

SCW club gives rice to food bank

High Twelve Club increases donation to 18,000 pounds

By ROSA De SIMONE
Daily News-Sun staff

SURPRISE — What do you do with 9 tons of rice?

If you're workers at the Westside Food Bank you feed more than 10,000 people with it.

And that's just what the Surprise food bank will be able to do now that members of the Sun City West High Twelve Club 567 have made their annual donation of rice.

The 18,000 pounds of rice was delivered Wednesday to the food bank.

The delivery marks the end of a five-month fund-raising effort that raised \$4,000 to finance the project.

"We feel it's part of our cause to help others," said Andy McVeigh, first vice president of the club.

This is the third year club members have challenged one another to meet their goal of a substantial donation of rice to the food bank.

Rice was chosen because it is a costly item that the food bank tries to include in food packages because of its high nutritional value.

Money is raised through donations from the club's more than 140 members, McVeigh said.

"I badger them at every meeting to build up money," he said.

McVeigh and his peers also auctioned a bag of rice — twice. One bidder claimed the bag for \$100 and



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Members of the Sun City West High Twelve Club, and a representative from Pace warehouse, show off a few bags of rice that are part of the organiza-

tion's 9-ton donation. Pictured, from left, are Don Graf, Bob Black, Don Tagtmeyer, James Gothro of Pace, Andy McVeigh and John Geyer.

later donated the rice to the cause.

"We sold it twice to get the money we needed," McVeigh said.

This year's donation is the largest the club has made to date, topping 1992's total of 16,000 pounds.

"As a group we are charitable

people," said member Don Graf. "And we like to do things for the community."

Volunteers at the food bank will divide the 25-pound bags into 1- or 2-pound servings that will be used in emergency food boxes or weekly brown bag programs, said Debbi

Ennis, spokeswoman for the food bank.

The donation will go toward feeding those in need living on the West Side over the next two or three months, she said.

"We do buy rice occasionally, so this really helps," Ennis said.

SC West Lions, Lioness donate \$47,000 to charity

The Sun City West Pioneer Lions Club and Lioness Club have contributed more than \$47,000 to various charities and service organizations this past year — the most the club has ever awarded in one year, say officials.

The contributions, raised through club projects, not only benefited charities and organizations in the Sun Cities, but throughout the state, as well. In addition, \$1,000 was donated last week to assist victims of Hurricane Andrew.

"This is a great milestone of grant giving for both our clubs," says Howard Russell, 1991-92 president of the Pioneer Lions.

"Our Lion and Lioness members who donated over 16,000 hours this past year want to thank all the folks in Sun City West for being supportive of our fund-raising activities."

The Lions distributed \$27,242 while the Lioness raised \$10,400 for distribution. In addition, both

clubs forwarded \$9,380 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, an organization whose goal is to cure blindness.

"LCIF also funds emergency-relief efforts anywhere in the world. The Lions Foundation responds quickly" says Lenore Forti, president of the Lioness Club.

Beneficiaries in Arizona were: Lions Sight and Hearing Found-

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ation, \$6,265; Lions Camp Tatiyee, a summer camp for handicapped youth, \$6,157.

Also, Arizona Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, \$4,020; Lions Foundation of Arizona, \$3,120; Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$2,000; Lions Sight First, \$2,000; Lions Center for the Blind, \$1,400.

In the Sun Cities, beneficiaries were: Westside Food Bank, \$2,221; Interfaith Services, \$1,600; Habitat for Humanity, \$1,200.

Also, Dysart Community Center,

\$1,200; Central Adelante Campesino, \$1,000; R.H. Johnson Library, \$600; Sun City West Prides, \$400.



Photo by LU URDANG

Members of the Pioneer Lions and Lioness Clubs have raised more than \$47,000 this past year for charities. From left, Lenore Forti, president, Sun City West Lioness Club; Howard Russell, 1991-92 president, Pioneer Lions Club; Verna Snyder, Lioness treasurer; Mack Wortman, Lions treasurer.

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Cyclists prepare for race

By DEBBIE L. SKLAR
Staff writer

When Doyle Woods and Jim House exchanged their tennis rackets for bicycles two years ago, little did they know they'd be competing in bike races around the state.

"We got started riding bikes because we couldn't play tennis anymore," said Woods, who played tennis avidly, but not competitively.

House had to give up tennis because of arthritis and Woods hung up his racket due to torn cartilage.

Woods and House met when they both joined an informal Sun Cities bike club two years ago. The two Sun City West residents wear special shirts, shorts and helmets when they ride.

"We took up biking because when your knee is sick, you can turn or impact it," House said. "When you ride a bike, you can't do either one. It's a nice circular motion and you never twist."

The two men, along with a handful of others, call themselves the Sun Cities Silver Cyclists. The team of possibly four or six is being sponsored by the Del Webb Corp. (for the third year) for its participation in "The Best Dam Bike Ride" for multiple sclerosis Nov. 4 and 5. Other riders in the event must pay a \$150 entrant fee per person or obtain a sponsor.

The 167-mile race, now in its third year, begins at Dysart and Bell roads, goes through Salome, and ends at the

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—Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun
Jim House, left, and Doyle Woods, both of Sun City West, are training for the 150-mile "Best Dam Bike Race" for multiple sclerosis Nov. 4 and 5.

SCW bicyclists train for a dam good cause

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Parker Dam, southeast of Lake Havasu City. There will be 1,500 cyclists taking to the streets to help raise money for the disease, which attacks the central nervous system, resulting in the loss of muscle coordination.

"We're really looking forward to it again," said Woods, 65. "You see all kinds in this race; last year there was a team that put dog ears on their helmets and barked when they rode. But we're probably the oldest bunch that

rides in the race."

The team has begun training for the race and expects to fare well in the event. They'll spend seven days a week in the wee morning hours until November riding enough miles to get them ready for the event. They will also keep a strict low-fat diet regime of things like fruits, bagels and other high-energy foods.

Woods and House are no strangers to biking. Both have competed in the Tour de Phoenix bike ride and the Arizona Senior Olympics the past two years.

"I usually ride between 800 and 1,100 miles a month on my bike," said the 70-year-old House.

Woods, born and raised in Omaha, Neb., said he's been riding since he was a kid.

"I used to be a paperboy and deliver papers by bike," said Woods, who is retired from the hotel and restaurant business.

He rides between 800 and 1,000 miles a month. Both men are frequent visitors to the Sun Valley Parkway, located off the extension of Bell Road. The particular parkway is a

four-lane divided highway used by many bikers. In fact, Woods said the parkway is a haven for bicyclists from around the world when they visit Arizona.

"It is a very well-known park that's always featured in a variety of bike and fitness magazines," said House, a Michigan native and retired employee of the National Cash Register Corp. "It's extremely scenic; there's mountains, coyotes, rattlesnakes."

As for their bikes, Woods said they are "no Huffys that you buy at Wal-Mart."

Each man has a special bike weighing in at about 20 pounds — a regular bike often weighs 30 pounds or more. The bikes are also costly and range in the four-figure bracket. The average speed during training is 18 mph. Top speeds can range from 20 to 30 mph.

The special gear the men wear, such as long-sleeve shirts, help protect their skin from the sun's harsh rays.

"It's really important to keep covered especially in the summer," House said pulling at the bright yellow shirt.

"These are actually special shirts because they are made of a material that holds in the perspiration."

Both men said they are in the best physical shape they have ever been in.

"Riding is much better than an aerobic workout," House said.

Wives Peggy Woods and Joan House also ride bikes on a regular basis.

The men said they do not consider themselves exercise gurus. They're just a couple of guys that like to spin the wheels of their bicycles whenever they can.

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Quilters Take Santa to Migrant Children

Story & Photos,
Mildred Baker

Sun City West Palo Verde Patchers, a load of presents and Santa arrived Friday morning, Dec. 18th, at the El Mirage school, making 60 pre-school migrant children very happy.

Nine representatives of the 100-member club brought 80 quilted Christmas stockings, 80 teddy bears and other gifts for the Children's Christmas.

"This has been our main project for the last four years," explained Marge Nelson, club president. "We begin each spring so we have this big collection

when December arrives".

A teddy bear peeked out of each stocking filled with presents. The club contributes money for these children's educational materials.

Joe Rivera, husband of club member Mary Lou Rivera, was a stand-out child-pleaser...conversing in Spanish with the pre-schoolers. Mary Lou, in her Mrs. Santa attire, helped distribute gifts.

Betty Churchill, school migrant worker, says these children are all mainstreamed, and it is her duty to see that they take

Joe Rivera (Santa) with Christmas Patchers are delivering to migrant children at El Mirage. Another photo Page 3



advantage of the school's offerings...that their needs are

met. Gail Duffy is migrant nurse.

Toys for Kids a Tremendous Success

Story & Photo,
Marie Scotti

The Sun City West Women's Social Club hosted the Annual Community collection of Toys for Kids on Monday, Dec. 14th at the Kuentz Rec Center. This year, all of the toys collected are being donated to the Salvation Army. In past years toys have been donated to the Westside Food Bank.

Fran Burkhardt, president of SCW Women's Club, and her committee of Grace Napolitano, Betty Carmichael, Rosalie Doerries and Anne Joseph are to be congratulated on a tremendous job done handling collection of toys, dis-



Santa Claus, Bill Burkhardt and Ruth Knudsen, member SCW Women's Club pose with a few toys donated to Salvation Army.

play of them and making refreshments available for donors. Bill Burkhardt served as Santa Claus.

The Women's Social

Club meeting rooms looked like Toyland. Jumping jacks, mechanical toys, music

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Members l. to r.: Grace Napolitano, Betty Carmichael, Anne Joseph and Rosalie Doerries enjoyed working with donations of toys.

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boxes, rag dolls, Teddy Bears, steam engines and fire trucks...these and other dozens of toys were displayed.

Childhood associations and memories have a way of sticking with you. The Salvation Army personnel reports that 1200 children will become recipients of the large donation of toys.

Major Glenn Austin, Salvation Army Corps officer,

and his staff visited the center and were thrilled with the generosity of residents of the community.

Some of the other services provided in the Sun Cities area by the Salvation Army are: clothing and food in emergency situations; emergency relief for disaster victims plus Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets and back to school clothes.

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Webb Employees Bring Joy to Head Start Children

Story & Photo,
Mildred Baker

Sun City West Del Webb employees were eagerly awaited by Head Start children at the Surprise Community Center Wednesday, Dec. 16th, as they knew loads of gifts were on their way to them. This is the 10th year Webb employees have followed this custom. They brought clothing and a toy for each child.

"Since I am chair of the committee this year, I got to help choose the gifts," stated

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Members of Del Webb employees' committee who delivered Christmas presents to Head Start children of El Mirage: Carol Stewart, Darlene Ray, Peggy Bruno, and Cookie Prior. Ray Pechek was unable to be present.

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Carol Stewart, of the Webb accounting department.

Other committee members are Darlene Ray, also of accounting, Peggy Bruno, human resources, and Cookie Prior, design center for the model homes. A fourth member of the committee, Ray Pechek, was unable to attend.

Nancy Peacock, home base teacher for Head Start, expressed thanks to Webb employees. She thanked also the City of Surprise for use of the community center, Eddie Rios for the Santa Claus suit, Julie Luft, who also brought gifts for each child, and the Lions Club for \$25 food vouchers for each family.



Members of mothers' committee of Head Start program at El Mirage: top Lupe Rosas and Gretchen Marshall; below Anna Chavez and Esther Diaz.

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Sundome Lions...a Small Club with a Big Heart

Story & Photos,
Stan Steciak

President Ralph Ferraro's face beamed with pride when needy families rolled their shopping carts out of the SCW Safeway store. The carts were filled with food because of the generosity of the Sundome Lions. This year the Sundome Lions gave out 100 certificates, each worth \$25. Add that up and you will find that the local club contributed \$2,500 worth of food to area needy people. Fifty family names were supplied to the Lions by the West Side Head Start program, Linda Brown, educational manager, and 50 came from the Westside Food Bank directors. Mrs. Betty Martinez, a WSFB volunteer, was on hand to wish recipients "Happy Holidays".

Food" chairmen, Rudy Goffney and Rocco Fazzari. Plus, Ohnemus added a sack of potatoes and candy canes to every shopping cart.

Ferraro said the Sundome Lions work throughout the year at the Lions paper bin, they deliver the Sun Life Magazine and flyers door to door. They also manage the "hot dog and food center" at SCW's Giant Garage Sale. All this work to raise funds to donate back to worthwhile people and organizations. The Sundome Lions provide yearly donations to local groups. But surely, the "Christmas Food" giving makes the Sundome Lions happiest because, on hand to enjoy the smiles of the happy recipients were the officers, namely: President Ferraro; 1st VP John McCready; 2nd VP Rudy Goffney; treasurer Rocco Fazzari and secretary Mike Mahoney.



Christmas food recipient Mrs. Maria Gutierrez holding Valerie with Angel in shopping cart. Lions (from L.) are: Rudy Goffney; Pres. Ralph Ferraro and Rocco Fazzari.



Sundome Lions (from l.) Rocco Fazzari, Treas.; John McCready, 1st VP; Leo Ohnemus, Mgr. Safeway Store; Mike Mahoney, Sec'y; Rudy Goffney, 2nd VP.



Sharing the joy of Christmas with others

The Palo Verde Patchers, a Sun City West quilting club, recently made and donated 80 Christmas stockings and 80 teddy bears to pre-school children in El Mirage. The items were distributed last Friday with the help of Santa and Mrs. Claus, played by Sun City West residents Mary Lou and Joe Rivera.

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Spreading cheer



James Garcia / Staff photographer



Community Palo Verde Patchers members (from left) Ginny Street, Nora Bush, Betty Weller, Marge Nelson and Gladys Vonkaenel prepare stockings to deliver to preschoolers at El Mirage School. The brightly colored stockings are all hand-stitched.

Quilting club among many Sun Cities groups aiding less fortunate

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

Sun Cities

Strips of fabric stretched pretty far to bring Christmas cheer to youngsters.

Members of the Palo Verde Patchers, a Sun City West quilting club, made 80 pieced Christmas stockings and 80 teddy bears for El Mirage preschoolers.

"They are very cute, very attractive," said Marge Nelson, the Patchers club president.

Nelson is a substitute teacher in the Dysart Unified School District. She wanted to brighten the holidays for the children in the Head Start program and preschool at El Mirage Elementary School.

On Friday, club members presented their handmade gifts to 80 children.

The stockings are about 12 inches tall and contain 8-inch teddy bears made of brightly-colored calico prints. Coloring books, crayons and candy fill the rest of the stockings.

The Patchers are among several Sun Cities groups that are providing gifts to needy children.

The Sun City West Women's Social Club collected toys that will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

"We had hundreds more toys than last year," club President Fran Burkhardt said. "It's a wonderful experience to collect the toys."

"We had toys for infants all the way up to teenagers. It was mostly toys, including a couple of bicycles, but

there also was brand new clothing for infants."

Del Webb's Sun City West employees adopted a Head Start class in El Mirage. Each child received clothing and a toy courtesy of the Webb employees at the children's Christmas party last Wednesday.

The Rev. Jean Troughé of Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City sponsored a party Saturday and presented toys to the children of Emanuel Iglesia Metodista Unida, a Methodist church in Surprise.

"People need to know that somebody cares," Troughé said. "That's what it is all about."

The toy-giving has a special meaning for Troughé and Pastor Francisco Castillo of the Surprise church.

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Castillo was a recipient of Christmas toys 27 years ago in Mexico on Christmas Eve.

In 1965, Trouché was affiliated with a Methodist church in California when he decided that the children in his church would benefit from giving to people who were less fortunate.

The day before Christmas, they gathered clothes, toys and money to take to a needy church in Mexico.

The group traveled to Mexico and stopped overnight at a church in Zacatecas.

The Methodist minister in Zacatecas welcomed the group and fed

them dinner but said the town of Ejido Colima was in greater need than his town.

Trouché gave toys to the children in Zacatecas but continued farther south to give away the clothes and money.

This year, Trouché arranged for his church to donate toys to the children of the Surprise church.

He told Castillo about his trip to Mexico 30 years ago.

Much to his surprise, Castillo told him, "Oh, you're the one" who gave him a toy. Castillo's children are among those who will receive toys this year.

Woman assists Santa

By ROSA De SIMONE
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — While the harmonica band played on, dozens of residents huddled close in the chilly morning air waiting to greet two busloads of children from a Phoenix school for homeless youth.

At the center of activity Wednesday morning was Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Nancy Kohl of Sun City West.

Clad in traditional red and white, and the not-so-ordinary glittery silver leggings and tap shoes, Kohl made sure everyone had treats for the kids.

Kohl went all out for the kids — after all, they were her guests. It was her show.

Kohl volunteers once a week at Thomas J. Pappas Educational Center, one of the Maricopa County Accommodation Schools for Homeless Youth, located at 7th Avenue and Fillmore Street.

"I saw a tremendous need," Kohl, a retired teacher, said in explaining why she organized the party.

Finally, the wait was over, the children had arrived.

Minutes later, each Sun City Wester had a child, or two, in tow giving tours of the Fred P. Kuentz Recreation Center.

Soon it was party time as the 125 kids and their partners crossed R.H. Johnson Boulevard to the Sun City West Community Services building and into a room decked with Christmas decorations.

Hundreds of hot dogs and plenty of smiles later, Kohl doled out ribbons to the children for their entries in an art contest.

Working with the children from the Pappas center is nothing new for Kohl.

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This is her second year teaching art and self-esteem classes at the school, which has 160 kids in kindergarten through high school.

When she started volunteering, the school had no art supplies — a problem Kohl resolved by taking donations from Sun City West residents.

Students are found in the Valley's homeless shelters, motels and streets, said Kay Pasanen, a teacher at the school.

Kohl invited the children to Sun City West not only to have their fill of goodies, but also of love, she said.

"I wanted to give this message: I've never seen such loving people as those who live here. It's amazing what Sun City West is like," said Kohl, a two-year resident.

Helping the area's homeless children is necessary for a stable future, she said.

"We've got to do this to save our world," Kohl said. "We have to get down to the children's level. If I can prevent one of these children from becoming a criminal, I've done my job."

Kohl enlisted the services of many Sun City West residents to make the day a go.



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Sun City West resident Nancy Kohl welcomes students from Thomas J. Pappas Educational Center to Fred P. Kuentz Recreation Center. The Pappas center is part of the Maricopa County Accommodation Schools for Homeless Youth.

The event's sponsors were Del Webb Corp., Sun City West Clay, Art, Copper Cooker and Kiwanis clubs, the Sun Cities Sons of Norway, Sun City West Club Scandinavia, Sun City Agua Fria Kiwanis, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Safeway, Win or Lose Diet Club and the Mel-Dears

Harmonica Band.

"I just thought it would give me a happy, warm feeling — and it has," said resident Margaret Coffman, who, like her peers, was wearing the official red and white cap donned by Santa's helpers.

"This is what Christmas is all about — children," said

Myrtle Krueger.

Elaine Barnes, who is another volunteer at the school, said the day not only gave residents a boost, but also the children.

"They just love to have anything happening," Barnes said. "There's nothing happening in some of their lives."

Labor Day 'Follies' to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy Association

By Julia Jones
Staff writer

An all-day show, The MDA Follies, will be presented beginning at 7 a.m. Monday at the Crestview Restaurant, 19051 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West.

"It's our own way of raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association," said Anne Kirk,

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who'll direct the event with choreographer Chris Brown.

And it's in the style made famous by comedian Jerry Lewis each Labor Day, but the events are not connected, Kirk said.

Organizers promise live entertainment every 15 minutes after two stellar opening acts: Singer-songwriter Dutch Schultz will kick off the event at 7 a.m.; then, after an hour of entertainment by organist/singer Bobby Freeman, variety acts will begin with a performance by Brown's showgirls in Las Vegas-style costumes, The Christopher Girls.

Folks were so eager to participate, Kirk said, that within two weeks, all the performance slots were filled. Look for acts like The Sun City Steppers; Wally Storm from Wickenburg; The Bill Fraley Orchestra; The Shannon Sisters; The Sun Dots, a male quartet; a troupe of Hawaiian dancers; 91-year-old Rose Schwarz and her aerobics routine; three finalists from the Ms. Sr. Arizona Pageant, and the Sun City Poms.

"We're not charging admission, and the Crestview has 250 seats set up in the banquet room, so you can come and watch all day," Kirk says. But be forewarned: The Christopher Girls will be making the rounds with a fishbowl, which they intend to fill with donations that will be passed on to the MDA, and they will not be denied.

Last year, donations totaled almost \$1,000. "And that was out in a parking lot, in the hot sun," Kirk said. The group is planning a bigger haul this year, and the word is that at least one group is busing in from Mesa to attend.



Peter Schwepker / Staff photographer
Sun City West's Christopher Girls rehearsing for a Labor Day muscular dystrophy benefit include (from left) Anne Kirk, Shirley Wilder, founder Christopher Brown and Rae Chapman.

Information is available at Crestview at 584-7000.

Meanwhile, the Inn at the Amethyst assisted living community in Peoria has its own art gallery, thanks to the Sun Cities Art Museum.

The staff of the museum sees this as a way of "extending fine art to an entirely new audience — those who can't get to the museum," said museum curator Yolanda Muhammad.

The museum will be rotating exhibits at least quarterly. Currently on exhibit are 30 dolls from the Ward Collection, each one dressed in handmade clothing representing a period costume dating from the 1600s. A special group of dolls represent England's King Henry VIII and his six wives.

Also on exhibit are paintings by Mary Kifner of Sun City that have previously been displayed by the museum.

Residents are already enjoying the gallery, says Amethyst activity director Cameron Svendsen.

An artist's reception with Kifner to inaugurate the gallery will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The gallery, at 18172 N. 91st Ave., Peoria, is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. daily; the exhibit will continue through October. Reception reservations may be made at 974-5847. Meanwhile, Los Artistas, a group of Sun City West artists, will present a series of art walks from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September in the courtyard of LoPerchio's Restaurant in the Village at Surprise, 124th Avenue at Bell Road.

Members of Los Artistas have collected many ribbons and awards, and their work is represented in galleries, homes and corporate headquarters across the United States, according to member Marcia Goss. Some works are for sale; all are originals, and some have been executed on handmade paper.

Other members exhibiting works are Carolyn Aide, Barbara Boone, Don Bowsher, Doty Humphrey, Roger Knowles, Vern Matheny, Margaret Mueller, Doris Pawlak, Art Reiss, Mary C. Smith, Lori Swanholm, Roy Wetzell and Gar Witherspoon. Information is available at LoPerchio's, 583-0600.

Locals provide goods to preschoolers

By JACQUE PAPPAS
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Zada Purrington spends every day at her sewing machine making dresses, tops and shorts for the preschool children of migrant farm workers.

When she has a break, Purrington is making quilts that the children use during nap time.

And in her spare time, the 74-year-old Sun Citian knits sweaters for the 3, 4 and 5-year-old children enrolled in the Migrant Preschool Program of the Dysart Unified School Districts.

"This is fun for me to do. I love the kids and just feel like I'm helping out. The material I use is donated to me by local residents so all I use is my time," Purrington said.

On Thursday, Purrington brought 30 dresses, 25 shorts and top sets, 45 boys shorts and 45 quilts to the migrant office and helped size the children for a new outfit.

For the past four years Purrington, who taught high school in South Dakota for 20 years, has delivered the preschool children clothes in August and knitted sweaters in December.

Purrington is one of many Sun Cities area residents who give their time, talent and money to the migrant preschool, which is housed on the campus of El Mirage Elementary School, 12308 W. Thunderbird.

Gail Duffy, migrant program nurse, said the 70 preschoolers enrolled in the program are indebted to the generosity of local residents.

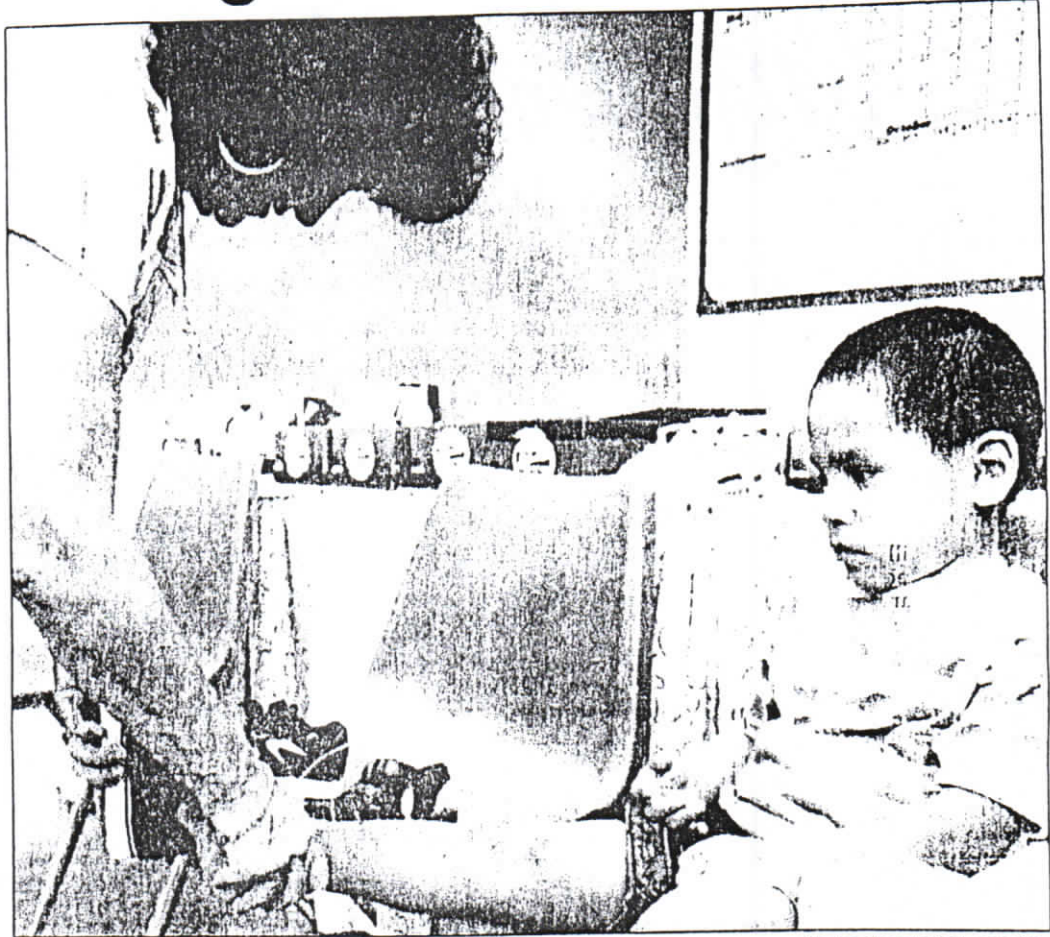
"We couldn't do it without them. We have no one else to help these migrant children," Duffy said. "Getting these children off to a good start is so important."

Duffy said there are a number of charities such as the Salvation Army that clothe children who are in kindergarten or older, but very few programs that focus on preschool-aged children.

Dysart's migrant program is funded with state and federal grants. However the money does not cover items such as clothing, shoes, chairs and blankets that the donations of local residents allow the Dysart staff to buy.

Many local churches, such as First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, have donated money to Duffy who in turn has purchased tennis shoes for the children.

Other donors include the Sundial Men's Club, West Val-



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ley Life Insurance Underwriters and local Kiwanis Clubs. Woodworking clubs in Sun City and Sun City West have also helped by making tables, chairs, shelves and other items for the classrooms, Duffy said. In addition, volunteers from Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital often help teachers during the day.

Bea Sainz, above, an instructional assistant at El Mirage Elementary School, helps a student in the preschool migrant program try on a pair of new shoes Thursday. At right, Zada Purrington, left, of Sun City, and tutor Maria Estrada size a young girl for a new dress. Local donations fund part of the program.

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"We also get an enormous amount of support from individuals in the community — some of whom are incredibly generous with their donations," Duffy said. "It's something we are so lucky to have and appreciate so much."



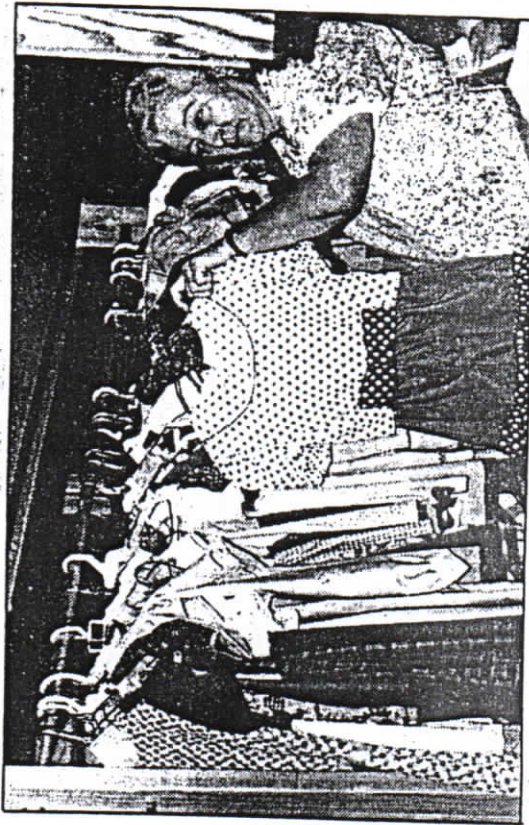
Salvation Army project aids children

Back-to-school program clothes more than 500 NW Valley kids

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

The Salvation Army's chapel will become a department store later this month when 500 children receive new clothes as part of the organization's annual back-to-school clothing project.

Each year since 1987, volunteers with the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary work year-round sewing dresses, shorts and T-shirts from



Members of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary have been busy preparing items for their annual back-to-school clothing project. The clothes will be distributed Aug. 19-20 to more than 500 low-income children throughout the Northwest Valley. Pat Dehne, auxiliary president, inspects a few of the garments.

colorful scraps of donated material. Each child receives a pair of shoes, three pairs of socks, three pairs of underwear, jeans or a dress, two pairs of shorts and two T-shirts.

The program benefits low-income children from kindergarten through the eighth grade in El Mirage, Peoria and Surprise, says Maj. Glenn Austin of the Salvation Army.

"It builds the egos of these youngsters who don't have to go to school with worn-out clothes. One of the worse things in the world is peer pressure."

Volunteers gather Wednesday mornings for a sewing session at the Salvation Army building at 10730 W. Union Hills Drive. But

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many work on clothing in their homes as well. Georgia Marrone, for example, is sewing 10-12 hours a day in preparation for the Aug. 19 and 20 distribution days and has completed 150 dresses. And Pat Dehne, Women's Auxiliary president, has finished more than 1,000 pairs of shorts.

Mrs. Dehne uses flower and polka-dot-print material and decorates shorts for the girls with lace.

"The wilder you make them the better they like them," she says.

While dresses, T-shirts and shorts are handmade, the Salvation Army also spends about \$6,000 a year for new jeans, shoes, socks and underwear. Volunteers raise the money through a semi-annual Trash and Treasures sale. The Salvation Army also accepts monetary donations for the back-to-school program and donations of fabric and clothing, says Capt. Dolores Williamson.

To qualify for the back-to-school program, children must live in the area and come from low-income families. On either Aug. 19 or 20, they come to the Salvation Army chapel to try on and select their clothes.

Many of the volunteers say they participate in the program because they like to sew, it keeps them busy and the results go to a good cause.

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Salvation Army project aids children

Back-to-school program clothes more than 500 NW Valley kids

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

The Salvation Army's chapel will become a department store later this month when 500 children receive new clothes as part of the organization's annual back-to-school clothing project.

Each year since 1987, volunteers with the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary work year-round sewing dresses, shorts and T-shirts from



Members of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary have been busy preparing items for their annual back-to-school clothing project. The clothes will be distributed Aug. 19-20 to more than 500 low-income children throughout the Northwest Valley. Pat Dehne, auxiliary president, inspects a few of the garments.

colorful scraps of donated material. Each child receives a pair of shoes, three pairs of socks, three pairs of underwear, jeans or a dress, two pairs of shorts and two T-shirts.

The program benefits low-income children from kindergarten through the eighth grade in El Mirage, Peoria and Surprise, says Maj. Glenn Austin of the Salvation Army.

"It builds the egos of these youngsters who don't have to go to school with worn-out clothes. One of the worse things in the world is peer pressure."

Volunteers gather Wednesday mornings for a sewing session at the Salvation Army building at 10730 W. Union Hills Drive. But

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many work on clothing in their homes as well. Georgia Marrone, for example, is sewing 10-12 hours a day in preparation for the Aug. 19 and 20 distribution days and has completed 150 dresses. And Pat Dehne, Women's Auxiliary president, has finished more than 1,000 pairs of shorts.

Mrs. Dehne uses flower and polka-dot-print material and decorates shorts for the girls with lace.

"The wilder you make them the better they like them," she says.

While dresses, T-shirts and shorts are handmade, the Salvation Army also spends about \$6,000 a year for new jeans, shoes, socks and underwear. Volunteers raise the money through a semi-annual Trash and Treasures sale. The Salvation Army also accepts monetary donations for the back-to-school program and donations of fabric and clothing, says Capt. Dolores Williamson.

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Local drive raises funds for El Mirage youths

Retirees donate \$13,000 to assist children, pools, sporting activities

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

Eight-year-old Jose Sanchez splashes in the blue waters of the El Mirage Pool not feeling the piercing sun and 105-degree temperatures.

Hundreds of other children will join Jose in recreation activities this summer because of the recent Good Neighbor Program conducted by American Legion, Post 94, in Sun City West.



The Sun Cities Good Neighbor program recently donated \$13,000 to El Mirage and Surprise. The funds, presented by Lloyd Killmer of the Sun City West American Legion, Post 94, will be used for recreational activities for children.

Because of donations from the Sun Cities, the Legion raised \$13,000 during this year's fundraising campaign — triple what it collected last year — to split between recreation programs in El Mirage and Surprise.

David Garcia, El Mirage recreation director, says all the kids in the community benefit from the donation.

"The money goes to equipment for the weight room, pays admission to the pool and for softball," he says.

The community had the support of Sun City 18 years ago when Margarita Reese, now El Mirage mayor, was present at the dedication ceremony.

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"Eighteen years later (the support) is still here. Post 94 has been instrumental in helping our kids stay out of trouble," Ms. Reese says. Officials also have said the recreation programs keep children busy during the summer and provide an alternative to gangs.

Last year, recreation officials gave scholarships to 440 youths and their families in Surprise and 400 in El Mirage so they could swim, go on field trips to the White Tanks Mountains and participate in a

summer softball league.

All the money raised from donations goes directly to the Good Neighbor Program., says Lloyd Killmer of the American Legion, Post 94.

The idea started in 1990 with the goal of making the El Mirage Pool available to everyone, he says.

Sun Cities residents donated \$3,500 that year and \$3,800 the following year toward the recreation programs. Last week, officials presented El Mirage with a

check for \$6,500 and Surprise with a check for \$6,500.

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz. Saturday, July 18, 1992.

Auxiliary sews up kids' clothing needs

By JACQUE PAPPAS
Daily News-Sun staff

Local residents have been working all year for two days in August when the Sun Cities Area Salvation Army auxiliary gives hundreds of needy children new clothes for their first day back to school.

Pat Dehne has made more than 400 pair of shorts.

Wanda Emmi made 70 sweaters while Mildred McKenzie, Ian Hudson and Dorothy Greg hand sewed hems.

Sarah Bowler and her crew have cut out and sewn more than 1,000 T-shirts.

Georgia Marrone has designed and sewn 160 new dresses — one a day for the past six months.

The women are among the many members of the local Salvation Army auxiliary who are helping with the upcoming back-to-school clothing distribution program.

Selma Patterson, project chairman, said the auxiliary hopes to give every child a pair of new jeans or a skirt, two shirts, shorts, one pair of shoes, three pairs of underwear and socks.

Children can also choose articles of clothing from a table of used items.

"No child likes to go back to school without having new clothes. That's a tradition that

goes back to our days of the one-room school house," Patterson said. "Many of these children would not have new outfits if it were not for organizations like ours."

On Aug. 18 the Salvation Army's chapel, at 10730 W. Union Hills Drive, will be converted into a clothing storeroom for children who attend school in Peoria, Surprise and El Mirage.

On Aug. 19 and 20, 400 to 500 needy kindergarten through eighth-graders will come and select their new wardrobe with their parents.

Patterson said volunteers are needed these three days to set up and help the children make their selections.

For more information on donations, volunteering or eligibility for the back-to-school program call 977-1084.

"So many people have been working on this project all year," Patterson said.

She said many of the auxiliary's 150 members from Sun City, Sun City West, Peoria and Youngtown meet from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to sew clothing for the children.

Many local church and social club members also make and donate items, Patterson said.

"It takes a lot of busy hands to accomplish this feat. And even with the help of donated



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Georgia Marrone of Sun City puts a hem in a dress she is making for the Salvation Army's Back to School Clothing Drive. Marrone has made 160 dresses for the youngsters.

time and materials, we estimate it costs a of minimum of \$45 per child," Patterson said.

Patterson, of Sun City West, has been chairman of the back-to-school program for nine years.

During those years Patterson said she has become a "professional bargain shopper."

"I am always keeping my eyes open for closeouts and big sales. I have ties with an outlet and am constantly looking for bargains on quality clothing for the kids," Patterson said.

Patterson said she has spent about \$6,000 this year on clothing items that the volunteers do not make such as shoes, socks and jeans.

This week Patterson and other

auxiliary members went to Wal-Mart and purchased more than 300 pair of tennis shoes that were on sale from \$3 to \$12.

The auxiliary raises money for the program through donations and two "Trash and Treasure" rummage sales, which bring in about \$6,000 to \$7,000.

In December, the auxiliary also gives toys and food to needy families.

Patterson said stores often give the auxiliary discounts because they are shopping for needy children.

The program is open to low income families with children in grade school. Those interested must sign up in advance by calling the Salvation Army office.

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THE WESTER

Youth Group Enjoys "Hands On" Experience

Story & Photo,
Russ Leubke

On Wednesday morning, June 17, the J.B. Sutton-Esperanza primary grade school, located in Southwest Phoenix, bussed 31 bright-eyed youngsters (grades 1 through 3) to the Sun City West Garden Plots Club.

In just over one hour, by means of five unique "learning centers" set up at strategically located garden spots, club members explained the practical and exciting science of vegetable gardening. At the conclusion of the tour, the young visitors were treated to lemonade, vegetable cookies and a carrot dessert treat.

Earlier in the month, Sutton school educator Cynthia Curran had accepted the Garden Plots Club invitation to visit their gardens. She felt it would be a fitting climax to the classes ongoing series of children's stories centered

around Mother Nature and the miracle of plant life. The students had just finished the classic "Jack In The Beanstalk," ate bean stew and planted beans at school.

After learning of Ms. Curran's wish to visit, chief monitor Raylan Evans and fellow club members devised the "learning center" concept. Norm Caldwell discussed soils and the enrichment thereof. Verl Unander talked about seeds and the propagation process.

John Angold explained the art of transplanting. Hal Weston taught insect control and Ted Arnold discussed harvesting methods. To their credit, each club member talked to the young people in simple and easily understood terms. Ms. Helen Brown and associates handled the refreshments admirably.

SCW
Garden
Plots
Club
Welcomes
Kids



Don Walcher, Club Guide, points the way for teacher Cynthia Curran and her students as Norm Caldwell looks on. The kids got valuable tips on gardening while Martin Guitierrez enjoyed fresh corn on the cob.





Five-year-old Jorge Ventura tastes white corn grown in the Sun City West Garden Plots.

Goodwill sprouts in SCW

By CONNIE STEELE YOUNG
Daily News-Sun staff

More than vegetables were growing Wednesday in the Sun City West Garden Plots Club.

Awe and amazement sprouted from about 40 kindergarten children of the Isaac Elementary School District in Phoenix as they watched gardening hobbyists demonstrate how their gardens grow.

Youngsters listened, touched, questioned and finally tasted produce pulled directly from the soil of Sun City West.

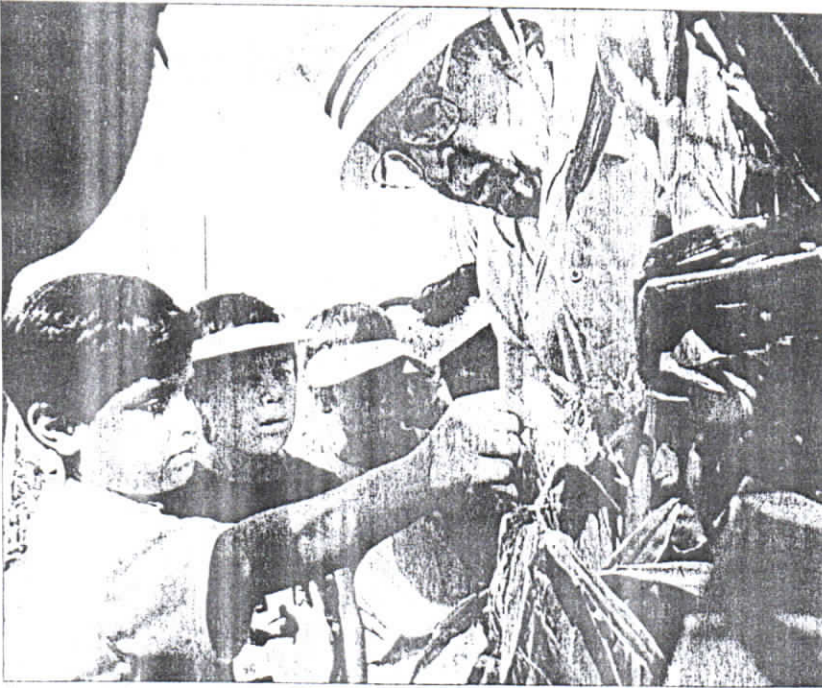
Many of the children from Esperanza Elementary and J.B. Sutton elementary schools in southwest Phoenix were seeing for the first time where vegetables come from and how they look before they arrive at the supermarket.

Teachers translated into Spanish as demonstra-

tors showed and told how they till the soil, fertilize, plant, transplant and finally harvest their vegetables.

After their yellow school bus had deposited the children at the gardening site, Raylan Evans, chief monitor of the SCW club, planted them in small groups at five agriculture stations situated around the seven-acre garden at the southend of 137th Avenue. At each site, a club member described five major areas of importance to the gardener. Demonstrating soils and enrichment was Norm Caldwell; seeds and propagation, Verl Unander; transplanting seedlings, John Angold; insects, Hal Weston; harvesting, Ted Arnold.

"The kids are just glued almost," said Evans, who organized the tour. "I have a lump in my throat. It's going so well."



Youngsters gather around Don Walcher as he reveals the inside of a corn husk.



Ted Arnold sews up his portion of the program by pointing out the squash in the garden plot.



Students watch as Verl Unander explains which plants grow from which seeds.



Youngsters worm in on Hal Weston for a talk on how insects can help or hinder a gardener.

Daily News-Sun photos
by Mollie J. Hoppes

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Neighborly spirit

Sun City West program assists Surprise, El Mirage residents

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

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She's an Angel and Santa to Homeless Children

Nancy J. Kohl, Artist, Wife, Mother and Grandmother and her husband, Daniel moved to Sun City West 1-1/2 years ago from Roseville and Crosslake, Minnesota. They have four children and one granddaughter.

Volunteer
Plus



Marie
Scotti

Nancy is dedicated to social causes to provide opportunities not available for homeless children and economically deprived.

Following attendance at a seminar held at American Lutheran Church in Sun City many months ago, Nancy was inspired to investigate the need for her volunteer services with homeless children. She is a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West. Since 1991, she has been volunteering her services one day a week to Maricopa County Accommodation School for the Homeless in Phoenix.

Nancy has 75 children enrolled in her classes — they include 1st thru 5th grade. Her curriculum includes art and physical fitness training. Nancy is a Certified Physical Fitness Teacher and attended the University of Minnesota-St. Paul School of Art. Her experience includes 14 years of teaching in the Art Program of Adult Education in St. Paul, MN School



Nancy J. Kohl dressed as Mrs. Claus.

System.

Her motto is "The whole world is an art form, even you are a work of art. I feel art is a form of therapy and with art you heal," said Nancy.

She is improving the cultural climate for homeless children with rare opportunities available for participation in the arts. She does not receive a salary and much of the revenue is generated by her talks to local organizations.

The funds are used to clothe, buy art supplies needed for her classes. Nancy promotes art with the children thru participation. Her work with the plight of the homeless deserves an award. The School staff reports she is the heart and soul of the program and has proved invaluable.

The Lord of Life Lutheran Church has given tremendous support and sponsorship to his homeless children's project. The church members prepare six dozen cookies weekly and deliver them to Nancy to take to the school.

Nancy finds time to be an avid golfer, president of the Copper Enamelists of Sun City West and Vice-President of the Sons of Norway.

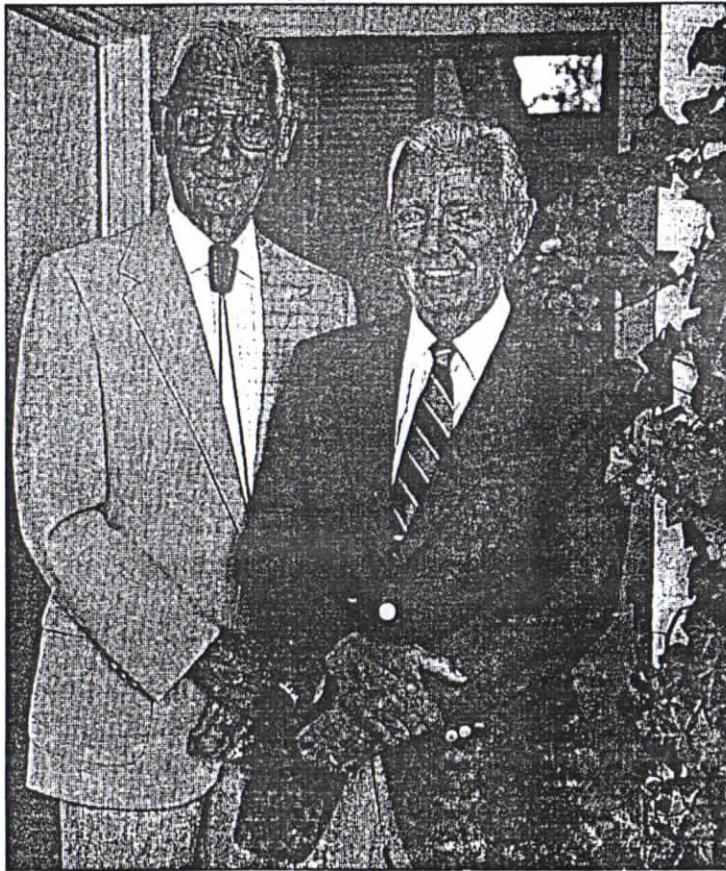
What's different about the School for the Homeless? What's different is the building of a personal relationship between students and the teacher.

Nancy also finds time to play Mrs. Claus at Christmas time and puts on as many as 22 programs annually of magic tricks, tap dancing, and baton twirling for children in the surrounding areas of Sun Cities, plus nursing homes in the area.

The Wester salutes this great lady for her enthusiasm and dedication for a good cause.

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Sun City men make wishes come true for ill children



Ken Crawford (left) and Ray Olson have spoken to more than 70 groups in an effort to obtain donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

John Blackmer / Staff photographer

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

SUN CITY — When it comes to granting wishes, Ken Crawford and Ray Olson hold the magic wand.

The two Sun City men actually rely on their voices more than any wizardry to spread the word about the non-profit Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Word-of-mouth is how the foundation receives donations that allow special wishes to be granted for critically ill children and their families.

"Make-A-Wish does not solicit through the mail or telephone," Crawford said. "We spread the word by talking to people about Make-A-Wish, but we do not pass a collection plate during our presentations."

Make-A-Wish began in Phoenix in 1980, helping a 7-year-old boy who dreamed of becoming a police officer. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers, the U.S. Customs Service and the Department of Public Safety, the boy rode in a DPS helicopter dressed the part in his custom-made regulation uniform, complete with badge and helmet.

The boy's mother was among the founders of Make-A-Wish, and a handful of people began turning dreams into realities for other children with life-

threatening illnesses.

Today, Make-A-Wish has 76 chapters in 47 states, as well as chapters in Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Olson, 78, became involved with Make-A-Wish in 1983 after he heard about a Phoenix boy who had cancer and was in a hospital in Los Angeles. The boy's only wish was to return to his own bed. Then-Gov. Bruce Babbitt arranged for a helicopter to bring the child home.

"I thought if Governor Babbitt could get involved, so could I," said Olson, a retired vice president of Willett Co., a transportation company in Chicago.

Crawford, 81, joined Olson six months later.

"We've spoken to more than 70 groups, from 10 people in their living room to 300 at an AARP function," Olson said. "Some people have heard of the foundation and some haven't, but they sure know all about it when we're through."

They meet primarily in the Sun Cities, but have spoken to groups in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

The program has changed little since the two teamed up. Crawford handles the speaking duties and Olson runs a 17-min-

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ute video presentation which includes network television coverage of Make-A-Wish.

"We only ask that the audience assess what they are doing to help others. And we hope they fill that void — if there is one — with Make-A-Wish," said Crawford, a retired director of training for a San Francisco paper company.

Olson and Crawford try to keep their program positive and upbeat.

"But sometimes it is very touching to hear about these kids and their wishes," Olson said. During one of our programs, the group chairman had tears streaming down his face. Someone else had to finish the meeting."

The year the men got involved with Make-A-Wish, the Central and Southern Arizona chapter had enough support to grant 30 wishes. This year, the chapter expects to grant nearly 90 wishes. To date, the chapter has granted more than 585 wishes.

"Ken and Ray have been helping us almost since our founding," said Dolli Peralta, executive director of the foundation. "Their assistance has been immeasurable."

They will be honored for their contributions at a ceremony in October.

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Ken Crawford

Make-A-Wish Foundation

More than 10,000 children have been granted their favorite wish since the foundation's start. Nearly 4,000 of those wishes were granted in the past year, said Martha Moyer, foundation volunteer board liaison.

Make-A-Wish covers all the expenses of a wish, including airline tickets, rental cars, meals, spending money, admission fees, lodging and even camera film. Wishes vary from visiting Disneyland to being a fireman for a day.

"When President Reagan was in office, an Arizona child wanted to push the button to light the Christmas tree at the White House because she said 'the lights must be seen all the way to heaven,' Olson said. "A little boy was a Navy buff, so we sent him to Honolulu, and the Navy took him for a week."

Donations may be sent to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Central and Southern Arizona Chapter, 1624 E. Meadowbrook, Phoenix 85016.

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Sun Citian is PAL to preschoolers in Surprise

Volunteer work recognized

By JACQUE PAPPAS
Daily News-Sun staff

SURPRISE — Sitting at a small table on a small chair, 73-year-old Orv Lorenz gets at eye-level with the developmentally delayed preschool children at Kingswood Elementary School.

Lorenz, of Sun City, spends every Wednesday in a classroom made up of 3, 4, and 5-year-old children enrolled in the Preschool Action for Learning Program.

The program helps both disabled children with special needs and so-called "typically developing children" prepare for kindergarten.

Lorenz, a retired businessman, has volunteered his time for the PAL program in the Dysart Unified School District for 10 years.

"It's so satisfying to see some of these children develop. Some come in not really able to communicate at all and when they make progress it is such a reward," Lorenz said.

The children identified as disabled have disabilities in areas such as communication development and social and emotional development.

Some are unable to verbally communicate and instead use homemade versions of sign language to get their message across. Others have physical handicaps or disabilities of unknown origin.

"With those severely developmentally delayed children, you hope to convey a little feeling to them — something they can understand," Lorenz said. "This

program allows the children to interact and in many cases help them to understand other children."

Last weekend, Lorenz was honored in Orlando, Fla., for his long-term dedication to the preschool children in Dysart district. He was named as one of seven runners-up in the National Outstanding School Volunteer Awards program sponsored by Kraft General Foods, Walt Disney World Co. and the National Association of Partners in Education.

Fourteen winners and runners-up were named in the contest, which had more than 1,300 nominations.

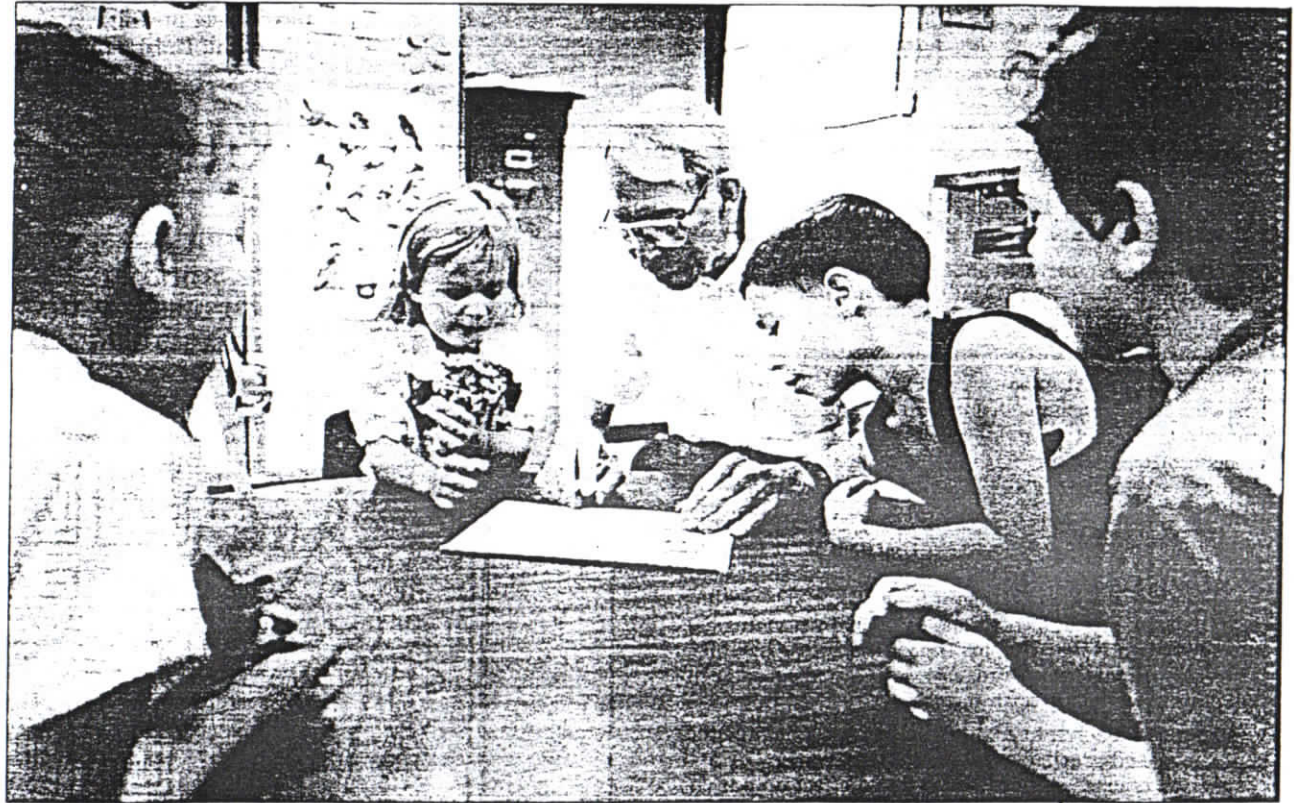
Dysart PAL coordinator Terry Welsh nominated Lorenz for the award.

"He's just been a wonderful volunteer," Welsh said. "Many of the children whose speech and language is delayed need that extra person talking to them."

Although the PAL classroom initially included children with some sort of learning disability, now the program is fully integrated, Welsh said.

"An integrated program provides opportunities for preschoolers with delays to interact, learn, socialize and play with typical children. The typical, peer-model children, may become more accepting of children who are different," Welsh said.

Preschool classes are taught at Kingswood, Luke, Surprise and El Mirage schools. The morning session is from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and the afternoon session is from



Stephen Chernek/Daily News-Sun

Sun Citian Orv Lorenz is the center of attention at Kingswood Elementary School where he helps preschool children such as Jessica Arismendez, left, Erin Voras, Paul Buck and

John Hodge. Lorenz was recently honored in Orlando, Fla. for his volunteer efforts with the Preschool Action for Learning program at Kingswood.

noon to 2:30 p.m.

Florence Mandel, preschool teacher at Kingswood, said the curriculum is planned around everyday experiences that help children learn about themselves,

their families, friends, the environment and community.

She said a speech pathologist, instructional assistant and parents are often in the classroom to help give the children more

one-on-one attention.

June Goodwin of Happy Trails and Marge Leahy of Sun City are also Kingwood PAL volunteers.

Parents who think their chil-

dren may be developmentally delayed can fill out an application and have their child screened. The cost to parents of non-handicapped, typical children ranges from \$40 to \$65 a month.

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Pairs of pals

Project matches 6th-graders, seniors

By Connie Cone Sexton
Staff writer

Glendale

In the eyes of 12-year-old Philip Nichols, Iona Berg has lived a daring life.

She was once knocked down by a volcano and stranded on a safari when her Land Rover broke down.

As he read from the biography he had written on Berg, 72, Philip gave her an admiring glance.

The six decades that separate the two seemed to fade as the sixth-grader from Arrowhead Elementary School joked with the Sun City resident.

For the past seven weeks, 10 Arrowhead pupils

have each been paired with a senior citizen, all members of Faith Presbyterian Church. The group met weekly at the school, 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive.

On Friday, the "couples" shared their experiences with the pairing, and the children read from biographies they had compiled after seven weeks of interviewing their counterparts.

The pairing was part of a pilot project directed by Betsy Morse, a reading specialist in the Deer Valley Unified School District. The program was aided by Cindy Begg, a Sun City volunteer at Arrowhead.

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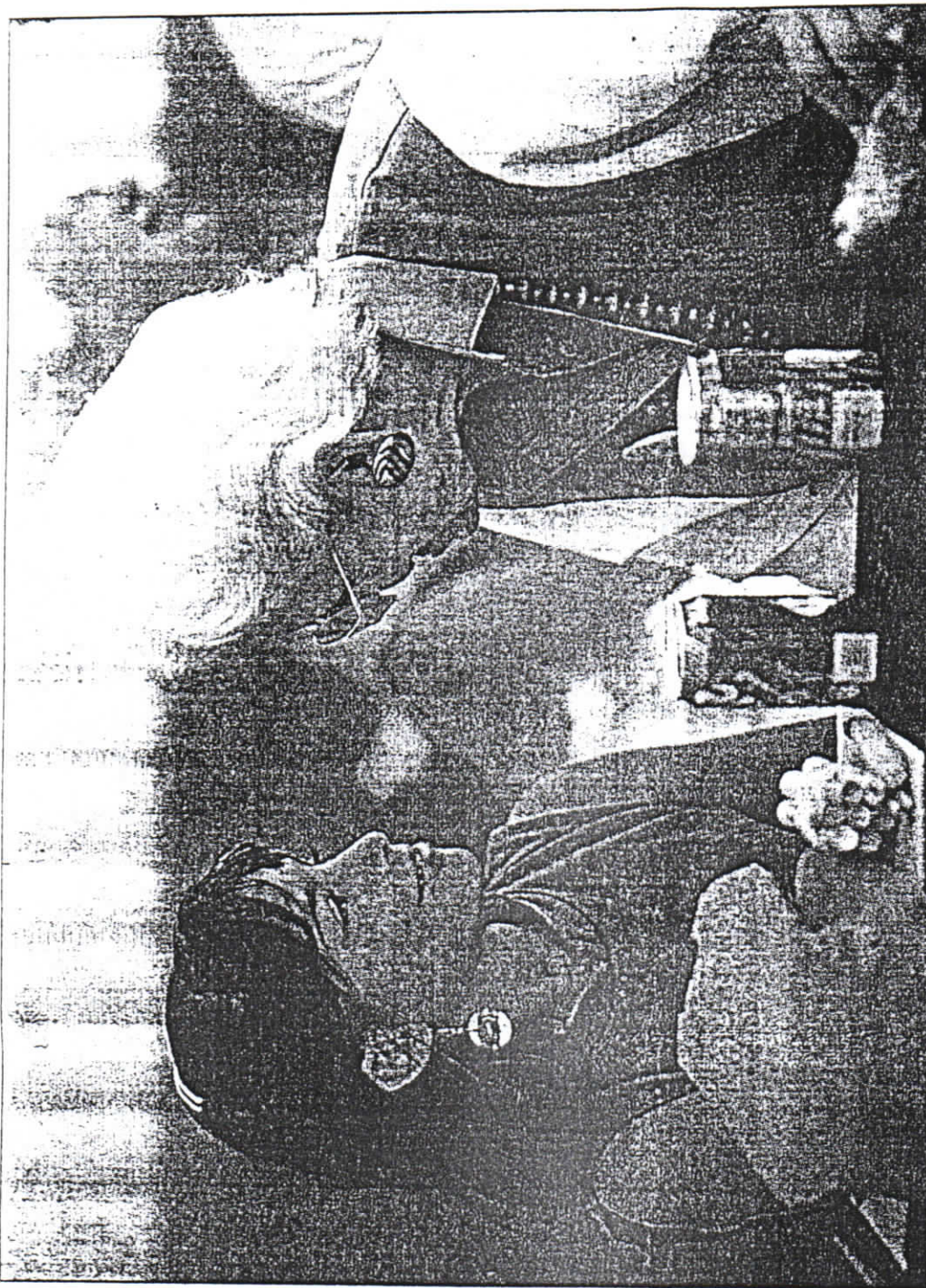


Community
Sixth-grader Alycia Wright and Louise Covault of Sun City have a snapshot of themselves together with which to remember their seven-week project.

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Russell Gates / Staff photographer

Candice Grieco, 12, of Arrowhead Elementary School and Wilma McDaniel of Sun City chat over lunch. As part of a pilot project, sixth-graders were each paired with a senior citizen. They interviewed the seniors, then wrote biographies.

kids grow in love and understanding of the senior citizens, and the other way around, too," Begg said.

One goal, Morse said, was to increase the volunteer program at Arrowhead. "We had 53 people who wanted to do this. We could only select 10 because it was a pilot."

She hopes to expand the program, next year.

During a ceremony Friday, the children read from the biographies they wrote. Sixth-grader Karen Korzeniowski revealed that Matilda Snee "couldn't cook when she got married."

Jon Jones, 12, said it was a "fun experience to interview Jack."

Such familiarity was OK, said Jack Rankin. "He asked me first," the Sun Citian said and smiled. "I learned a lot, too, and that it's been a long time since I was in the sixth grade."

Candice Grieco, 12, said she was a little nervous when first meeting Wilma McDaniel, 74. "But I found her to be very nice."

McDaniel agreed. "And these kids live so close to us, and some have never been out to Sun City. I think they should come out and see us," she said.

Alycia Wright, 11, said she enjoyed meeting someone new. "I found that senior citizens don't just sit around. They're very busy and have a lot of fun."

Louise Covault, 72, grinned as her partner spoke. "That's right. We don't just sit around."

Husband and wife Marge and Jack Ahlman said they felt honored to be chosen for the program.

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Russell Gates / Staff photographer

Candice Grieco, 12, of Arrowhead Elementary School and Wilma McDaniel of Sun City chat over lunch. As part of a pilot project, sixth-graders were each paired with a senior citizen. They interviewed the seniors, then wrote biographies.

kids grow in love and understanding of the senior citizens, and the other way around, too," Begg said. One goal, Morse said, was to increase the volunteer program at Arrowhead. "We had 53 people who wanted to do this. We could only select 10 because it was a pilot."

She hopes to expand the program, next year.

During a ceremony Friday, the children read from the biographies they wrote. Sixth-grader Karen Korzeniowski revealed that Matilda Snee "couldn't cook when she got married."

Jon Jones, 12, said it was a "fun experience to interview Jack."

Such familiarity was OK, said Jack Rankin. "He asked me first," the Sun Citian said and smiled. "I learned a lot, too, and that it's been a *long* time since I was in the sixth grade."

Candice Grieco, 12, said she was a little nervous when first meeting Wilma McDaniel, 74. "But I found her to be very nice."

McDaniel agreed. "And these kids live so close to us, and some have never been out to Sun City. I think they should come out and see us," she said.

Alycia Wright, 11, said she enjoyed meeting someone new. "I found that senior citizens don't just sit around. They're very busy and have a lot of fun."

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GOOD NEIGHBOR funds will help keep the pool gates open for disadvantaged youth in the Northwest Valley. Presenting a check for \$3,500 is Legionnaire Lloyd Kilmer. Accepting the check for the city of El Mirage is Mayor Robert Robles, while Surprise Mayor Roy Villanueva observes. Donations for the Good Neighbor project came from area residents and business operators. *Tyson Kuhn/Independent*

Neighbors present \$3,500 for summer activities

A \$3,500 check presentation took place June 19, at El Mirage Pool, with members of the American Legion, bank dignitaries and municipal officials from the Sun Cities area in attendance.

This "Good Neighbor" program wasn't your everyday, outdoor exchange.

The ceremony, in 108-degree heat, was prefaced by executions of cannonballs, bellyflops, gainers, feet-firsts and the Lipton Tea.

Showers, sprays and myriad sounds that attend a summer afternoon at the pool accompanied the early part of the program.

A rest period was declared and the pool was cleared for a few moments while check presentations and introductions were made.

The crowd of children and young people at the pool were an appreciative audience.

The money will assist activity programs for disadvantaged youth in the Northwest Valley.

Sun Cities Legion members and Northwest Valley business

people find many youth in neighboring communities cannot afford to pay for team sports or purchase swimming pool tickets.

The Good Neighbor program provides a means to keep the young people busy and occupied during the summer season.

American Legion Post No. 94, Sun City West, delivered the Good Neighbor check with the cooperative assistance of Cynthia Heaps, branch manager/assistant vice president of M&I Thunderbird Bank, Bell-Johnson Branch.

The bank was account holder for the fund-raising project.

El Mirage Mayor Robert Robles and Surprise Mayor Roy Villanueva attended the program.

Legion Commander Lloyd Kilmer presented the check to Mayor Robles and introduced Ms. Heaps.

Among those on the official guest list were Scott Lind, El Mirage city manager and Nick Bacon, Surprise town manager, Billy Parker, director of Surprise Parks and Recreation Department and David Garcia, director, El Mirage Recreation Department;

The Good Neighbor Fund account will remain open throughout the season, says Ms. Heaps.

"We're hoping to add donations as the summer goes on."

She already has mailed 176 thank-you notes to Good Neighbor donors on behalf of the Legion, the chamber and the bank.

Contributions for the Good Neighbor program came from area residents, businesses and members of the Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's participation was directed by Tom McCanna, executive director.

El Mirage City Manager Scott Lind says, "This program is educating our youth and showing them alternatives to drugs and crime."

"The Good Neighbor Program is important to the future of our youth and our country. We thank all who have shared in the program."

Nick Bacon, Surprise City Manager, adds, "It's a beautiful gift. We're grateful to the local people and businesses that contributed."

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SC Rotary Clubs collect \$127,000 for polio vaccines

By **CONNIE STEELE**
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SUN CITY WEST — Rotarians from the four clubs in the Sun Cities have outdone any other group in Arizona in a worldwide effort to protect children from poliomyelitis.

Averaging a \$492 donation per member, four Sun City area Rotary clubs raised \$127,000 to help buy oral vaccine to combat the viral infection that can maim or kill.

The Sun City clubs collected more per member than any other in the state, said Vern Lampert of Sun City West, who coordinated the local effort on behalf of Rotary International's project, Polio Plus.

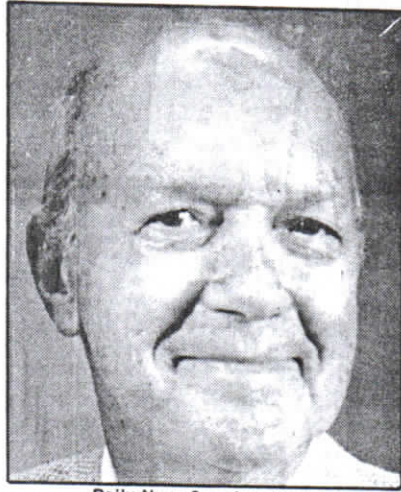
The four clubs and fundraising chairmen are Sun City Rotary, Robert Smith; Sun City-Del Sol Rotary, Mort Prince; Sun City West Rotary, Howard Christensen; and Sun City-Lakeview Rotary, Gus Peters.

Rotarians from 21,000 clubs in 164 nations or geographical areas have taken part in the effort to protect the children of the world.

Polio Plus grew out of a desire to celebrate in a big way Rotary International's 100th birthday in the year 2005, said James Bruno of Sun City West.

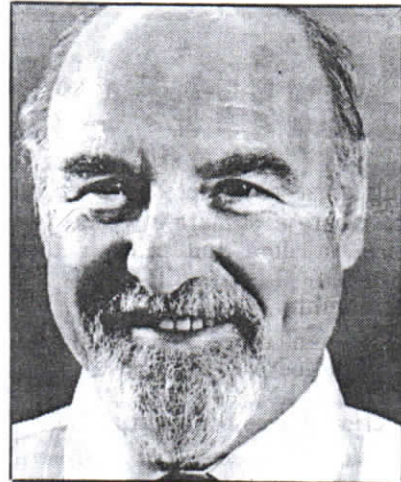
Bruno is one of 11 international coordinators of Polio Plus. His region encompasses 12 western states, including Alaska, Hawaii and a part of Kansas.

Bruno said Rotary leaders wanted a project that would make a difference in the world.



Daily News-Sun photo by Connie Steele

JAMES BRUNO — of Sun City West is one of 11 international Polio Plus campaign coordinators of the Rotary project.



Daily News-Sun photo by Stephen Cherek

VERN LAMPERT — of Sun City West coordinated efforts among the four Rotary Clubs in the Sun Cities

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Discussions, as early as 1980, led to a pilot project that was tested in the Philippines. Health officials said nearly 50 percent of Filipino children could expect to contract polio.

At the conclusion of the pilot program, the at-risk population stood at 5 percent, Bruno said.

So far Arizona has raised 75 percent of its \$1,250,000 goal, he said.

Thursday, Bruno said that members of Rotary International have \$220 million cash on hand. That is nearly double the original \$120 million project estimate made in 1985.

"That's money in the bank," Bruno said. "You cannot buy vaccines on promises."

U.S. Rotarians alone generated \$120 million, making it the largest money-raiser in the world. The initial U.S. goal was \$70 million. Japan, with \$28 million, claimed second place as the largest fund-raiser among Rotarians.

Although official fund-raising efforts ended in June of last year, Bruno said money is still being received.

An estimated 250,000 children around the world who haven't been inoculated die each year from respiratory paralysis triggered by poliomyelitis, said Bruno.

Another 250,000 to 350,000 children are left crippled or disabled by the disease that became preventable with the advent of the Salk vaccine in 1955. The Rotarian project, Polio Plus, uses the more advanced Sabin live oral vaccine, said Bruno.

Before a recent increase in the cost of vaccine, Bruno said eight children could be inoculated for \$1.

"The cost of vaccine has gone up," he said, "so the number has dwindled to five kids for a buck."

Recent estimates say 187 million children already have been

inoculated through the project, Bruno said.

Projects now underway will reach another 450 million children, he said.

"We'll have only 600 million (children protected) by the end of this calendar year," said Bruno. "So we have a way to go yet."

Of the 79 countries originally identified as needing the vaccine, many have undergone mass inoculations. Bruno said about 50 nations remain on the list, including a recently approved program for mainland China.

He said all South American nations have been done, two series in Mexico have reached 16 million children, and kids in Nicaragua and El Salvador are now receiving inoculations.

"The beautiful thing about this is that every dollar goes to the cause," Bruno said.

He said administrative costs have been covered by interest earned on contributions while the program was being pulled together.

Rotarians themselves manage and implement the program in conjunction with local health officials.

Logistics for reaching remote areas of many targeted nations has required unusual measures, Bruno said. These are the regions without newspapers, televisions or telephones.

"You can't just announce on television that the vaccine is available and to come on in," said Bruno.

Getting into these remote localities can mean transportation quite different from what Americans consider standard, he said. Camels had to be bought in Turkey and burros in Mexico.

"Those of us living in developed countries don't realize the magnitude of the problems," Bruno said.