16

By **MIKE RUSSO**
Independent Newspapers

The Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc. board of directors voted 7-0 last week to endorse the location for the proposed life-size statue honoring Sun City's volunteer spirit.

The bronze statue, "Sun City Volunteers: A Lifetime of Giving," featuring representations of the Sun City Posse, the PRIDES, a student, a female volunteer and a dog, will be erected at Lakeview Recreation Center, at the corner of Thunderbird and Del Webb boulevards.

With the site approved, plans are proceeding for installation and a public unveiling of the Posse portion of the statue on Dec. 16. The remainder of the statue will be placed in 2001, which has been designated as the Year of the Volunteers nationwide.

The ceremony, planned for 1 p.m., will include an honor guard from Luke Air Force base, music performed by the Sun City Pops Band and speakers. A reception will be held at the Posse Headquarters, 10861 Sunland Drive, following the ceremony.

The posse figure is presently being cast by renowned sculptor Snell Johnson at his Cave Creek studio and the bench on which the woman and girl will sit is being fabricated of stainless steel by craftsmen from the Bell Metal Club. Both pieces will be placed during the Dec. 16 ceremony.

The posse figure is being paid for with donations collected by the Volunteers Statue Committee.

Sun City resident Margaret Ptolemy is sponsoring the student figure and an anonymous couple is funding the PRIDES figure.

Funding is still needed for the volunteer figure and the dog.



Submitted photo

Connie Turner, left, and Kay Smith work on the Posse figure for the statue honoring Sun City volunteers.

The woman represents the people who have donated numerous hours of their time, including seven million hours at Boswell Memorial Hospital 421,000 hours at the Bell and Fairway libraries.

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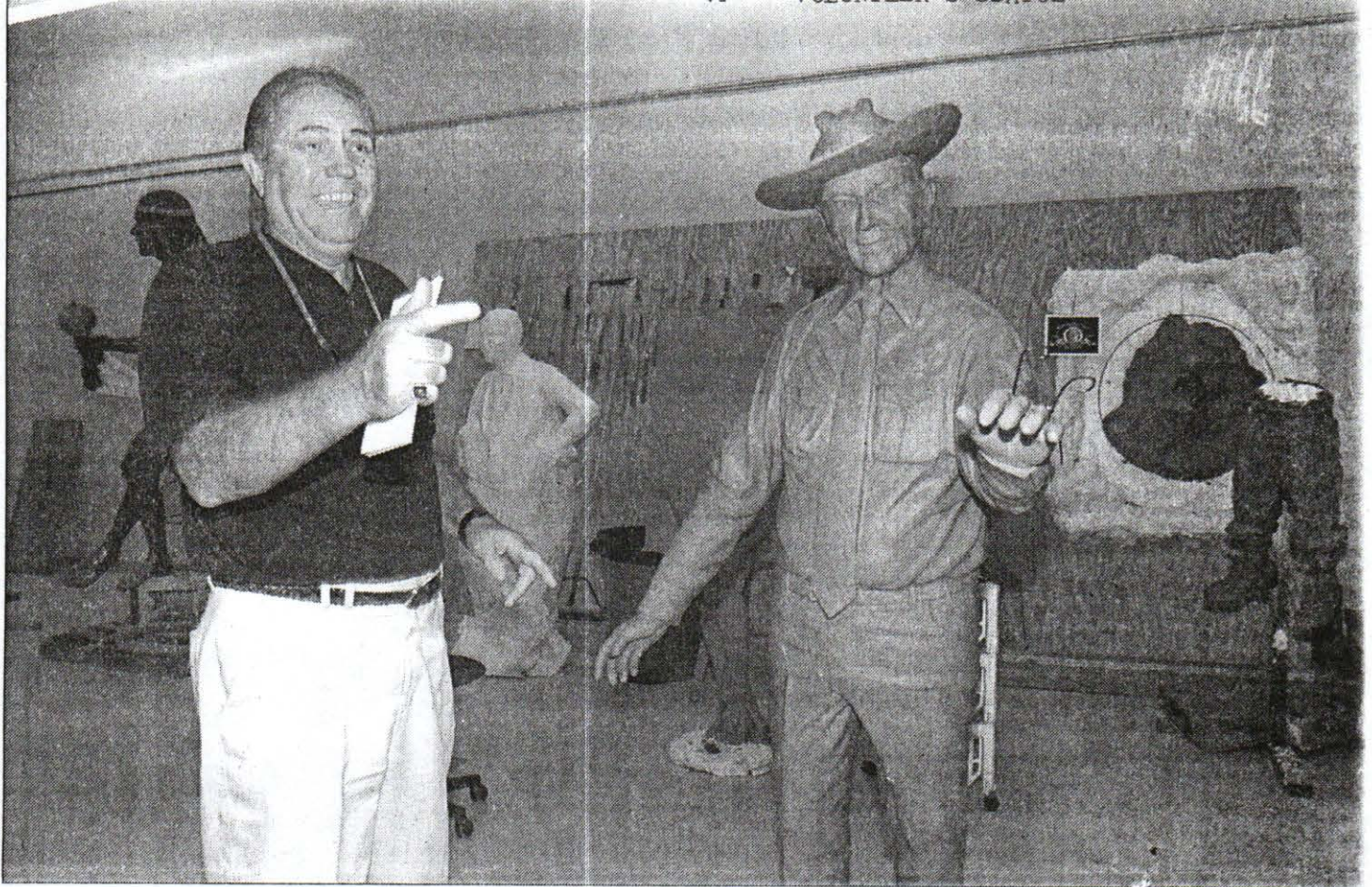
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MOLLIE J. HOPPES/DAILY NEWS

Sun Citian Roger Yadro stands next to the sculpture of a Sun City Posse member that will be part of the volunteer monument artist Snell Johnson's Phoenix studio.

Club members tour Phoenix artist's operation

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VOLUNTEER STATUE:
Monument to honor Sun Citians' contributions is being produced in Snell Johnson's foundry

HAYLEY RINGLE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Members of the Sun City Bell Metal Club and the Volunteer Statue Committee oohed and aahed as they took a tour Tuesday of the Phoenix foundry operated by Snell Johnson, the artist who will create the piece honoring Sun City's volunteers.

The Bell Metal Club and the Sun City Players Community Theatre are the new official sponsors of the volunteer statue that Johnson will create. The work is to be completed by the end of the year. The metal club is making the bench two of the statues will sit on.

Johnson took the group of about 20 Sun Citians through his studio, describing how his works are created.

"It was spellbinding to listen to him," said Catherine Wall of Sun City. "It's just beyond everyone's imagination."

One of Johnson's most notable

A time capsule will be buried at the unveiling of the volunteer statue which plans to open it in 100 years. The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is asking for suggestions for items to put in the capsule. Call 974-2568 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or write the society at 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, AZ 85353, with attention to Phyllis Street.

pieces during 12 years of bronze work is the 70-foot tall MGM Grand lion in front of the MGM Grand Las Vegas casino, completed in February 1998.

"It was the biggest thing ever done in the modern world," said Johnson, who said 25 artisans worked 16-hour days for seven months to create the 100,000-pound lion. "The molds on the lion covered 6,000 square feet."

Chester Bryniarski, a member of the Bell Metal Club who attended the tour, said Johnson's work is wonderful after admiring the massive 13-foot tall horse monuments poised in the middle of the large studio.

"It's unbelievable he went from a farm boy to this," Bryniarski said. "The amount of work he produced in 12 years is remarkable."

Johnson is also working on a sculpture for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"I'm very fortunate to do something that I love," said Johnson, who was raised on a Ute Indian Reservation in

Northeast Utah. "The thing I love most is meeting the different people I work with and portraying what they want."

The volunteer statue will have sculpture of a Posse member, a Pioneer member, a smock lady, a student, flowers and a dog, representing all volunteers in the Sun City area and the work they do.

The 7-foot Sun City Posse statue was made at the clay stage and will be unveiled Oct. 23 at a luncheon fund-raiser at the West Valley Art Museum; it will be available for public viewing that week. The rest of the statues will be carved over the next couple of weeks, Johnson said.

About \$24,000 has been donated so far, and \$100,000 needs to be collected to finish the statues.

Tax-exempt donations specified for the statue are being accepted through the Sun City Foundation at 10626 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, Arizona 85351.

Recognition cast in bronze

Statues honor Sun City volunteers

By Kristin Koch
The Arizona Republic

To many, retirement is considered a time to kick back and relax after years of toiling in the workplace. That just isn't so in Sun City, where residents contribute 1.3 million volunteer hours annually to keep their community in top order.

As part of the community's 40th anniversary celebration, it's only fitting that a lasting monument to honor these volunteers is being created. Work is under way on six life-size bronze statues to be completed by December.

Each statue reflects different spirits of volunteerism that fill the community. Featured are:

- The Sun City Posse, the volunteer police force, for its role in the protection and guardianship of the city.

- The Pride, or groundkeepers of the city, for their efforts at grooming and cleanliness.

- A Boswell Hospital volunteer, commonly called a smock lady, for helping at the hospital and the two libraries.

- The student, representing the area cities' future and the volunteers' many efforts in Valley schools.

- A bouquet of flowers, for the Sun City Rose and Garden Club, which maintains the rose garden by the Sun Bowl. The flower also represents the produce donated by the Sun City Agricultural Club to the Westside Food Bank in Surprise.

- And a dog, representing the 3,000



A clay model reflects community spirit.

pets that have found a home in Sun City, thanks to Sun City Animal Rescue.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to honor these volunteers," said Connie Turner, a member of the statue committee. "They give so much to our community. We just couldn't do it without them."

Founded in 1960, Sun City has prided itself on its community efforts and created a reputation as a "city of volunteers."

"I think it is a good thing to honor and recognize" the volunteers, said Paul Schwartz, a resident of Sun City for nine years. "While it's good to retire, it's good to stay active."

Homeowners Association President Blaine Donaldson, a 10-year Sun City

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resident, credits the volunteers with creating a sense of community.

"I think that the biggest benefit from the volunteerism in Sun City is the enhancement of the lifestyle," he said. "Our community is much more closely knit than other communities of our size because of the volunteers."

Residents contribute an average of \$15 million in volunteer hours each year, something Turner said needed to be recognized.

"It seemed to me we needed something permanent not only to honor the volunteers but to mark the 40th anniversary," said Turner, who had the idea for the sculptures about two years ago.

Turner, Kay Smith and Committee Chairwoman Betty Jane Peters, all sculptors, created a model of the bronze work and presented it to the recreation board and Sun City Foundation for consideration. The project was approved in 1998, and the

committee has been at work since to raise funds for the sculpture.

The initial project will be completed by Snell Johnson of Art and Design in Phoenix, but the three committee members will assist with detail work. It's undetermined where the sculpture will be placed in Sun City, but it will be at one of the recreation centers.

The statue should catch the eye of the 15,000-plus tourists who visit the retirement community each year. Turner envisions a site where visitors will snap photos next to the life-size figures. In addition, the monument will have historical plaques detailing the history of the volunteers.

Those who benefit from the Sun Citizens' efforts couldn't be more appreciative.

"They are the eyes and ears for us," Deputy Ron Greth of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office said in describing the aid the Sun City Posse provides. "We would be lost without them."

Sun City Posse Commander Will Box said his 170-person

volunteer posse responds to calls varying from 911 emergencies to vehicle distress calls. Each posse member works at least three to five six-hour shifts a month.

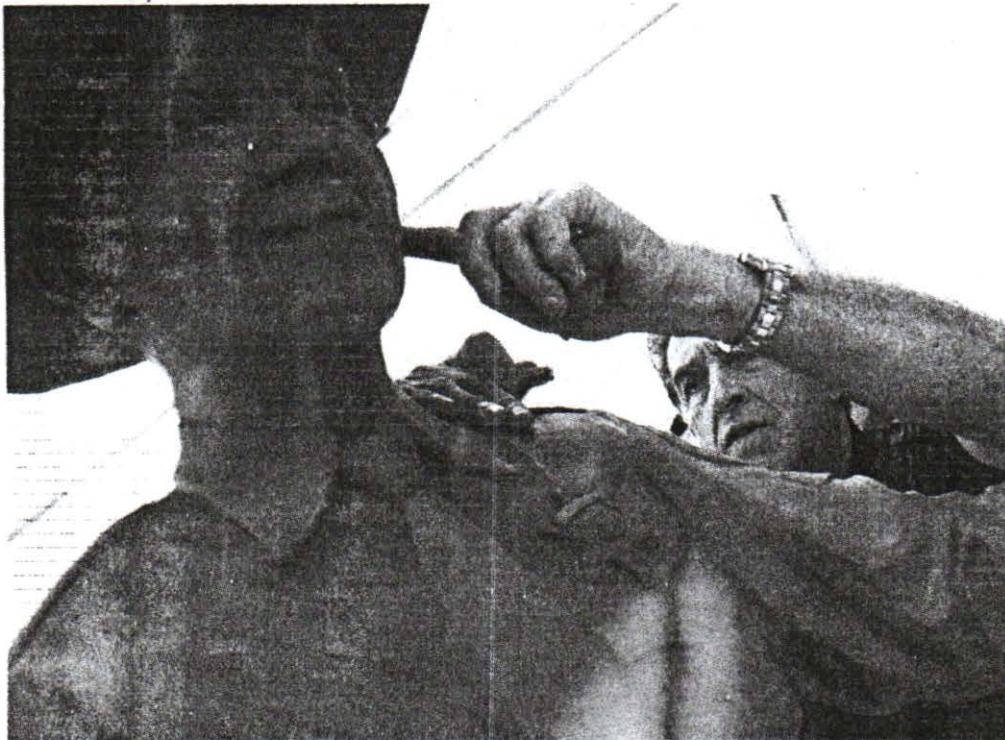
The 3,000-plus hospital volunteers serve at Boswell Memorial Hospital in almost every aspect of the hospital. They attend to families that are waiting for loved ones during surgery. Volunteers also assist in the anesthesia recovery unit and in the outpatient suite and fully staff the surgery family/endoscopy waiting rooms. Their duties "make life nicer for the patients," said Rita Borden, 22-year director of surgical services at Boswell.

"We appreciate those volunteers so much for their generosity and for the time they donate to us," she said. "It is a special group of people who live in Sun City. They support the work of the hospital not only with their time but with their donations."

It's a wonderful opportunity to honor these volunteers. They give so much to our community. We just couldn't do it without them.

Connie Turner

Statue committee member



Photos by Tom Tingle/The Arizona Republic

Sculptor Snell Johnson works on *A Lifestyle of Living* at his studio Wednesday.

LEGIS

9-21-2000

Volunteer statue soon to be reality

We're on our way! Thanks to the Bell Metal Club (one of our dynamic new sponsors) the model for the statue honoring volunteers is now in the masterful hands of Snell Johnson at his private foundry, Art and Design, in Phoenix.

He has promised that a life-sized clay rendition of the posse figure will be ready for display at a October fund-raising event to be held at the West Valley Art Museum.

When we meet our financial goals, he will proceed to enlarge, mold and cast the remaining figures in bronze on time for the unveiling on Saturday, Dec. 16. This is truly a fitting tribute to all volunteers and that includes Fran Park's 40th Anniversary Committee members, who are already making this a memorable year.

Some have asked if we have a song

about volunteers, and the Sun City Historical Society has expressed interest in a time capsule to be buried near the monument. We will announce more about this soon. Now is your chance to get involved if you would like.

We thank all of you who have already sent contributions and remind others that there is still time to become part of this wonderful new Landmark for the City of Volunteers.

Tax-deductible donations are sent to: The Sun City Foundation/Statue Fund, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351.

Betty Jane Peters

*The Volunteer Statue Committee
Chairman*

Daily News-Sun • Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2000

Volunteers statue finds sponsor

STAFF REPORT

The Sun City volunteers-statue project may have found a home.

At Monday's workshop session of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, board President Bob Briscoe said the Sun City Players, a chartered club, has agreed to sponsor the statue, making it an official centers undertaking.

The statue, in the talking stage for about two years, is to be built on the northeast corner of Thunderbird and Del Webb boulevards near Lakeview Recreation Center. Its cost has been estimated at

\$100,000, for which public contributions have been solicited.

To make the contributions tax deductible, they have been held by the Sun City Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity.

The Clay Corner at Marinette Center had been the sponsoring agency, but a change of presidents resulted in that group withdrawing its sponsorship from the project, leaving it temporarily homeless.

Briscoe said he believes the offer from the Sun City Players should resolve the matter, which is to be discussed later this week by the Sun City Foundation.

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Statue honoring volunteers in Sun City hits another snag

\$76,000 STILL NEEDED:
Tax-deductible status of future donations in doubt

HAYLEY RINGLE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Volunteers Statue Committee has come up against another roadblock, as the Sun

City Foundation announced Thursday that until the statue has a club sponsorship, future donations cannot be guaranteed to be tax deductible.

Since Clay Corner at Marinette voted unanimously June 17 to disassociate from the statue, the club is no longer a sponsor, said Gretchen Little, president of Clay Corner. As a result, the bronze statue conceived to recognize Sun City volunteers has no sponsor.

"According to the articles of

incorporation, in order for the (Sun City) Foundation to be able to accept tax-exempt [sic] donations for the statue, it has to be a RCSC (Recreation Centers of Sun City) project," wrote Beverly Davis, president of the foundation, in a letter to Betty Jane Peters, one of the artists who designed the statue. "Since there is no RCSC sponsor, the Foundation cannot continue to receive tax-exempt [sic] funds for the statue. The funds on hand will be held until an acceptable

committee is organized."

Donations will still be accepted for the statue fund being held by the Sun City Foundation, but until a sponsor is found, it can't guarantee donations will be tax deductible, said Harold Boudrie, centers and foundation treasurer. The foundation will freeze the account, which means expenses will not be allowed to be taken out, he said.

The money currently in the fund — about \$24,000 — will be

safely held by the foundation and all previous donations still are considered tax deductible, Davis said. About \$100,000 is needed for the completion of the statue, which will be cast in bronze by Art and Design, owned by sculptor Snell Johnson.

If and when the statue gains a sponsor, donations received between now and that time will be considered tax deductible. But until then, the foundation can not guarantee that, Davis said.

Since many Sun City residents

are on vacation over the summer, Connie Turner, one of the artists who designed the statue, wrote in an ad thanking people who donated, "As of September 15 an all-sculptor group will carry on their good work in an expanded capacity."

Turner said she is confident the statue will have a sponsor by September with the newly formed Sculpture Club. She invites anyone who is interested in becoming a member and supporting the statue to call 977-8935.

Statue sponsor sought

HAYLEY RINGLE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

10-30-00

A motion that was originally before the Recreation Centers of Sun City board Thursday for the location of a statue honoring volunteers was withdrawn because a sponsor for the statue is needed.

The motion was to OK a location for the statue on recreation centers property.

A location cannot be approved until the Volunteer Statue Committee secures a sponsor, said Beverly Davis, president of the Sun City Foundation and a board director.

The committee is in the process of forming a sculpture club

for the fall, said Connie Turner, one of the artists who designed the statue.

The bronze statue that was conceived to recognize Sun City volunteers is no longer sponsored by the Clay Corner at Marinette Center.

Kay Smith and Betty Jane Peters, past president of the Clay Corner, helped in designing the sculpture. More than 400 hours have been spent by the artists in constructing the models, Turner said.

"I think it's a wonderful piece of art and a wonderful tribute," Peters said. "I intend to continue knocking on doors when I get back to raise money for the statue."

The money for the statue — about \$100,000 — is hoped to be raised by the end of the year, and Snell Johnson, a contemporary bronze artist, has agreed to produce the statue at his foundry.

The money is being raised by the Volunteer Statue Committee, and is being held by the Sun City Foundation.

A fund-raiser is planned for the fall, and donations, specified for the statue, are being accepted through the Sun City Foundation at 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, Ariz., 85351.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," said Marge Murphy, RCSC secretary. "I really hope we can be successful. (The statue) is what Sun City is all about."

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Clay Corner withdraws statue sponsorship

'SUN CITY VOLUNTEERS ... A LIFESTYLE OF GIVING': Sun City Foundation and RCSC will continue raising money to fund completion of the tribute

HAYLEY RINGLE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

After months of misunderstandings, the bronze statue conceived to recognize Sun City volunteers is no longer sponsored by Clay Corner at Marinette Center.

The statue was approved as a cultural and educational project by the Sun City Foundation and the Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors, meeting all their criteria, said Connie Turner, one of the artists who designed the statue. Because the Sun City Foundation is a 501(c)3

(non-profit) organization, any funds collected or donated for the statue are tax-exempt.

"All money collected through donations, from the very first dollar, has been held by the Sun City Foundation, and all donations are acknowledged in writing," Turner said.

Anyone sending in a check receives a thank-you note from the Sun City Foundation. All donations of more than \$1,000 will be recognized on a bronze plaque, but donations of any amount are welcome, she said.

At a special June 17 meeting, members of the Clay Corner club unanimously voted to disassociate from the statue project, said Gretchen Little, president of Clay Corner.

A separate Volunteers Statue Committee has been recognized by the RCSC board to continue raising money for the statue, said Bob Briscoe, RCSC president.

"The members of the Clay Corner are not against the statue, we just don't want to be a part of it," said Little, who stressed the statue committee could not use

the Clay Corner's name or logo on anything associated with the statue. "We think it is a nice project and want to support the statue, as long as they don't use the name of the club."

The RCSC board will vote June 29 at its monthly meeting to provide a location on recreation-center property for the volunteer statue when it is completed.

More than \$100,000 is needed to construct the lifesize bronze statue commemorating volunteers. About \$23,000 has been raised, and the Bell Metal Club has agreed to make a base for the statue — which will save the committee about \$7,000, Turner said.

The statue titled "Sun City Volunteers ... A Lifestyle of Giving" will depict a Sun City Posse member, a Sun City PRIDES member, a smock lady representing Boswell and Sun Health volunteers and Fairway and Bell library volunteers, a student representing the future and volunteers working with children in surrounding communities, and a dog representing pets that have found homes in Sun City

courtesy of Sun City Animal Rescue, Turner said.

The statue was conceived in late 1998 as a tribute to all Sun City volunteers. Turner wanted to climax Sun City's 40th-anniversary celebration with a lasting reminder of those volunteers.

"All I want to do is something good for this community before I die," said Turner, a resident of Sun City and a member of Clay Corner. "The volunteers are what keep our community going."

A maquette — a statue prototype — has been constructed from oil-based clay. Because of the type of clay, the maquette must be kept in an air-conditioned environment or it will "melt into an unidentifiable mass," Turner said.

The quarter-size model has been on display throughout the community, including several banks and, most recently, Bell Library.

The statue was moved out of Bell Library Wednesday because a change of decor was needed, said Mary Early, president of the library board.



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Validating volunteers

A public unveiling of the maquette of a proposed statute to honor Sun City's volunteers was held Oct. 1 at Marinette Recreation Center. Among those attending were, from left, Bev Davis, member of the Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors; Marge Murphy, RCSC director; Betty Jane Peters, president of the Sun City Clay Club and one of the maquette's sculptors; Connie Turner, sculptor; Kay Smith, sculptor; and Dorothy Hertz, RCSC director. The Clay Club is trying to raise \$100,000 to erect the statue. Donations may be sent to: Sun City Foundation, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351.

Feat of clay

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Kay Smith, left, Betty Jane Peters and Connie Turner, members of the Clay Corner at Marinette Recreation Center, made a maquette honoring Sun City volunteers. The artist fees have been donated, but the cost of bronzing and installation will likely exceed \$100,000. Donations are welcome.

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City of Volunteers



Dear Friends,

Sun City, Arizona, the world-renowned CITY OF VOLUNTEERS is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary in the year 2000. Twelve months of celebration will be climaxed with the installation of a life-sized bronze statue honoring those who donated millions of hours to insure the health, safety and well-being of our community.

The statue, designed and sponsored by members of the Clay Corner at Marinette, has been approved by the Board of Directors of The Recreation Centers of Sun City, and has been accepted by The Sun City Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization which promotes cultural and educational projects in Sun City.

Help

Honor

Sun City

Volunteers

Although the artist's fees have been donated, the cost of bronzing and installation will likely exceed \$100,000. We must raise this significant amount soon as such a labor intensive project will take twelve to fifteen months to complete. The Maquette (statue prototype) must be at Arizona Bronze Foundry by September, 1999 to guarantee installation by the end of our 40th Anniversary year.

Will you please help us to honor our Volunteers? Any donation is appreciated. Any major contributor will have his/her name engraved on a bronze plaque to be erected at Lakeview Center as part of the monument.

Donations may be sent to: Sun City Foundation, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Betty Jane Peters
Clay Corner at Marinette

Marge Murphy, Director
Recreation Centers,
Sun City

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Sun City, AZ 85351

SUN CITY VOLUNTEERS

A survey of volunteers, which was done in past, would hold true today. Sun City is still the "City of Volunteers."

Over 60 organizations were polled: i.e. Sun Health Auxiliary, Walter Boswell Hospital, Sun City Area Community Council, Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc., Sun City Library, Sheriffs Posse of Sun City, Sun City Prides, etc.. (Most of these organizations reported over 50,000 volunteer hours annually.)

The 60 organizations submitted estimates of volunteer hours worked and coupled it with a best estimate of an hourly wage.

Combined Results of the Survey:

1,329,109 Total Hours \$13,446,098 Total Dollars

This survey did not reflect the volunteer hours of many other organizations, but it would be safe to say that at least \$15 million of volunteering occurs every year in Sun City. Volunteerism is vital to the continuance of this retirement community. Without our volunteers, Sun City would fail. Nor would it be the vibrant active community that has been acclaimed throughout the world.

This statue will honor all of the volunteers of the past 40 years and those who will step up to help in the future.

Check out the Volunteer Statues scrapbook on the Del Webb Sun Cities Area Museum webpage.