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**Sun City West**  
**Words and Music By Bob Callaghan, 1985**

Under a brilliant sky of blue,  
I have found my rendezvous,  
In the desert in Sun City West,  
Neath the Arizona moon,  
And the giant saguaro bloom,  
in the desert in Sun City West.

Chorus:

I never thought I'd live in Arizona  
Where the jackrabbit and roadrunner play,  
But I think I've found  
A little piece of heaven here on earth,  
Near the dry bed Aqua Fria.  
Hear me say,  
It's the place I like the best  
Sun City West, Sun City West.

As a town, we are still small,  
But as people we stand tall,  
And we're growing,  
Yes, we're growing every day.  
And I never more will roam,  
From my Arizona home,  
And the place I like the best,  
Sun City West, Sun City West.

Chorus Repeat

I never thought I'd live in Arizona  
Where the jackrabbit and roadrunner play,  
But I think I've found  
A little piece of heaven here on earth,  
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History of Sun City West  
**It's the Best of Times**  
By the Silver Celebration Committee

Through the cooperation of the Sun City West Independent News, who brought the weekly news of SCW people and events for the past 25 years, we take time to reflect on the beginnings of Sun City West in this Souvenir Magazine, as we celebrate Sun City West's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Because a community is more than the sum of its buildings, social clubs and activities, we have tried to focus on the people who led Sun City West to become the attractive and dynamic place we all call home.

Under the name of the Sun City West Foundation, citizens raised funds to sponsor housing for community projects. Today, the Sun City West Foundation provides the community with facilities for: Helping Hands, Meeting Rooms, AARP Tax Services, Thrift Shop, Interfaith Adult Day Care Center, Luminaries, Prides and a Voluntary Placement Services. Whether you need a loan for medical equipment or kids' stuff, tax preparation, a place to go for elderly activity, holiday street lighting, an emergency Red Cross Disaster shelter, or just a meeting room, the Sun City West residences have it all.

We are most thankful for Sun Health, a community-focused, non-profit healthcare organization dedicated to providing excellent quality medical care, research, education and wellness. Sun Health operates Sun City's Boswell Hospital and Sun City West's Del Webb Memorial Hospital.

Although Del Webb Construction Corporation built both hospitals, the land, including thousands of acres in Sun City West, was owned in partnership with Walter G. Boswell. Under this partnership, and due to the Boswell Company's sizable contribution, the Master Plan of Sun City West's proposed hospital was named "Boswell West."

After the death of Mr. Webb in 1974, most of his assets transferred to the Del E. Webb Foundation. That Foundation bought the Boswell interest in the Construction Company. Eight years later, on October 7, 1985, the new five-story, \$42 million dollar twin tower health care center was named "The Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital."

In February 2002, newborns made their debuts in the hospital's obstetrical unit and nursery, aptly named, "Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health." Louisa and her husband, Birt Kellam are active advocates for exceptional care in the community and represent the essence of the volunteer spirit.


A centerpiece of the new center is named the Willis Rotunda, for Noel and Jayne Willis, who made another significant contribution through a charitable remainder trust.

On its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sun City West counts its blessings for neighbors who utilize the hospital, the volunteers who give their time, the donors who contribute their resources, and the physicians and employees who exemplify excellence in their delivery of our health care. It is "the best of times."

*Arizona Public Service, The Heritage Traditions  
& Pulte/Del Webb Homes  
proudly present*

*The Sun City West  
Silver Anniversary Concert*

*Featuring*  
**Myron Floren • Bobby and Elaine • Anacani**  
*Original Stars of the  
Lawrence Welk Television Show*



*October 25, 2003 in the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts*

*The Sun City West  
Silver Anniversary Concert*

*Program*

INTRODUCTIONS: Joe Davisson and Dee Hjermstad

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEL WEBB  
& ST. PETER

*Del Webb portrayed by Mike Tarr  
Voice of St. Peter spoken by Verne Stout*



*Concert*

**Myron Floren  
Bobby and Elaine  
Anacani**

*Original Stars of  
The Lawrence Welk Television Show*

The performers will announce musical numbers  
as the concert progresses

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**MYRON FLOREN**

Myron Floren joined Lawrence Welk in 1950. Even today audiences agree that he exhibits top-notch musicianship, showmanship and dependability. A native of Webster, South Dakota, Myron first took up the accordion at the age of seven on a Sears Roebuck button box costing \$19.95. He has been playing ever since – on the radio, on television and with countless audiences, including those in the armed services. He married Berdyne, one of his pupils, has five daughters and seven grandchildren. Myron says of his work, "I might be getting older, but when I am on stage and see the folks in the audience and hear the band, I'm 18 again....and I have even more fun than the audience."



**ELAINE BALDEN**

Elaine Balden began her career at Storybook Playhouse in her hometown of Dallas, Texas at the age of five. She studied tap, ballet, jazz and gymnastics. After attending Sam Houston State University she focused her attention on ballroom dance. Elaine trained with Ray and June Navar, World Ballroom Dance Champions from Australia. Elaine danced in many championships and also ran her own school for several years. In 1979, she joined the Musical Family of The Lawrence Welk Television Show and teamed with Bobby Burgess, becoming one-half of America's favorite dance teams. She is married to television director Jim Balden, and they have two daughters.

**BOBBY BURGESS**

Bobby Burgess has been a featured dancing star for The Lawrence Welk Television Show since 1961. He began dancing at age four and has never stopped. At 13 he was an original member of Walt Disney's Mouseketeers. Bobby is an accredited teacher of dancing, creates his routines for engagements, teaches cotillion ballroom classes and directed his TV dances the last five years of The Lawrence Welk Television Show. Nightclub dates have included Bally's in Las Vegas, 17 years at Harrah's Tahoe and many more. In 1971 Bobby married Kristie Floren, a daughter of Myron Floren. They have four children and reside in California.



**ANACANI**

Anacani was born Consuelo Gil in Sinaloa, Mexico. When very young, she and her family immigrated to California. While on middle school summer break visiting family in Mexico, this wide-eyed 12-year-old was discovered. She auditioned for a weekly variety television show. Anacani signed a contract, made recordings and sang through several tours in Latin America and Mexico. Lawrence Welk met her when she and her agent went to dine in his restaurant. He auditioned her immediately. After fulfilling several commitments, she soon was appearing on The Lawrence Welk Television Show as a regular performer. Anacani and her husband Rudy and daughter Priscilla live in California today. She continues to do what she loves – SING!

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee wishes to thank these many sponsors who made this Silver Celebration possible:

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We also want to express our appreciation to the Sundome Performing Arts Association and their volunteers for their able assistance in providing this concert.

*The Champagne Music of Lawrence Welk*

*July 6, 1980*

*Sundome Center for the Performing Arts  
19403 R. H. Johnson Boulevard  
Sun City West, Arizona 85375*

*Dear Friends:*

*It doesn't seem possible that ten years have gone by since my Musical Family and I helped dedicate your beautiful Sundome in September of 1980! I know that some of my "kids" will be with you on September 12 as you celebrate your 10th birthday, and I just wish I could be there too.*

*I've always thought the Sundome was the nicest place we ever played, and the Sundome audiences just about the warmest anywhere! May all of you have a wonderful, wonderful 10th birthday party, with many, many more to come.*

*Musically yours,*



*Lawrence Welk*

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## Happy birthday, SC West

Jerry Svendsen, left, Del E. Webb Development Co. executive, joins Sun City Westers in blowing out the birthday

candles as the community celebrated its second birthday Saturday

(News Sun Photo)



**INDEPENDENT**

November 5, 2003



Submitted photo

**First-place float**

The float entered by the Sun City West Variety Show captured first place in the Sun City West 25th Anniversary Parade held Oct. 25. Director Jeanne Tarr and cast members of the 24th annual Sun City West Variety Show, "Celebration," were among those who took part in the parade. This year's variety show is the final event in the year-long silver anniversary celebration and its theme, "Live, Love, Laugh and Be Happy" reflects the lifestyle enjoyed by residents. The Variety Show will be held Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at the Sundome Center for Performing Arts.

THE WESTER Thursday, October 30, 2003

## A super parade for our 25th year

By Joseph Kimberley

Not quite "with a cast of thousands" as they say in Hollywood, but with almost a thousand participating and thousands more lining the route, Sun City West held its grandest of parades last Saturday morning. The event, along with the Lawrence Welk show in the afternoon, culminated the year-long Silver Anniversary celebrations of the community's 25 years (1978-2003).

Dee Hjermstad and Joe Davisson can be very proud of their successes with the 25th celebrations. They co-chaired the anniversary proceedings that kicked off last February, and their hard work has paid off handsomely. So, thank you, Dee and Joe, for a great year!

More than a hundred entries formed the two-hour-long parade that used "Look for the Silver Lining" as its theme and made its way through the streets of midtown Sun City West, passing a reviewing stand on Woodside Avenue. With a "Camelot climate" in place, that good ol' Ari-

zona sunshine became a tidy bit warm by parade time. Mother Nature saw fit to temper it by creating a nice breeze to cool off the parade watchers. Although the breeze became a little intense at times, it didn't hamper the parade's progress at all.

Starting at the R.H. Johnson Rec Centers' back parking lot at 10 o'clock, the parade arrived at the reviewing stand 15 minutes later. It was headed by a SCW Posse lead car followed by the Posse's bicycle patrol. The parade's Color Guard came from Our Lady of Lourdes' Knights of Columbus #1673 who stopped in front of the stand and presented the colors to the parade committee in a typical military manner.

Ken Meade, the West Valley's renown realtor, was the parade's grand marshal. He and his family drove by in an open convertible waving to the clapping crowds. Following close behind was Lee Daugherty, one of the parade's co-chairs, also in an open convertible, was appreciably received by the crowds. Lee's co-chair, Dusty Rhodes, was seated on the reviewing stand. Congratulations, Lee and Dusty, on a great job well done.



Seated on the reviewing stand at the 25th anniversary parade, Saturday, Oct. 25, (l. to r.) Rick Magnussen, CEO, The Madison; Carol Dana, dance instructor, Dysart Schools; Jim Henry, entertainer extraordinaire; Gina Griesman, director, Special Gifts, Sun Health; Kyle Crump, Edward Jones Investments who sponsored the awards; Ron McCollor and Jan Rittmaster, commentators. Leading the parade units is Grand Marshal Ken Meade.

Photos, Joseph Kimberley and Henry Skiba



One of Sun City West's several lady dance troupes came next—the Jazzy Poms—skipping along and doing a form of step-dancing in their sparkling blue outfits and holding sparkling silver pom-poms. Silver and blue were the dominant colors in this parade—a silver anniversary's colors. A car in front of the "Poms" was playing music for them to keep in step.

Arizona's Secretary of State, Jan Brewer, came along waving from an open convertible followed by the group from PORA. Randy Fuller, president, and his team took up three or four vehicles. PORA, with the Rec Centers Governing Board, forms part of the quasi-government we have here in Sun City West in lieu of incorporation, and they do a great job.

A surprise last-minute inclusion in the parade were members of the SCW Rec Centers' Governing Board. Contrary to earlier reports that they would not be participating, most of them were seated in two *stretched* golf carts. A previous misunderstanding signalled an indication that they would not be participating. It was nice to see them join in on the day.

A large group of Red Hat Societies came by which were a huge hit with the crowds. Made up of great groups of gals that get together to have silly fun times with their outlandish red hats and purple outfits, they were from the more than 20 Red Hat "chapters" with such crazy, amusing names as Red Hats Us, Mad Hatters, Red Hot Mamas, Power Surges, Red Hat Hot Mamas, Las Sombreros Carmin, Red Hat Cha Chas, Les Chapeaux Rouge of Arizona, Red Rascals, Rusty's Red Hatters, Classy Red Hat Dingalings, Red Hat Ya Ya's and more. They were all there, one after the other.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, boss man of our SCW Posse, drove by with his wife in an open convertible and received appreciable applause. Then came marchers and carloads of members from various SCW clubs—the Metal Club, the SCW Visitors' Center, the American-Italian Club, the Lawn Bowlers and the Sunations Precision Drill Team. They're a group of ladies in their 60's to 80's who

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are as fit as those half their ages.

A group of kids on their unicycles came down from SCW's sister Del Webb community of Anthem. I hope they didn't unicycle all the way! They soon were followed by the big band of the day—the Buckeye High School Band which played some great hand-clapping, foot-stomping music.

Bobbie Leahy from Sedona, the current 2003 Ms. Senior Arizona, looked like a movie star as she was driven by, waving from an open convertible. Bobbie's soon heading for Las Vegas to take part in the Ms. Senior America contest. We wish her good luck and hope she comes back with the title. She looks glamorous enough to do it!

Then we had a cluster of classic cars go by from the C.A.R.S. Club of the Sun Cities that included beautifully restored cars—especially from the 50's. Without exception, those cars still look as classy and beautiful as the day they were created. Now, of course, they are worth ten times or more their original purchase price. Wish now I had kept my 1958 Ford Thunderbird.

And it was a wonderful to see those great kids—the Nadaburg Elementary School cheerleaders! What a presentation they did for the reviewing stand when they performed a cheerleading formation and a rousing ra-ra-ra of "Give me an S!, Give me a C!, Give me a W! ... And what have you got? SUN CITY WEST!" A lot of Sun City Westers support the Nadaburg school district which is just up the highway towards Wickenburg. Years ago I assisted in organizing the teachers of that district in becoming a local affiliate of the Arizona Education Association, so I feel a special kinship to that school.

The Wester Jester Clowns gave us some laughs and then came the "VSP's"—some very special people in our community—the Sun City West PRIDES. They are under-rated, under-reported and most certainly under-appreciated for the great work they do in keeping Sun City West beautiful. I've had visitors come here and remark how astounded they are about the cleanliness of our city—"Not a scrap of paper on the streets *anywhere!*"—and I tell them that's because we've got our PRIDES. They got a great, well-deserved reception from the crowds.

The Rhythm Tappers sort of tap-danced by in their dazzling red and white costumes. The gals in these dance troupes, many of them from theatrical chorus lines of years gone by (including the famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes) are still tapping and performing. They will be seen in the upcoming SCW Variety Show scheduled for Nov. 13-15 at the Sundome.

On and on they came—gals from the Fitness Club who would put most of us to shame in our own robustness, The Red Tattitudes, the Canine Companions Club, the RE/MAX Achievers, Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library, coordinators of the SCW Variety Show including Jeanne Tarr, and that great pair known as "Ambassadors of Sun City West"—Birt and Louisa Kellam—who have given so much to the community in so many ways. More than just "Ambassadors," they are "Mr. and Mrs. Sun City West."

Some members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars marched by, and Black Hat Cowboys, and the

Western Horseshow Club, and the Sun Cities Saddle Club. The SCW Softball Club passed by and some of those great guys and gals from the SCW Fire Department, members from the SCW Polish-American Club, Interfaith Community Care and Red Hot Clown Alley, the gals from the "Grand Poms" dance group of Sun City Grand were there in their brilliant red and silver outfits, and members of Club Scandinavia of SCW, and Mayor Joan Shafer of Surprise; and lastly, Santa Claus—who came down early courtesy of the Briarwood Country Club.

What a day, and what a parade! It goes without saying, the parade committee are owed

muchos kudos for a great event. It was better than ever and a wonderful conclusion to celebrating our 25th.

Last but not least, the commentary by Jan Rittmaster and Ron McCollor from the Reviewing Stand could not have been more professionally done by anybody. They added excitement to the passing parade, and standing within ear-shot of their voices made it all the more enjoyable. Jan also sang, with that great voice of her's, a very moving rendition of the national anthem.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Sun City Westers know how to put on a good show! Well done all!

## And the winners are...

By Joseph Kimberley

Entries in the SCW 25th Anniversary "Look for the Silver Lining" parade were judged by a panel sitting on the reviewing stand. Judging the entries were Rick Magnussen, CEO of The Madison; Carol Dana, dance instructor at Dysart High School; Jim Henry, entertainer extraordinaire; Gina Griesman, director of special gifts at Sun Health; and Kyle Crump of Edward Jones Investments, sponsor of the awards.

Their judging awarded the following:

Outstanding Float Award: #42—Sun City West Variety Show, sponsored by Sun Health;

Outstanding Theme Award

"Look for the Silver Lining": #12—Red Hat Society (20 units);

Outstanding Independent Group Award: #35—Arizona Precision Motorcycle Drill Team, sponsored by Sundome Plaza;

Outstanding Commercial Award: #47—Edward Jones Investments;

Outstanding Band Award: #25—Buckeye High School Band;

Outstanding Marching Unit Award: #30—Nadaburg Elementary School Cheerleaders;

Outstanding Small Unit Award (5 persons or less): #60—Jackie & Bob Check "Check Mates";

The Judges Award: #80—Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus;

The Madison Award: #12—Red Hat Society (20 units).

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## Star studded finale at Sundome for 25th Anniversary year

By Ruth Borchardt

What a climax for Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration, with 3400 people present. Not only "Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show" at the Sundome but even a letter from President Bush was announced by County Supervisor Max Wilson, who was introduced by PORA president, Randy Fuller.

The consensus is that Wilson received a great deal of credit for contacting the White House about Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration. As a result, a congratulatory letter from the President was received which will be encased in the capsule to be buried, which Fuller is overseeing. The plan is to remove it in another 25 years.

It was a dynamite production by some of the original stars of the Lawrence Welk show—Myron Floren, Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden plus Anaconi.

Living up to expectations, they

charmed the audience by not only delivering the music the people crave—but having audience participation with singing along with a few of the tunes in some instances.

There was more fun with two couples changing partners with Bobby and Elaine for an amaz-

ingly proficient dance routine on stage. Swing and polka were accomplished with no sign of nervousness apparent with the Westers participating.

Dee Hjermstad did a masterful job of welcoming the people and thanking the sponsors and the many residents who worked tire-

lessly to tie the wonderful year's events together.

Hjermstad brought out how much the sponsors' participation was appreciated.

Many thanks were extended to APS, Denny Ryerson's Heritage Traditions and Pulte-Webb who were responsible for the use of the Sundome. In addition, The Madison sponsored the parade with the Edward Jones Investments company giving the prizes.

A great help in bringing the entire event to fruition was Melissa Schwartz, ASU Senior Events Coordinator.

A wonderful brainstorm from Dee Hjermstad was having "a conversation" between Del Webb and St. Peter (aka Mike Tarr and performer Verne Stout). It personalized Del Webb to those who weren't familiar with him and, of course, the reading of the dialogue was impeccable as performed by the "star power" of Tarr and Stout.

Hjermstad had the idea for the



Living' it up at the Sundome's Lawrence Welk Show are Corinne and Douglas Arthur with Phyllis and Charles Droege.  
Photo, Ruth Borchardt

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Jeanne Tarr, producer, director and actress, is with co-chair for the 25th Anniversary climax at the Sundome Dee Hjermstad.

Photo, Ruth Borchardt

vignette. She asked Tarr if he would do it and, as it turned out, he would also be appearing as one of the leads in "Super." But, in spite of his crowded agenda, he took Hjermstad's writing—made it his own, and as always coming out with an awesome performance enhanced by Verne

Stout's St. Peter.

There were about 30-plus sponsors—the three big "give-aways" being awarded at intermission—the Buick LeSabre automobile, Holland America cruise and \$2,5000 Freed's Fur-

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nishings bonanza. Kevin Moore of Moore Graphics won the furnishings; the LeSabre was won by Dan Seabreeze and the cruise by Graham Harris.

Comments from theater-goers was 150% approbation.

Everyone who was asked to critique the parade said it was great—just one thing: some people would have liked, more band music. Hjermstad said they tried for six weeks to obtain a band but they were all headed for Tucson and a band convention. "The committee was very glad that the Buckeye High School Band agreed to participate and they did a great job.

The Doug and Corinne Arthur were highly enthusiastic as were Westers who came together including Rita Jachowski who took part in the parade with the Fitness Club.

Gloria and Don Fullon, Sophie Karte, all praised everyting connected with the day—parade and the show. Now they are looking

foward to the Variety Show with tickets already purchased.

Prominent Westers praised the performances—such as Joe and Charlene Scheggen, John and Irene Firestone, Noel and Jane Willis and Lee and Marylane Vogel.

Tom Cook and his wife were there as well Carolyn Jennings and upon enteringl the lobby Hjermstad and Jeanne Tarr looking like Vogue "cut-outs"—perfection in attire.

Sitting in front of me was Mike Mahoney who sat in a yellow Cadillac in the parade and is being installed in the Veterans Hall of Fame in November in Phoenix.

Tom Stanton came with two friends, one from Tempe and one from Apache Junction.

Receiving praise for all their efforts, Hjermstad and Davisson said their thanks was the fact that residents really seemed to enjoy the year's events.

DAILY NEWS-SUN

MONDAY, OCT. 27, 2003

# Many flock to parade, celebrate SCW's 25th birthday

JESSI TODDEN  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Sun City West celebrated its 25th anniversary with a parade.

The 88-degree sunny Saturday near the end of a warm October had Connie and Debby Brew bring their car in for service at Sun Cities Tire and Auto, which happened to sit along the parade route.

Rusty's Red Hatters took a turn along the route in golf cars dressed in purple dresses and accessorized with red hats and red high heels.

Jayne Wagner was visiting her mother, Ethel Cyrog. Ethel is a Red Hat Momma

and walked in the parade. Not to be left out, Wagner shipped a birthday cake costume and walked along side her mother.

Cheerleaders, old and young, marched the mile-and-a-half route. A high school marching band could be heard before being seen and outpaced the next troupe of Sun City West club members by 100 paces.

Motorcycles moved in sync. Snowball from the Canine Companions Club stopped to visit each spectator. A bear boxed a bull on the

Edward Jones Investment float. Muriel Shapiro from the Fitness Club exercised herself down the street, then called it day. Ken Meade Realty had the largest convoy with 17 cars, eight golf cars, three horses, two moms with strollers and the Sun City Chili Queen.

The racquet club wrapped its golf car and racquets in foil. Gail Brandenburg walked her 32-inch miniature-horse Margie. The Great Dane Society walked members' dogs. The RV club motored through. And hundreds of golf cars decorated as boats, dressed in hats, signed by businesses or just carrying a Sun City West resident could be found along the entire course of the parade.

"It's a perfect day. It couldn't be any better," said Marlet Smith.



JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Bobby Leahy, Ms. Senior Arizona, waves to the crowd during the Sun City West 25th anniversary parade Saturday.

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# DANCING IN THE STREETS



PHOTOS BY JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Jayne Wagner of Dallas leads the Red Hot Mamas chapter of the Red Hat Society during Sun City West's 25th anniversary parade Saturday. Wagner's mother, Ethel Cyrog, is part of the Red Hot Mams chapter, which led a large contingent of Red Hat Society groups in the parade. At left, members of the Sun City West Precision Drill Team march in the event.

# SUN CITY WEST SILVER CELEBRATION

ANNIVERSARIES  
(25th) SCW

October 25, 2003 • 10:00 A.M.

Theme: "LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING"

## ENTRY FORM

NAME OF GROUP: Sun Cities Area Historical Society

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP: 4

DIRECTOR/MANAGER/PERSON IN CHARGE: Phyllis Street

ADDRESS: 17815 Conquistador Dr.

CITY: Sun City West, AZ ZIP: 85375 PHONE: 623/ 584-0323

CLASSIFICATION OF ENTRY (for awards): Theme Category  
(Marching Unit, Float, Theme Category, Open Category, Commercial Entry, Recreational Club, Small Group entry)

TITLE OF ENTRY: Find the Silver Lining

APPROX. OVERALL LENGTH OF ENTRY: 18 feet (Staging purposes)

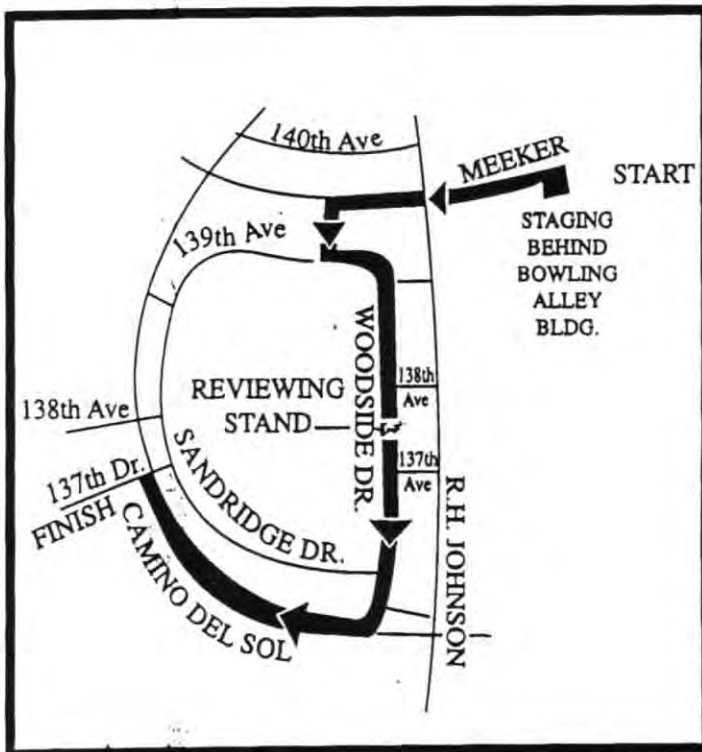
DOES YOUR ENTRY MAKE A SOUND: No (Music, yelling, etc.)

Please return entry, history, and check payable to Sun City West Silver Celebration to:  
Lois McDonald, 13908 Pinetree, Sun City West, Arizona 85375 • Phone: 623-214-0009.

**Deadline for entries is October 1, 2003**

\$30.00 Paid Participant  \$30.00 Paid by a Sponsor  Parade Committee Sponsor

*I hereby enter the entry named above at my own risk and further agree that I shall make no claim against the Sun City West Silver Celebration, its officers, members, or employees, and hold same harmless from any and all personal injury and/or property damage arising from the parade.*



Responsible entry signature is required:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian of minor)

Please mark if applicable:

Float \_\_\_\_\_ Marching \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_

Riding \_\_\_\_\_ Motorized Vehicle  How many 1

Riding \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*We will need to know if anyone is on foot so they are not placed behind horses without a Roadapple Gang.*

**There will be approximately 4 turns in the Parade Route that is a little less than 1 1/2 miles. All floats must meet the following requirements:**

**No Higher than 15 ft. - No Longer than 40 ft. - No Wider than 10 ft.**

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# SUN CITY WEST SILVER CELEBRATION

SCW

October 25, 2003

## ENTRY HISTORY

Please give us information and a little history of your organization to be used by our Master of Ceremonies on the reviewing stand. The reviewing stand will be located on Woodside Drive.

### HISTORY OF THE SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, organized in 1986, serves both Sun City West and Sun City in preserving the history of our active retirement communities.

Our "House Museum" is located in the first model home built by Del Webb for the opening of Sun City in January, 1960, at 10801 Oakmont Dr., next to the Oakmont Recreation Center.

Visitors are welcome to view the exhibits and do research.

For the Silver Anniversary Celebration the Historical Society sponsored the publication of the history of the first twenty-five years of Sun City West. Books are available for sale at the Sun City West Visitors Center or at the Society Headquarters in Sun City.

The parade entry is displayed with the assistance of a 1978 Rolls Royce, Silver Wraith model, driven by the owner, a member of Cars Club of Sun City.

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## SUN CITY WEST Silver Celebration

# Sun City West ... it all began in 1978

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With groundbreaking on Feb. 15, 1978, to the first residents—our pioneers—who moved into their homes later that year, Sun City West has grown into a paradise in the southwest.

One of the factors that made Sun City West as appealing as its older sister city to new home buyers was the planning of recreation centers prior to actual housing. Even though the houses were finished first, many of those new buyers made their purchase based upon the continuing growth of the recreation centers. The R.H. Johnson recreation complex, part of John Meeker's idea making the community a premier place to live for the new generation of seniors, opened on Oct. 20, 1979, joining Hillcrest Golf Club as the first recreational facilities created for enjoyment of Sun City West homeowners.

However, it was not just physical facilities that residents appreciated. They soon began creating clubs, joining music groups, establishing chapters of service organizations and founding churches and synagogues.

One of those community cre-

## Lawrence Welk stars plan birthday concert Oct. 25

Drawing for new car and other prizes held at intermission

The stars of the Lawrence Welk Show will pay a visit to the community this month to help the Sun City West Silver Anniversary Committee celebrate the 25th anniversary of Sun City West.

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housing for community projects. The SCWF currently provides facilities for Helping Hands, meeting rooms, AARP

Tax Services, Thrift Shop, Interfaith Adult Day Care Center, Luminarias, PRIDES and Voluntary Placement Services. These organizations allow Sun City West residents to borrow medical equipment, get help on tax preparation or go to a shelter in case of emergency.

In November of 1979, the SCW Rec Center's first golf course, Pebblebrook, was unveiled. Eventually Pebblebrook would be joined by six other courses for private use by Rec Center members: Stardust, Grandview, Echo Mesa, Trail Ridge, Desert Trails and, finally in 1996, Deer Valley.

As the community grew, so did recreational facilities. Beardsley Park Rec Center was opened in June of 1985. As more residents moved into their homes, Kuentz Center opened. Palm Ridge was added to the Rec Center roster with the addition of homes north of Deer Valley Drive.

Today, more than 32,000 people call Sun City West their home. The community is pleased to celebrate 25 years of incomparable living in the Valley of the Sun.

Written by Diana Shaughnessy and originally published in "Sun City West's Silver Anniversary," a special booklet published earlier this year by the Sun City West Silver Anniversary Committee.

OVER

# Souvenirs allow residents to own a bit of history

Festivities marking the 25th anniversary of Sun City West may end at the end of 2003, but the Silver Celebration Committee has throughout the year been marketing several items to help residents savor the moment, and to raise funds to help pay for silver anniversary events:

## Official guide to SC West history

A new 320-page history book, "The Sun City West Silver Celebration, 1978-2003" became available last February.

This history project was initiated by the Sun Cities Area

Historical Society and written by a number of long-time residents and history buffs. The book details the inception and development of the community by the Del Webb Corp. and its visionaries.

Cost is \$12. The book is available at the Sun Cities Historical Society in Sun City or the Sun City West Visitors Center.



## Silver bells benefit R.H. Johnson Library

A beautiful engraved silver commemorative bell designed for Sun City West's 25th Anniversary stands 5 inches



high and is 3.2 inches at the base. It boasts a lovely golden bow and a silvery cord for hanging.

The bells will be available at most Silver Celebration events throughout the year. But hurry, as quantities are limited. The cost of each bell (including tax) is \$11 and all proceeds



go to the R. H. Johnson Library.

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A lovely enameled lapel pin celebrating Sun City West's 25th anniversary is now available. The pins will be sold at all Silver Celebration Events and may be purchased by calling the Pin Chair Sallie Dykman at (623) 975-3479.



Pins are \$3 each.

## Special envelope marked anniversary

The stamp section of the Sun City West Coin and Stamp Club, in concert with the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Sun City West, has made available commemorative envelopes with a cachet. The multi-colored cachet envelopes went on sale Feb. 15 for \$2. It was specially cancelled dated Feb. 15 to coincide with the kick-off celebration.

## Residents contribute to local cookbook

Hundreds of Sun City West residents submitted their favorite recipes for inclusion in a beautiful cookbook for the 25th Anniversary of our community. The books are \$10 each.



# Sun City West TIMELINE



## 1978

Del Webb begins construction and home sales are brisk on its newest development, a sister-city to its most popular active-adult community, Sun City.

## Oct. 16, 1978

First two couples get keys to their homes and are honored as Sun City West's first residents: Luman and Mary Wicks from Topeka, Kan., and Edward and Clarice Uhl from Alameda, Calif. The Wicks were the first to move in.

## 1980s

Sun City West gains national attention by hosting several Senior PGA and LPGA events at Hillcrest Golf Course.



## Oct. 10, 1980

Approximately 3,000 residents assembled in Sundome for community meeting with John Meeker, president of DEVCO (Del E. Webb Development Co.). The topic: Future plans for the community.



## October 1980

Serious house fire on Shadow Hills Drive prompts a group of concerned citizens to form the Fire District of Sun City West.

## 1981

Residents of both Sun City West and the tiny nearby towns of El Mirage and Surprise vote to de-annex Sun City West from the Dysart School District. The move generated protests from area retirees removed from the district.



## Oct. 20, 1984

Pioneers of Sun City West clubs held their first luncheon at the Lakes Club in Sun City. Mildred Toldrian, the club's first president, was also a Sun City Pioneer.



## 1980s

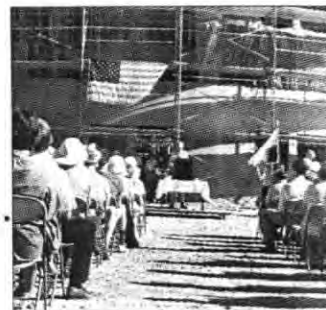
The Sundome Center for Performing Arts opens. The largest single-level concert venue in the nation, the facility will play host to such stars and presidents alike -- such as Red Skelton, Bob Hope, Milton Berle, Jerry Lewis, President Gerald Ford and more.

## Oct. 16, 1985

DEVCO recognizes Sun City West's 12,500th resident.

## 1985

Beardsley Park Recreation Center, the community's second recreation center after the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, opens. The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center would open in 1987 and later, Palm Ridge Recreation Center.



## 1986

Ceremonies are held to mark the beginning of construction of the Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

## 1987

The spirit of giving reigns supreme in the community. PORA's Monte Carlo games -- as well as the annual Variety Show -- raise thousands of dollars for local charities.

## 1992

The community's popularity prompts Del Webb to purchase additional land and expand the original boundaries of SC West. A fourth rec center, Palm Ridge, is built in 1993 to serve the "expansion area."



## 1995

The community celebrates its 15th anniversary with a parade down mainstreet.

## October 2002

Sun City West's Visitors Center welcomes its 75,000th visitor! Residents begin to plan community's 25th anniversary.

Photos from Sun City West Independent archives. Information on these and other Sun City West events can be found in "Sun City West Silver Celebration," edited by Edson Allen, and available through the Sun Cities Historical Society.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## SC West celebrates 25 years

The yearlong celebration of Sun City West's silver anniversary will culminate this weekend with a parade through the community's downtown followed by a concert and drawing for a brand new automobile.

This weekend's events are the final activities in a series of celebrations that began last February. Festivities thus far have included parties, concerts and sporting events.

The highlight of the celebration — planned by the all-volunteer Silver Celebration Committee and the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. — kicks off this Saturday with the "Look for the Silver Lining" parade.

The parade route begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of R.H. Johnson and Meeker boulevards and continues along Meeker, making a left at Wilson and then jogging left on Woodside. The reviewing stand is located on Woodside Drive, between Ken Meade Realty and Compass Bank.

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Complete information on celebration festivities history and more **Page 5**

Avenue.

Scheduled to participate:

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wife, Anita, moved to Sun City West 10 years ago and both have been active in Theater West productions and the Sun City West Variety Show.

Jan began her singing career at age 12 and has performed for audiences for over half a century. She was

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## Centennial

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crowned Ms. Senior Arizona in 1996 and was first runner-up in the Ms. Senior America contest that same year.

● Sun City West residents Louisa and Birt Kellam will serve as honorary ambassadors. The two have contributed much of their time and effort to the community.

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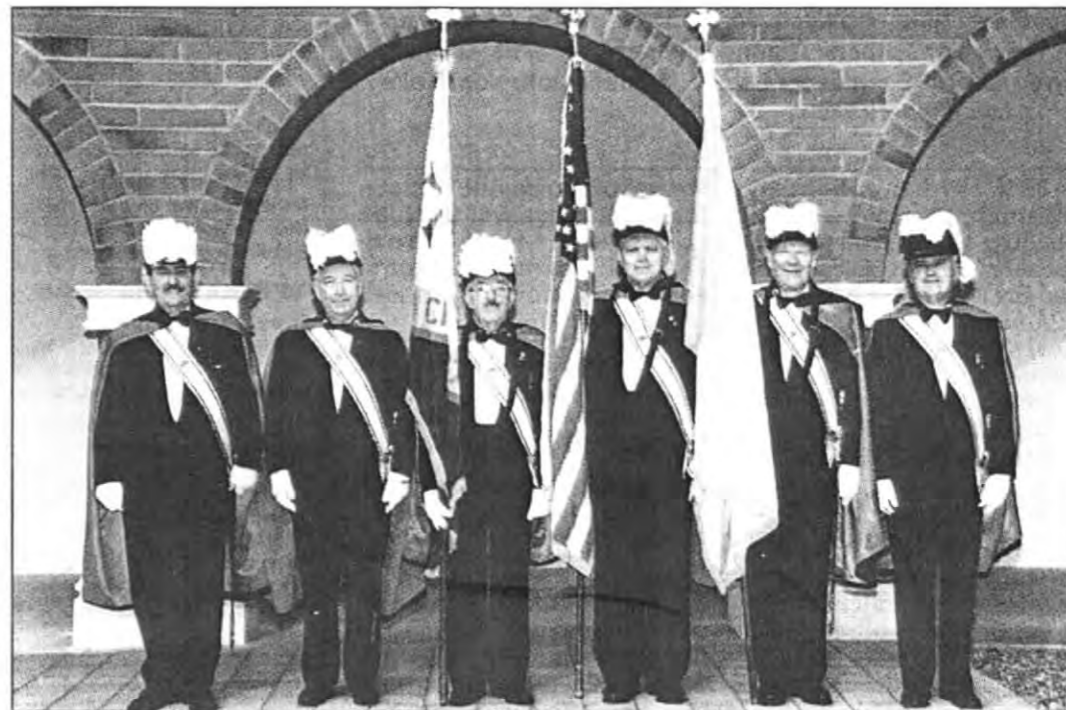
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Information provided by Lee Daugherty and the Sun City West Silver Anniversary Committee.



Submitted photos

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## Chances draw near for SCW haul

STAFF REPORT

Some lucky people are going to walk away with a cruise, a new car or home furnishings if their tickets are drawn Saturday.

More than 1,400 tickets have been sold for Sun City West's Silver Celebration drawing to date. If 1,500 are sold, the odds of winning one of the three prizes if someone purchases three tickets for \$100 is one in 166. If there are 1,550 in sales, the odds are one in 172, and if 1,600 tickets are sold, the odds are one in 177.

Winning tickets for a 2003 Buick LeSabre from Bromm of Wickenburg, a Holland America Caribbean cruise and a \$2,500 shopping spree courtesy of Dick Johnson of Freed's Fine Furnishings will be drawn during Saturday's concert at the Sundome featuring Myron Floren, Anacani and Bobby and Elaine, the original stars of the Lawrence Welk television show.

The car includes 500 gallons of gasoline from Mike's Unocal in Sun City and 60 carwashes from Super Wash in Sun City West. This package is valued at more than \$35,000. The cruise is valued at more than \$3,500.

The show starts at 3 p.m. in the Sundome, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Tickets are \$10 and \$20, and may be purchased at the Sundome box office.

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## SCW: Drawing ticket sales end Friday afternoon

From A1

Tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100 at the Sun City West Visitors Center, The Photo Shop at Bashas' Plaza, Freed's Fine Furnishings, Ford's World Trave and the Daily News-Sun. Sales at these outlets will close Friday afternoon.

Charge-card orders are being taken by Tom Taggart at 584-7235. Proceeds benefit the R.H. Johnson Library.

Saturday's events will kick off at 10 a.m. with the 25th Anniversary Parade, with staging for parade entries behind the R.H. Johnson bowling alley. The route will proceed onto Meeker Boulevard, Woodside Drive and Camino del Sol. The reviewing stand will be between Ken Meade Realty and Compass Bank on Woodside Drive.

The parade is sponsored by The Madison Retirement Community, which will present a special award for an entry of their choice. Edward Jones Financial is providing \$150 cash and a plaque for outstanding entries in the following categories:

- Outstanding Float.
- Outstanding Theme, "Look for the Silver Lining."
- Outstanding

Independent Group.

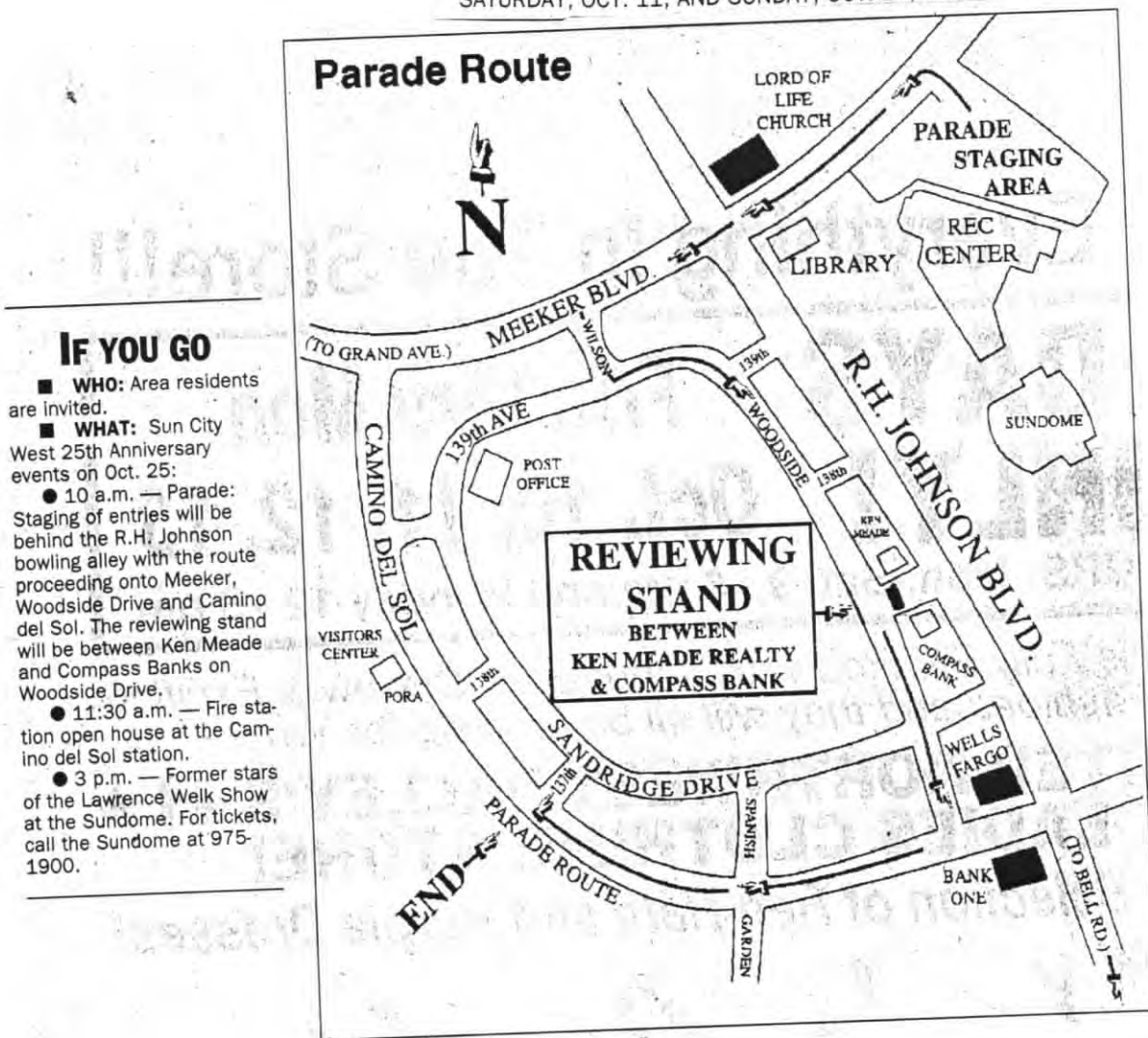
- Outstanding Commercial.
- Outstanding Band.
- Outstanding Marching Unit.
- Outstanding Small Unit — five persons or fewer.
- Judges Special.

For information, call Lee Daugherty, parade chairman, at 584-5837.

Following the parade, the Sun City West Fire District will have its open house and fire safety day at 11:30 a.m. at Fire Station 101, 19001 Camino del Sol, and in the parking lot behind the adjacent Walgreen's. Activities will include demonstrations, tours, apparatus displays, fire and life safety education, flu shots and free refreshments.



SATURDAY, OCT. 11, AND SUNDAY, OCT. 12, 2003



### IF YOU GO

■ **WHO:** Area residents are invited.

■ **WHAT:** Sun City West 25th Anniversary events on Oct. 25:

● 10 a.m. — Parade: Staging of entries will be behind the R.H. Johnson bowling alley with the route proceeding onto Meeker, Woodside Drive and Camino del Sol. The reviewing stand will be between Ken Meade and Compass Banks on Woodside Drive.

● 11:30 a.m. — Fire station open house at the Camino del Sol station.

● 3 p.m. — Former stars of the Lawrence Welk Show at the Sundome. For tickets, call the Sundome at 975-1900.

## Meade will lead SCW anniversary parade

### STAFF REPORT

More details on Sun City West's 25th Anniversary Parade are pouring in.

Ron McCollor and Jan Rittmaster will emcee the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in Sun City West. The theme is "Look for the Silver Lining."

In addition, the parade committee has named Ken Meade of Ken Meade Realty the grand marshal.

McCollor, a 41-year Arizona resident, and his wife, Anita, retired from his Phoenix business and moved to Sun City West 10

years ago. He has been active in Theater West productions and the Variety Show. He also has entertained at church functions and for chartered club activities.

Rittmaster began her singing career on radio at age 12 and has performed before audiences for more than half a century. She was Ms. Senior Arizona in 1996 and first runner-up in the Ms. Senior America competition that same year. She is a featured vocalist at many Sun City West functions.

Meade, a broker for 43

years including 29 in the Northwest Valley, began with Del Webb in Sun City in 1974. He is well known not only for his real estate expertise but also for his community involvement. Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Meade and his wife, Alice, moved to Arizona in 1958 with their three children.

Others who will be featured in the parade include Ms. Senior Arizona Bobbie Leahy, Sun City West Ambassadors Birt and

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ron McCollor and Jan Rittmaster will emcee Sun City West's 25th Anniversary Parade on Oct. 25.

## WALK: Parade details set

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Louisa Kellam, pioneer and Hero Award winner Melton Bryan, Secretary of State Jan Brewer, the Anthem Unicycle Club, the Arizona Great Dane Drill Team, Desert Aires Barbershop Chorus, clowns, the American Legion Peoria Chapter Honor Guard, Sun City West's new bicycle patrol and four Pom groups. In addition, a 25-year-old recreational vehicle, antique cars, horses and more will be highlighted.

The parade is sponsored by The Madison, a division of Holiday Retirement Corp. Edward Jones Financial Group sponsors the awards.

Following the parade, the Sun City West Fire District will have its open house and fire safety day at 11:30 a.m. at the Camino del Sol fire station. Activities will include demonstrations, tours,

apparatus displays, fire and life safety education, flu shots and free refreshments.

Starting at 3 p.m., former stars of the Lawrence Welk Show will entertain in the Arizona State University Sundome Center for the Performing Arts. Resident tickets are \$5 and \$10; non-resident tickets are \$10 and \$20. The event is sponsored by Pulte/Del Webb Homes, APS, and The Heritage Tradition.

A drawing for the 2003 Buick LeSabre, Holland America Cruise for two and a \$2,500 shopping spree at Freed's Fine Furnishings will take place during the show's intermission.

Winners need not be present to win. Tickets, at \$50 each or three for \$100, may be purchased at the Sun City West Visitors Center, the Photo Shop or the Daily News-Sun, 10102 Santa Fe Drive, Sun City.

# Symphony joins in celebration of SC West 25th anniversary

## Opera singer performs Oct. 5

The Symphony of the West Valley will perform a special chamber orchestra concert in recognition of Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration.

The concert will feature Phoenix resident and former New York Metropolitan Opera mezzo soprano Isola Jones. The performance is

one of several special events scheduled during the eight-month anniversary celebration which began on Feb. 15 and ends Oct. 25.

The chamber orchestra concert will be held 3 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 14818 W. Deer Valley Drive in Sun City West.

Tickets are \$10 and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

- Symphony Office, 10451 Palmeras Drive, Suite 210, Sun City. Call 972-4484.
- Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 14818 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West.
- Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church, 19002 N. 128th Ave., Sun City West.

- The Photo Shop, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 113, Sun City West.

In the Oct. 5 concert, Ms. Jones will perform Wagner's Traume (Dream) from "Wesendoch Songs," Handel's V'adoro pupile, Svegliatevi from the opera "Julius Caesar," and Rachmaninoff's hauntingly beautiful Vocalise.

The orchestra will round out the program with Rossini's La Scala di seta: Overture; two dances, Dance of the Blessed Spirits and Dance of the Furies, from Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice;" and Schubert's Symphony No. 5.

Ms. Jones, who early in her career was recognized as an extraordinary mezzo soprano in Chicago, made her professional debut in the

Verdi Requiem with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Within a year, she entered the world of opera, making her New York Metropolitan Opera debut.

Since then, Ms. Jones has sung more than 500 performances as a leading artist at "The Met," paired with such international artists as Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, Leontyne Price and Joan Sutherland.

# Symphony of West Valley joins in jubilee

## Concert features mezzo soprano Isola Jones

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Tickets are on sale now and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

- Symphony Office, 10451 Palm-eras Drive, Suite 210, Sun City,

972-4484.

- Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 14818 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West.

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Jones, who early in her career was recognized as an extraordinary mezzo soprano in Chicago, made her professional debut in the Verdi *Requiem* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Within a year, she entered the world of opera, making her New York Metropolitan Opera debut in the role of Olga in *Eugene Onegin*. Since then, Jones has sung more than 500 performances as a leading artist at "The Met," paired with such international artists as Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, Leontyne Price and Joan Sutherland; and performed under the baton of Richard Bonyngé and James Levine. Jones is best known

for her portrayal of *Carmen*, her signature role.

Del Webb broke ground for Sun City West in February 1978, and the first residents moved in during October that same year. In the 25 years since, Sun City West has grown into a thriving community of more than 31,000 residents.

"The chamber orchestra concert seemed like the ideal concert; it small and intimate and with an outstanding soloist. We're thrilled and delighted to schedule this concert to honor Sun City West's 25th anniversary," said Dee Hjermsstad, committee co-chair with Joe Davisson.

The other remaining events include a Silver Celebration Review on Sept. 20 and a parade and concert featuring the Lawrence Welk Television Personalities Oct. 25.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mezzo soprano Isola Jones will perform with the Symphony of the West Valley Oct. 5 during a concert celebrating the silver anniversary of Sun City West.

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## Freed's joins in

Freed's Fine Furnishings has joined the Sun City West Silver Celebration drawing. Freed's is donating at \$2,500 shopping spree at either of the stores. Prize drawings will be held 3 p.m. Oct. 25 during intermission at the Lawrence Welk Television Stars Concert at the Sundome. R H Johnson Library is the recipient of all revenue from the drawing. Above, from left, Freed's President Dick Johnson, SCW Silver Anniversary co-chair Dee Hjermstad, chair-drawing ticket sales Tom Taggart and SCW Silver Anniversary co-chair Joe Davisson celebrate Freed's joining the team.

## Store entered into drawing

Freed's Fine Furnishings has joined the Sun City West Silver Celebration drawing, which will award more than \$40,000 in prizes.

The company donated a \$2,500 shopping spree at its stores.

The drawing during the intermission at the Lawrence Welk Television Stars Concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Sundome in Sun City West.

Included in the prizes is a 2003 Buick LeSabre from Bromm Chevrolet-Buick and a Holland America Caribbean cruise.

RH Johnson Library is the recipient of the revenues from the drawing.

Tickets can be purchased at: Sun City West Visitors Center, The Photo Shop at Bashas' Plaza, Freed's, Ford's World Travel, The Pioneer and Sunrise Lions Club, Sun City West Rotary Club and the Daily News-Sun in Sun City.

To order tickets by credit card, call 584-7235.

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## Sponsors line up for silver celebration entertainment

STAFF REPORT

The Sun City West 25th Anniversary Committee has announced The Ryerson Co., developer of the Heritage Tradition and The Legacy in Sun City West, will be one of the sponsors of a fall celebrity concert to wrap up the nearly year-long festivities celebrating the history of the community.

The company will sponsor "The Original Stars of the Lawrence Welk Television Show" concert at the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts

on Oct. 25, said Dee Hjermstad, a 25th anniversary co-chair.

The Ryerson Co. built and operated The Heritage and The Heritage Palmeras in Sun City before moving to Sun City West in 1999 with the launch of The Heritage Tradition. The company is now planning to build The Legacy, an assisted-living community adjacent to The Heritage Tradition, which will allow families to remain closer together when one spouse's health needs change.

"We are thrilled to help bring this Lawrence Welk presentation to town

to commemorate 25 years of the nation's finest active adult community," stated Denny Ryerson, president and CEO of The Ryerson Co.

The original Lawrence Welk cast was the first act to perform at the Sundome.

Tickets will be available at the Sundome box office beginning Sept. 2 for Sun City West residents and Sept. 23 for the public. Tickets are \$5 and \$10 for Sun City West residents, and \$10 and \$20 for non-residents.

Prior to the Welk concert, the 25th

Anniversary Committee is having a Silver Celebration Revue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 in Stardust Theatre, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

The event is free and no tickets are required. Singers, actors, musicians and dancers of every kind will be featured. The entertainment will be in six 50-minute segments, with no acts repeated.

Northern Trust Bank and Ken Meade Realty are co-sponsoring the event. For information, call Val Gitter at 584-6056.

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## Ryerson to help sponsor SCW 25th Anniversary 'Welk' show

The Sun City West 25th Anniversary Committee announces The Ryerson Company, developer of The Heritage Tradition and The Legacy in Sun City West, will be a sponsor of the fall celebrity concert to wrap up the nearly year-long festivities celebrating the history of the community.

"We are delighted that The Ryerson Company, which has built luxury catered living and assisted living communities in the Sun Cities for 20 years, will sponsor the "The Original Stars of the Lawrence Welk Television show" concert at the Sundome

on Oct. 25," said Dee Hjermstad, 25th Anniversary co-chair. "As a community, we are indeed fortunate to have businesses that support our causes and celebrations," she said.

"We are thrilled to help bring this Lawrence Welk presentation to town to commemorate 25 years of the nation's finest active adult community," said Denny Ryerson, president and CEO of The Ryerson Company, and a Lawrence Welk Show fan. "We have always been proud to be a part of the Sun Cities community and sincerely appreciate the residents here," said Ryerson.

The Ryerson Company built and operated The Heritage and The Heritage Palmeras in Sun City before moving over to Sun City West in 1999 with the launch of The Heritage Tradition, a full service catered living community built in the core of the community. The first residents arrived in 2000.

The company is now planning to build The Legacy, an assisted living community adjacent to The Heritage Tradition, helping families remain closer together when one spouse's health needs have changed.

The original Lawrence Welk cast was the first act to perform at the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets will be available at the Sundome box office beginning Sept. 2 for Sun City West residents and Sept. 23 for the general public. Ticket prices for Sun City West residents are \$5 and \$10, non-residents pricing is \$10 and \$20.



Denny Ryerson (r.) with Ron Estes of The Heritage Tradition, present a check to Dee Hjermstad and Joe Davisson, co-chairs of the Sun City West 25th Anniversary Committee. The Heritage Tradition and its parent company, The Ryerson Company, are sponsoring the Lawrence Welk Personalities show at the Sundome, wrapping up the Sun City West 25th Anniversary festivities.

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## The Madison to sponsor Anniversary Parade

The Madison Elegant Retirement Community, a part of the Holiday Retirement Corporation, announced it will be sponsoring the Sun City West 25th Anniversary Parade scheduled for Oct. 25. The Madison will be taking part in the planning and will be participating in the Saturday morning event.

Parade plans are well under way and entries are coming in.

Entries will be limited so if you plan to participate, send your entry in early to reserve a place in the lineup.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- 1- Outstanding Float.
- 2- Outstanding Theme "Look for the Silver Lining."
- 3- Outstanding Independent

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Dee Hjermstad is shown receiving a \$5,000 check for the SCW Anniversary parade sponsorship from Richard Dunkelberger, general manager of The Madison. Shown at the event are (seated, l. to r.) Betsy Dunkelberger; Joe Davisson, general chairman 25th Anniversary celebration, and Lee Daugherty, parade chairman. Standing (l. to r.) are Dusty Rhodes, parade co-chairman; Dunkelberger; Hjermstad, and Mike Teigen, The Madison manager.

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Group.

- 4- Outstanding Commercial.
- 5- Outstanding Band.
- 6- Outstanding Marching Unit.
- 7- Outstanding Small Unit (5 persons or less).
- 8- The Judges' Special.
- 9- The Madison (one of its choice).

For information and entry forms contact Lee Daugherty, parade chairman, 623-584-5837; Dusty Rhodes, parade co-chairman, 623-546-2845, or Lois McDonald, parade entry chairman, 623-214-0009.



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## High tea next silver celebration

STAFF REPORT

Sun City West's 25th-anniversary celebration moves to Briarwood Country Club in May for the High Tea sponsored by Ford Travel and June Kneser.

Although the event on May 15 is sold out, those holding reservations who cannot attend are asked to call Dee Hjermstad at 584-5591 because of a long waiting list.

Hjermstad and Joe Davisson are co-chairs for the jubilee.

In June, more celebrations are in the cards with the Kiva West Duplicate Bridge Tournament scheduled for June 2 and the bowling tournament on tap June 28.

For reservations and information in the tournament, call Jan Holland, 584-9557. For the bowling tournament, call Annette Snow at the R.H.

Johnson Sports Pavilion, 544-6140.

Northern Trust Bank and Ken Meade Realty are sponsoring the Silver Celebration Stardust Revue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Stardust Theatre. Ticket information for the free event for residents and guests is available from Valerie Gitter, 584-6056.

The celebration ends Oct. 25 with a parade and the Lawrence Welk Television Personalities Concert.

The parade, at 10 a.m., will feature floats, antique cars, horses, marching bands, the WellsFargo Stagecoach and more, and is sponsored by The Madison. For information or parade entries, call Lee Daugherty, 584-5837.

The grand finale at 3 p.m. at the Sundome is sponsored by Pulte/Del Webb Homes and Heritage Tradition by The Ryerson Co.

Besides the Welk show, there will be a drawing for a 2003 Buick LeSabre from Bromm Automotive Group and a Holland America Cruise.

Tickets for the show will be available to Sun City West Residents only beginning Sept. 2 at the Sundome Box Office. Ticket prices are \$5 and \$10 for Sun City West residents, who will need their rec cards for purchases. After Sept. 23, tickets will be open to the general public and will cost \$10 and \$20.

Tickets for the car and cruise raffle are \$50 each or \$100 for three and may be obtained from Tom Taggart, 584-7235; the Daily News-Sun, 10102 Santa Fe Drive, Sun City; and the Photo Shop in Basha's Plaza in Sun City West.

For information on any of the events, call Hjermstad, 584-5591, or Davisson, 584-9244.

# R.H. Johnson makes personal appearance at 25th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

The Madison and the Sun Cities Area Historical Society co-hosted an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Sun City West. The event took place last week. Entertainment was provided by Tom Harker on the keyboard.

Jane Freeman, president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society served as mistress of ceremonies and introduced the special guests. Carole Trammel, The Madison activities director, handled the arrangements for the event.

Special guest Robert H. "Bob" Johnson was on hand to greet SCW residents. Johnson, an Ari-

zona native, joined Del E. Webb Corporation in 1935 as a 19-year-old timekeeper on a dormitory construction project at what has become Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

He was highly valued and respected by Webb, was elected president of the Del E. Webb Corporation in 1967 and became chairman of the board in 1974 when Webb died. Today Johnson is president of the Del E. Webb Foundation, a non-profit private foundation organized to promote and engage in charitable work, especially in the field of health and medical research.

During his career, he has car-

ried on the traditions of Del Webb in creating communities, commerce and a lifestyle enjoyed by tens of thousands of residents. Likewise he has nurtured the health and well being of area residents through philanthropic grants totaling \$7.1 million to support quality healthcare accessibility and delivery.

Special guests at the event included Joan Barnett, PRIDES; Neal Coffman, SCW Sheriff's Posse; Retired Gen. Bob Williams, member 1st Advisory SCW Board; Don Tuffs, former vice president public affairs for Del E. Webb Development Company; Retired Gen. Bill Woodyard, First SCW general manager; Joe Davisson and Dee Hjemstad, co-chairman of the 25th Anniversary Committee.

Several of Sun City West's early residents, members of the Pioneers of SCW Club were also on hand.



At The Madison & Sun Cities Historical Society 25th Anniversary Ice Cream Social are (above, l. to r.) Mike and Mary Teigen, The Madison Managers; R.H. Johnson, president of the Del E. Webb Foundation; Betsy Dunkelberger, manager, The Madison and Richard Dunkelberger, general manager, The Madison. At left, are Carole Trammel, activities director, The Madison, and Jane Freeman, president Sun Cities Area Historical Society. Photos, Marie Scotti

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## Church walk, ice cream celebrate 25th

Sun Cities residents and guests are invited to visit Sun City West's houses of worship from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 during Church Walk, a part of the community's Silver Celebration.

After the walk, all are invited to an ice cream social at Beardsley Park from 3 to 5 p.m., with musical entertainment provided by the Rhythm Ramblers Big Band.

The event is sponsored by Albertson's and ReMax Realty.

The following houses of worship will welcome visitors:

■ Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 19002 N. 128th Ave.

■ Desert Gardens United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave.

■ First Baptist Church, 17419 Conquistador Drive

■ Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist, 13658 Meeker Blvd.

■ Church of the Advent Episcopal, 13150 Spanish Garden Drive

■ Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, 13459 Stardust Blvd.

■ Beth Emeth Congregation, 13702 W. Meeker Blvd.

■ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 13601 W. Aleppo Drive

■ First Church of Christ, Scientist, 14140 Meeker Blvd.

■ Crown of Life Lutheran Church, 13131 Spanish Garden Drive

■ First Assembly of God, 12580 W. Beardsley Road

■ Stardust Bible Church, 14811 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

■ Palm West Community Church, 13845 Stardust Blvd.

■ Sun City West Christian Church, 20803 N. 151st Ave.

■ Prince of Peace Catholic

Church, 14818 W. Deer Valley Drive

■ New Hope Fellowship Interdenominational, 14435 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

■ Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 W. Meeker Blvd. This church also will break ground on a new chapel and education center at 11:45 a.m., and the public is invited to attend the ceremony.

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## Silver Anniversary's Sunday 'Church Walk'

By Ruth Borchardt

Take a short stroll through your house of worship or take a longer walk through all the beautiful church edifices in Sun City West.

The big event takes place Sunday, April 6, from 1-3 p.m. climaxed by an ice cream social from 3-5 p.m. at Beardsley Park. Music will be provided by the Rhythm Ramblers Big Band.

All this is gratis sponsored by Albertson's and ReMax Realty.

There are no planned tours. Every person or family goes on their own at the time convenient for them. There will be guides in the various churches to give a little background on its history.

This is a great plus for the community as there hasn't been a "Church Walk" since 1989.

Rep. Carole Hubbs said that the events for residents of Sun City West planned by the 25th Silver Anniversary Committee have had a great positive influence on the community.

The following are the locations of Sun City West churches:

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 19002 N. 128th Ave., Desert Gardens United Church of

Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave., First Baptist Church, 17419 Conquistador Drive.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist, 13658 Meeker Blvd., Church of the Advent (Episcopal), 13150 Spanish Garden, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 W. Meeker Blvd.

Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, 13459 Stardust Blvd., Beth Emeth Congregation (Jewish), 13702 W. Meeker Blvd, Covenant Presbyterian Church, 13601 W. Aleppo Drive.

First Church of Christ Scientist, 14140 Meeker Blvd., Crown of Life Lutheran Church, 13131 Spanish Garden, First Assembly

of God, 12580 W. Beardsley Rd. Stardust Bible Church, 14811 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Palm West Community Church, 13845 Stardust Blvd, Sun City West Christian Church, 20803 N. 151st Avenue.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 13818 W. Deer Valley Dr, New Hope Fellowship Interdenominational, 14435 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

## SCW Silver Anniversary Gala Ball evokes rave reviews

By Ruth Borchardt

Flawless—is the word that comes to mind regarding the 25th Silver Anniversary Gala Ball at Briarwood Country Club last Saturday.

It is one of the major events of the Anniversary year. The year's festivities will conclude with a Sundome production in October.

Thanks to Dee Hjermstad and Joe Davisson, co-chairmen of the entire year's planning of Sun City West momentous anniversary.

Hjermstad planned the entire production of the ball, and it was an "Oscar winner" from start to finish.

Nothing but praise came from the guests. Retired General Bob Williams said it was tone of he best party he had ever attended and the food was really outstanding.

Rep. Carole Hubbs, there with husband Robert, Director on the Rec Centers' Governing Board, agreed, saying she'd never been to a better party. She mentioned it had the perfect blending of people and the way the entire evening was organized to perfection.

The receiving line was resplen-

dent in lovely gowns for the ladies and tuxedos for the men. It consisted of Dee and Sigurd Hjermstad, Joe and Betty Davisson, Joe and Charlene Schoggen and Tom and Ann Jennings. Those helping "behind the scenes" with decorating were Lu Gay, Nancy Anderson and Evy Lind.

Valet parking was available and upon entering, the guests received their table numbers and buy raffle chances for the new Buick car from Jerry Bromm and Ed Hunt from Bromm Automotive. Tom and Ardella Taggart were manning the ticket table in front of the bar where most guests migrated prior to dinner.

Dignitaries abounded. Ken Meade, whom Dee later emphasized was "the person whom without him we wouldn't have been able to go ahead with the plans for the year-long celebration."

Louisa and Birt Kellam—she in a beautiful gray metallic dress and matching coat plus a fascinating silver necklace.

Also on hand the aforementioned Ret. Gen. Bob Williams and Col. Leo Jugler—resplendent in their dress uniforms with



Stunning committee members at the SCW 25th Anniversary Gala Ball are (at left) co-chairs Dee and Sigurd Hjermstad with (above, l. to r.) Joe and Betty Davisson, with committee members Joe and Charlene Schoggen and Tom and Ann Jennings.

Photos, Ruth Borchardt

much gold braid and medals.

Retired Gen. Bill Woodyard another handsome General, but his time in a white dinner jacket.

Noel Willis, former PORA president, was there with friend Jane Albrecht. Two former Briarwood presidents in attendance were Gordon and Barbara Ehlers with John and "Tim" Galbraith.

Liz Reeve-Calley, manager of Northern Trust Bank was there with estate planner husband James.

John Bergh and wife Maryanne and former Rec Centers' Governing Board Pres. Dick Catlin was with wife

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Audrey.

Joe Schoggen was in the receiving line but from all the laudatory comments surrounding him people considered him a dignitary, he's such an admired member of the community wearing so many hats effortlessly.

Other dignitaries included Surprise Mayor Joan Shafer, Country Supvr. Max Wilson and Rep. Carole Hubbs and PORA Pres. Randy Fuller.

Hjermstad, looking radiant in black with a bugle beaded top, spoke a few words thanking and introducing the sponsors—Ken Meade, Grandview Terrace, underwriting the ball, Jerry Bromm and Ed Hunt from Bromm Automotive and numerous other sponsors.

She also thanked everyone for coming and turned it over to Davisson who asked for a moment of silence for departed member of the Anniversary committee, Harvey Kneser. His wife Julie is sponsoring the Silver Anniversary High Tea, in May at Briarwood.

Davisson also thanked the guests and sponsors, and then turned it over to Supvr. Max Wilson who had everyone stand for the singing of God Bless America.

The invocation was given by Dan Farricor, the chaplain of Del Webb Hospital.

PORA Pres. Randy Fuller there with Doris Mercier, spoke a few words and thanked members of the PORA Board for coming. Fred Hafeman with wife Jane, Noah Murphy with wife Mimi, Mel Nuzum with wife Marilyn, and Charles Ullman with wife Betty. He also related how the SCW Time capsule suggested by Suprv. Wilson was to be handled.

It will be about the size of two five-gallon containers with items which will be buried in PORA's garden at the end of the year and opened in 25 years.

At the finish of 25 years, it will be opened and more things added, being again buried for another

25 years.

More people visible at the party were Jo and Frank Stockman Lois and Franz Tyaack and Dale Wood-Kunzelman plus Clarine and Jim Clampitt and wonderful table mates, Bill and Dale Kortlang, Carol and Arlene Christensen and Lee and Marylaine Vogel two of the official 25th Anniversary photographers.

Decorations were done to perfection. Dee wanted the black and white theme carried out relating to the silver anniversary so she had black tablecloths, white napkins tied with fine silver cord holding tiny silver berry-shaped balls. At each place was a beautiful silver bell commemorating the anniversary with the official pin hiding under it was giving as a memento of the occasion.

In the center of the tables were lovely bouquets of fresh white daisies and baby's breath in a low rounded arrangement surrounded by votive candles.

The superlative epicurean feast for dinner had everyone raving about the food.

The salad was almost too pretty to eat, with the lettuce and surrounded vegetables giving the appearance of a large flower.

Particularly praised was the "open faced" Beef Wellington. It had a large thick slice of beef surrounded by pastry instead of a large pastry shell over the meat.

Even non-dessert eaters couldn't resist Briarwood's version of an Mud Pie which was lighter and not as rich. In spite of the large slices, everyone finished the "whole thing."

Erick Chiarelott, Food and Beverage Director of Briarwood, and two chefs Michael Shear and Dominique Dahmani were responsible for the dinner.

Much praise was heaped on the Gadabouts who supplied continuous great music for dancers.

The last couple to leave said, "I don't want to leave, I'm having too much fun," which was the consensus of the party-goers.

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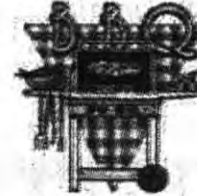
R.H. Johnson-President Del Webb Foundation  
Joan Barnett-Sun City West Pride  
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# Celebrating 25 years



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Joe Davisson, co-chair of the Sun City West 25th anniversary celebration, rings the 25th anniversary bell with wife Betty at the gala Saturday at Briarwood Country Club. The Silver Celebration is sponsored by Albertsons, Bashas', Bromm Buick, Daily News-Sun, Ford Travel, Grandview Terrace, Holland America Cruises, June Knesser, Ken Meade Realty, Mike's Unocal, Moore Graphics, Northern Trust Bank, One Hour Photo, Pulte/Del Webb Corp., ReMax Realty, Sun Cities Independent, Sun Health Corp., SuperWash, Trader Joe's, Wells Fargo Bank and Edward Jones Investments.



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Above, Dee Hjermsstad, co-chair of the Sun City West 25th anniversary celebration, directs patrons into the dining room of the Briarwood Country Club for the jubilee gala Saturday. Below, Sun City West couple, Nancy and Wendell hit the dance floor during the celebration.



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SCW

## Madison plans tasty anniversary events

The Madison Retirement Community, 18626 Spanish Garden Drive, will have an ice cream social and a barbecue in honor of Sun City West's 25th anniversary.

The ice cream social will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Special guests will include R.H. Johnson, president of the Del Webb Foundation; Joan Barnett of the Sun City West PRIDES; Neal Coffman of the Sun City West Posse; Bob Williams, a member of the first advisory board; Donald Tuffs of Del Webb Corp.; and William Woodyard, former Sun City West Recreation Centers general manager. Tom Harter will entertain on keyboard.

The barbecue will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, a dance with the Russ Krueger Combo will last until 7. Cost is \$5 per person.

For reservations to either event, call 584-1999.

## A super parade for our 25th year

By Joseph Kimberley

Not quite "with a cast of thousands" as they say in Hollywood, but with almost a thousand participating and thousands more lining the route, Sun City West held its grandest of parades last Saturday morning. The event, along with the Lawrence Welk show in the afternoon, culminated the year-long Silver Anniversary celebrations of the community's 25 years (1978-2003).

Dee Hjermstad and Joe Davisson can be very proud of their successes with the 25th celebrations. They co-chaired the anniversary proceedings that kicked off last February, and their hard work has paid off handsomely. So, thank you, Dee and Joe, for a great year!

More than a hundred entries formed the two-hour-long parade that used "Look for the Silver Lining" as its theme and made its way through the streets of mid-town Sun City West, passing a reviewing stand on Woodside Avenue. With a "Camelot climate" in mind, that good ol' Arizona sunshine became a tidy bit warm by parade time. Mother Nature saw fit to temper it by creating a nice breeze to cool off the parade watchers. Although the breeze became a little intense at times, it didn't hamper the parade's progress at all.

Starting at the R.H. Johnson Rec Centers' back parking lot at 10 o'clock, the parade arrived at the reviewing stand 15 minutes later. It was headed by a SCW Posse lead car followed by the Posse's bicycle patrol. The parade's Color Guard came from Our Lady of Lourdes' Knights of Columbus #1673 who stopped in front of the stand and presented the colors to the parade committee in a typical military manner.

Ken Meade, the West Valley's renown realtor, was the parade's grand marshal. He and his family drove by in an open convertible waving to the clapping crowds. Following close behind was Lee Daugherty, one of the parade's co-chairs, also in an open convertible, was appreciably received by the crowds. Lee's co-chair, Dusty Rhodes, was seated on the reviewing stand. Congratulations, Lee and Dusty, on a great job well done.

One of Sun City West's several lady dance troupes came next—the Jazzy Poms—skipping along and doing a form of step-dancing in their sparkling blue outfits and holding sparkling silver pom-poms. Silver and blue were the dominant colors in this parade—a silver anniversary's colors. A car in front of the "Poms" was



Seated on the reviewing stand at the 25th anniversary parade, Saturday, Oct. 25, (l. to r.) Rick Magnussen, CEO, The Madison; Carol Dana, dance instructor, Dysart Schools; Jim Henry, entertainer extraordinaire; Gino Griesman, director, Special Gifts, Sun Health; Kyle Crump, Edward Jones Investments who sponsored the awards; Ron McCollor and Jan Rittmaster, commentators. Leading the parade units is Grand Marshal Ken Meade.

Photos, Joseph Kimberley and Henry Skiba



Arizona's Secretary of State, Brewer, came along waving from an open convertible followed by the group from PORA. Randy Fuller, president, and his team took up three or four vehicles. PORA, with the Rec Centers Governing Board, forms part of the quasi-government we have here in Sun City West in lieu of incorporation, and they do a great job.

A surprise last-minute inclusion in the parade were members of the SCW Rec Centers' Governing Board. Contrary to earlier reports that they would not be participating, most of them were seated in two stretched golf carts. A previous misunderstanding signalled an indication that they would not be participating. It was nice to see them join in on the day.

A large group of Red Hat Societies came by which were a huge hit with the crowds. Made up of great groups of gals that get together to have silly fun times with their outlandish red hats and purple outfits, they were from the more than 20 Red Hat "chapters" with such crazy, amusing names as Red Hats - Us, Mad Hatters, Red Hot Mamas, Power Surges, Red Hat Hot Mamas, Las Sombreros Carmin, Red Hat Cha Chas, Les Chapeaux Rouge of Arizona, Red Rascals, Rusty's Red Hatters, Classy Red Hat Dingalings, Red Hat Ya Ya's and more. They were all there, one after the other.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, boss man of our SCW Posse, drove by with his wife in an open convertible and received appreciable applause. Then came marchers and carloads of members from various SCW clubs—the Metal Club, the SCW Visitors' Center, the American-Italian Club, the Lawn Bowlers and the Sunations Precision Drill Team. They're a group of ladies in their 60's to 80's who

are as fit as those half their ages.

A group of kids on their unicycles came down from SCW's sister Del Webb community of Anthem. I hope they didn't unicycle all the way! They soon were followed by the big band of the day—the Buckeye High School Band which played some great hand-clapping, foot-stomping music.

Bobbie Leahy from Sedona, the current 2003 Ms. Senior Arizona, looked like a movie star as she was driven by, waving from an open convertible. Bobbie's soon heading for Las Vegas to take part in the Ms. Senior America contest. We wish her good luck and hope she comes back with the title. She looks glamorous enough to do it!

Then we had a cluster of classic cars go by from the C.A.R.S. Club of the Sun Cities that included beautifully restored cars—especially from the 50's. Without exception, those cars still look as classy and beautiful as the day they were created. Now, of course, they are worth ten times or more their original purchase price. Wish now I had kept my 1958 Ford Thunderbird.

And it was a wonderful to see those great kids—the Nadaburg Elementary School cheerleaders! What a presentation they did for the reviewing stand when they performed a cheerleading formation and a rousing ra-ra-ra of "Give me an S!, Give me a C!, Give me a W! ... And what have you got? SUN CITY WEST!" A lot of Sun City Westers support the Nadaburg school district which is just up the highway towards Wickenburg. Years ago I assisted in organizing the teachers of that district in becoming a local affiliate of the Arizona Education Association, so I feel a special kinship to that school.

The Wester Jester Clowns gave us some laughs and then came the "VSP's"—some very special people in our community—the Sun City West PRIDES. They are under-rated, under-reported and most certainly under-appreciated for the great work they do in keeping Sun City West beautiful. I've had visitors come here and remark how astounded they are about the cleanliness of our city—"Not a scrap of paper on the streets *anywhere!*"—and I tell them that's because we've got our PRIDES. They got a great, well-deserved reception from the crowd.

The Rhythm Tappers sort of tap-danced by in their dazzling red and white costumes. The gals in these dance troupes, many of them from theatrical chorus lines of years gone by (including the famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes) are still tapping and performing. They will be seen in the upcoming SCW Variety Show scheduled for Nov. 13-15 at the Sundome.

On and on they came—gals from the Fitness Club who would put most of us to shame in our own robustness. The Red Tattitudes, the Canine Companions Club, the RE/MAX Achievers, Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library, coordinators of the SCW Variety Show including Jeanne Tarr, and that great pair known as "Ambassadors of Sun City West"—Birt and Louisa Kellam—who have given so much to the community in so many ways. More than just "Ambassadors," they are "Mr. and Mrs. Sun City West."

Some members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marched by, and Black Hat Cowboys, and the

Western Horse Show Club, and the Sun Cities Saddle Club. The SCW Softball Club passed by and some of those great guys and gals from the SCW Fire Department, members from the SCW Polish-American Club, Interfaith Community Care and Red Hot Clown Alley, the gals from the "Grand Poms" dance group of Sun City Grand were there in their brilliant red and silver outfits, and members of Club Scandinavia of SCW, and Mayor Joan Shafer of Surprise; and lastly, Santa Claus—who came down early courtesy of the Briarwood Country Club.

What a day, and what a parade! It goes without saying, the parade committee are owed

muchos kudos for a great event. It was better than ever and a wonderful conclusion to celebrating our 25th.

Last but not least, the commentary by Jan Rittmaster and Ron McCollor from the Reviewing Stand could not have been more professionally done by anybody. They added excitement to the passing parade, and standing within ear-shot of their voices made it all the more enjoyable. Jan also sang, with that great voice of her's, a very moving rendition of the national anthem.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Sun City Westers know how to put on a good show! Well done all!

## Star studded finale at Sundome for 25th Anniversary year

By Ruth Borchardt

What a climax for Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration, with 3400 people present. Not only "Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show" at the Sundome but even a letter from President Bush was announced by County Supervisor Max Wilson, who was introduced by PORA president, Randy Fuller.

The consensus is that Wilson received a great deal of credit for contacting the White House about Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration. As a result, a congratulatory letter from the President was received which will be encased in the capsule to be buried, which Fuller is overseeing. The plan is to remove it in another 25 years.

It was a dynamite production by some of the original stars of the Lawrence Welk show—Myron Floren, Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden plus Anaconi.

Living up to expectations, they

charmed the audience by not only delivering the music the people crave—but having audience participation with singing along with a few of the tunes in some instances.

There was more fun with two couples changing partners with Bobby and Elaine for an amaz-

ingly proficient dance routine on stage. Swing and polka were accomplished with no sign of nervousness apparent with the Westers participating.

Dee Hjermstad did a masterful job of welcoming the people and thanking the sponsors and the many residents who worked tire-

lessly to tie the wonderful year's events together.

Hjermstad brought out how much the sponsors' participation was appreciated.

Many thanks were extended to Al's, Denny Ryerson's Heritage Traditions and Pulte-Webb who were responsible for the use of the Sundome. In addition, The Madison sponsored the parade with the Edward Jones Investments company giving the prizes.

A great help in bringing the entire event to fruition was Melissa Schwartz, ASU Senior Events Coordinator.

A wonderful brainstorm from Dee Hjermstad was having "a conversation" between Del Webb and St. Peter (aka Mike Tarr and performer Verne Stout). It personalized Del Webb to those who weren't familiar with him and, of course, the reading of the dialogue was impeccable as performed by the "star power" of Tarr and Stout.

Hjermstad had the idea for the



Jeanne Tarr, producer, director and actress, is with co-chair for the 25th Anniversary climax at the Sundome Dee Hjermstad.

Photo, Ruth Borchardt

vignette. She asked Tarr if he would do it and, as it turned out, he would also be appearing as one of the leads in "Super." But, in spite of his crowded agenda, he took Hjermstad's writing—made it his own, and as always coming out with an awesome performance enhanced by Verne

Stout's St. Peter.

There were about 30-plus sponsors—the three big "give-aways" being awarded at intermission—the Buick LeSabre automobile, Holland America cruise and \$2,5000 Freed's Fur-

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Living it up at the Sundome's Lawrence Welk Show are Corinne and Douglas Arthur with Phyllis and Charles Droege.  
Photo, Ruth Borchardt

**STAR STUDED: finale at Sundome, from Page B1**

nishings bonanza. Kevin Moore of Moore Graphics won the furnishings; the LeSabre was won by Dan Seabreeze and the cruise by Graham Harris.

Comments from theater-goers was 150% approbation.

Everyone who was asked to critique the parade said it was great—just one thing: some people would have liked, more band music. Hjermsstad said they tried for six weeks to obtain a band but they were all headed for Tucson and a band convention. "The committee was very glad that the Buckeye High School Band agreed to participate and they did a great job.

The Doug and Corinne Arthur were highly enthusiastic as were Westers who came together including Rita Jachowski who took part in the parade with the Fitness Club.

Gloria and Don Fullon, Sophie Karte, all praised everything connected with the day—parade and the show. Now they are looking

forward to the Variety Show with tickets already purchased.

Prominent Westers praised the performances—such as Joe and Charlene Scheggen, John and Irene Firestone, Noel and Jane Willis and Lee and Marylane Vogel.

Tom Cook and his wife were there as well Carolyn Jennings and upon entering the lobby Hjermsstad and Jeanne Tarr looking like Vogue "cut-outs"—perfection in attire.

Sitting in front of me was Mike Mahoney who sat in a yellow Cadillac in the parade and is being installed in the Veterans Hall of Fame in November in Phoenix.

Tom Stanton came with two friends, one from Tempe and one from Apache Junction.

Receiving praise for all their efforts, Hjermsstad and Davisson said their thanks was the fact that residents really seemed to enjoy the year's events.

# A glittering gala comes to SCW

By **Diana Shaughnessy**  
Independent Newspapers

Glittering gowns and tuxedos will come to Briarwood Country Club March 22 for the Silver Celebration Gala to honor sponsors of the SCW Silver Celebration.

Sponsored by Grandview Terrace, the event will feature valet parking, a hosted cocktail hour and a gourmet dinner.

"The gala is part of our Silver Celebration," said Dee Hjermstad, who organized the event. "But our secondary theme is to honor each sponsor."

Topping the list of spon-

sors is Ken Meade of Ken Meade Realty and his wife, Alice. Mr. Meade helped kick off the Silver Celebration by starting off the committee fund more than a year ago. Since then, he has helped whenever asked by committee members.

Jerry Bromm will be honored along with Ed Hunt, who provided the Buick Le Sabre being raffled off in the car-and-cruise drawing.

Representatives from Independent Newspapers, Northern Trust Bank, Pulte Homes/Del Webb, Wells Fargo Bank and the Daily News Sun also will receive thanks from the Silver Cele-

bration Committee.

Other honored guests are scheduled to include state Sen. Jack Harper (R-Glendale) and his wife, Holly; Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson and his wife, Judy; state Rep. Carole Hubbs (R-Sun City West) and her husband, Bob; and Surprise Mayor Joan Shafer and her guests. Both Sen. Harper and Rep. Hubbs represent District 4.

Mrs. Hjermstad said she is very pleased with the decorations.

"We will have a black, white and silver color scheme," she said.

Centerpieces will feature

votive candles on a round mirror, and each guest will receive a special gift.

Black tie is optional. Mrs. Hjermstad said she expects to see women in formal evening gowns and men wearing tuxedos or dark suits.

The hosted cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a gourmet meal. Although she would not divulge the menu, Mrs. Hjermstad said it was specially designed by Briarwood chefs Michael Shea and Dominique Dahmani.

Music will be provided by the Gadabouts, who will play dinner music followed

by dance music from the Big Band era.

Mrs. Hjermstad said she began working on the gala a year ago.

"Once we had the dates set for the celebration, I came to Briarwood to set up the gala," she said.

Mrs. Hjermstad worked with Briarwood's banquet coordinator, A.J. Skinner, who has been with the country club almost four years.

"It is a lot of work to set up a banquet this large," said Ms. Skinner.

Since Briarwood is a big facility, space requirements for the gala were easily met. Ms. Skinner said the club

had enough tables and chairs, so no rentals were needed.

"Actually, the person organizing the event has the hardest job," Ms. Skinner said. "That person has to decide on the menu and the decorations and send out the invitations. On my end, I just have to make sure we get the job done."

Ms. Skinner has organized banquets for 17 years and has been in the food-service business all her life.

"My family owned restaurants," she said with a laugh. "I had no choice."

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# Legislature honors SCW silver anniversary



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Secretary of State Jan Brewer signs HCR 1009 honoring Sun City West's 25th anniversary Monday at the state Capitol as Carole Hubbs, left, Robert Blendu, Jack Harper, Carol Schafer, Tom Boone, Randy Fuller, Bill Hafeman and Chuck Ullman look on.

MICHAEL MARESH  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Sun City West was honored by local and state officials Monday afternoon at the state Capitol for its 25th year of existence.

Secretary of State Jan Brewer, who served the Sun Cites for about 20 years as a Maricopa County supervisor and state senator, signed Senate Concurrent Resolution 1009, sponsored by Sen. Jack Harper of Surprise, R-District 4. The resolution recognizes the silver anniversary and will be placed in a time capsule to be opened in another 25 years.

"It's a great day, as far as we are concerned," Brewer said while signing the resolution.

Brewer said Sun City West residents over the last 25 years have led by example.

"They are a very active retirement community," she said. "This gives them the recognition they deserve."

Brewer, looking over at Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association directors Randy Fuller, Chuck Ullman and Caryl Shafer, said:

"Congratulations to all of

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you. This resolution encapsulates all that is good about Sun City West.

"This retirement community has always been successful because of the people that live, work, volunteer and remain active there. The Sun City West community is a wonderful success story of neighbors helping neighbors with an active spirit of participation. Its strength is its people."

Fuller, PORA president, said he was pleased Brewer was able to sign the resolution because of what she has done for the community and its residents while serving as county supervisor. He added that he was extremely pleased both the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives signed off on the resolution.

Before the signing, Fuller presented Brewer a Sun City West silver-anniversary pen.

Rep. Carole Hubbs of Sun City West, R-District 4, said the recognition was well deserved.

"It just honors those who established the community and are still around," Hubbs said. "It exemplifies all the good and wonderful things that Sun City West is."

Harper echoed Brewer's views.

"I think it is important to honor the Sun Cities," he said. "A little recognition is well deserved."

Also in attendance was Sen. Robert Blendu, who served Sun City West as a House member when the community was in District 15, and Rep. Tom Boone of Glendale, R-District 4.

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# Sun City West benefits from Webb's planning

**RIPE MARKET:** Financial institutions first to flood into community

**MICHAEL MARESH**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

When Del Webb decided to build Sun City West in the 1970s, the developer knew almost 30,000 residents would one day be living in the retirement community.

With that in mind, places and parcels were left open inside the walls of Sun City West for future businesses to support the community's residents.

Sun City West pioneers recall the early days when housing was being constructed and hardly any businesses were following — at

first. But like other communities, businesses eventually followed the thousands who were moving into the retirement community every year.

Bill Woodyard, who has lived in the retirement community 24 years, said the most important business residents needed was somewhere to shop for groceries. Most of

the people in the community, he said, did not want to leave their community just to shop for food.

Del Webb realized this and reserved land on the southeast corner of Camino del Sol

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and R.H. Johnson Boulevard to serve that purpose. Safeway and Walgreen were the first businesses to agree to go into the center, and they were soon joined by 18 other businesses.

Customers were scarce at first, and one business owner requested employees to park their vehicles in front of the store to make things look busier.

Safeway originally planned to open in April 1980, but the supermarket delayed its grand opening until later in the year because its agreement with the landlord at the center called for 5,000 homes to be complete before it would open.

Resident Frances Decker said she was one of the first to shop at the new store. She said rumors were rampant the store was going to close because of the lack of business it was doing back then.

The first restaurant in the community was the Sun City West Vacation Headquarters building that opened in December 1978. The Salad Bar in 1980 followed, opening up in the Camino del Sol Shopping Center.

In November 1984, the Mercado del Sol Shopping

Center at Spanish Gardens Drive and Camino del Sol opened, with most businesses being restaurants and clothing stores.

Sun City West's first financial institution — Arizona National Bank — opened just a few months after the first few residents moved in, and by the end of the retirement community's first year, 15 building sites had been sold for banks and savings-and-loan associations.

The community was growing rapidly, and more and more businesses were locating in the retirement community. As a result, residents and the community in 1985 started to push for the community's own post office, but were repeatedly turned down by postal authorities.

Finally, in 1992, the Legislature passed a \$5 million line-item bill to build a 21,000 square-foot post-office building at Sandridge Drive and 139th Avenue. The post office opened in February 1995.

Resident Edson Allen said getting its own post office put Sun City West on the map.

Woodyard said there were a lot of significant businesses coming into the community, but none was more important than Sun Health's Del E.

## SUN CITY WEST Silver Anniversary Calendar of Events

- March 15-16** Bocce tournament, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 15th; 1-4 p.m. 16th, R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.
- March 22** Silver Celebration Gala at 6:30 p.m., Briarwood Country Club; \$75 per person.
- April 6** 1-3 p.m., Churches Open Walk; 3-5 p.m., ice cream social in
- May 3** Reception for Posse and PRIDES, 2-4 p.m. Palm Ridge Recreation Center.
- May 10** Silver Celebration Golf Tournament, Pebblebrook
- May 15** High Tea 2-4 p.m., Briarwood Country Club at a cost of \$30 per person.
- June 2** Kiva West National Championship Bridge Tournament, 12:15 p.m., Beardsley Recreation Center.
- June 28** Bowling tournament, 1 p.m., Johnson Lanes.
- Sept. 20** Silver Celebration Stardust Revue, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 25** Grand finale with a parade and bands, dignitaries and a decorated golf-car parade, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 25** Lawrence Welk Personalities and drawing for Holland America cruise and Bromm Buick LeSabre, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 13-15** "Celebration" Variety Show at the Sundome

Webb Memorial Hospital, which opened in January 1988 at Meeker Boulevard and Grand Avenue.

"The growth of the community was established by the business of the hospital," Woodyard said.

Allen said the hospital was born out of necessity.

"We had to have it," Allen said. "Business at (Boswell Hospital) was at full capacity, and this community was growing by thousands of people."

**Editor:**

It has come to my attention that, sadly, we, as Veterans of Sun City West, have failed in our duties to educate the public of our value to the community. We dedicated our time, our efforts and some of us a part of our lives to make this a truly free country to live in. There is no more fidelity to our Constitution and laws than provided by the Veterans of our Military organizations.

Not a single social group has offered up anything that would equal what these men and women offered by their willingness to put their lives on the line to protect your freedom. I found it appalling that the producers of the 25th Anniversary directory for Sun City West could be so indifferent to all the veterans' groups here in Sun City West that they totally ignored their very existence. Not a single mention of the men and women whose very lives were given up and is so evident every holiday by the very flags representing their lives along R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Not a single word of respect was paid to them, their peers nor any of the veterans organizations they belonged to. The writers of the directory and their editors or proof readers appear more interested in showing favoritism to other service organizations than acknowledging how patriotic and dedicated these veterans really are.

All veterans were completely ignored: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Northwest Valley Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple Hearts, Ex-Prisoners of Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Retired Officers Association, each one in turn ignored.

Somehow, space was made available for some service organizations like Lions and Kiwanis clubs although they are not part of the Recreation Centers. It was even promised by the promoters of the Anniversary event to have an article placed in the book regarding veterans but, sadly, any sign of it appeared to have been forgotten.

I wonder what your world would have come to had each veteran when asked to put his life on the line to fight a war would have said, "I am so sorry, I can't be bothered to do anything for you. I can't fight a war or defend your rights. My life is not important to you, so please forget about me. Perhaps you or one of your relatives can do the job."

**Paul Gardner, Cmdr.  
Sun City West VFW**

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MONDAY, FEB. 17, 2003

# Birthday party serves up cake, memories

**SUN CITY WEST:**  
Event kicks off  
year of celebration

**MICHAEL MARESH**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Jimmy Carter was president, Walter Mondale was vice president, a gallon of gas was 63 cents and milk went for \$1.62 a gallon.

And in 1978, the first residents were moving into a brand-new community called Sun City West.

On Saturday, residents and dignitaries gathered at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall and the Palm Ridge Summit Hall to celebrate the retirement community's birthday with cake and camaraderie.

The Sun City West Big Band performed at R.H. Johnson, while Grand Sounds played at Palm Ridge.

## ON THE WEB

■ For a complete list of Sun City West 25th anniversary events, go to [www.dailynews-sun.com](http://www.dailynews-sun.com)

Bob Williams, one of the first residents to move in, took in the festivities at Palm Ridge.

"I think it's great," Williams said, looking across the crowd.

"Most of the people here do not know the history, and this makes them conscious of it."

In recounting some of his most memorable moments as a resident, Williams pointed to the completion of the Sun City West Foundation building, which houses the nonprofit group dedicated to supporting a number of

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**JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN**

Joan Barnett is one of the pioneers honored at the 25th anniversary party for Sun City West at R.H. Johnson Social Hall Saturday. Barnett moved to the community in 1978 and a founder of the PRIDES. For a list of pioneers honored, see page A4.

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supporting a number of charitable efforts in the community.

"It is my most satisfying experience," he said. "it is the heart and soul of the community."

At the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, before going over to Palm Ridge, showed residents what he was going to put in a time capsule to be opened Feb. 15, 2103. Items included an honorary mayor's hat given to Wilson and a county roadway map.

"With that, I want to wish everyone a happy birthday," Wilson said.

Party-goers were quick to share memorable moments.

Adele Frankel, also at the R.H. Johnson party, said her most memorable day was when she moved in.

Her husband, Charlie, said his most memorable moment would have to be when he was first appointed the chairman of the fire board.

Frances Decker said being a charter member of the Westernaires is her claim to fame in the 24 years she has lived in the community.

In 1981, Decker started the Sunshine Serenaders.

"We are still performing," she said.

Decker said she could not imagine living anywhere else.

"I love it out here," she said. "It's a happy place."

Joan Barnett, a resident since May 1978, said she has seen a lot of things come and

## Sun Health event salutes jubilee

A free presentation titled "New Developments at Sun Health Research Institute" will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital auditorium, 14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City.

The presentation is part of Sun City West's 25th-anniversary events. For reservations, call 876-5432.

Joseph Rogers, Ph.D., president of the research institute, will discuss advancements in Alzheimer's disease research and the vital role of the institute's brain bank. Jeffrey Joyce, Ph.D., senior scientist of the Thomas H. Christopher Center for Parkinson's Research, will discuss progress in that area; and Dr. Marwan Sabbagh, director of the Cleo Roberts Center for Clinical Research, will discuss the institute's participation in several clinical trials.

go since moving to the community 25 years ago.

She said March 8, 1982, is the day that stands out. On that day, she started the Sun City West PRIDES.

At Palm Ridge party, Melton Bryan was basking in the spotlight after winning the \$1,000 grand prize in the Pioneers & Heroes contest.

"It feels great," he said. "It's the most I ever won in my life, moneywise. I really am surprised."

Bryan said he had help from his sons in drafting the letter to the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee.

Bryan, who moved into Sun City West Dec. 29, 1978, as the 322nd resident, said he does not have just one memorable moment.

Moments he cherishes include being elected to the Sun City West Property Owners and the Residents Association board, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West

governing board and being chairman of the Luminaria Committee.

Sandy Goldstein and his wife, Muriel, moved to the community in July 1984, and he remembers the nearest department store being at the Metro Center in Phoenix.

But Muriel said she wouldn't live anywhere else.

"You have the opportunity to do what you want," she said. "Anything you would like to do is available here."

Bob and Jo-Anne Jones moved to the community nine years ago.

Bob, a member of PORA and past governing board member of the rec centers, said the most memorable moment to him has to be last week's passage of the Central Arizona Project water pipeline by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

"It took five years to do it," he said, adding the birthday celebration make him "feel very proud."

# 25 years of Sun City West

## Residents prepare long celebration

By Pat Whitney  
Special for The Republic

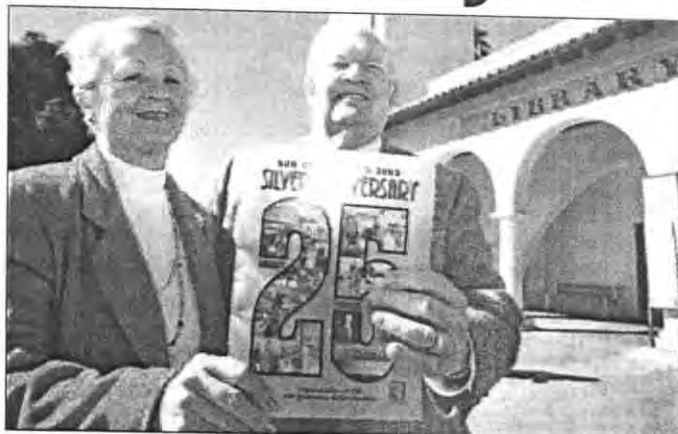
To some, a birthday simply marks the passage of time.

But for Sun City West residents celebrating their community's 25th jubilee, it's much more.

It's learning how their community has evolved, commemorating its pioneers and heroes, and recognizing local businesses that have contributed to its vitality.

The eight-month-long celebration is also a testament to how a community can come together to pay tribute to its people and lifestyle.

Sun City West will host a kick-off birthday party Saturday at two locations: R.H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm



Michael Ging/The Arizona Republic

Ridge Summit Hall. Close to 4,000 residents are expected to attend the party birthday gala marking the anniversary of the community's groundbreaking on Feb. 15, 1978.

Locating sponsors and raising money has been a yearlong process for Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee co-chairs Dee Hjermstad and Joe Davis-

son, committee volunteers and community leaders.

Davisson said local Realtor Ken Meade was the first to make a sizable donation.

"It's been a team effort from the start," he said. "What we want to do is sa-

lute residents and help them recall the history of the community."

Hjermstad said the group had been planning events for a year. The money and prizes have all come from local sponsors and not recreation center funds, she said.

Bromm Automotive Group in Wickenburg donated a 2003 Buick LeSabre, and Ford World Travel contributed a Caribbean cruise for two on Holland America. The prizes will be awarded during intermission at the Lawrence Welk personalities performance on Oct. 25.

Tom Taggart, who is in charge of the drawing, said the grand prize of the car, including 500 gallons of gas from Mike's Unical and 60 free car washes from Superwash, amounts to \$34,180.

The cruise, including air fair and ground transportation, is worth \$4,000.

"You can't beat the odds," he added. "We are only selling 3,000 tickets." Cost for each raffle ticket is \$50, or three for \$100. The local Lion's Clubs and Rotary Club have joined Taggart in the effort.

One part of the celebration's entertainment program has special significance in light of the Columbia shuttle disaster.

The United States Navy Sea Chanters will perform at the Sundome on March 5 in a free concert. Taggart said they were the same group that sang at the memorial service recently held in Texas for the Columbia victims. Tickets for the concert, open to the general public, are available at the Sundome box office.

Proceeds from all the events, which include a silver celebration gala in March and a high tea in May at the Briarwood Country Club, will benefit the local library.

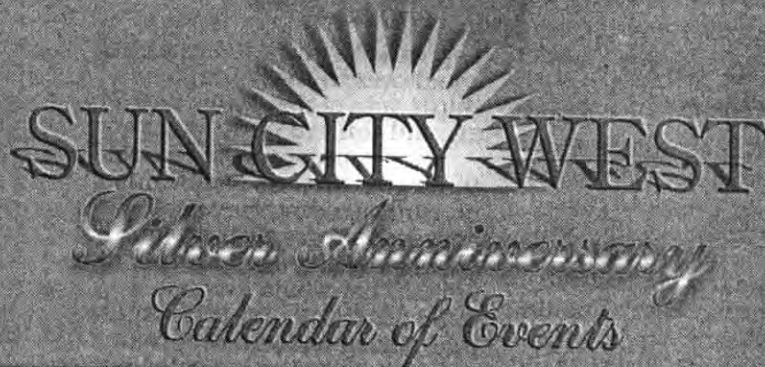
According to Hjermstad, the library needs new books, software and computers to catch up with all the recent changes in technology.

"After all, the library is 25 years old, too," she said.

Taggart, a resident of Sun City West for more than 16 years, said the anniversary celebration holds special significance for residents.

"The events will be a way to bring everything together. How Sun City West began, how it grew, what it means to live the lifestyle here," he said.

"Like a friend once told me, 'One of the great things about our community is we are here by choice, not because we were transferred here by a corporation.'"



SUN CITY WEST  
*25th Anniversary*  
 Calendar of Events

- Feb. 15** Kickoff 25th birthday party at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm Ridge Summit Hall with live music from two bands, FREE from 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 18** Sun Health Medical Seminars, Del Webb Hospital Auditorium, FREE at 10 a.m.
- March 5** U.S. Navy Sea Chanters at 7:30 p.m. at the Sundome
- March 8** Softball tournament, TBA., Kuentz field
- March 15-16** Bocce tournament, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 15th; 1-4 p.m. 16th, R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.
- March 22** Silver Celebration Gala at 6:30 p.m., Briarwood Country Club; \$75 per person.
- March 29** The Big Shot, 9 a.m. R.H. Johnson parking lot.
- April 6** 1-3 p.m., Churches Open Walk; 3-5 p.m., ice cream social in Beardsley Park for all residents.
- May 3** Reception for Posse and PRIDES, 2-4 p.m. Palm Ridge Recreation Center.
- May 10** Silver Celebration Golf Tournament, Pebblebrook
- May 15** High Tea 2-4 p.m., Briarwood Country Club at a cost of \$30 per person.
- June 2** Kiva West National Championship Bridge Tournament, 12:15 p.m., Beardsley Recreation Center.
- June 28** Bowling tournament, 1 p.m., Johnson Lanes.
- Sept. 20** Silver Celebration Stardust Revue, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 25** Grand finale with a parade and bands, dignitaries and a decorated golf-car parade, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 25** Lawrence Welk Personalities and drawing for Holland America cruise and Bromm Buick LeSabre, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 13-15** "Celebration" Variety Show at the Sundome.

# BIRTHDAY BASH BEGINS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Sun City West Big Band are shown in this photo. The band will perform at the birthday party celebration at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center Saturday.

## SCW silver celebration kicks off Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Remember when you were a kid and couldn't wait for your birthday party?

Well, the "kids" in Sun City West are counting the days for the kick-off of their Silver Celebration, featuring a calendar packed with events to salute the retirement community's jubilee.

It all begins Saturday with two free giant birthday parties, one at R.H. Johnson Social Hall and the other at Palm Ridge Summit Hall.

Each party will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and feature musical entertainment, cake and soft drinks, recognition and prizes for the Pioneers and Heroes contest, introduction of sponsors, steering committee members, dignitaries, and a performance by Jan Rittmaster of Sun City West, former Ms. Senior Arizona.

The Sun City West Big Band will perform at R.H. Johnson, while Grand Sounds will make music for the revelers at Palm Ridge.

Along with the anniversary events, the steering

committee is selling cookbooks (\$10), silver anniversary bells (\$11), commemorative pins (\$3), first day cover/stamp club cachets (\$2) and the Sun City West Silver Celebration History Book (\$12).

Tickets will be available for the drawing to win a 2003 Buick LeSabre and Holland America Cruise at \$50 each or three for \$100. The car will be on display Saturday at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. The drawing will take place Oct. 25 during the anniversary finale at the

Sundome Center for the Performing Arts featuring personalities from the Lawrence Welk Show. Welk gave the inaugural

performance when the Sundome opened on Sept. 13, 1980.

Sign-up sheets will be available at each birthday

party site for the Silver Celebration gala March 22 at Briarwood Country Club. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of eight.

SCW

## SCW Stamp and Coin Club to offer 25th Anniversary Cachet Envelopes

By Marie Scotti

In December, the Sun City West Coin and Stamp Club awarded a cash prize to member Fred Bubenheimer for his winning envelope cachet design commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Sun City West. The presentation was made by club Pres. Ken Aldridge.

When asked, Fred said, "The basis for the cachet design came from incorporating our large entry sign at Bell and R.H. Johnson into a stamp motif, and the sun and flora as indicative of our natural landscape."

The special multi-colored limited edition envelope will be available at the opening anniversary



The winning design for the SCW anniversary cachet envelope.



Fred Bubenheimer (l.), designer of the SCW 25th Anniversary Cachet envelope receives check from the SCW Coin and Stamp Club's Pres. Ken Aldridge.

celebration at both Palm Ridge and R.H. Johnson Recreation Centers on Feb. 15. The envelope will have a special U.S. Post

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Office cancellation dated Feb. 15 featuring a small map of Arizona. The cacheted envelope with special cancel will be sold for \$2 each.

If desired purchasers can include a small personal message in the envelope before receiving the special cancellation and have

the envelope delivered to the Post Office that day for mailing.

Profits, after expenses, will be shared with the Sun City West Library in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary. For more information, contact the committee chairman at (623) 546-6672.



## Silver celebration lasts 9 months

**G**et ready to party for the rest of the year, Sun City West — well, at least for the better part of 2003.

On Feb. 15, Sun City West will begin the celebration with birthday parties commemorating its 25th anniversary at R.H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm Ridge Summit Hall. It all culminates from Nov. 13-15 with a big Sundome celebration.

In between, there will be sporting events, musical entertainment from the Lawrence Welk entourage, an enticing car/cruise raffle and a parade.

Just last week, a book chronicling the first 25 years of the Sun City West community went on sale that's a must read for anyone interested in where it all began.

All of this is being made possible through the efforts of dozens and dozens of hard-working Sun City Westers, many of whom you will read about in the Daily News-Sun as the year unfolds.

On Tuesday, the Daily News-Sun began what will be extensive coverage of Sun City West history and the events that will take place throughout the year.

And we just may add a few surprises of our own: Stay tuned.

# Residents relate experiences from 'pioneer days'

**MICHAEL MARESH**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

**C**harles and Betsy Bennett remember Sun City West in its infancy stage as the couple were among the first to move into the retirement community.

The couple purchased their lot in April 1979 and moved into their constructed home in September 1979.

The Bennetts moved from Pennsylvania and for the first month the couple lived in their new home with no furniture as they waited for their belongings to arrive from back East.

Of all the things that have happened in Sun City West in the past 25 years, Charles remembers the 1980 flood that washed out the bridges over the Agua Fria River bed as the most memorable.

Traffic at that time was a nightmare since the few residents in the community were forced to take Grand Avenue in order to travel west.

"We managed to get by on Grand Avenue," he said. "The one bridge that survived never did go out."

And being able to travel to go

shopping was paramount since there were no shops in Sun City West at the time.

The Bennetts were shopping in Sun City when the flood occurred.

"It was a little frightening," he said. "It was a lot of water for a small river bed. It took a year to get a new bridge."

Charles and his wife remember the streets being already constructed, though there were few homes at the time.

"We used to ride our bikes around Sun City West in empty lots," he said, adding he and his wife visited the the R.H. Johnson Recreation Centers swimming pool daily.

"When we rode our bikes, it was like riding in the desert (on asphalt)," he said.

The R.H. Johnson Recreation Center at the time was the only rec center in the community.

William and Mary Silvis also witnessed the changes time brings to a community.

Mary Silvis said she and her husband read about Sun City vacation apartments in 1977 and decided to visit the community for two weeks.

"We were impressed with what we saw," she said, and they decided to move to the new retirement community from Michigan.

The growth in Sun City West over the past 25 years, she said, has been incredible. Back in 1979, Bell Road was a two-lane road and 128th Avenue was a dirt road.

Silvis said she did not expect Sun City West to grow like it did, even though she and her husband knew what had occurred in Sun City.

"We had to have faith," she said. "We felt like pioneers."

Charles Frankel was among the first 50 people who moved into Sun City West in the late 1970s.

"We were the first ones on Marble Drive," said Frankel, who moved to the retirement community from Long Island, N.Y.

In 1977, he stopped to visit some friends in Sun City, and instantly knew where he wanted to retire.

"As soon as drove up Del Webb, we knew this was the place," he said.

Frankel said while the community was pretty vacant at the time he moved in, he anticipated the growth because of what had previ-



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

When Mary and Bill Silvis moved into their home in Sun City West 25 years ago, their saguaro was only five feet high.

ously occurred in Sun City West.

"I am very happy here," he said. "I am living life to the fullest."

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# Anniversary design licked

MICHAEL MARESH  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Fred Bubenheimer knew exactly what design he wanted to create when asked to design a cachet in honor of Sun City West turning 25 years old next month.

The Sun City West man said the design of the sign at the southeast corner of Bell Road and R.H. Johnson Boulevard welcoming people to Sun City West has always intrigued him.

As you drive into the (community) you see the sign welcoming people," he said. "I always thought (the sign) looked like a postage stamp."

With that in mind, the former artist used some of the sign's characteristics to craft the stamp on the envelope that will become available to residents Feb. 15, which marks the community's 25th birthday.

The stamp — designed by Bubenheimer — shows a Saguaro cactus to exemplify the flora of the community. Included in the cachet arrangement is the sun shining brightly, which, he said is fitting because of the community's name.

Also prominently displayed on the envelope are yucca plants. Bubenheimer said the plants seem to everywhere in the retirement community.

Bubenheimer, who moved to Arizona from Chicago nine years ago, has lived in Sun City West for three years. Even though he has only lived in the community for a short time, he knows the importance of the anniversary, which played a big role in Bubenheimer entering the design contest.

The cachet will be unveiled to residents at the Feb. 15 Sun City West Silver Anniversary kickoff at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center as well as the Palmbrook Recreation Center.

Bubenheimer, a member of the Sun City West Coin and Stamp Club, said silver anniversary organizers asked club members to participate.

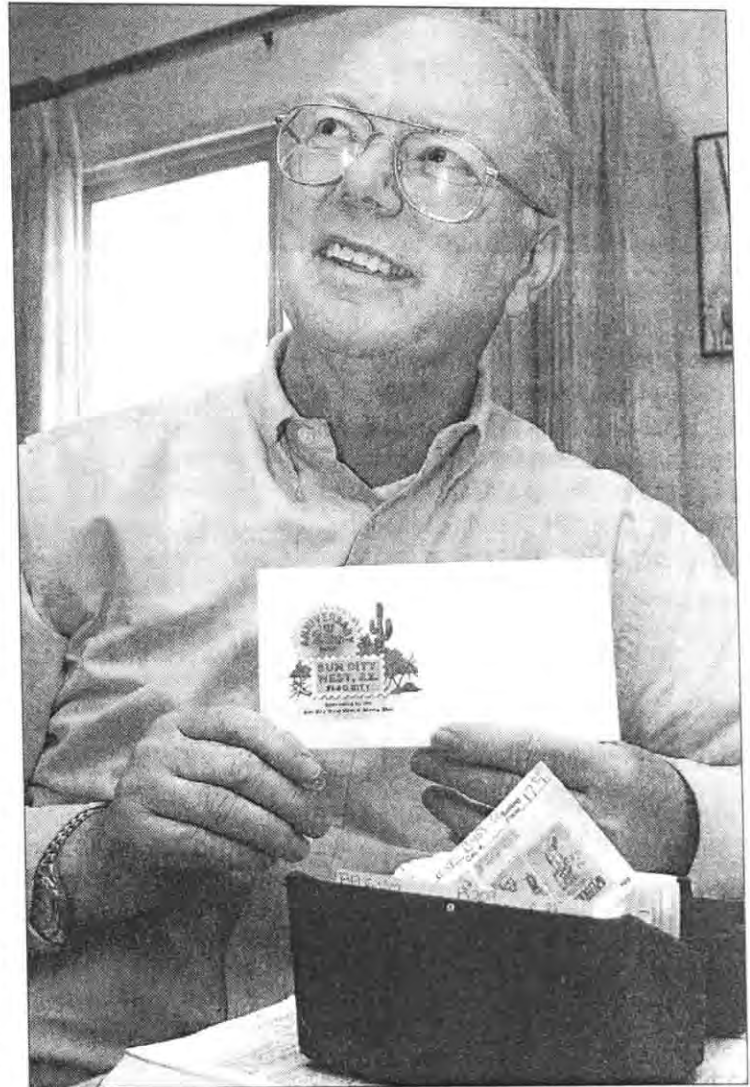
Bubenheimer because of his background first declined to participate, but at the urging of others decided to create a design.

"I physically drew the cachet," he said. "You have to stop and give some thought to it. What is indicative of the area?"

Walter Kneche, who was on the five-member Cachet Committee, said Bubenheimer's submission stood out.

"We had several submissions and ideas," he said. "His was so superior it was an easy decision to make."

On Feb. 15, nearly 15,000 cachets will be distributed.



JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Fred Bubenheimer of Sun City West has designed this envelope to celebrate Sun City West's 25th anniversary.

## Sun City West's history a page-turner

STAFF REPORT

Jane Freeman, president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, has announced an agreement between the society and the Sun City West Visitors Center to store, distribute and sell the soon-to-be-released history "Sun City West Silver Celebration: The First 25 Years."

The book records the transformation of a cattle feed lot called "Lizard Acres" to the lush oasis that residents enjoy today. The editor,

Edson F. Allen of Sun City West, headed the committee that researched and compiled the 300-page book, enhanced with 140 illustrations.

Randy Fuller, president of the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association, and Caryl Shafer, director of the Visitors Center, also signed the contract.

Freeman said the partnership benefits both parties.

The Visitors Center is centrally located in Sun City West and has the necessary storage space. Center volunteers have agreed to staff sales tables at various events and locations in the community, as well as sell books in the center. In return, the center will receive a share of the

sales proceeds to help expand its national advertising and promotion programs on behalf of Sun City West.

Copies of the new book will be available for \$12 in February and may be purchased at the center, 13823 Camino del Sol, and at Sun City West anniversary activities.

## CLOSE UP



Photo by Diana Shaughnessy/Independent Newspapers

Mauryne Hall, Dee Hjermsstad, Joe Davisson and Marge Loeffler of the Silver Celebration Committee meet with the rest of the group to finalize plans.

## SCW SILVER CELEBRATION

### Feb. 15 marks opening of festivities

By **Diana Shaughnessy**  
Independent Newspapers

Members of the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee are looking closely at their calendars. After nearly a year of preparation, the party is about to begin, to celebrate the community's 25th birthday.

The group held a meeting Jan. 9 to finalize plans for the event.

"Things are falling into place," said Dee Hjermsstad, committee co-chair. "Everyone has worked hard and has been so cooperative. We are now only a month away from the event."

Community residents will have many events to attend, from the kickoff Birthday Parties Feb. 15 to the annual Sun City West Variety Show Nov. 13-15 at the Sundome. Over 100 volunteers already have come forth to help the celebration run smoothly.

According to Joe Davisson, who co-chairs the

event with Mrs. Hjermsstad, committee members determined the number of events to be held during their February 2002 planning meeting.

"Once we knew how many events we wanted to organize, we determined how much money we would need," Mr. Davisson said. "The Sun City West Rec Centers allowed us to work under their auspices for non-profit status, but they clearly stated we would have to raise the money on our own."

The fund-raising effort includes a raffle, featuring a 2003 Buick Le Sabre provided by Bromm Automotive Group, and a Caribbean cruise for two donated by Holland America. Local businesses, such as Mike's Union 76, Super Wash and Ford Travel, also made donations making the winning packages even more inviting.

"You get 500 gallons of gas and 60 free car washes with the car," said Tom Taggart, who is in charge of

the drawing. "With the cruise, you also receive air transportation."

Tickets, which sell for \$50 each or three for \$100, may be purchased by calling Mr. Taggart at 584-7235. The winner will be announced during the Oct. 25 Lawrence Welk Personalities Concert at the Sundome. As of last week, 153 tickets had been sold.

Along with the drawing tickets, souvenir items and events were created to commemorate the Silver Celebration. Anniversary Bells have been popular items, with 874 sold as of the meeting. The High Tea at Briarwood, to be held May 15, already has attracted many people — 23 of the 30 tables have been reserved. Tickets for this event are \$30 and may be reserved by calling Mrs. Hjermsstad at 584-5591. Even the March 22 Silver Celebration Gala at Briarwood is beginning to fill up. Tickets run \$75 and may

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# SCW

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be reserved through Mrs. Hjermsstad.

Marge Loeffler, events chairwoman, agreed to help during that first planning meeting in February.

"I've been in trouble ever since," she laughed. "This is an overwhelming task. My husband, Edward, has been so tolerant. The telephone is always ringing, and I am constantly going to meetings."

Mrs. Loeffler explained her committee became several smaller, more manageable ones.

"We had brainstorming meetings," she said. "Most of the events started with collective ideas generated by all of the committee members."

Mrs. Loeffler noted the following committees and their leaders: Linda Murray, events co-chair; Pat Heneghan and Shirley Biehler, decorations; Val Gitter and Mary Bunting, entertainment; Mauryne Hall, public releases;

Marcia Seidner, May 4 PRIDES and Posse recogni-

## 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

*The Silver Celebration Committee has planned many exciting events and activities for the residents of Sun City West in honor of 25 years as a premier active-adult community. Mark these dates on your 2003 calendar. Dates may be subject to change.*

### FEBRUARY

15: Kick-off Birthday Parties at R. H. Johnson & Palm Ridge — FREE

18: Sun Health Medical Seminars, Del Webb Hospital Auditorium — FREE

### MARCH

5: U.S. Navy Sea Chanters at the Sundome

6-9: Softball Tournament at Kuentz Ballfield

8: Sun Cities Chamber Music Society concert, 7:30 p.m. at Bellevue Heights Church, 9550 W. Hutton Drive, Sun City

15-16: Bocce Tour-

tion wine and cheese party; Donna Potter and Mauryne Hall, souvenir booklet; Diane Holloway, pioneers

na ment

22: Silver Celebration Gala, Briarwood Country Club, \$75 per person

29: The Big Shot in R. H. Johnson Parking Lot—FREE

### APRIL

6: Church Open House followed by Ice Cream Social at Beardsley Park featuring the Rhythm Ramblers Big Band—FREE

3-6: Tennis tournament

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED: Senior golf classic

### MAY

3: Reception for members of the Posse & PRIDES

10: Silver Celebration Golf Tournament

15: High Tea at Briarwood Country Club, \$30 per person

### JUNE

2: Kiva West Championship Bridge Tournament

28: Bowling Tournament

### SEPTEMBER

20: Silver Celebration Stardust Revue at the Stardust Theatre - FREE

### OCTOBER

25: Parade with bands, horses & decorated golf cars

25: Lawrence Welk Personalities at the Sundome (drawing for Holland America cruise and Bromm Buick Le Sabre at intermission)

### NOVEMBER

13-15: "Celebration." Sun City West annual Variety Show at the Sundome

*Please note: No Recreation Center funds are being used for the 25th Silver Celebration events or activities. All funds are donated by sponsors or are being raised through the sale of the bells and car/cruise drawing tickets.*

and heroes.

"I never could have done this without these people and the many others who

have volunteered," Mrs. Loeffler said.

Because of advanced printing dates, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Hall had to have their assignment completed long before the actual event.

"Many people have come forward to help and participate, including former committee member Betty Stoneking," said Mrs. Potter. "I have only been here a year, so it was very interesting learning the history of my new community."

Mrs. Hall was surprised at the enthusiasm shown by community members.

"Everyone wants to participate," she said. "Even the (Rec. Centers) clubs want to show their support for the celebration. I guess it's indicative of the type of people living in our community. They want to pitch in and celebrate."

The Sun City West Silver Celebration kicks off with the 1-4 p.m. Feb. 15 Birthday Parties at R.H. Johnson Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd., and Palm Ridge Rec. Center, 13800 West Deer Valley Drive. Prospective winners may view the 2003 Buick at both parties.

# SCW 25th right around corner

**AFFAIR TO REMEMBER:**  
Committee organizes  
countless events to honor  
community's founding

**MICHAEL MARESH**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

It seems like yesterday when the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee got together to plan the community's jubilee celebration.

Now members are heading down the final stretch for a flurry of activities that get under way in February.

Co-chair Dee Hjernstad said the year of events will kick off Feb. 15 with a birthday party at the R.H. Johnson and Palm Ridge Recreation Centers.

Co-Chair Joe Davisson said all the proceeds left over from the celebration will go to the Sun City West Library.

"There is a great need for them," he said.

Hjernstad said Marge Loeffler is the overall chairwoman of the committee and is coordinating all the events.

The Silver Celebration Committee first met in February to discuss and plan the celebration, and Hjernstad said the events are being supported by a number of sponsors.

"We are not using any rec center money," Hjernstad said.

Davisson said he is not surprised at how well things have fallen into place during the planning process, adding he is pleased things have come together so smoothly.

Hjernstad said the only thing surprising her is how many events are scheduled to celebrate Sun City West's 25th year of existence.

Among highlights of events are:

- 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15, kickoff 25th birthday party at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm Ridge Summit Hall with live music from two bands.

- 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 22, Sponsor's Ball for invited guests to a black-tie dinner and dance at Briarwood Country Club.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Dee Hjernstad and Joe Davisson are co-chairs of the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee. They're standing behind a stack of books at the Sun City West Library, which will receive proceeds from anniversary events.

- 1 to 3 p.m. April 6, Churches Open Walk, and from 3 to 5 p.m., ice cream social in Beardsley Park for all residents.

- May 10, Silver Celebration Golf Tournament on Sun City West executive courses. Additional details are being finalized.

- May 29, High Tea at Briarwood Country Club at a cost of \$30 per person.

- June 2, Kiva West National Championship Bridge Tournament.

- 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20, a musical afternoon will be featured at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, and all groups are invited to supply nonstop on-stage entertainment. Cookies and lemonade will be

served to all residents.

- Oct. 25, the grand finale with a parade and bands, dignitaries and a decorated golf-car parade at 10 a.m., with celebration winding up at 3 p.m. at the ASU Sundome Center for the Performing Arts with the presentation of the dignitaries and awarding of prizes and a performance by the Lawrence Welk band will perform. During intermission, raffle drawings will be held for a 2003 Buick LeSabre and a Holland American Cruise for two.

Tickets are \$50 each, or \$100 for three.

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SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

November 13, 2002

## Anniversary celebration names chairman

Birt Kellam has volunteered his time to benefit Sun City West for the last 12 years, working as former president of the Sundome Performing Arts Association, the Sun Health Foundation and the West Valley Art Museum.

He will now serve as chairman for fund-raising efforts to support Sun City West's upcoming 25th anniversary events.

Mr. Kellam currently serves on the board of directors of Sun Health, the Arizona State University Foundation and Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital. He was twice an officer of PORA and chaired the campaign that established the Ambassadors of Sun City West,

that built the Visitors Center.

Many activities are scheduled to celebrate Sun City West's 25th year. Events of this magnitude take planning, volunteers and money. Mr. Kellam will be seeking sponsorships from area businesses and prominent community leaders.

The celebration will kick off on Feb. 15 with anniversary parties at Palm Ridge Rec Center and the R.H. Johnson Social Hall.

Other events include:

■ The U.S. Navy Band's Sea Chanters are scheduled to perform March 5 at the Sundome.

■ A silver celebration gala is slated for March 22 at Briarwood Country Club.

■ On March 29, an attempt will be made to capture the largest group photograph in history.

■ A church walk and ice cream social is scheduled for April 6.

■ A high tea is scheduled for May 15 at Briarwood Country Club.

More events are planned for the summer and fall, culminating with a grand parade and the Lawrence Welk Personalities show, both on Oct. 25.

Also scheduled for Oct. 25 is the raffle drawing for a Holland America Lines cruise and a 2003 Buick LeSabre from Bromm in Wickenburg.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$50 apiece or three

for \$100. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold.

To purchase raffle tickets, call Tom Taggart at 584-7235.

# Upcoming silver celebration

**SUN CITY WEST:**  
First wave of residents recall community's early years

**MICHAEL MARESH**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

As the Sun City West prepares to celebrate its 25th year in 2003, some of its pioneers are reflecting on its beginning.

There wasn't much to Sun City West when Ruth Sager moved into the retirement community Sept. 15, 1980.

Sager remembers seeing what's now known as the Arizona State University Sundome Center for the Performing Arts going up in 1980, and when Lawrence Welk christened the center, Sager attended.

The Lawrence Welk orchestra will close next year's anniversary celebration Oct. 25 by playing at the Sundome once again, and Sager plans on attending that show, too.

But Sager remembers a time when no shops were inside the community's walls, and residents had to travel to Sun City to shop.

Sager said she wrote a letter to then Del Webb President John Meeker asking why businesses were reluctant to build conveniences for the new community.

The businesses, though, started to come. Safeway, ABCO and Sun Health Del E. Webb Hospital were just a few that opened their doors.

Sager said since she her husband, William, had vacationed in Sun City prior to moving to their new home, the couple were not disillusioned by the weather.

"We just thought it was a great bargain with all the things they were offering," she said.

What surprised the long-time resident was how the population of the community has grown over the years, adding Sun City West — when built — was not to exceed 20,000 people. The community now has about 30,000 residents.

Sager remembers a time when residents traveling outside the Sun City West walls had to drive through the Agua Fria River bed if they wanted to drive east on Bell Road.

"Bell Road was two lanes with lots of citrus groves," she reminisced. "It was country. We had to go through the river in 1980 because there was no other way to go east on Bell Road.

Sager said Sun City West was also much younger than its sister community to the east as its age requirement was 50 at the time compared to 55 for Sun City.

The Sagers were 54 when they moved into Sun City West, and the couple have never regretted their decision.

"We haven't looked back for a moment," she said. "It's like we entered a different world."

Marge Loeffler, events chairwoman of the Silver Celebration Committee, moved to Sun City in 1975 as a realtor and watched in fascination as Sun City West started to materialize before she headed west to the new community in 1982.

By 1983, the Sun City West had reached 9,000 people as retirees were moving farther west because Sun City was already built out.

"I think if Sun City is our roots, Sun City West is our

encore," Loeffler said, adding Webb was taking \$500 deposits for homes and was faced with the option of returning the deposits or starting another retirement community.

"That was the beginning of Sun City West," she said. "The vision was always there. You could see Sun City West was on the horizon."

Loeffler said what impressed her the most in her 20 years in the retirement community is the growth.

The growth, she said, is the reason Sun City West needs a year in order to have the time to celebrate the community's existence properly.

"We were told we were thinking too small," she said. "I am amazed so many people are still excited about living in Sun City West."

Anyone interested in telling their tale of when and why they came to the community, what Sun City West was like and how the lifestyle changed their lives is encouraged to mail documentation and pictures to "Pioneers and Hero Search Contest," 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 115-182, Sun City West, Ariz., 85375. The e-mail address is scw25@aol.com.

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Marge Loeffler, events chairwoman of the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee, looks at some of the old photos submitted by residents.



# Myriad activities set for 25th anniversary

By **Jeremy Pearlman**  
Independent Newspapers

Like any good three-ring circus, Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration should have events and spectacles for everyone.

The Silver Anniversary Celebration Committee planning the festivities, continues to work diligently to arrange and confirm activities. The group's desire is to involve as many residents as possible.

"We want everyone involved," said Betty Stoneking, committee member and chairman of the pioneer and hero search contest. "We want to have events that do not leave anyone out."

The celebration is slated to last eight months, spanning the anniversaries of the official groundbreaking Feb. 15 to the first move-ins Oct. 25.

Events confirmed so far

are:

- A kick-off party 1-4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the R.H. Johnson and Palm Ridge recreation centers. This event will include birthday cake, coffee, music, clowns and the announcement of pioneer and hero search contest winners.

- Medical Seminars hosted by Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital 10 a.m. Feb. 18 at the hospital's auditorium.

- A symphonic performance by the West Side Symphony Orchestra 3-5 p.m. March 15 at Beardsley Park.

- A "Night to Remember" Sponsor's Ball 6-10 p.m. at Briarwood Country Club. Sponsored by Grandview Terrace, this semi-formal affair will include fine-dining, open bar and dancing.

- Church open house for all 18 of Sun City West's churches followed by an ice

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cream social sponsored by Albertsons at Beardsley Park 1-3 p.m. April 6.

- A high tea at Briarwood Country Club 3-5 p.m. May 15.

- An all-day local entertainment show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 20 at Stardust Theatre.

Other events currently being planned, are: a U.S. Navy Band performance 3-5 p.m. March 1 at the Sundome, an antique road show 1-4 p.m. March 8 at Palm Ridge Recreation Center, a golf tournament or scramble in May on Recreation Centers courses, a bridge tournament sponsored by the Kiva Bridge Club in June, a parade 10 a.m. Oct. 18 and a finale fea-

turing Lawrence Welk personalities 3-5 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Sundome.

"We want our residents to have pride and joy in where they live and be involved in the celebration," said Dee Hjermstad, committee co-chairman.

"There's going to be a great many free events and a great many modestly priced events," Mrs. Hjermstad continued.

In addition to events, the committee is planning contests, a raffle and commemorative item sales to mark the community's birthday.

All excess revenue from the celebration will be given to the Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library to expand the library's catalog.

But the festivities are not meant as a library fund-raiser, according to Mrs. Stoneking.

"Our first and only goal is to celebrate - to celebrate the wonderful place we live in," Mrs. Stoneking said. "Fund-raising is only secondary."

Long-standing residents are being asked to recount their experiences within the community in a two-page entry to the pioneer and hero search contest. Prizes will be awarded from Wells Fargo Bank during the kick-off party Feb. 15. Deadline for contest submissions are Nov. 1.

Story writing assistance is available. Send stories or requests for assistance to: "Pioneer and Hero Search," Sun City West Silver Celebration, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., No. 115-182, Sun City West, AZ, 85375. Residents can also submit stories or requests via e-mail, at SCW25@aol.com.

Tables of eight can now be

reserved for both the sponsor's ball and high tea. The sponsor's ball is \$75 per person and the high tea is \$22 per person.

Send reservations and checks to: "Reservations," Sun City West Silver Celebration, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., No. 115-182, Sun City West, AZ, 85375. Reservations can also be made via e-mail, at SCW25@aol.com.

Checks should be made payable to: The Recreation Centers of Sun City West. Credit card payment will be accepted to the sponsor's ball and can placed, via e-mail.

Due to technical difficulties, some individuals offering to volunteer for the committee may have been missed. For more information about joining the committee, call Marge at 546-5720.

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## SCW celebration looks for help 5/14/02

Sun City West is looking for volunteers to help with the kickoff of its 25th anniversary party, scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15, 2003, in the R.H. Johnson and Palm Ridge recreation centers.

Marge Loeffler, events chairman, and Linda Murray, recreation centers liaison, are working with the silver celebration committee for the "biggest party of the decade." To volunteer, call Loeffler at 546-5720.

The anniversary committee also is looking for community pioneers and heroes. Members request stories about why residents chose to settle in Sun City West; how long they've lived in the community; and accomplishments and life changes in the retirement community. A committee is available to help residents with their stories. Send entries and/or requests to "Pioneer and Hero Search," Sun City West Silver Celebration, 139 W. Meeker Blvd., 115-182, Sun City West, AZ 85375; e-mail to SCW25@aol.com, or deliver to the PORA Office on Camino del Sol, in care of Ray Kirwan.

First and second places and 10 special merit prizes will be awarded.

Joe Davisson is general chairman and Dee Hjermstad is vice chairman for the celebration.

## Steering Committee makes plans for Sun City West's Silver Anniversary

By Ruth Borchardt

Excitement was in the air at the Steering Committee's meeting for Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration held last week.

The Committee, comprised of Sun City West's community leaders assembled at Briarwood Country Club to make plans for what will be a banner year for the community.

A few members unable to attend included John Bergh, Lenore Forti, Sandi Goldstein, Birt Kellam, Rae McMillan, John Waldron and Bob Williams.

After a moment's silence suggested by Gen. Chmn. Joe Davisson honoring Harvey Kieser and John Heyl who had passed away the prior week, Davisson and Vice Chair Dee Hjermstad discussed the exhilarating plans in store for 2003.

The list of events was outlined as well as the activities of the working committee. The timeframe encompasses Feb. 15

through October 18, 2003.

Special mention was made of premier sponsor Ken Meade's \$10,000 donation—the first financial commitment "leading the way."

More good news was the announcement that Jerry Bromm and Ed Hunt, partners in the Bromm Buick organization, are sponsoring a silver 2003 Buick LeSabre automobile which will be raffled off.

Diana Dorman of Holland America Lines will be contributing a cruise with more information as to the length and destination to be announced later.

September, 2002, will mark the date of the start of the sale of silver anniversary bells as a remembrance of the commemorative measure.



The Steering Committee for 25th Anniversary Celebration of Sun City West met recently at Briarwood Country Club. Shown are (front, l. to r.) Noel Willis, Ret. Gen. Bill Woodyard, General Chmn. Joe Davisson, Vice Chmn. Dee Hjermstad, Ken Meade and Lorraine Cockle. Shown (back, l. to r.) Press Liaison Ruth Borchardt, Tom Taggart, Tom Dickson, John Galbraith, Joe Schoggen and Randy Fuller.  
Photo, Lu Urdang

Joe Schoggen and Bill Woodyard have agreed to help with a proposed golf tournament at Briarwood Country Club.

Thanks were given to Briarwood and its president John

Galbraith for refreshments for the meeting.

It was an upbeat meeting with more information to follow.

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# Preparations begin for Sun City West's silver anniversary

## Eight months of festivities planned

By **Jeremy Pearlman**  
Independent Newspapers

If Sun City West was a human being, it would soon be able to rent a car, run for the U.S. House of Representatives and lower its car insurance rates.

Not a person, Sun City West will be unable to mark its 25th year in existence by going to Budget Rent A Car, calling Geico Direct or by standing outside a supermarket and collecting signatures to get itself on the ballot.

Instead of participating in the aforementioned activities, Sun City West will have a birthday party thrown in its honor scheduled to last for eight months.

Planning is currently under way to celebrate the active adult community's 25th year beginning Feb. 15, 2003 – the 25th anniversary of Sun City West's official groundbreaking.

Several events have been proposed for the eight-month celebration and are being reviewed for logistical and financial feasibility. The tentative schedule for these proposed events are:

- A kick-off party 1-4 p.m. Feb. 15 at both the R.H. Johnson Social Hall and the Palm Ridge Summit Hall. To begin with a birthday cake social, bearing 21 candles and all the trimmings the party will also include live music and clowns.

- A black-tie sponsors' ball to be held at Briarwood Country Club. Initially scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Feb. 15, this event may be pushed back due to a logjam of unrelated events scheduled near this date.

- A Symphony of the West Valley concert in Beardsley Park 3 p.m. March 15.

- An open house walk for the

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community's churches followed by an ice cream social in Beardsley Park starting at 1 p.m. April 6.

- A Couples Golf Tournament at a Recreation Centers golf course some time in May.

- Nothing is currently planned for June, July or August.

- An afternoon of non-stop entertainment on stage 1-4 p.m. Sept. 20 at R.H. Johnson Social Hall. The event will also include cookies and lemonade.

- The Oct. 18 finale will include a parade with bands, dignitaries, the Wells Fargo stagecoach, possibly the Budweiser Clydesdales and decorated golf cars; a raffle offering a new Buick LeSabre, sponsored by Bromm Chevrolet-Buick, and possibly a cruise; a concert at the Sundome by the Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show.

Planning and helping to solicit funds for the festivities are two committees, the Sun City Silver Celebration Committee and a steering committee.

Heading up both committees are Joe Davisson and Dee Hjermstad, who are serving as the committees' general chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

Planning the celebration has been ongoing for the last several months – over a year in advance of the first festivities.

"The reason we started so early here is to have things completely lined up so that when Feb. 15 comes we hit the ground running," Mr. Davisson said.

"I think we're starting this early is so we can do as much planning as we can," Mrs. Hjermstad said. "The goal is to try to get as many residents involved as we can."

Approximately 25 residents are on the Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee planning the events, managing the finances and coming up with items to sell, in order to raise funds.

Two limited-edition commemorative items will be sold to help raise money for the festivities. An engraved silver bell will be sold for \$10 and a pin will be sold for \$3 to mark the celebration.

The steering committee is composed of a group of commu-

nity leaders who will help provide general guidance planning and contacts for fund-raising efforts.

So far, Ken Meade has pledged \$10,000 toward the celebration and is its primary sponsor.

Trying to do as many events as possible for free or for a nominal fee, additional funds need to be ascertained, according to Mrs. Hjermstad.

"If we do not have financial backing for the events we're going to be dead in the water," Mrs. Hjermstad said.

Any funds generated by the committees for the celebration which are not used for festivities, will be donated to the Sun City West Library.

"The purpose is to celebrate what has happened in the last 25 years," Mr. Davisson said. "While not the main purpose ... the Sun City West Library needs money therefore it made sense to give it to them."

According to Mrs. Hjermstad, the library would use the funds to expand its computing, large-print books and video services.

The eight-month celebration will end on Oct. 18, the day when the first people made the community their home.

If able to land the Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show for a concert at the Sundome, it would add to the celebration's symbolism. Lawrence Welk was the first artist to perform at the Sundome.

To assist with proposed events, call Marge Loeffler at 546-5720.

The Sun City West Silver Celebration Committee is also seeking pioneers and heroes to send stories of why they came to Sun City West, how long they've lived in the community, their Sun City West life changes and accomplishments.

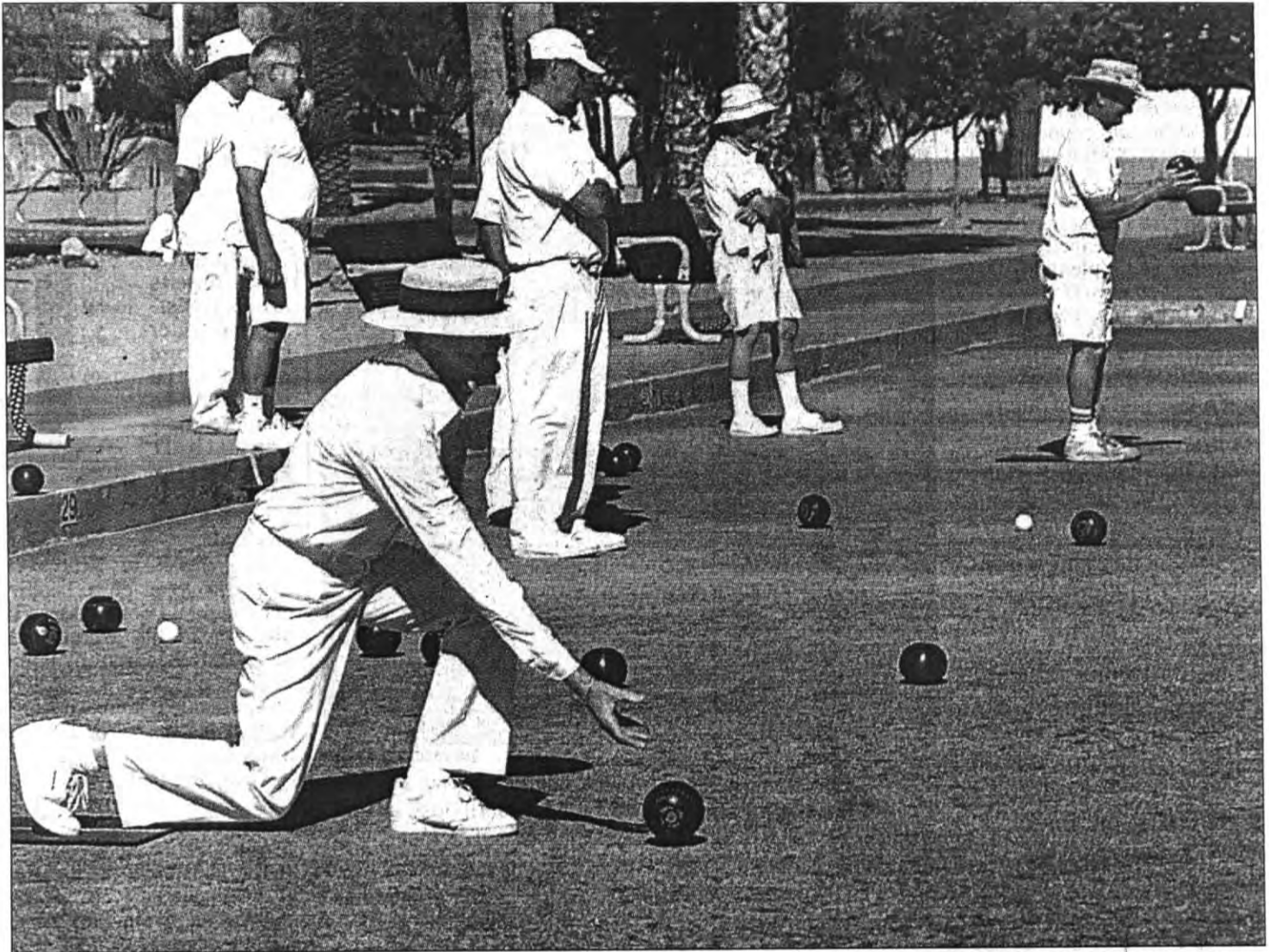
Story writing assistance is available.

Send stories or requests for assistance to: "Pioneer and Hero Search," Sun City West Silver Celebration, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., No. 115-182, Sun City West, AZ, 85375. Residents can also submit stories or requests via e-mail, at SCW25@aol.com.

Prizes will be awarded for the best stories.

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# On a roll



JOY LAMBERT/DAILY NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

Lawn bowlers have been part of the Sun City West scene since its inception.

## Sun City West gears up for silver anniversary

MICHAEL MARESH  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

A lot has happened in Sun City West since Luman and Mary Wick of Topeka, Kan., along with Clarence and Edward Uhl of Alameda, Calif., moved into the first homes built in the retirement community on Oct. 18, 1978.

Now, almost 25 years later, Sun City West residents are making big plans for the retirement community's silver anniversary. Celebrations will take place from Feb. 15, the ground breaking anniversary, through Oct. 15, the anniversary of the completion of the first homes.

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Dee Hjermstad as vice chairman and Joe Davisson as general chairman are heading up plans for Sun City West's 25th anniversary celebration

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Committee Chairman Joe Davisson said the committee will meet with community leaders to gather additional input on the events.

"What we want to do is to make the residents of Sun City West more aware of what has happened in the last 25 years," Davisson said.

Events scheduled are:

- 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15, kickoff 25th birthday party at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm Ridge Summit Hall with live music from two bands.

- 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 15, Sponsor's Ball for invited guests to a black tie dinner and dance at Briarwood Country Club.

- 1 to 3 p.m. April 6, Churches Open Walk, and from 3 to 5 p.m., ice cream social in Beardsley Park for all residents.

- In a May date yet to be

announced, couples's golf tournament on Sun City West executive courses.

- In June, July and August, events have yet to be scheduled.

- 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20, a musical afternoon will be featured at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, and all groups are invited to supply nonstop on-stage entertainment. Cookies and lemonade will be served to all residents.

- Oct. 18, grand finale with a parade and bands, dignitaries, hopefully the Clydesdales, Wells Fargo Stage Coach, additional bands and a decorated golf car parade.

The celebration will wind up at the ASU Sundome Center for the Performing Arts with the presentation of the dignitaries, awarding of prizes, a drawing for an automobile and then for those wishing to attend, a free Lawrence Welk Concert in the Sundome from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Outstanding things have

happened in Sun City West in the last 25 years," said retired banker Davisson, pointing to the Sun Health Del Webb Memorial Hospital that opened in 1988.

Davisson, who has lived in Sun City West since 1979, said serving as chair for next year's celebration is his way of paying back the community for what he has received in the last 23 years.

"I wanted to give back to the Sun Cities for all the blessings they have given me," he said. "This entire celebration is to make residents know all the volunteering that takes place in Sun City West."

Davisson said he expects thousands of residents to take part in the 2003 activities, adding more than 4,000 people will attend the April 6 ice cream social.

The premier sponsor, Davisson said, is Ken Meade, who has donated \$10,000 toward the celebration.

"We will do as much as we can where residents will not have to pay anything," he said.

The Sun City West Silver Anniversary Committee consists of Davisson, Vice Chairwoman Dee Hjermstad, Kay Ginsburg, Earl Mackert, Elaine Anderson, Ruth Borchardt, Stan Braff, Jack Butterworth, Marti Chapman, Mary Jo Copelan, Sallie Dykman, Anita Folch, Lenore Forti, Sandy Goldstein, Joy Hicks, Ann Jennings and Ann Kirk.

Steering committee members are Ken Meade, John Bergh, Lorraine Cockle, Tom Dickson, Lenore Forti, Randy Fuller, John Galbraith, Goldstein, Birt Kellam, Rae McMillan, Joe Schoggen, Tom Taggart, John Waldron, Bob Williams, Noel Willis and Bob Woodyard.

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## SCW Silver Celebration committee is formed



The Feb. 15, 1978, Sun City West ground-breaking ceremonies saw a special quintet with shovels in their hands. Digging, from left, were Del E. Webb Development Co. Pres. John W. Meeker, U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, J.G. Boswell Co. Vice Pres. Hank Raymond, Webb Corporation Chmn. and CEO Robert H. Johnson and the late Gov. Wesley Bolin.

The 25th anniversary of Del Webb's Sun City West groundbreaking takes place Feb. 15, 2003. Joe Davisson and Dee Hjermstad, chairman and vice chairman of a special committee appointed by the Sun City West Recreation Centers, are planning a pageantry of events from Feb. 15 through Oct. 18.

Luman and Mary Wick of Topeka, Kansas, and Clarice and Edward Uhl of Alameda, Calif., were the first pioneers to make Sun City West their home.

A Steering Committee, with

Premier Sponsor Ken Meade, includes John Bergh, Lorraine Cockle, Tom Dickson, Lenore Forti, Randy Fuller, John Galbraith, Sandy Goldstein, Birt Kellam, Harvey Kneser, Rae McMillan, Joe Schoggen, Tom Taggart, John Waldron, Noel Willis, and Bill Woodyard.

The next meeting of the Silver Celebration Committee will be held April 18, 1 p.m., at the PORA office on Camino del Sol. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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## Plans for SCW's 25th anniversary generate excitement

By Beth Carlino

While its physical boundaries are well-defined, the spirit of Sun City West appears to be boundless.

Its people are diverse, yet unified, in the desire to act for the common good, to contribute to the culture of the area and to be involved in maintaining the growing stature of the lifestyle of SCW.

The evolution of the communi-

ty has taken place over 25 years, for in 2003, SCW will celebrate its silver jubilee.

Because of the nature of the residents, it was predictable that committees would be formed and events would be planned to celebrate the occasion.

And so, under the auspices of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, a book is being written on the history of the first 25 years of SCW. Chairing the com-

mittee and charting its course is Ed Allen who reports that plans are going as scheduled for publication in 2003. Proceeds derived from the sale of the finished product will go to the Historical Society.

Another committee already hard at work consists of representatives of the Rec Centers, PORA, and the business community. Its charge is to plan Anniversary Celebrations beginning in

February, 2003, to commemorate the groundbreaking which took place in 1978 when this geographical area was known as "Lizard Acres." This committee proposed to develop a celebratory event for each month ending in October 2003, when the first residents moved into SCW.

The SCAHS is planning an

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Open House on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who attend may visit the first model home built by Del Webb located at 10801 Oakmont Dr., Sun City. Committee members invite all to stroll through the yard to view the newly-designed landscaping. They report that house cleaning has been taking place and that interesting souvenirs from the past years will be on display, some for sale and some free. Also included will be a drawing for Al Tudor's book, "Along the Old Vulture Road."

One would expect that there would be information presented regarding the derivation of "Lizard Acres" and "Old Vulture Road." One should also be grateful that the business acumen of Del Webb declined to utilize

either of these expressions to identify our cherished community.

These committee members, so interested in history, continue to make great strides in planning future events. For, in addition to all the above pursuits, SCAHS extends an invitation to its annual spring meeting which will feature Arizona State Archivist Melanie Sturgeon. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 10, at 1 p.m., in the Community Services Center. Sturgeon's presentation is entitled "Oral History and Archives: Windows to the Past."

Light refreshments will be served. For information and reservations, call 584-0323 by April 7.



# Volunteers sought for SCW's 25th anniversary celebration

## Rec Board meeting produces potpourri of information

By Jack Hawn

The year 2003 will mark the 25th anniversary of the community of Sun City West, and Recreation Centers' Governing Board Director Elaine McCraith is planning a party.

Speaking at last Thursday's Board meeting at the Johnson Social Hall, McCraith—chairman of the Public Relations Committee—asked for volunteers to help plan and schedule a gala celebration. The anniversary is in February, but the week-long party may be held in warmer weather.

Anyone interested may call McCraith at 584-3471 or contact the Rec Board office.

In another matter, McCraith reported that a year's back issues of the Rec Centers News, updated monthly, will be made available in the Johnson Library.

Aside from a bit of controversy over golf fee refunds, Thursday's meeting, conducted by new president Allen Young, provided a potpourri of information but no major news.

"It went well overall," Young said of the 90-minute session. "We knew we'd get questions on golf fees. We answered them the best we could."

Sitting on the panel as temporary, six-month directors, were former presidents Dee Hjermstad (Properties chairman), Dick Catlin (Human Resources) and Larry Watts (Water).

Watts, involved with key water issues for years, announced that the Rec Centers and PORA will work together in joint meetings.

Bob Jones, who stepped off the Rec Board after three years' service onto the PORA Board Jan. 1 for another three-year term, took

his water committee with him, which included Watts.

"We will share with Bob," Watts said. "I see no conflict of interest."

Included in Watts' committee report were comments about arsenic in water consumed by Sun City West residents—20 parts per billion.

Asked after the meeting if he considered that amount insignificant, Watts replied, "I think it's insignificant as hell. Sun City has less than 10 parts per billion."

Tom Cook, chairman of Legal Affairs and Bowling, reported two new mini bowling leagues for beginners had been formed.

Although the quarterly financial report, delivered by Jon Cannon, showed each division exceeding budget expectations, bowling lineage continues to decline steadily.

On Human Resources, Catlin reported that "employee morale is good. Turnover is almost nil. There are not that many jobs here, and that's good."

However, Catlin said there is some concern about a proposed increase in the national minimum wage.

"We have money set aside should it be approved," he said. "We are not overly concerned."

A service recognition program will be implemented soon, he added.

Acknowledging that she needs to get up to speed on her new job as Properties Chairman, Hjermstad reminded the audience of the two major projects forthcoming—renovation programs at Pebblebrook Golf Course and Beardsley Recreation Center.

The Board's actual business was virtually nonexistent.

Bob Hubbs received unanimous approval to redesignate a policy statement dealing with comment forms from L.5 to L.6, and director Tom Fagan read three proposed bylaw changes designed to clarify the language.

They are expected to be approved at the February meeting.

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## Volunteers plan for silver anniversary

**2 YEARS AWAY:**  
Sun City West  
celebrates 25th in  
February 2003

**BRUCE ELLISON**  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Planning for a major publication that will document the first 25 years of Sun City West history is well under way, according to Ed Allen, who is spearheading the project to recognize the community's silver anniversary in 2003.

Ten volunteers already are at work defining the scope of their efforts and lining up other volunteers who can help bring it to fruition, Allen said.

Initial research will be done on seven topics: Preparing the Way; Pioneer Years, 1978 to 1980; Physical Evolution of the Community; Growing Scope of Active Retirement; Growth of Health Care and Human Services; Political Evolution; and Current Issues Affecting Future History.

Heading up various efforts are Barbara Griggs, Jane Freeman, Judy Schoeberle, Mary Silvis, John Larson, Louie Coor, Dave Andrews, Larry Carillo, Betty Stoneking and Eleanor Nelson, Allen reported after a meeting of

the volunteers last week.

Those volunteers are being called "champions" of their subject matter.

No "champion" has yet been named for the active-retirement subject, which will include formation and expansion of Recreation Centers of Sun City West, growth of clubs, civic and service organizations, and voluntarism in such groups as the PRIDES and Posse.

"A first step will be to review newspapers and newsletters going back to 1978 to identify key events and activities," Allen said. "We will also look for early residents with personal accounts of life" in the emerging community, developed by active-retirement pioneer Del Webb Corp.

The history project is being sponsored by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. Those interested in working on it or contributing memories are asked to call Allen at 975-1815 or Phyllis Street at 584-0323; both are board members of the historical society.

The group's goal is to have a printed history of Sun City West available by Feb. 15, 2003, the anniversary of groundbreaking.

A similar volume called *Jubilee* was compiled by a volunteer group for Sun City's 25th anniversary in 1985.

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# Silver Celebration Committee

<i>Dee Hjermstad</i>	<b>Steering Committee</b>	<i>Birt Kellam</i>
<i>Joe Davisson</i>	<i>John Bergh</i>	<i>Rae McMillan</i>
Co-Chairs	<i>Lorraine Cockle</i>	<i>Joe Schoggen</i>
	<i>Tom Dickson</i>	<i>Thomas A. Taggart</i>
<i>Elaine McCraith</i>	<i>Lenore Forti</i>	<i>John Waldron</i>
Rec Centers Governing	<i>Randy Fuller</i>	<i>Robert W. Williams</i>
Board	<i>John Galbraith</i>	<i>Noel Willis</i>
Liaison	<i>Sandford Goldstein</i>	<i>William Woodyard</i>
<i>Linda Murray</i>	<i>Mauryne Hall</i>	
Event Chair	Publicity & Program	



## Upcoming Silver Celebration Events

Saturday, March 22	Silver Celebration Gala	Briarwood Country Club
Saturday, March 29	The Big Shot historic photo	R.H. Johnson parking lot
Sunday, April 6	Church Walk & Ice Cream Social	Various SCW churches Beardsley Park
Thursday, May 15	High Tea	Briarwood Country Club
Saturday, Sept. 20	Day of Entertainment	Stardust Theatre
Saturday, October 25	Silver Celebration Parade <i>Stars of the Lawrence Welk TV Show</i>	Sundome
Thurs.-Sat, Nov. 13-15	SCW Variety Show	Sundome



## The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters IN CONCERT

*Special performance to honor the  
25th Anniversary of Sun City West*

Wednesday, March 5, 2003  
7:30 p.m.

Sundome Center for the Performing Arts  
Sun City West, Arizona

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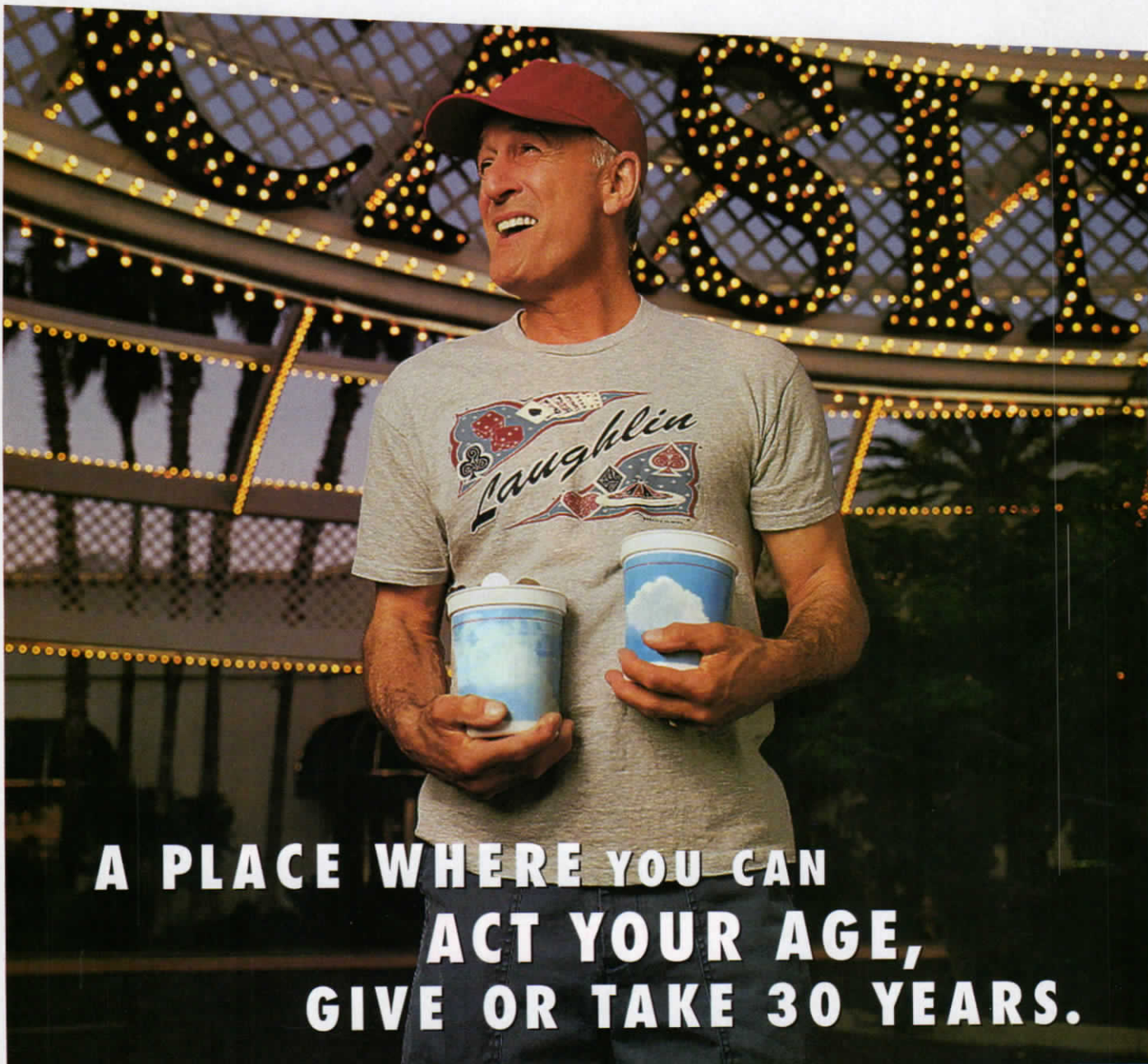
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"Aqua Boogie" by sculptor Scott McNeill on exhibit at the West Valley Art Museum through February 16, 2003.



**H**appy New Year! There's so much happening that it's hard to know where to start telling you all about it, but here goes ...

What would the New Year be without the proverbial resolution to shed those excess holiday pounds? Our "To Your Health!" column comes to the rescue with some sensible tips to put you back in shape and keep you there!

Next, get in gear for an almost year-long celebration of Sun City

West's Silver Anniversary. There'll be parties, seminars, concerts, parades, tournaments, galas, even a high tea. Don't miss a single minute!

And you'll want to save space in your busy calendar for the Symphony Guild for the Symphony of the West Valley's "Wine, Women and Song" fundraiser and the Arizona Kidney Foundation "Children's Art and Literature Luncheon."

Our Entertainment Menu boasts some exciting offerings,

too, including a return engagement of the incredible River City Brass Band to the Sundome.

We're introducing a new column in this issue – Quick Trips of just a day or two, to destinations in and around Arizona and neighboring states. To kick it off we invite you to view Arizona's magnificent Monument Valley by the light of the full winter moon.

If you're looking for a longer getaway, Marion Hager our travel editor gives you an in-depth look at Hawaii, Arizonian's favorite travel destination.

If you decide to stay right here and get in a round of golf, beware of the slow play persona profiled by Cassie Gatz in this month's "Golf's the Game."

You just can't believe how much talent we continually discover in our own little corner of the world. Sun City can now boast its very own literary magazine. It's called *Eclectic Serendipity*. The premier issue is out, and hopefully there'll be more to come.

And All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church in Sun City is the home of the Stone Soup Troupe, a unique reader's theater.

On the lighter side, Country-Western dance champions Ginna and Rich Mitch continue to wow audiences, students and judges alike.

Kudos to the Peoria Diamond Club for their important donations to local charities and a sincere "Well done" to all those honored at the Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce Copper Sun Awards Banquet.

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The fun's about to start, and it won't stop until almost Thanksgiving! We're talking about the 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration for Sun City West. Mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss a minute!

The kick-off party will be February 15, 2003... 25 years to the day that Del Webb put the shovels into the ground to start Sun City West. The celebration will conclude with a parade on October 25, 2003 and a concert at the Sundome.

The Kick-Off Silver Anniversary Party is actually at two recreation centers. One at RH Johnson Social Hall, the other at Summit Hall in the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. The parties are simultaneous from 1-5 p.m. Free to all Sun City West residents.

Sun Health will conduct a series of medical seminars at Del Webb Hospital on February 18th.

March 5th sees the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters in a free concert at the Sundome – everyone's invited.

March 22nd is the Silver Celebration Gala at Briarwood Country Club to honor the sponsors of the celebratory events.

March 29th is the Big Shot - a photo op for 13,000 residents.

April 6th is an open house church walk followed by an ice cream social at Beardsley Park, free to all residents.

May 15th is a high tea at Briarwood Country Club.

June 2nd is a Kiva West Bridge Tournament.

September 20th is an all day

entertainment program at Stardust Theatre, free for all Sun City West residents.

October 25th will mark the conclusion of the celebration with a parade and Lawrence Welk TV personalities in concert.

In November, the annual Variety Show will salute the Silver Anniversary of Sun City West.

The Sun City West Silver Anniversary Committee has announced two great prizes for a drawing to be held October 25, 2003.

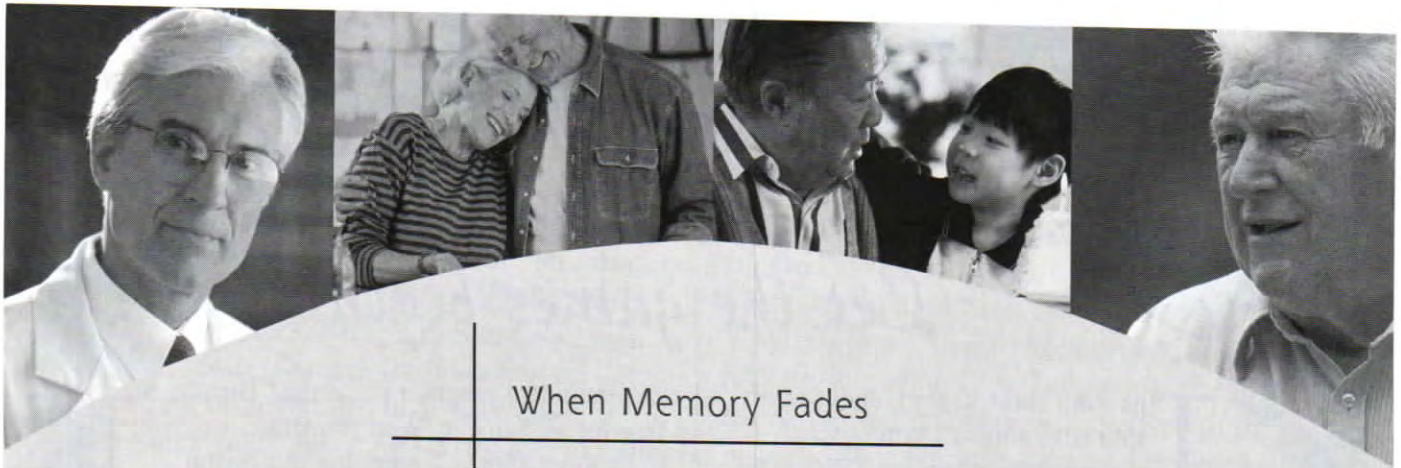
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Ford Travel is donating the port charges, airfare to Florida and car service from the winners home to Sky Harbor airport and back again on return.

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Tom Taggart, 623-584-7235, is in charge of selling tickets, so you'll want to give him a call right now. Tickets may also be obtained from any member of the 25th Anniversary committee. All excess revenues from this drawing, and all other events of the Silver Celebration will go to the RH Johnson Library.



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To produce the 44 page publication meant securing ads, finding a publisher and writing and selecting stories for publication. Distribution will be in libraries and through the businesses that paid for ads.

The staff is headed by founding editor Baron le Vison; feature editor Joyce Jean Jones Brown; romance editor Beverley Petrone; contributing editors Mikel Reuter and Constance Acott; senior staff editor Iona Martin; storytellers John Findley, Wayne Kapferer, Paula Brown, Karon Bailey, Kaye O'Sullivan and guests Dorothy Dettmering, Sue Blackketter and Maggie Mears. Publication was by Elan Press of Peoria.

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# Dancing Duo - Champions

AND *GINNA*  
*RICH* MITCH

by Cherie Lee

Arizona State  
Country &  
Western Dance  
Silver  
Champions,  
Ginna and Rich  
Mitch, show off  
their colorful  
costumes and  
many moves.



**T**welve years ago, Rich and Ginna Mitch added country and western dancing to their life. They entered their first contest one year later. The year after that, they began teaching as well as continuing to enter contests. Future championships were on their horizon.

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They are in another major competition right now and hope to become World Champions.

Country and western dancing has brought many changes for them. Two of the most important ones include the many friendships they've made and watching their students gain dancing skills.

They continue to teach country and western dance classes at Glendale Community College, Sun City Country Club, and for the last eight years at



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They promote country-western dancing by being active in their dance organization.

Rich has served as VP for two years and President for two years for Arizona Country Dancer’s Association.

Ginna served two years on the Board of Directors for Arizona Country Dancer’s Association.

Rich retired from Arizona Republic Newspaper as Plant & Production manager and Ginna retired as a beautician.

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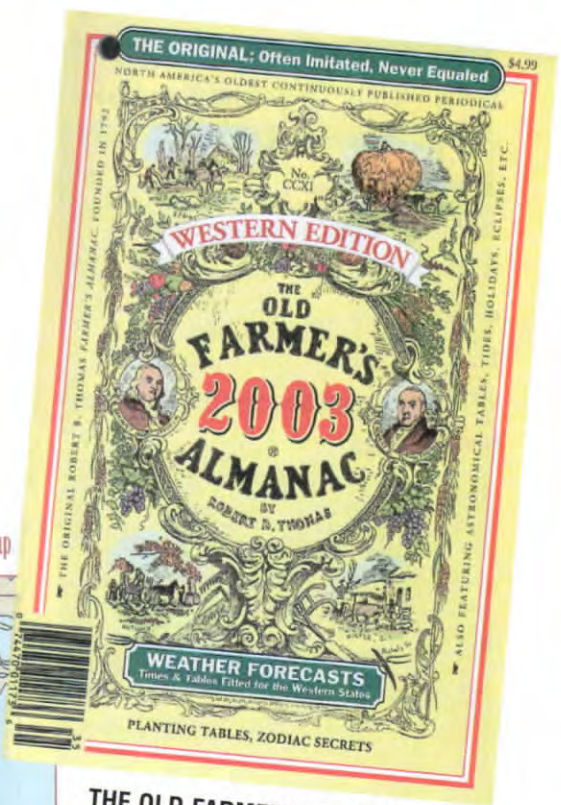
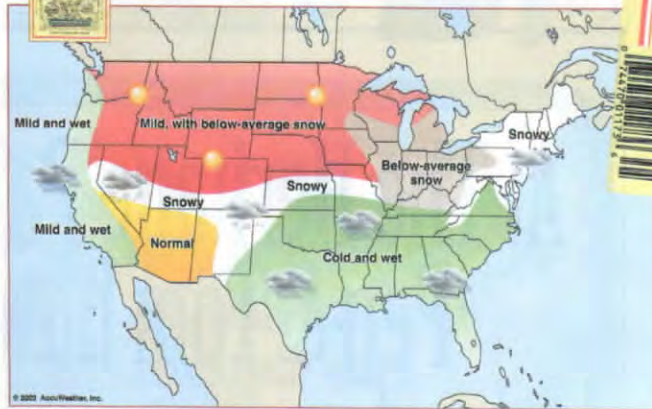


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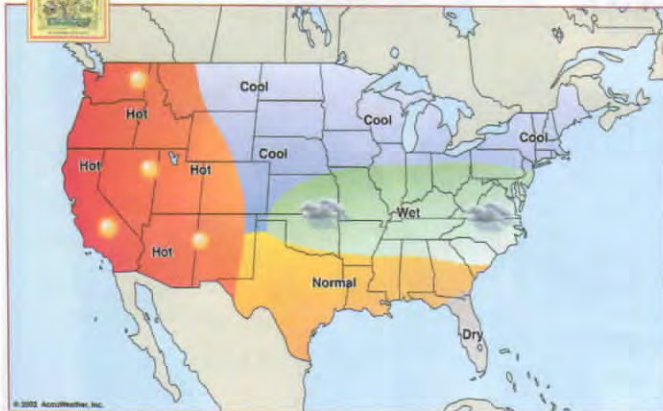
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during the day, too. Even first time visitors will recognize the familiar mesas and buttes, which were once backdrops to western dramas starring John Wayne and directed by the legendary John Ford. Films like *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* and *Stagecoach* are featured in the John Wayne Museum at Goulding's Lodge in Monument Valley. Lodge owners have completely restored the old Goulding's Trading Post. Visitors can see how Harry and wife 'Mike' Goulding traded with the local Navajo shepherders in the 'old days.'

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# No miracles about weight loss

By Jean Kiser, B.A., B.S.

It's the time of year when people notice they have put on a few pounds during the holidays and resolve to get them off as quickly as possible. Many turn to eat-one-food-only-or don't-eat-this-food miracle-diets to whittle away their waists.

Unfortunately, these quick-fix weight-loss diets are not the right way to lose weight because they only work in the short-term because people following them have decreased their calories. What really works for people in the long-term is the adoption of a healthy lifestyle that includes portion control and exercise.

Here are six focus points for you to use to adopt that healthy lifestyle:

**1. Reduce your portion sizes.**

Learn what a normal portion size looks like so you will know if what is on your plate is normal or super size. Following nutritional guidelines, get out your measuring cups, scoop up the proper amounts of food and place them on a plate. You will be surprised to find this is far less than what you're used to seeing and eating. Use these portion sizes when eating at home and control portions when dining out by splitting a meal or having half of your meal packaged to take home.

**2. Limit calorie density.**

Decrease the junk food and the high-fat choices you are making. Even though you

may be eating low fat, many of your choices may still be loaded with too many calories. So instead of burgers, chips, cookies, ice cream, white bread, potatoes and soda, add plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grain breads and beans that provide high fiber and nutrient content. The fiber will give you a feeling of fullness while decreasing your cholesterol level.

**3. Curb liquid calories.**

Liquid calories often can add up to 500 or more a day or the equivalent of one additional meal. You want to eat your calories, not drink them. Instead of lattes, sugar-filled soda or beer that rack up the calories, make water your beverage of choice and drink plenty of it.

**4. Limit some choices.**

We tend to eat a variety of junk and fast foods instead of a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans. Begin to make these healthy choices available at home and on the go so you will have good nutrition and fiber for high energy.

**5. Exercise, exercise, exercise.**

We know that people who are most successful at maintaining their weight are those who follow a regular exercise program. Exercise aerobically most days of the week at a moderate intensity, which can

be as simple as putting on a good pair of walking shoes and moving briskly for 30 minutes. The more you can walk, the better a calorie burner you will be! If 30 minutes sounds like too much, break it down into two 15 minute intervals, one in the a.m. and one in the p.m. Make sure and check with your physician before you begin doing your this or any other kind of exercise.

**6. Think healthy, not skinny.**

The same foods we've mentioned as healthy choices also help you reduce your risk for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and stroke while helping you trim off those extra pounds.

If you keep your eye on these focus points and incorporate them into your lifestyle, you'll begin to notice your body respond positively because you're giving it exactly what it needs.

However, if you find it difficult to make this healthy living transition and want some support, the Sun Health Community Education and Wellness Centers offer several weight management and exercise options. You can call 623/876-4999 for more information.

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*Jean Kiser, B.A., B.S., is a wellness specialist with Sun Health Community Education and Wellness Centers.*

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# Northwest Valley Chamber Honors Own at Copper Sun Awards Banquet

During its 2002 Copper Sun Awards Banquet on December 19, 2002, the Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce bestowed honors on numerous individuals and organizations, and introduced its new board of directors.

Receiving the "Community Service Award - Individual" was Dr. Don Wilson, pastor of Christ Church of the Valley. Dr. Wilson was recognized as a man who has dedicated his life to making a positive change for those within his circle of global influence. He makes numerous mission trips to countries throughout the world, and has organized more than 4,000 volunteers to provide thousands of hours of time and talent throughout the Northwest Valley.

The "Community Service Award - Business" was awarded to Soroptimist International Valley of the Sun. Through their thrift shop and other fundraising activities, this group provides support to a wide variety of organizations throughout the

Northwest Valley. Last year alone they raised more than \$62,000 for charities. Peggy McGee, president, received the award.

As "Chamber Member of the Year" Suzanne Stillion of The Woodmark at Sun City was honored for her longtime support of the Chamber, and for her enthusiastic participation in B.E.E.P., the Beware, Eliminate Exploitation Program that sheds light on the scams, frauds, and identification theft prevalent throughout the country.

2002's "Chamber Business of the Year" award went to the Daily News-Sun. The newspaper has provided staff time and talent to the Chamber's many fundraising events, and has worked closely with the Chamber to provide significant coverage and advertising of those event. Michael Curry, Advertising/Marketing Director and Chamber board member, accepted the award.

Chamber president Debbie Wilden presented the "President's Award" to Dr. Margo Seck,

Superintendent of the Dysart Unified School District and Greg Brown, outgoing chairman of the Chamber, honored APS for its continuing support to the Chamber through the "Chairman's Award."



**DR. DON WILSON** recipient of the "Community Service Award" presented by **Greg Brown, outgoing Chamber Chairman.**

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# Hawaii

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By Marion Hager

Marion Hager and husband Carl own and operate Bob Kenney's Worldwide Travel in Sun City, where Marion is located.



When I think of the Hawaiian Islands, I think of Paradise: a place of ideal beauty, with lush green foliage, tropical flowers and waterfalls. I guess that's why the Hawaiian Islands are Arizonian's most popular vacation destination.

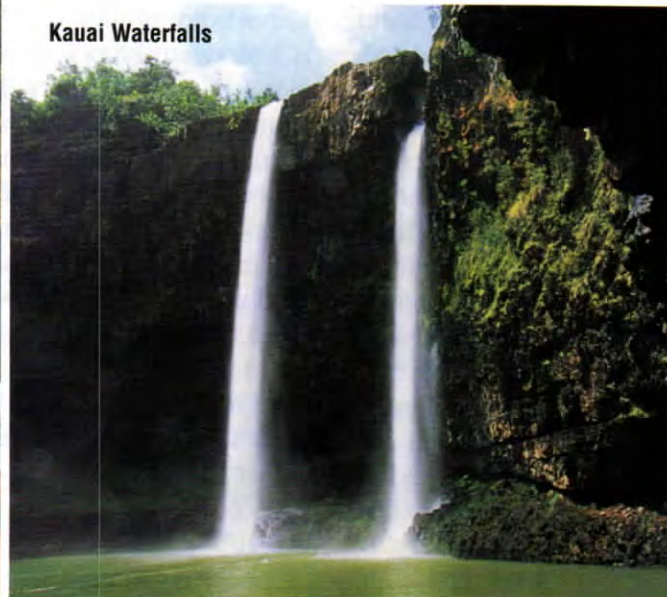
Located in the Pacific ocean about 2,550 miles southwest of Los Angeles and 3,900 miles southeast of Tokyo, Hawaii's year-round temperatures average 75 degrees. With 8 major islands and 129 smaller islands, islets and shoals, the Hawaiian Islands are the world's longest island chain. Hawaii became our 50th state in 1959.

In *Hawaii*, James Michener described how the great volcanoes erupted and mountains grew under the sea, creating a mountain chain. The beautiful islands we know today are the tops of these submerged volcanic mountains. There is a new volcano, Lo'ihi, erupting 3,000 feet beneath the surface of the ocean off the southeastern shore of the Big Island. It rises more than 10,000 feet from the ocean floor and has a crater that measures

Iao Valley, Maui



Kauai Waterfalls



three miles across. Scientists expect Lo'ihl will take thousands of years to reach sea level.

When I think of Hawaii, four islands come to mind: The Big Island (Hawai'i), Maui, Kauai and Oahu. The Big Island is the youngest and largest island in the chain and has five volcanoes – two of which are still active! Kilauea Caldera has been erupting since 1983 and is the longest continuously erupting volcano in the world. Of the others, one last erupted in 1984, two are extinct, and one is considered to be dormant, having last erupted in 1801.

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and the frozen tundra of Mauna Kea in the east, to arid desert in the south. Hilo, on the east side, is second in population to Honolulu. It is one of the oldest towns in the state and is known for its fabulous gardens, fish auctions and street markets. Hilo records more than 130 inches of rain annually. Kona, located on the dry side of the island, is the west coast's busiest visitor destination.

Maui is probably Hawaii's most popular vacation destination. From the sprawling beaches and upscale hotels of Ka'anapali and the historic whaling town of Lahaina, to the resort district of Wailea, Maui has something for everyone. Visitors enjoy the abundance of marine life – including the humpback whales that migrate to Hawaiian waters during winter months to give birth to their calves.

Kauai, "The Garden Isle," is the oldest of the main Hawaiian Islands. It is home to the wettest spot on earth – Mount Wai'ale'ale, averaging 485 inches of rain per year. Kauai has more sand beach around its 110-mile coastline than any other island in the chain. It has the longest river, the highest swamp, and beautiful waterfalls.

Oahu is the best known of the Hawaiian Islands and home to three quarters of the state's 1.2 million residents. It is a land of endless contrasts from ultra-modern urban Honolulu to the famed surfing

mecca on the island's north shore, with sleepy Hale'iwa town, existing much as it has since established by missionaries in 1832.

Most of us know little about the other four of the eight major islands – Lanai, Molokai, Niilhou and Kahoolawe. Lanai, Hawaii's most secluded island, was once home to the world's largest pineapple plantation. It is becoming more popular since its two five-star resorts – the Manele Bay Hotel and The Lodge at Koele – have been winning awards for their excellence.

Molokai has the largest percentage of native Hawaiian residents, (excluding the privately owned island of Niihau.) Each May a Hula Festival celebrates the island's distinction as the birthplace of hula. On Molokai you'll find Hawaii's longest white sand beach and the only barrier reef north of Australia.

Niilhou is home to approximately 250 native Hawaiians and is the smallest of the populated Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaiian language is spoken exclusively, and residents have no electricity, cars, roads, hotels or restaurants. Niilhou has remained virtually immune to the influences of the outside world.

Kahoolawe is 45 square miles of unpopulated land. The United States government confiscated the island at the outset of World War II, and used it as a bombing target until 1990. In 1994 it was turned back to the state of Hawaii and clean-up efforts have been initiated to rid the land of the military ordnance dropped there.

If you've never been to Hawaii, consider cruising the islands. You can get a feel for the contrasts between the islands and see which you would like to go back to for a land-based vacation. Cruising offers several choices: fly to Honolulu and take a one-week cruise through the islands; cruise one way between Los Angeles and Hawaii, cruise through the islands and fly the other way; or cruise roundtrip from Los Angeles.

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Snuggled at the base of Yavapai County's pine-clad hills, frontier Prescott resembled a Northwest town with its log cabins rather than Arizona's Southwest style of Indian or Mexican adobe buildings.

The "Governor's Mansion" was the first public building built in Prescott. The log building, cut and sawed by hand from trees nearby, differed from other buildings. It was two-story with eleven rooms. The Mansion was built on Governor Goodwin and Secretary McCormick's land and still stands on Gurley Street as a historic shrine on the grounds of Sharlot Hall Museum.

Even though the Governor's Mansion is only one mile from Fort Whipple, the workers had to be armed against Indian attacks. Stories are that the U.S. soldiers at Fort Whipple would rather fight the Indians than some of the local citizens of Prescott.

On one occasion, a band of hostile Apache Indians was

killed just two hundred yards from the building while they were preparing to attack the workers. In pioneer Arizona the Indians were referred to as Apaches - Tonto Apache, Gila Apache, White Mountain Apache, Mohave Apache (now known as Yavapai Indians), and of course, the dreaded Chiricahua Apache.

The high cost of materials put the Mansion's contractors - Blair, Hotz, and Raible- \$1,500 in debt while only a board canopy was in place for a roof. New specifications were inserted into the con-

tract and the building was finished at a cost of \$6,000.

*Next Month: "Prescott gets a Territorial Capitol, Virgin Mary's Fort Misery and Who's the Richest Man in the Arizona Territory?" More twists and turns along the political trail.*

*For in-depth information see: Arizona by Jay J. Wagoner; Arizona Territory 1863-1912 by Jay J. Wagoner; The March of Arizona History by Anne Merriman Peck; and Arizona Place Names by Will C. Barnes-Revised and Enlarged by Byrd H. Garnger.* ☼



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# Accidental 911 Calls...

## A Risk to Public Safety

For many people, a wireless telephone is a source of comfort: knowing that emergency help is as close as the phone's keypad is often a main reason for people to have wireless phones and to give them to their children.

Unfortunately, between 25 percent and 70 percent of all wireless calls to 911 are accidental, by some estimates, and these calls clog up the phone lines at emergency call centers and even inhibit the dispatch of emergency services to those actually in need.

Accidental 911 calls can result from a consumer inadvertently pressing a key on his or her handset that is automatically programmed to reach 911 by way of speed dial. Many older wireless phones are equipped with this feature, and many came pre-programmed with the feature turned on.

In these pre-programmed handsets, holding down one key for a few seconds – generally the "9" – activates the speed dial. The older wireless phones with this feature, especially those with an open-faced design, might bump against an item in the user's purse or pocket, activating the automatic dial without the user even being aware that this is happening.

Accidental 911 calls, also known as unintentional 911 calls, pose a risk to public safety because an emergency call center must spend time and resources to determine whether the calls are truly emergencies or merely false alarms. Generally, a public safety operator will stay on the line, or will disconnect and try to call the caller back to verify any emergency. In either case, time that could be devoted to a true emergency is wasted, and a life could hang in the balance.

"Accidental 911 calls from wireless phones pose a risk to everyone's safety," according to K. Dane Snowden, Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB). "Through awareness and education, consumers, carriers, manufacturers, the

government, and public safety groups can help to eliminate this problem."

Wireless phone users can prevent accidental 911 calls in several ways. Locking the keypad of a phone prevents accidental calls, as does turning off the automatic 911 feature – your user's manual will explain how. Also, one of the benefits of buying a

newer handset is that very few of the newer phones have this feature, and if they do, the user has to activate it, so accidental 911 calls are infrequent with the later model handsets.

The Federal Communications Commission is working with wireless handset manufacturers, wireless carriers, and public safety agencies such as the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. (APCO), and the National Association of State Nine One One Administrators (NASNA), to take steps to address the problem of accidental 911 calls.

As a result, wireless carriers, for example, have asked manufacturers either to turn off the 911 autodial feature before shipment of new handsets or not to offer the 911 autodial feature as an option at all. In fact, by Jan. 1, 2003, all handsets certified by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association – a trade association for the wireless industry – will not be factory programmed to dial 911.

In addition, many carriers have attempted to reduce the number of accidental 911 calls by providing their customers with educational information through inserts in their monthly bills, through direct mailings/ newsletters, and through postings on their web sites.

For further information, consumers may visit the Commission's CGB website at [www.fcc.gov/cgb](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb). The site also contains links to related websites that offer more facts and findings concerning the use of emergency numbers. ❁





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# The Slow Player

## Anyone you know?

Let's talk about slow play. It's irritating, annoying, agonizing & frustrating. Not for the slow player, mind you, but for everyone around him/her. (Isn't it also irritating to have to say "him/her" in order to be *politically correct* so as not to offend anyone by leaving them out or singling them out?)

Anyway, back to slow play. Have you ever wondered about the profile of the person who plays slow? I have.

I like to analyze things. It crosses all barriers. It's not just the high handicappers who play slow. Some of the slowest players I have encountered are (bless their hearts) the "one digit" kind.

It's not just the women or the men... or the country club crowd or the muni course types... or the young or the old. It can be anyone. "*They*" are among us.

But here's my point. I have a hunch that virtually *everything* else that the slow player does in his/her life is done in more or less the same manner... painfully methodical.

No matter how simple or complicated the task or the action, they have a routine from which they cannot veer, lest they lose their place and become frightfully confused and disoriented and have to start all over again (eegads, no, don't start over!!!) thereby turning "slow"

into "slower."

There may be no changing them. I came to this conclusion after many painful rounds with lifelong friends over the years.

Here's a perfect example of what I mean. One of these good old buddies... (I won't tell you if it is a male or a female)... but she has a routine for *every* shot that brings tears to my eyes.

Here goes...

It's her turn to hit. She walks around to her bag on the back of the cart. She touches each and every club gently with her fingertips – as if she is trying to receive a message from just the right one. When that perfect connection is made, she slowly pulls it from her bag, checks the number on the sole, and rubs invisible dirt off the face. It's as if she is caressing it.

Perhaps she really is communicating with it in some magical way. I ask if I can help – the answer is always no.

She then wraps her fingers... one by one... left hand first... right hand second... around the correct end of the club and positions herself so that the ball is situated between her and the target. She checks her grip. She raises the club (always watching her hands, so as not to lose the perfect grip) to point directly at the target. She lowers the club back to the ground bending at

the hips as she has been instructed to do. She then checks her line of flight one more time. Having perfectly aligned herself, she walks around to take her stance... her feet are completely together. Slowly, she moves the left foot six inches to the left... and the right foot 10 or 12 inches to the right (that puts the ball left of center in her stance, but she is not sure why she is doing that... someone told her to do that... and it wasn't me).

But, wait! It isn't over yet. She takes two... count 'em... **two** practice swings from that position. And Lord help us if she hits the ground, or takes a divot on her practice swings – she'll allow herself another one or two for each one flubbed. After having completed two *successful* practice swings in a row, she moves forward three inches to address the ball. And, folks... she finally executes the shot!

Usually it does not live up to her expectations. Well, you know what happens then – a few more practice swings AFTER the fact will surely correct things – if you know what I mean. This goes on for 18 holes. After each 6 hour round, I swear I will not ever play with her again but time has a way of gently erasing evil thoughts... and there we are, two weeks later, playing again.

Now, you ask, how does that

relate to the rest of her behavior? How do I know she is the very same way with other things in life????

Well, I have known this girl for 25 years. The first time I met her, our husbands were in business together and she invited us over for dinner. Just us. Only four people all together.

Four people.

The invitation came on a Tuesday, dinner was set for Saturday. Wednesday she took most of the day to plan the menu. Many pieces of paper and pencil erasers later she had arrived at the perfect balance of protein, starch, green leafy stuff and dessert.

Was it going to look right on the plate? Was it too ethnic? Was anything too hard to digest?

Thursday she walked around the grocery store and shopped for just the right ingredients. Lord help her if the store was out

of something on her list – she'd become frightfully confused and disoriented and have to start all over. (eegads!)

Friday she set the table (three different times) and cleaned the house.

Saturday she touched each and every pot and pan gently with her fingertips – it was as if she was trying to receive a message from just the right ones. When the perfect connections were made, she pulled them from the cabinet, one by one, and rubbed invisible dust off of them as if she was caressing them. Perhaps she really was communicating with them in some magical way.

When we arrived, the house smelled great. Things were just a cookin' away. I asked if I could help, but the answer was no.

While her husband, my husband and I talked and laughed in the den, she stayed in the kitchen methodically doing her thing,

crossing off items as she executed them, checking and rechecking. Making sure the napkins were perfectly fanned out in the wine glasses. Aligning herself with the target. Never losing her grip. And finally, she called us to the dinner table and she executed the shot!!!!

The meal was fabulous. It was worth the wait.

When I reciprocated and invited them over to our house, I played golf that very same afternoon until 3:30, threw some potatoes in the oven, tossed a salad, and my husband cooked some steaks. Two hours of prep. That's it.

Since then, she has tried to help me with my culinary skills and I have tried to help her shave some time off her golf round. She gets very disoriented and frightfully confused... I just throw another steak on. ☼

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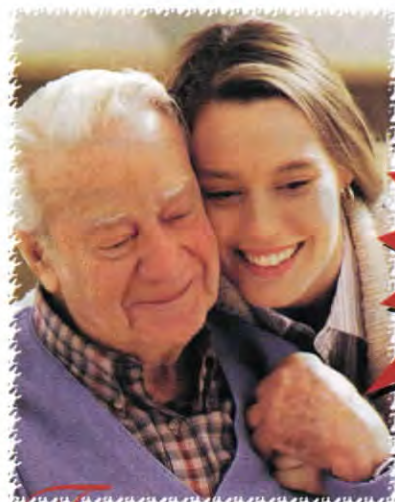
Now in its seventh year, the event is a great way for parents, grandparents and children to spend the day together. There will be presentations by an exceptional collection of children's authors, live entertainment, a petting ranch, clowns, face painting, book signings a catered lunch and silent auction.

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Featured authors and illustrators will include Larry Brimmer, author of 95 books including *Littlest Wolf*, *Sidewalk Patrol*, and *Cat on Wheels*; Lynne Cravath, illustrator of over 40 books, including *Kidnap at the Catfish Cafe*, *Shark Swimathon*, and *The Two Sillies*; Susan Lowell, with over 10 children's books including *Three Little Javelinas* and *Little Red Cowboy* and David Schwartz, author of over 45 children's books including *How Much is a Million* and *If you Hopped Like a Frog*.

For ticket information contact the Arizona Kidney Foundation at 602-840-1644.

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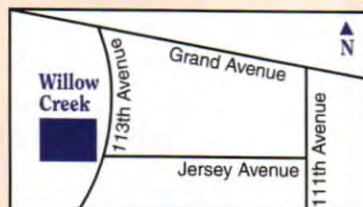
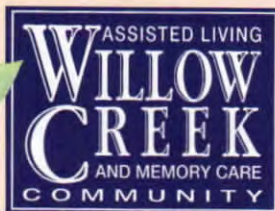
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Manuscripts, which will not be returned, must be typed and double-spaced. They must be from 4-15 pages in length. A separate entry form, available at any Glendale library reference desk, must accompany each entry.

There will be up to three winners in various genres: mystery, romance, science fiction, children's stories, as well as general fiction and non-fiction. Winners will receive books as prizes.

Not eligible to enter the contest are published authors, previous winners of this contest and librarians from the Glendale Public Library System.

Winners will be announced at an awards presentation ceremony in April.

Pick up entry forms and turn in submissions at any Glendale library reference desk by 5 p.m. on March 1:

**Glendale Public Library,**  
5959 W. Brown St.

**Velma Teague Branch Library,**  
7010 N. 58th Ave.

**Foothills Branch Library,**  
19055 N. 57th Ave.

For more information, call Frieda Ling at 623-930-3553.

# PEORIA DIAMOND CLUB - *Donations by the Dozen*

The Peoria Diamond Club recently handed out over \$25,000 to 12 youth organizations in the Valley, bringing the club's total disbursement of grants this year to just shy of \$70,000.

The grants were announced at the club's holiday party to honor volunteers. The event was held Dec. 7 at Happy Trails Resort in Surprise and attracted over 300 club volunteers who assist the club with operations at the Peoria Sports Complex.

"This is by far the most we've ever been able to share in one year," says Bret McKeand, president of the club's 40-member volunteer board of directors.

"We had a great year and it's all due to the hard work of our board and our 500-plus roster of volunteers, as well as the continued support of residents, businesses and sports fans throughout the northwest Valley."

Since its inception in 1994, the club has contributed over \$250,000 to youth organizations.

The Diamond Club is a non-profit organization that raises money through events held at the Peoria Sports Complex. All funds are donated to non-profit organizations serving youth in the northwest Valley.

The majority of the club's funds are generated from the annual Welcome Back Game -- the first game of the Cactus League season held at the complex. All proceeds generated at that one game from ticket

revenue, souvenirs and concessions are donated to the Diamond Club.

The club generates additional revenue from celebrity softball games, golf tournaments and various other events held at the complex.

Recipients announced Dec. 7: Challenger Learning Center in Peoria, \$4,000; Homeward Bound, \$4,200, to sponsor a needy family for one year; Peoria Recreation Division, \$3,400, to be used for subsidizing Peoria children unable to pay for youth activities.

Arizona Children's Association, \$2,500; Greater Arizona Campfire Girls, \$2,500; Write From Your Heart/Desert Hope Foundation, \$2,000; Copperwood Elementary School, \$1,700 to help fund a program for at-risk children; Laura Hall Aspire Foundation, \$1,500; Peoria Westbrook Lions Village Club, \$1,500. The funds will be used to pay for children to attend a Lions-sponsored camp for handicapped children.

El Zariba Shrine Temple, \$1,250, to help pay transportation costs for children attending a Shriner hospital; Youth Community Resource Network, \$1,200; Every Kid Counts, \$500.



**WESTBROOK VILLAGE Lions Club received a grant to help send handicapped children to Camp Tatityee in northern Arizona. Harold Leu, left, accepts the gift on behalf of the Lions from Peoria Diamond Club Board Member Rusty Pethoud.**

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# Arizona HAPPENINGS

*These are among the upcoming events we believe will interest our readers.*

## JANUARY

**24-26 Tucson** – The 38th Annual Tucson Coin Show will have dealers from around the country for buying, selling and trading coins; stamps; postcards; tokens; currency; bullion and other collectibles. There are free appraisals; door prizes; educational exhibits. Tucson Convention Center, 269 S. Church Ave. \$1 donation. Times: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Fri.-Sat. and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. Write for info: Tucson Coin Club, P.O. Box 17021, Tucson, AZ 85731.

**25 to July 6 Scottsdale** – Metalworks featuring 150 containers made by indigenous people. One-of-a kind and some never exhibited before. Heard Museum North. Recommended contribution is \$3. Call: 602-252-8848 for info.

**25 Wickenburg** – Arizona cooking demonstration and lecture by introducing various plants utilized by Native dwellers. Desert Caballeros Western Museum. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Call 928-684-2272 x100 for info.



**26 to May 4 Phoenix** – Masterworks from El Greco to Picasso in The Phillips Collection to see works by 32 of the world's most famous and beloved artists. Phoenix Art Museum. \$16 Adults, \$8 children (special exhibit). Call 602-257-1222 for info.

## FEBRUARY

**2 Sun City West** – “Quilts in Our Neighborhood” exhibit by Palo Verde Patchers will be held at The Madison Retirement Resort, 18626 Spanish Garden Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Charity donation of \$2 benefits New Life Shelter and Dysart Schools

**8 to May 11 Phoenix** – Guardian of the Flame: Art of Sri Lanka includes paintings and sculpture of ivory, bronze, rock crystal and stone, drawn from private collection. Phoenix Art Museum. General Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and full-time students, \$2 children 2-17. Call 602-257-1222.

**8 Florence** – 18th Annual Florence Historic Tour covers some of Florence's most treasured historic buildings including the never-before opened homes – William Clark House and Harvey-Niemeyer House. Begin at the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, 291 N. Bailey Street, Florence, Ariz. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. \$8 and \$3

in advance. Call 1-800-437-9433

**15 to June 15 Phoenix** – Artwork by Alaskan Native John Hoover includes paintings, carved panels, and freestanding bronzes. Some of the carvings are created from 1700 to 2000 years old cedar. Heard Museum General admission \$7, \$6 for seniors (65+). Call 602-252-8848 for info.

**28 to March 2 (tentative dates) Phoenix** – Sixth Annual Phoenix Antiques and Art Show with over 40 antiques and art dealers from around the world to exhibit. The show is presented by Phoenix Art Museum League and the Museum's Friends of European Art to benefit Phoenix Art Museum. Phoenix Art Museum. Call 602-257-1222 for info.



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### DEL E. WEBB HOSPITAL CELEBRATES

Sun Health Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital invites the public to "Rainbow Connection," a free event celebrating the non-profit community hospital's 15th anniversary. 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health, 14502 W. Meeker Blvd. in Sun City West. Refreshments, entertainment for people of all ages and a spectrum of health displays. Admission is free. Call Sun HealthLine at 623-876-5432 to register by Thursday, Jan. 16.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The 2003 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Monday, Jan. 20, 2003 at Sun City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It continues Tuesday at First Presbyterian, Wednesday at The Church of the Palms, Thursday at St. Elizabeth Seton, and ends Friday, Jan. 24 at All Saints Of the Desert. Each program begins at noon with a brief worship and continues with a light luncheon. "Goods" offerings for Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix are requested as follows: facial tissues at Sun City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), paper dinner napkins at First Presbyterian, paper towels at the Church of the Palms, disposable diapers at St. Elizabeth Seton, and packs of toilet tissue at All Saints of the Desert.

### SYMPHONY GUILD FUND-RAISER

Symphony Guild for the Symphony of the West Valley to present Wine, Women and Song, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Recreation Center Social Hall in Sun City West next to the Sundome. The Beaulieu Vineyards of California will present a special wine tasting educational program featuring 5 specialty wines. Participating guests will be treated to music provide by Jim Appeison, violinist. Price per person is \$25 proceeds to benefit The Symphony of the West Valley. For reservations or information call 546-1950. Seating is limited to the first 100.

### TANYA TIMES TWO - DON'T MISS OUT

On Jan. 22, Tanya Giffith will give two different performances... the first at 2 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m.

*Erma Bombeck*, (disguised as Tanya), will be

seen in the Sanctuary at the first performance (2 p.m.), and you know you're in for lots of laughter.

At 7 p.m., Tanya will "become" *Elizabeth Taylor*, as she brings to life the story of the very beautiful, talented movie star, whose marriages and other relationships have been tabloid fodder for years.

Willowbrook United Methodist Church, 19390 N. 98th Ave., Sun City. Tickets are \$6 for each performance and you may pick them up at the office, or at the door preceding the performances.

### 11TH SEASON FOR VISITING PROFESSORS

"The Visiting Professor" kicks off 11th season at the Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale. The series begins Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium with Psychology Professor Dr. Ann Brandt-Williams challenging the common assumption "I'm Normal, You're Weird." All programs are free.

### "GOLDEN" GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY

John and Mary McBain of Sun City hold two of nearly 300 toys brought by guests helping them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary recently at the Arrowhead Country Club. The couple asked each guest to bring a toy and a can of food for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in lieu of an anniversary gift. "We wanted our special occasion to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves," Mary said, "and our family and friends responded very generously." The McBains are members of St. Clement of Rome in Sun City.



**24TH ANNUAL SUN WEST ART CLUB SHOW**

The Sun West Art Club members will participate in the 24th Annual Judged Art Show on Feb. 15-16 in the art room at the Kuentz Recreation Center on R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West. Judges will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, honorable mention and "Best of Show" ribbons. Visitors are invited to vote for the "People's Choice."

**FREEDOMS FOUNDATION CELEBRATION**

Freedoms Foundation will hold their annual George Washington's Birthday breakfast meeting on Feb. 22 at the Briarwood Country Club, 10800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West. Come and learn about the foundation and receive an introduction to their "Living History" characters. For reservations or information call Barbara Dienes 623-546-2609.

**SPRING HOME TOUR BENEFITS WVAM**

The Friends of the West Valley Art Museum plan a SPRING HOME TOUR in the Sun Cities on Saturday, Mar. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The admission is \$15. Proceeds benefit the Museum's Educational Outreach Program to provide art classes and activities for area youth. For information call Wally Bock 623-584-4112.

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Surprise Grand Lions Club in conjunction with Schwan Foods arranged for the donation of a much needed refrigerated truck for the Westside Food Bank. Left to Right: John Cozby, Director of Special Programs for Westside Food Bank; Mark Burt, Schwan Distribution Manager; Jim Hardy, Surprise Grand Lions Club; Charles O'Donald, President, Surprise Grand Lions Club; Bill Ennis, Executive Director of Westside Food Bank; Louie Sandoval, Director of Operations for the Westside Food Bank.



VISTA DE LA MONTAÑA residents and Surprise fire Stations 302 and 304 have a "can do" attitude when it comes to restocking the shelves of the Westside Food Bank. The retirement community residents donated 50 pounds of canned food, plus \$115 cash to the cause. The fire fighters also teamed up with Albertson's to hand-off 66 frozen turkeys weighing-in at 1,033 pounds to the Westside Food Bank.



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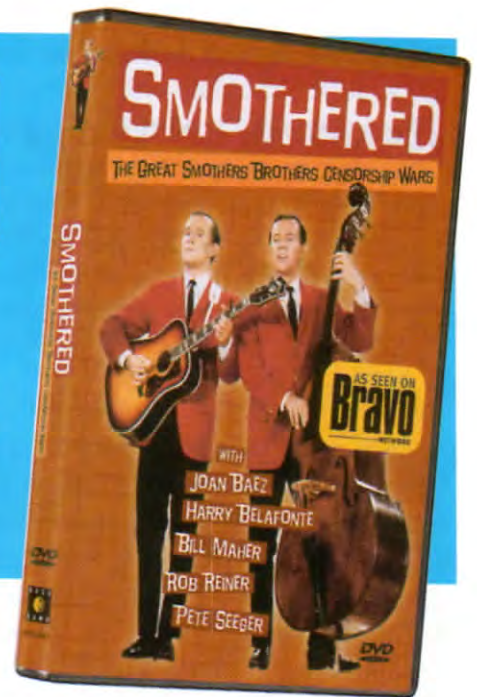
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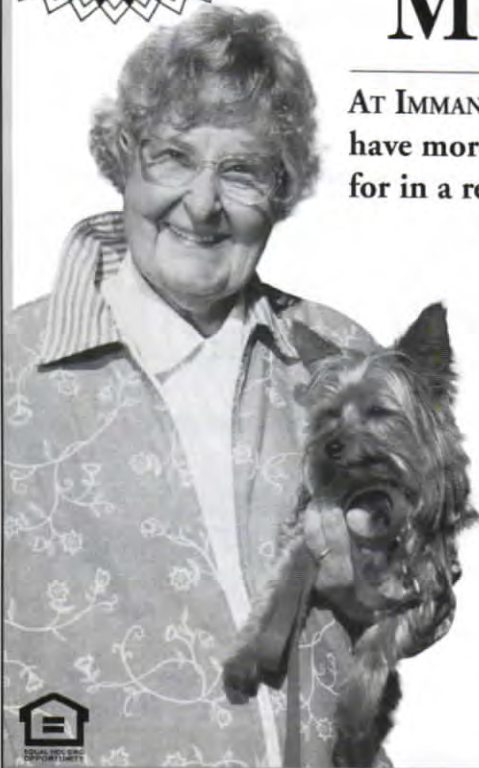
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**When:** Jan. 18



## *River City Brass Band*

**When:** January 25

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**When:** Feb. 9

**Where:** Sundome Center  
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**Info:** 623-975-1900



## Butterfield Musicales

### *Caroline Markham - Ray Calloway*

**When:** Feb. 13

**Where:** Universalist Church  
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**Info:** 623-584-7655



## Johnson Recreation Center Social Hall

### *Wine, Women and Song*

**When:** Jan. 21

**Where:** Bell Road, Sun City West

**Info:** 546-1950

## Orpheum Theater

### *Fame*

**When:** January 28-February 2

### *The Preservation Hall Jazz Band*

**When:** Feb. 4, 5

**Where:** Orpheum Theater  
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**Info:** 602-262-7272



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### *Cantus*

**When:** Feb. 3

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