



Leather Club members parade in Sun City West

Representing the Sun City West Leather Club at the 40th anniversary parade and celebration were club members Jay Sherwood and Dick Tiede. The Leather Carvers will sell their hand-made leather items at the Spring Craft Fair March 17 at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Their tables will be located behind the Railroad Club overlooking the new swimming pool area. [Submitted photo]

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Meeting the candidates

The Sun City West Republican Club has been hosting forums for candidates seeking office. At the March 3 meeting, two of the candidates for Arizona State Treasurer's position presented their policies to the members. Above are Jo Ann Sabbagh, left, and Kimberly Yee. [Submitted photo]

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ON THE AIR



Sherry Hayes and Keith Fowler work on a program for the SCW Broadcast Club. [Submitted photo]

SCW Broadcast Club keeps local voices on air

The SCW Broadcast Club continues to share local voices in the community.

The club's mission is to improve the lives of members of the local community by encouraging them to participate in activities and to keep them informed so they can take advantage of services offered by other local organizations. Members create the programming for and operate KSCW-LP 103.1 FM. The low power broadcasts are also streamed on the Internet for those who would like to stay in touch when they are out of the local area.

Visit SunCityWestRadio.com and click on the "Listen Live" button. Included in the

announcements and music programming on the station there are several 'home grown' programs hosted by club members:

On Tuesdays and Saturdays between 4 and 6 p.m., show host Hank Hagy plays "real country," and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. he plays gospel.

"If you are looking for good, traditional country music, join me," Mr. Hagy stated in a news release. "I will be playing the country music we grew up with. Listen to Jim Reeves, Marty Robbins and Hank Williams. You will also hear classic country favorites from artists like Patsy Cline, Kitty Wells, Loretta Lynn and many other great artists. In

each show, I will put a little humor in our lives as we pay a visit to the Classic Country Comedy Corner and hear from some down home comedians like Jerry Clower, Ray Stevens and Prof. Carl Hurley."

For a complete list of programs go visit SunCityWestRadio.com and click on the "Program Guide" button.

The SCW Broadcast Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization and tax deductible donations are appreciated. Its mailing address is SCW Broadcast Club, PO Box 5432, Sun City West, 85376-5432.

The station is open by request by calling 602-538-1031 for an appointment.



Kurt Hauswirth and Bill Persson load shows into Command Center, the SCW Broadcast Club's automated programming system which is maintained and updated by the members. [Submitted photo]

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SCW Broadcast Club gains OK for antenna site

By Jeff Grant
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The community is a step closer to having its own local radio station.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West Governing Board Thursday approved a site for an antenna to be used by the SCW Broadcast Club for its low-power, FM station previously licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

KSCW-FM-LP's antenna will be located just outside the Men's Club building on Meeker Boulevard.

The antenna will be situated atop a 50-foot, powder-coated, bronze-color flagpole. Club president John Huotari said it will take seven weeks for the production and delivery of the pole.

"We're submitting technical specifications for the antenna to obtain bids for the purchase of the pole," Huotari said.

The pole-mounted antenna will be linked to the club's transmitter, inside a room within the Men's Club building where the club will originate its broadcasts.

Huotari said the club hopes to go on the air in March or April 2015.

"We're looking at fundraising to buy equipment and set up," Huotari said.

Programming is still being developed, but the club president said it will be a mix of local information and interviews, focusing primarily on community activities and telling the stories of the



Bill Parsons of the Sun City West Broadcast Club examines the club's equipment. [Daily News-Sun file photo]

community's diverse mix of retirees.

"There are authors, composers, former military personnel. We will explore those talents," he said.

Club members will be re-

sponsible for the bulk of the on-air work, including interviews, hosting programs and recording public service announcements. Huotari said the club has 120 members, though not all will partici-

pate.

A number of materials and equipment had been previously donated to the club for its use.

Broadcast hours will be 7 a.m.-10 p.m., and Huotari

said the signal will be available just outside Sun City West in Sun City Grand, Surprise, El Mirage and Corte Bella.

While the club will pay the cost of producing, shipping

and installing the antenna pole, it will become property of the RCSCW, and the rec centers will handle typical maintenance, noted General Services Officer Katy O'Grady.

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BREWING



Zymurgy Club members vote to accept the terms of the amount they will be paying back to the Recreation Centers of Sun City West for improvements on their space at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. The vote came during the club's meeting on Dec. 10. Gerry Connor, center, counts the votes. [Tina Gamez/Daily News-Sun]

RCSCW board approves beer-wine club project with 5-2 vote

By Tina Gamez
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Zymurgy Club will soon have the facilities to brew beer and wine at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center now that the Recreation Centers of Sun City West board has voted to fund improvements and increase the club's space.

"This really is going to be a turning point in the life of Sun City West," said Kenny Jordahl, Zymurgy Club founder and a former Recreation Centers of Sun City West board director. "We're

moving into a new era and this is really something that the people that are coming into this area are going to want."

Along with the funding, comes an agreement between the rec centers and the club for repayment on the club's portion of the cost over a five-year period.

In a 5-2 vote Thursday, governing board directors Kay Williams and Diane Cheney opposed the move that will cost the association \$77,400, while the Zymurgy Club pays \$48,625. Director David Wil-

son was not at the meeting.

As the Properties Committee chairman, Williams said after the meeting that the rec centers remodeled four club rooms at Beardley in the summer at a total cost of \$110,000, and the improvements benefit a total of 950 members in those clubs. "The project before us today, with a cost of over \$120,000, will benefit approximately 200 residents who belong to the Zymurgy Club."

Williams added: "This is a very expensive project for the association to fund. While ev-

ery decision cannot be based just on statistics, the overall benefit to Sun City West should be a major factor in these decisions."

And even though the funds are available for transfer from other capital projects, Williams questioned if the money is the best use of rec centers funds.

But board vice president Jim Young doesn't think the price is too high, and president Marion Mosley said "there's a fair amount of renovation that has to take

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place," including extending a patio area that will be enclosed "so they don't disturb anyone else."

Young said it's a club he isn't interested in, but recognized that others are getting more involved in making beer and wine. "If I was into wine drinking, I would be there in a minute."

Cheney, however, said clubs that want to make a change "are paying their way. And this club, didn't do that."

She said the Zymurgy Club could have delayed the changes and pay its way like the Pickleball and Automotive/Restoration clubs, "but

they wanted to jump right in and let us, the rec centers, pay all that."

Cheney indicated a change in policy is needed. "If there's anybody that can sell stuff, it's this club. Why aren't they making more money, doing more."

Jordahl noted: "When this place was established, no one was paying their own way." He also said he thinks the association should have paid for

the ARC building.

"There's a lot changes going on in this world, and we need to stay on top of it," said Jordahl. "We need a younger face in Sun City West. And I think that the Z Club is really part of that younger face and I think that the Boomer Club is helping that."

"Without change, you stagnate," he said. "Once we get established, our club is going to explode."

DRIVEN

RCSCW green lights auto club project

By Tina Gamez
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West pumped cash into a building project that drew applause from those attending Thursday's governing board meeting.

The board approved the expenditure of \$1.3 million for the Automotive Restoration Club's building project.

The Auto Club has been raising money for the building and hopes to reach its goal sometime during the summer. It has raised \$400,000 so far.

RCSCW General Manager Mike Whiting said the board had to approve the expenditure for the 2014-15 budget for construction to begin next year.

During questions about costs going over budget, Whiting said "the board has the flexibility to add \$400,000" if needed, which is allowable by the bylaws.

The auto club will need to place the money it raises into the association's account before any construction can begin even though the plans for the building have been submitted to Maricopa County for review.

Tom Jones, president of the Auto Club, was out of town for Thursday's decision.

"We're excited about the vote by the board," he said.

The building can now go out to bid.

He said the association is

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SCW band needs members

By Rusty Bradshaw

Independent Newspapers

Sun City West is looking for a few good musicians for its concert and pops band.

Formed in 2000, the Sun City West group has built gradually over the years. The band now has membership nearing 40, according to John Madson, band director.

"We are the baby on the block," he said.

While it was started 12 years ago, the Sun City West Concert band did not have its first performance until 2010. The group played up to three events annually in the years since. But no performances have yet been scheduled for 2013, according to Mr. Madson.

The Sun City West band needs musicians in all sections, Mr. Madson said.

"We do have some of the Sun City band members playing with us," he added.

The Sun City West Concert Band rehearses 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 6 at Beardsley Recreation Center, 12755 Beardsley Road, Sun City West.

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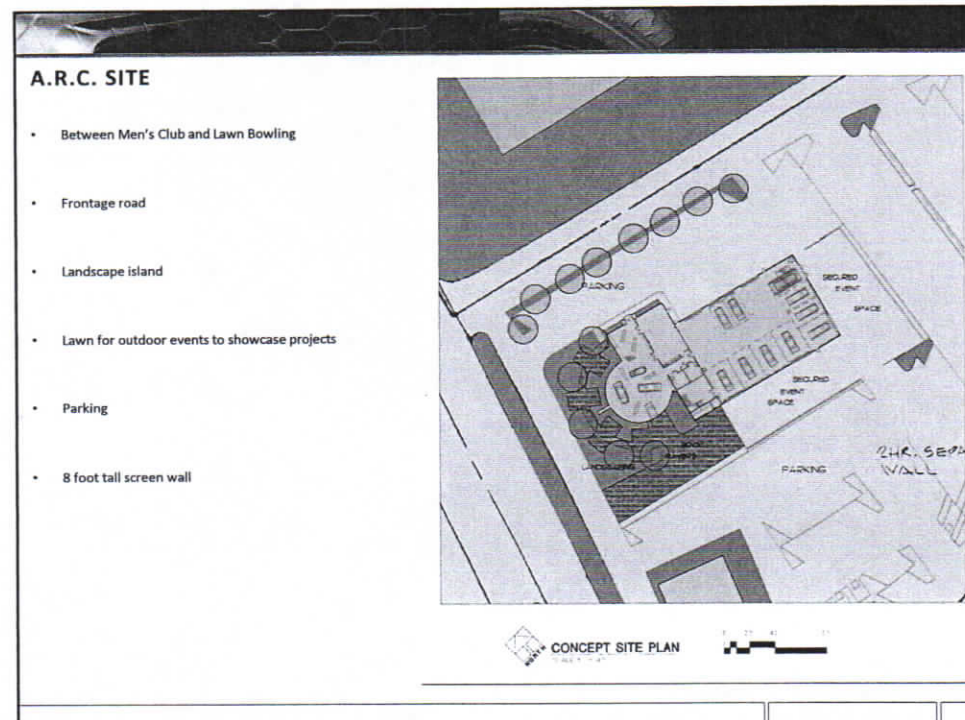
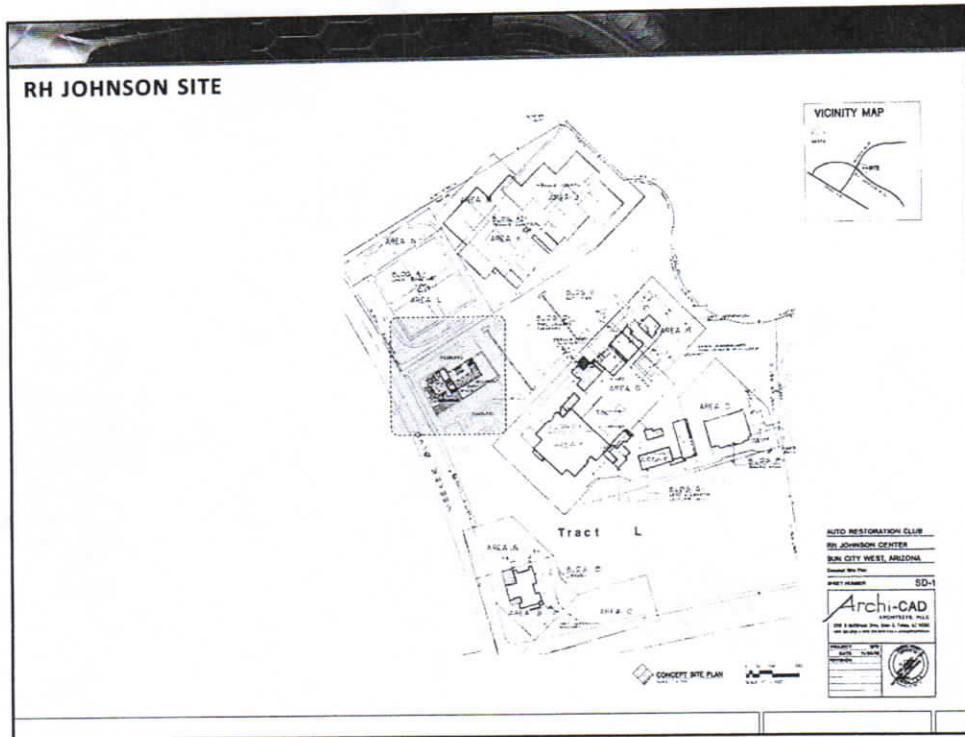
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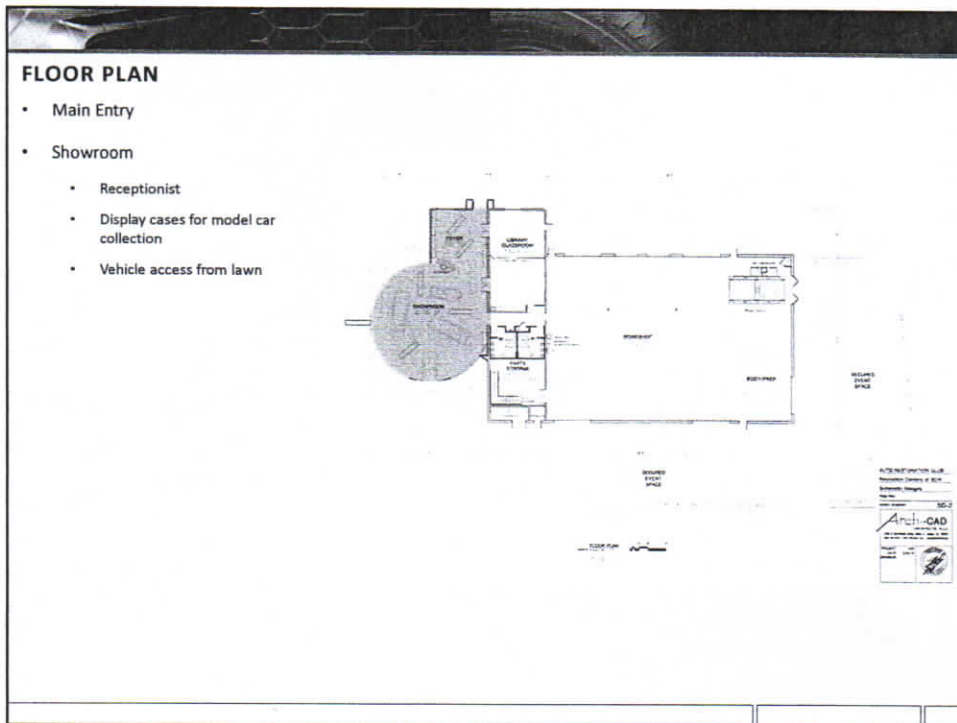
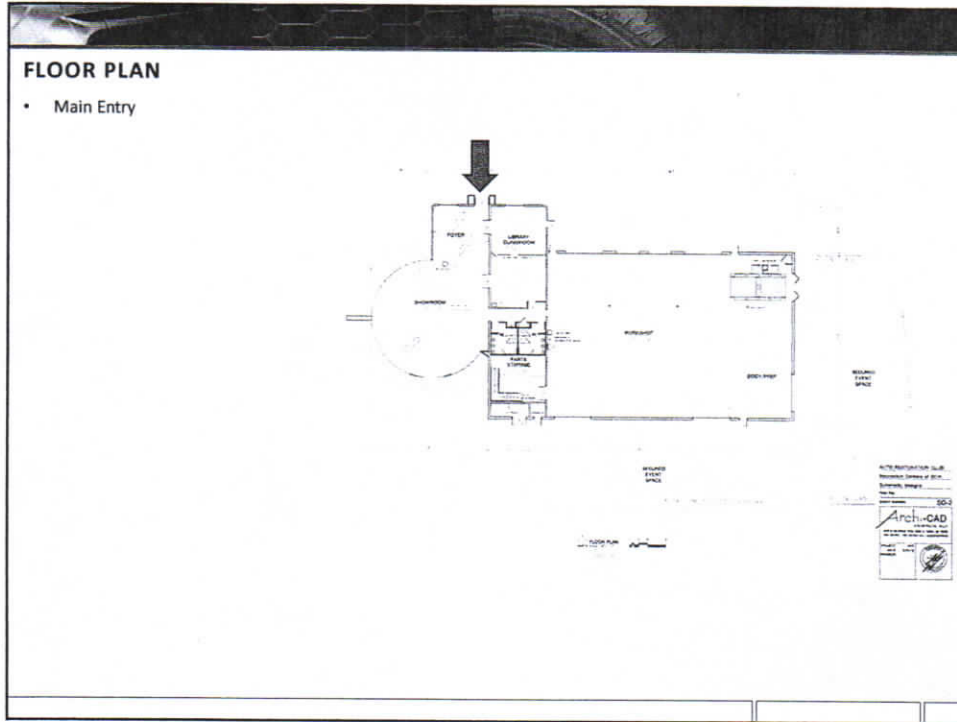
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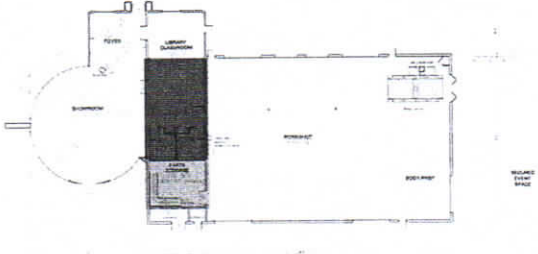
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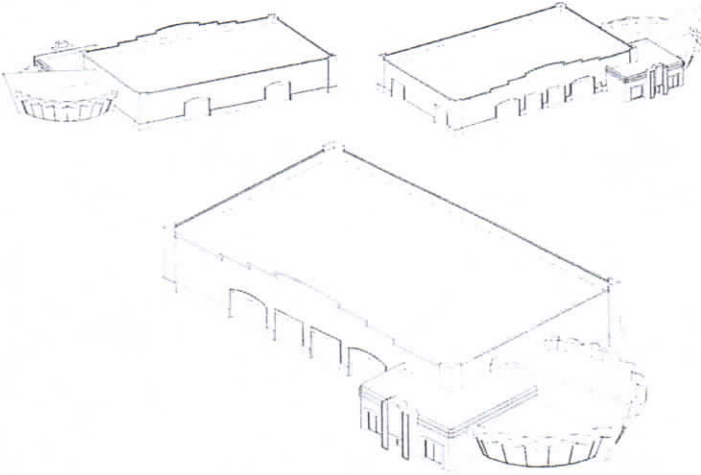
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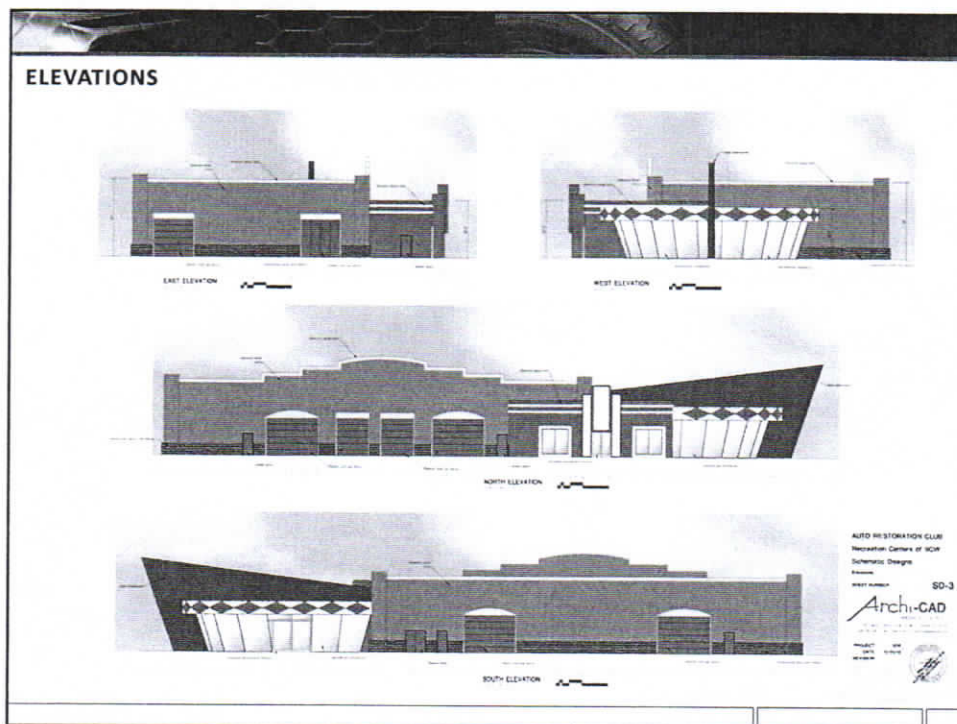


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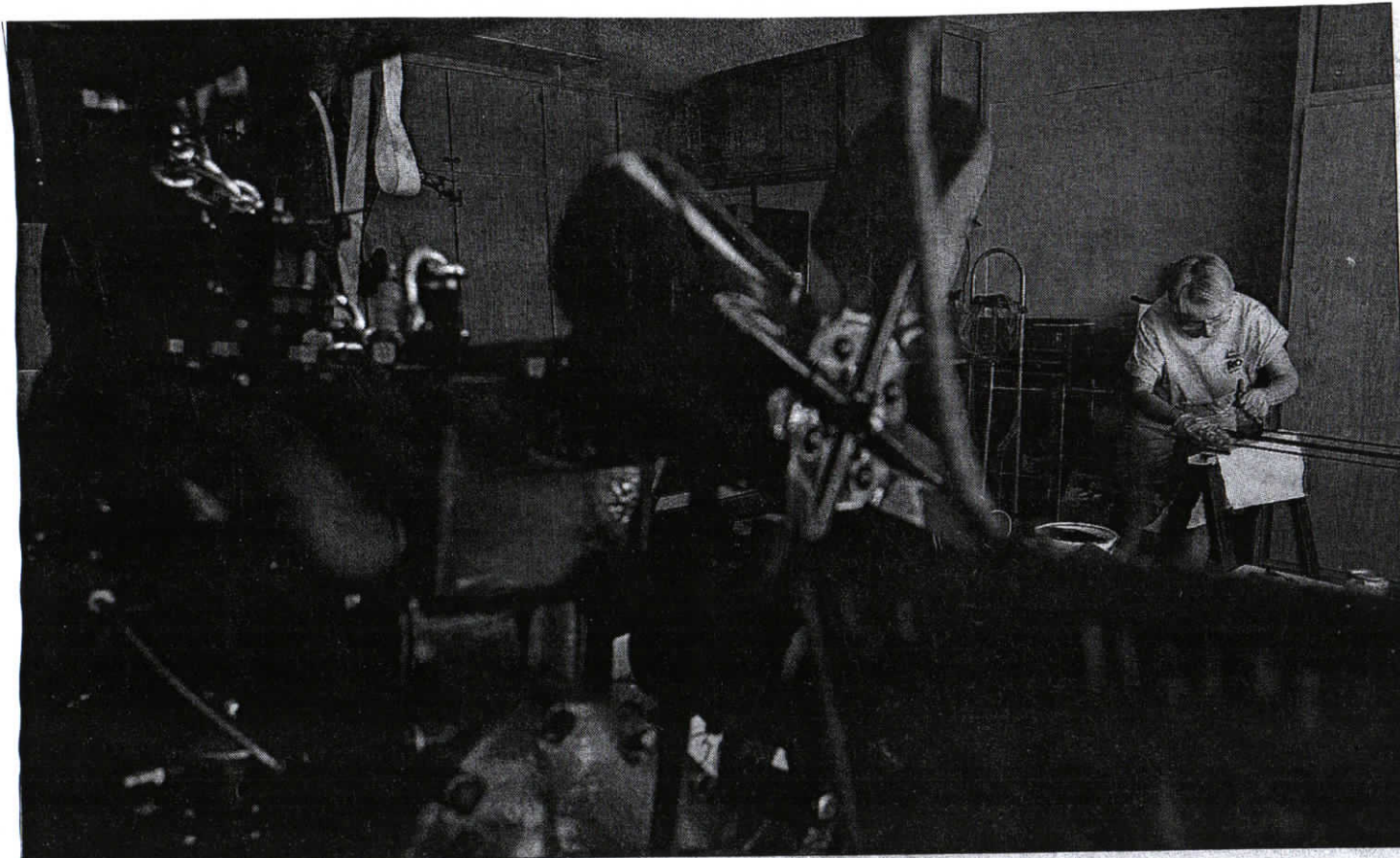


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NOW WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS,
QUESTIONS, AND IDEAS



Suzanne Jones works on restoring a 1932 Ford Model B at her home in Sun City West Tuesday. [Nick Cote/Daily News-Sun]

Car club movement hits another gear

By Mitchell Vantrease
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Suzanne and Tom Jones are restoring a 1919 Model T in the garage of their Sun City West home with barely any room to store extra parts or tools.

"We have parts everywhere, and we're even putting some things in storage in the garage of one our rental homes," Suzanne Jones said.

But that could change

soon.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West governing board has OK'd General Manager Mike Whiting to authorize a contract for construction of the Automotive Restoration Club's new facility.

Herb Clark, president of ARC, said members will move forward with several fundraising activities to pay for the building.

"We're very grateful to have the support of the community and the outside public on this project because it's really going to be great for Sun City West," Clark said.

Clark said there are different avenues to pursue, including several grants since it is a nonprofit charter club.

And ARC also is hoping to sell a sponsorship for the building similar to what has been done at the Sun City

West softball field. "There isn't anything signed just yet, but we may have an agreement with a company," Clark said.

ARC members also will sell bricks with names on them for the courtyard and tiles inside the showroom for individuals and companies.

"This building is really going to allow us to have the space we need, and we won't need to use our garages much

anymore," he said.

Earlier this year, ARC unveiled artist renderings for the facility.

The outside design will have a feel of three different eras, the '40s, '50s and '60s. In addition, there also will be 10 bays, including a state-of-the-art paint booth, a library/classroom and a two-level storage area.

It will be concealed behind

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Suzanne Jones is restoring a 1932 Ford Model B at her home in Sun City West. [Nick Cote/Daily News-Sun]

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a masonry wall to keep sound from filtering out. The club is expected to be open six days a week and closed on Sunday.

Katy O'Grady, a spokeswoman for RCSCW, said there isn't a timetable for construction. O'Grady said construction will depend on how fast ARC can raise the money.

The building will be locat-

ed in an empty parking area near R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in between the Men's Club building and the dog park.

And Suzanne Jones believes it'll be sooner than later.

"I'm thrilled that the club is on the next step in this phase," she said. "This really is going to be a very nice addition to Sun City West."

Lee Palmer, a charter member of ARC, has been working on one of his antique

vehicles in his driveway.

"I can't wait because this will be a place where we can work on our cars and not have to worry where we are going to store things," Palmer said.

Palmer added the facility will boost the already hefty membership of 355 people.

"I already see it expanding even more when with this building here because it's going to provide a place for so many to work on their hobby," he said.

SCW spring fair hops with crafty wares

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JEFF DEMPSEY
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Recreation Centers of Sun City West officials say the Spring Arts and Crafts Fair is the region's largest. Given Saturday's crowds at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, it would be tough to argue that point.

"It was shoulder to shoulder in here for awhile," said Cindy Johnson, who was at the center early helping her husband set up a booth.

"When we were done, I thought I would sneak in a little early," she said.

Evidently a lot of other people had the same idea, as shoppers arrived well before the

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scheduled 8 a.m. start time.

The crowds are part of the fun, Johnson said.

"This is our third year in Sun City West, and I come to every one of these," she said. "I just love all these hand-made things. I always find such great stuff. In fact I might need to go home to get some more money."

Janet Goldfarb, a member of the Sun West Art Club, was selling some of her pieces.

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Linda Clewett, a member of the Rip 'N Sew club, sells the club's goods during the Sun City West Spring Arts and Crafts Fair at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center Saturday.

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She said she makes it a point to participate in the spring festival.

"I love it, I absolutely love it," she said. "I'm hoping to do very well. I suppose the goal is to not go home with as much as you brought with you."

Goldfarb said she enjoys talking about art with the hundreds of people who attend the festival, but she also joked she was hoping for a bit more than just dis-

cussion.

"Sure, I love to meet people who really appreciate art," she said. "And I love it even more when they buy some."

Jennifer Campbell, another Sun City West resident, said she makes it a point to be at both of the RCSCW's arts and crafts festivals, in the spring and in the fall. She said she has attended every one of them for years and has yet to tire of them.

"There is just so much to choose from," she said. "Personally, I love the Clay Club. Those people do such wonderful work.

But it's all personal preference, right? Whatever you prefer, you can't go wrong here because there is just so much."

Campbell said she always heads home with at least a few items but a lot of the fun is in the window shopping, in admiring the craftsmanship.

"There are so many great clubs here, and this festival gives them a chance to show off their work," she said. "It's great. I wouldn't miss it."

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Sun City Westers tune in to radio club

MITCHELL VANTREASE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Bill Parsons signed up more than a dozen people this week to be part of a broadcast club that would operate Sun City West's first radio station.

Parsons stood in front of the R.H. Johnson Library Tuesday afternoon to gain more members, with the goal of eventually gaining chartered club status.

"I think it would be really great to have a station in this community," Parsons said. "There would be so much programming and great ways for us to communicate with the public."

The station would operate under Low Power FM, a special class of radio service. Due to its limited range and low operational costs, LPFM is well-suited to a community like Sun City West.

And for Parsons, the radio station would provide a platform for other clubs at the Recreation Centers of

Sun City to get more information to the masses.

"I really believe it's going to be exciting once we get it up and going," he said.

Sun City West resident Eric Wagner has been generating interest for the radio station for more than two months.

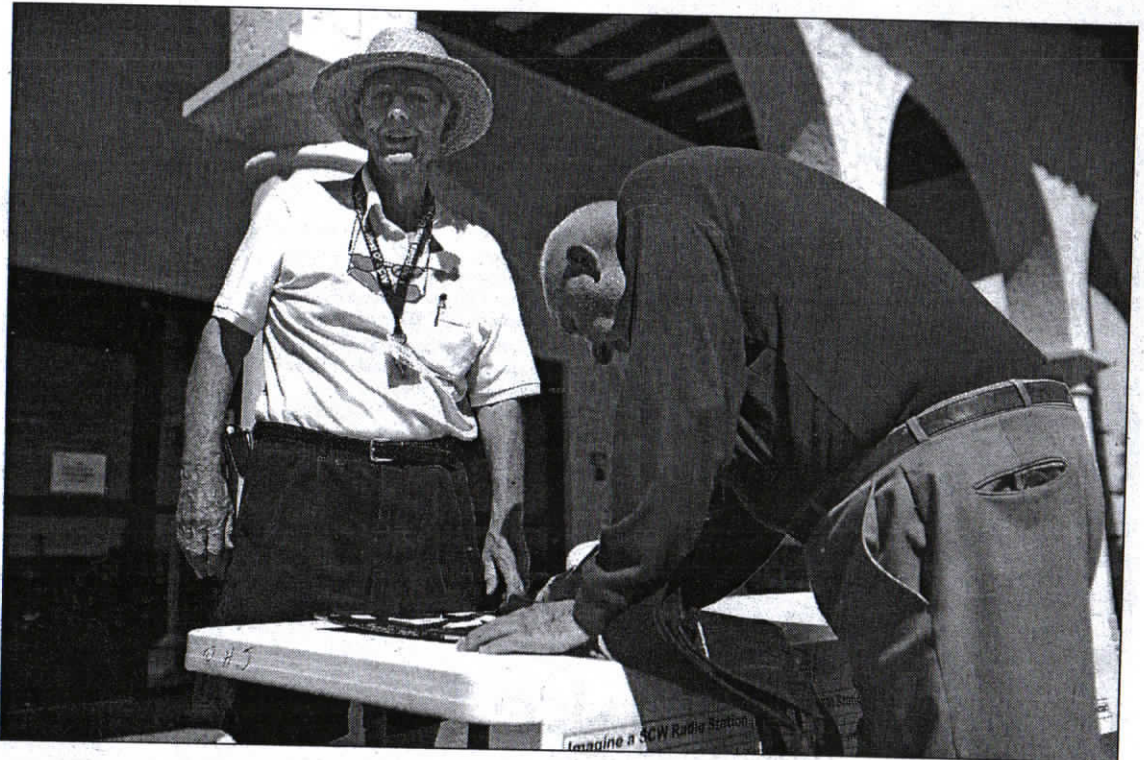
Wagner held several interest meetings about the radio station but Parsons took it a step further by setting up a table to talk with residents.

Cindy Knowlton, recreation manager for RCSCW, said Wagner and the group are up to 53 signatures and will need 75 to become a chartered club.

Knowlton said the group then must write bylaws to be approved by RCSCW staff before they become an official organization.

"Once that's finished they'll have the opportunity to do what they need to," Knowlton said.

Parsons said he doesn't have any radio experience but hopes to gain some



Bill Parsons stands outside the R H Johnson Library Tuesday afternoon, signing people up for the Broadcast Club in an effort to become a chartered club of Sun City West. **JAROD OPPERMAN/DAILY NEWS-SUN**

knowledge with potential about it. members who know more

"It's any opportunity for

me to get a skill that I didn't have before," he said.

NEWS BY YOU

Board's vote supports pickleball in Sun City West

This News By You article was written by Kim Antoniou and submitted by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West.

A vigorous volley between tennis and pickleball players ultimately ended in the court of the governing board of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, with the board voting last week to keep pickleball courts in play at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.

The board's 7-1 vote was in the interest of conserving current facilities and serving a greater number of community members. Nolan Reed was the dissenter.

The Tennis Club recently had approached General Manager Mike Whiting with a change-of-use request to have the three pickleball courts at the Johnson Rec Center converted into a practice tennis court, eliminating pickleball at that facility. The center has 15 tennis courts.

The Kuentz Recreation Center houses six tennis courts and no pickleball courts, and the Beardsley Recreation Center has neither. The Palm Ridge Recreation Center has 10 pickleball courts, and plans are in the works to convert three tennis courts into eight pickleball courts. After the Palm Ridge conversion, there will be 21 of each court in Sun City West.

Some tennis players had issues with the noise produced by pickleball players on neighboring courts — not just the sound created by the paddles but also the laughter and chatter among players during games, which interfered with their concentration. About 100 community members attended the board meeting Feb. 28 in R.H. Johnson Social Hall.

Director Kenny Jordahl moved to approve leaving the pickleball courts at



The game of pickleball is growing in popularity but has created some friction with tennis players in Sun City West. DAVID WALLACE/THE REPUBLIC

“Spending money to stifle bickering seems to be a poor choice,”

GRIFF WILLIAMS

governing board of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West

Johnson untouched per recommendations from the Properties Committee. The board discussed the issue before taking comments from the public.

“Spending money to stifle bickering seems to be a poor choice,” director Griff Williams said. “Having a pickleball

presence at one of the prime sports facilities in Sun City West seems appropriate to me.”

“Tennis, it seems to me, is a divided group,” director David Wilson added, indicating he has received letters of support and complaint for pickleball from tennis players.

Director Jack Steiner added that the courts are used by other residents who are not members of the tennis or pickleball clubs.

“My concern is how we conserve the resources for the broader use of the community,” he said.

Reed, the dissenter, said he is con-

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cerned because he continues to hear issues about the noise pickleball generates.

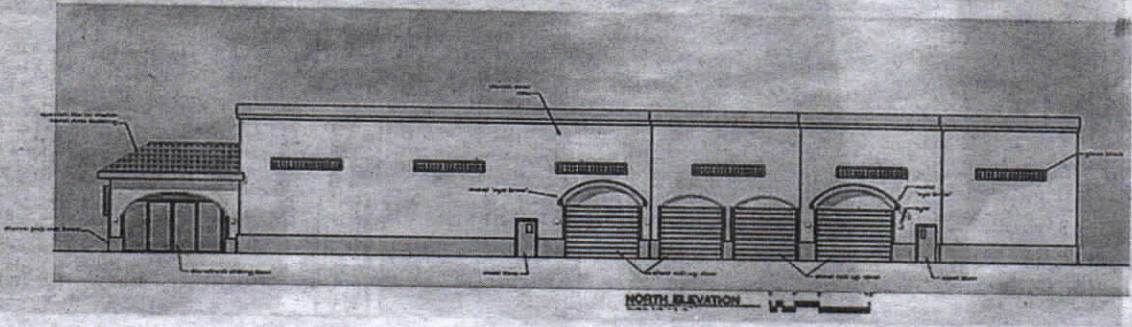
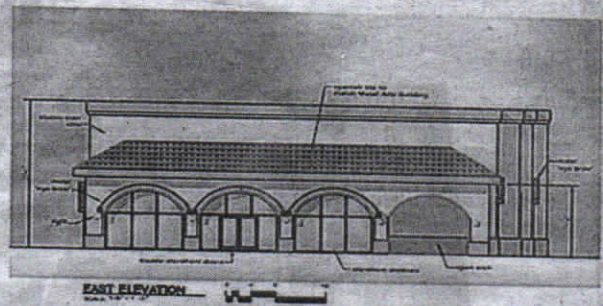
“We’re talking about a recreational sport vs. a serious-minded sport,” he said. “I have received very divided e-mails, and I think the best things for the community is to separate the two.”

Comments from the public were mixed, with many members of the tennis community saying noise is a problem while others insisted that space and use were greater concerns. One pickleball player who spoke in defense of her game said she and her friends “do laugh and have a good time” but also noted that tennis players often come over in friendly fashion “to find out what the fun is all about.”

Resident Diane Cheney noted that four tennis courts are going unused at Briarwood Country Club.

“It was suggested to change them to pickleball courts, but then the club decided against it because of noise,” Cheney said. “We are not children who always get what we want. It’s a sad situation that these four courts are empty and not being put to use.”

“We really need to work together,” director Marion Mosley said after community reaction had been heard. “We, as a community of 28,000 people, really need to work together. Several comments from the audience drive that home. We need to be considerate. As a result of today’s conversation, I think Mr. Jordahl has my vote.”



These are architectural renderings for a 10,000-square-foot building for the Automotive Restoration Club in Sun City West. The structure will cost \$400,000 to build and contain a 10-bay garage and showroom.

SCW auto club ratchets up hopes for garage plans

MITCHELL VANTREASE
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Automotive Restoration Club received its charter in 2011, boasts 230 members today and may be weeks away from securing the approvals necessary to build a \$400,000, 10-bay garage in Sun City West.

Recreation Centers of Sun City West staff met with Property Owners and Residents As-

sociation board members this week to show them plans and architect renderings for the proposed 10,000-square-foot building.

The garage would be constructed on land next to PORA's building and the RCSCW metal shop, said Larry Griffith, RCSCW project manager. PORA would need to extend

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the property line next to its building to make the project happen.

"Right now, the ball is in their court so we'll see if we can get the property line extended so we can build it in this location," he said.

The property between PORA and the Metal Club on Camino del Sol is owned by both RCSCW and the residents association.

ARC's facility is expected to house 10 car bays, a store front

showroom, a paint booth, bathrooms and a 1,000-square-foot classroom.

In return for its portion of the empty land, PORA would use the classroom along with the new parking spaces as needed.

Bill Hansen, PORA board president, said he was pleased with the architect renderings and hopes they can vote on the deed extension quickly.

"Our whole board needs to review the plans, but I think it's very compatible with the PORA building and the metal club," Han-

sen said.

If plans fall through with PORA, Griffith said other options will be considered, including possible construction near the Men's Club next to R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.

Herb Clark, president of the club, said he's pleased with the renderings, but "they have to be fine tuned just a little bit."

The club will pay for the entire project, which is estimated at \$400,000, and RCSCW would maintain the facility. Clark said he hopes RCSCW can

secure the land next to PORA, because the Metal Shop "would go hand in hand with what we do."

Clark said he envisions the club expanding to at least 400 members once a facility is built.

"Many people have been asking us about the building, especially Canadians who want to retire here," he said. "I've heard so many tell us they will sell and buy in Sun City West once we have a facility. Restoring automobiles is one of the fastest-growing hobbies for seniors."

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Modelers move to 1st-class accommodations

By JENNIFER ARP
Daily News-Sun staff

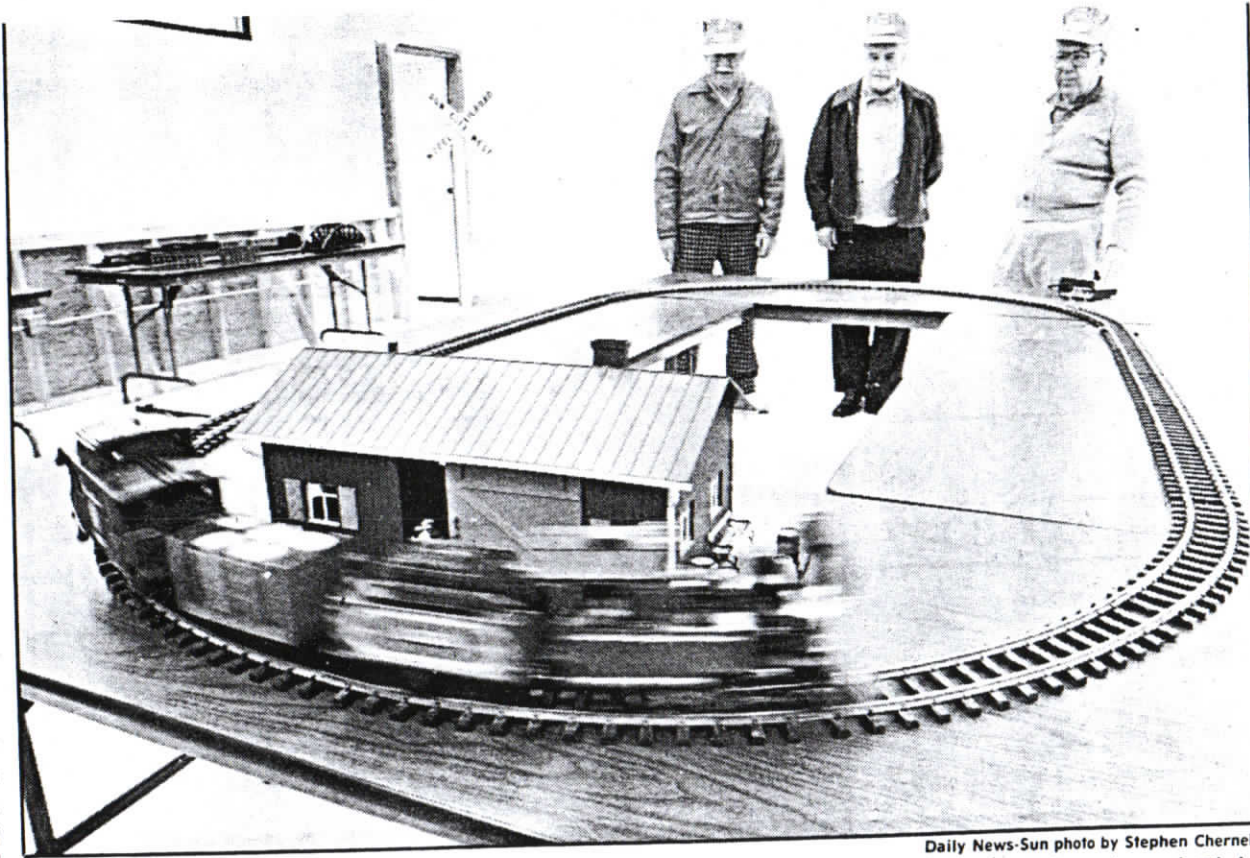
SUN CITY WEST — Just in time for Christmas, a group of model railroad enthusiasts have a temperature-controlled home free of blowing dirt, spiders and low-flying birds.

The Sun City West Model Railroad Club is in the process of moving into the former headquarters of the Sun West Art Club in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center and moving out of what came to be known as "the tin shed" in a Dysart Road construction yard.

The shed, members say, crawled with insects, was caked with dirt, lacked heating and cooling and was a favorite roost for native birds.

"During the summer, we had to shut it down completely," club founder and president Gus Davis said of the all-metal building that baked in the heat. "By the time May came along, you couldn't stand it," recalled club member Bill Fuchs. "It was tough going there for awhile."

Davis said of the club's new home, "We don't know how to behave over here. It's like a Christmas present, only it should have been last Christmas."



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NOW DEPARTING . . . — In the new headquarters of the Sun City Model Railroad Club in R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, Ed Goralewski, left, Bill Fuchs and Gus Davis watch as Davis engineers a large scale LGB train around a temporary layout. Construction of a permanent layout will begin after the new year, Davis said.

The art club's move to the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center paved the way for the railroad club's relocation — an event members have sought since organizing in 1984.

"It took a lot of doing," Davis said.

The new tenants have ambitious plans for the newly remodeled room, including an elaborate railroad layout designed with residents, visitors and children in mind.

"It's going to be a big point of interest for the community,"

Davis said. The display will feature at least 1,800 feet of track to rival the creations of other Valley clubs.

"We expect to do some big things here," Davis said.

Steve O'Donnell, assistant manager of the recreation centers, said he also believes the model railroad club room promises to be a big attraction.

"We're very definitely looking forward to it," O'Donnell said. "It's always good to have something unique for visitors to see, especially around the holidays."

"There's no limit to what you can do with these things," Davis said. "Before you know it you've got a full-fledged village."

The club's 65 active members are predicting the layout will take shape over the next 10 years and beyond.

"You never complete anything, really, in this hobby," Davis said.

Club members who since Wednesday have been setting up temporary model train layouts, said they are not afraid of the work that lies ahead.

HISTORY

The Western Horseshoe Club of Sun City West became a chartered club in 1984. At that time it was located at Johnson Recreation Center. The club was relocated to Beardsley Center in 1987 in order to provide space for the big Mini Golf Course and Bocce Courts.

Four courts were installed next to the small Mini Golf Course. They were officially sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

We were an elite group as only seven areas in the State of Arizona were members of the National Horseshoe Association that commenced way back in the year 1921.

This club plays five (5) days a week - Monday-Friday:

8:00am to 10:00am - May thru September

9:00am to 11:00am - October thru April

The fee to join is ONLY \$5.00. We have an annual picnic in November at one of the ramada's at Beardsley Center. On that date we vote in a new President, Vice-President, Treasurer and a Secretary.

Some of our group belong to the National Horseshoe Association and compete in tournaments within the State of Arizona.

Pioneer Park in the City of Mesa have sixteen (16) sanctioned courts. Several of our members have won the Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in the Senior Olympics.

In 1999 our club started the local Snowbird Horseshoe League. The original group consisted of:

1. Sun City West
2. Happy Trails Park
3. El Mirage Park
4. Sunflower Park

As the years have gone by, we added:

5. Paradise Park
6. Sun City
7. Sun City Grand

At this date, a competitive Round Robin Tournament is held every Tuesday, January thru March. Each of the top four teams win a trophy. In addition, there is a special annual trophy to the No. 1 team each year. This trophy rotates each year to the winning team.

Come and join us for:

1. Exercise
2. Camaraderie
3. FUN!!!

We hope to see you soon!! Both men and women are welcome.

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Growing their own



Fellow gardeners Lee Kingham and Norman Caldwell stand their ground in Sun City West.

It looks mighty nice," Raylan Evans shouts to a man several yards away tending his green beans.

The man nods in appreciation and returns to his work in the June morning sun.

One gardener kids another about how it will take a crane to remove the banana squash he's raised. One squash is at least a foot in diameter.

Camaraderie grows as high as the corn in the community garden run by the Agriculture Club of Sun City West. Evans, club president, calls it fellowship — 90 senior citizens with the common purpose of making gardens grow.

They trade gardening tips, make small talk and indulge in friendly competition, but mostly they share a sense of dedication.

Most club members get their hands dirty every day. In hot weather they begin their work as early as 6 a.m. Some garden throughout the morning, sun hats firmly on heads.

"For some of us, gardening is not a hobby, it's a lifestyle," Evans says, explaining he and other gardeners put a high value on home-grown, pesticide-free fruits and vegetables.

They are usually rewarded with bumper crops.

On Evans' two plots, seeds and cuttings planted earlier this year are yielding beans, Maui and Vidalia onions, carrots, tomatoes, squash and Armenian cucumbers.

He and his wife, Beverly, eat fresh vegetables two meals a day.

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A trim man, Evans believes a healthy diet has helped keep his prostate cancer in remission. Vegetables from his garden "taste like vegetables instead of shoe leather."

Gardener Melba Clark says she's making new friends in her neighborhood by sharing the wealth from her plot.

"Mine are Southern vegetables," she says in her Texas accent. "Squash, okra, black-eyed peas," with green beans, tomatoes and turnips for good measure. Some sort of melon is growing where she planted kitchen waste earlier this year. Here and there are roses, zinnias and daisies.

"I haven't used any bug killer of any type," she says proudly.

Members, all Sun City West residents, pay yearly maintenance and water fees and supply their own materials. The plots, each 20 feet by 40 feet, are monitored for compliance with club rules. In other words, weeds are a no-no.

Monthly meetings help keep things organized.

Most members concentrate on vegetables, with cantaloupe being a popular fruit to try. To save space, the gardeners grow the melons on trellises.

After a July and August hiatus, the gardeners return in September to plant winter crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and eggplant.

The club also sees that surplus crops go to the Westside Food

Bank and missions in El Mirage and Surprise, Evans says.

Del Webb Corp. set aside 6.7 acres for vegetable gardening when the community began.

Located on a cul-de-sac on 137th Drive, the garden is one of the retirement community's best-kept secrets, he says. New members are welcome, as only about one-third of the 270 plots are being gardened.

Club members find it a nice way to grow whatever they want without worrying about breaking neighborhood covenants for backyard landscaping, Evans says. Community gardens also save on water bills.

Information is available by calling Evans at 546-6511.

Kuentz roof repairs signal light at the end of the tunnel

Club members wait months for new digs

By **TERI CARNICELLI**
Sun Cities Independent

The end is almost in sight for orphaned members of the Sun City West Woodworking Club who have been without a home since October.

Club members were abruptly displaced after a sagging roof was spotted and inadequate roof trusses discovered in the wood shop located at the Kuentz Recreation Center.

The Governing Board used the opportunity made available by the need for repairs to go forward with its plans to remodel the shop as it moves the metal club out to another facility to be constructed on Camino del Sol Boulevard.

Repairs and remodeling, however, haven't gone as smoothly as hoped and have taken much longer than anyone expected, including frustrated Woodworking club members.

Paul Richards, chairman of the Properties Committee, says "the scope of the project today is far greater than we envisioned ... due in part to new Maricopa County building (regulations)." Part of those regulations involve adequate sawdust collecting systems.

Bill Newman, president of the Woodworking Club, asked for the board's assistance "in stopping the

delays in the wood shop project by voting approval of the necessary monies for the new dust collector system and remodeling.

"As you can see from the attendance today, club members are extremely concerned and frustrated by the length of time it has taken to reopen the shop," he told the board during the town hall portion of its March 23 general meeting.

Part of the delay has come from plans to relocate the overhead power and dust collection system to under the floor area, a move which is supported by club members.

"The present dust collection system is overloaded," Mr. Newman agrees. "The proposed system, which will remove 99.6 percent of the dust and return 95 percent of the cool air to the shop rather than exhaust it to the outside, should result in substantial electrical savings."

Club members are also attempting to save the association money by purchasing their own additional equipment for the interior of the larger shop.

"The membership has accumulated most of the needed funds ... and has already approved the expenditure of \$17,000 for that purpose," Mr. Newman said.

"The membership has done its part and has patiently awaited the rebuilding of the wood shop. Over five months has elapsed since it was closed and we strongly encourage you to approve the project now so that work can commence."

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■ REPAIRS

In a rare move, board members held no discussion among themselves before voting unanimously to approve an additional \$147,644 from the facilities reserve fund to the project. This brings the total cost of the remodeling project to \$214,644, a substantial increase from last year's anticipated \$67,000.

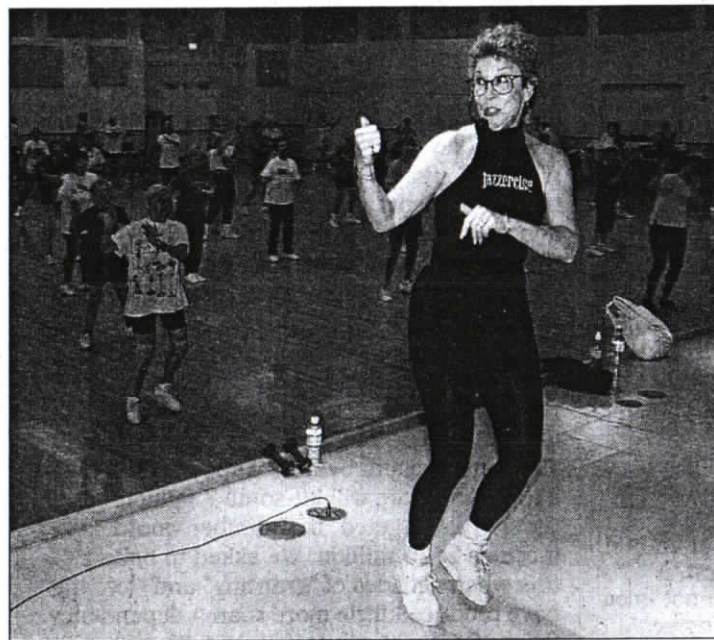
Jazzercise instructors end stretch run

AMANDA MYERS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Soon to be hanging up their leg warmers for good, dedicated Jazzercise instructors Jan Wilson and Shirl Leech have announced their retirement as instructors of the aerobic sport.

Wilson, a 21-year resident of Sun City West and Jazzercise instructor for the Fitness Club at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center, will conclude her 18-year commitment next month. She has served as instructor of the Jazzercise 1 and Stretch and Tone and Jazerstep classes. But Wilson's retirement doesn't exactly denote rest, as she will continue teaching the club's Dance Performance classes, directing the annual Monte Carlo Review, and choreographing and directing "Jan's Jazz Dancers" who perform in the Review, the Sun City West Variety Show and at Stardust Theatre.

During the past two decades, Wilson has played a big part in the Sun City West arts scene. She performed as a dancer and vocalist in 19 Sun City West Variety Shows. She has started a vocal trio



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Jan Wilson leads a Jazzercise class in the ballroom at Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West.

titled "Sugartime," who perform throughout the Valley and in the Variety Show. She has also performed several major roles in Theater West's main stage performances in the Stardust Theatre.

In addition to Wilson, Leech also will retire her Jazzercise instructor title to

accept a full-time position outside the exercise field. Leech has been the Jazzercise teacher at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center for the past eight years. Besides Jazzercise, Leech is a vocalist and dancer, performing in numerous Variety Shows, Monte Carlo Reviews, Theatre

West performances and in the Beardsley Concerts in the Park.

But the jazzy workouts will continue. Replacing Leech will be Sue Van Wie, a certified Jazzercise instructor since June 2001. She also received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Arizona State University in 1985.

Replacing Wilson will be Sheri Khan, a certified instructor since July 2000. Before becoming an instructor, Khan was an avid Jazzercise student in Canon City, Colo., and, before that, in Boynton Beach, Fla.

To commemorate Wilson's years of service to Sun City West, residents are invited to join the Fitness Club class members in an open house at 8 a.m. on Sept. 5 in Summit Hall at Palm Ridge Recreation Center. There, Wilson will have her final class until 9:15 a.m. and Khan will be introduced to the community.

For information on joining the Fitness Club, whose activities also include classes such as aquafit, water aerobics, deep water exercise and dance performance, call 584-5911.

SCW club calls it quits

Shrinking ranks doom Ocotillo Kiwanians

KATY O'GRADY
DAILY NEWS-SUN

A longtime Sun City West service club is the latest casualty of declining voluntarism and an aging community.

The Ocotillo Kiwanis Club of Sun City West will dissolve on March 31, ending a nearly two-decade run in serving the community and aiding children and young adults locally and worldwide.

"It's a matter of the club shrinking in membership, and fellows unable to volunteer to take over projects.

Some of it is health reasons, and not necessarily their own; sometimes their spouses are sick," said club President Robert Sherman.

Sherman is the club's 19th president. He was also its 13th.

"You know how it is with most organizations, a few people do all the work. It's just time. The age of the group -- people are just getting tired," Sherman said. "We're sad to see the club closed, but that doesn't mean it's the end. Those of us who can are certainly going to transfer to other clubs. I know I am."

Sherman and others will join either the Kiwanis Club of Sun City West, from which the Ocotillo club was an offshoot, or the Kiwanis Club of Surprise, which is the next closest group.

Roger Anderberg,

president of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City West, said his group welcomes the Ocotillo members, who will help pump up the Sun City West club's own declining numbers.

"We're not close to closing, but with a number of clubs, particularly in our community, the aging is a problem. We've lost some membership," he said.

Unlike the Ocotillo club, which had a high of about 40 members during its heyday, the Sun City West Kiwanis was up to about 100 a couple of years ago.

"We're down to about 70," Anderberg said. "The Ocotillo club couldn't afford to lose as many."

The Ocotillo club is down to 17 members, Sherman said. "Without younger blood,

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said.

The Ocotillo members will bring some of their programs, including their two major fund-raisers, with them when they transfer to the Sun City West Kiwanis. The Sun City West group will take on the annual pancake breakfast, which is usually held in February but had to be canceled this year, and the Ocotillo club's dining card program, which allowed people to purchase \$15 cards to receive two meals for the price of one at participating restaurants.

Funds from those programs benefited area youths, such as students at Nadaburg Elementary School in Wittmann and Dysart High School graduates who went on to study nursing at two-year or four-year colleges.

The Ocotillo club's other beneficiaries are as high-profile as the Children's Miracle Network and Kiwanis International's program to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder worldwide, and as local as Sunwest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sun City West, where members called bingo games.

"We do all kinds of things," Sherman said.

Despite the loss of the Ocotillo club, Sherman said he hopes the community

IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Northwest Valley Kiwanis clubs:

● Kiwanis Club of Sun City West, 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays in the Sun City West Foundation Building, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Call 546-1722.

● Kiwanis Group of Sun City Grand/ Surprise, 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays in Outback Steak House, 14225 W. Grand Ave. Call 544-7630.

● Agua Fria Kiwanis, 8 a.m. Tuesdays, Union Hills Country Club, Sun City. Call 933-7334.

● Sun City Kachina Kiwanis Club, 8 a.m. Thursdays, Royal Cafe, 10793 W. Grand Ave. Call 933-3349.

Kiwanis clubs are composed of community-minded individuals dedicated to service projects benefiting the world's children and young adults. Service projects are often linked to Kiwanis International's program "Young Children: Priority One," and can also address needs within the local community.

continues to support Kiwanis and its programs.

"We want them to participate in the projects and the fund-raisers because we're all supporting children," he said.

Founded in 1915 in Detroit, Kiwanis International's motto is "Serving the Children of the World," according to its Web site, www.kiwanis.org.

"We're pretty proud of the programs we have," said Anderberg.

The Sun City West Ocotillo

club's annual budget is about \$30,000, half of which goes to scholarships for Dysart students, most of whom are in nursing programs.

Anderberg said Ocotillo members, as well as area residents looking to join a service club, are welcome to join the Kiwanis Club of Sun City

West. The group meets 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays in the Quail Room of the Sun City West Foundation Building at R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards.

"We're always looking for membership," Anderberg said.

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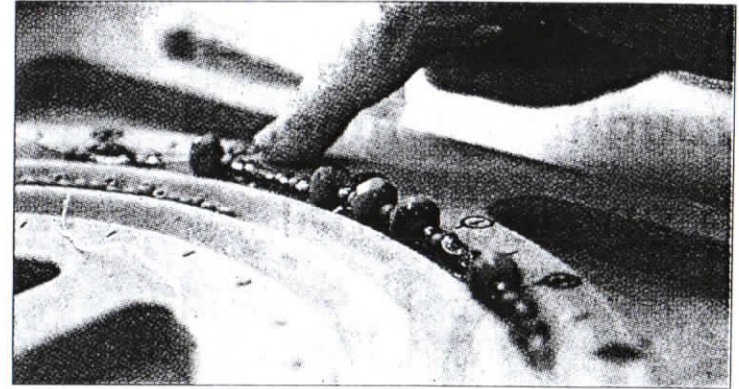
Beaders pull strings

High interest in ancient art produces charter club

KATY O'GRADY
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The art of beading has been around for centuries, but Sun City West's new bead club is only a few weeks old.

"We thought we'd try to get people together and meet in somebody's house. We started getting so many people that, holy moley, not only did we get a few people, they started coming out of the woodwork," said resident Debi Wirth, who along with her sister, Donna Annacone, and friend Pat Coontz started



the ball rolling on chartering the community's first beading club.

Fellow beader Bette Smith also joined in, and before the women knew it, they had more than 120 beading enthusiasts as paid members. Wirth expected another 40 or so people to join this week.

"It's taken on a life of its own," she said.

Wirth, a 10-year Sun City West resident, said she's been beading for years, ever since a friend in Chicago, who had been beading for 25 years, got her hooked on it. Wirth, in turn, got her sister

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Dorothea Quinn holds up a strand of beads she's had for years. At right, Donna Annacone, secretary of the Sun City West Beading Club, straightens beads on her tray.



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BEADING: High interest spawns club in SCW

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interested in the craft when she moved to Sun City West in May.

When the women looked around for a beading club to join in Sun City West and found there was none, they started tossing about the idea of chartering their own, and eventually talked with Linda Murray, activities manager for the Recreation Centers of Sun City West.

Murray said she wasn't surprised the bead-ers found so many others interested in forming a club.

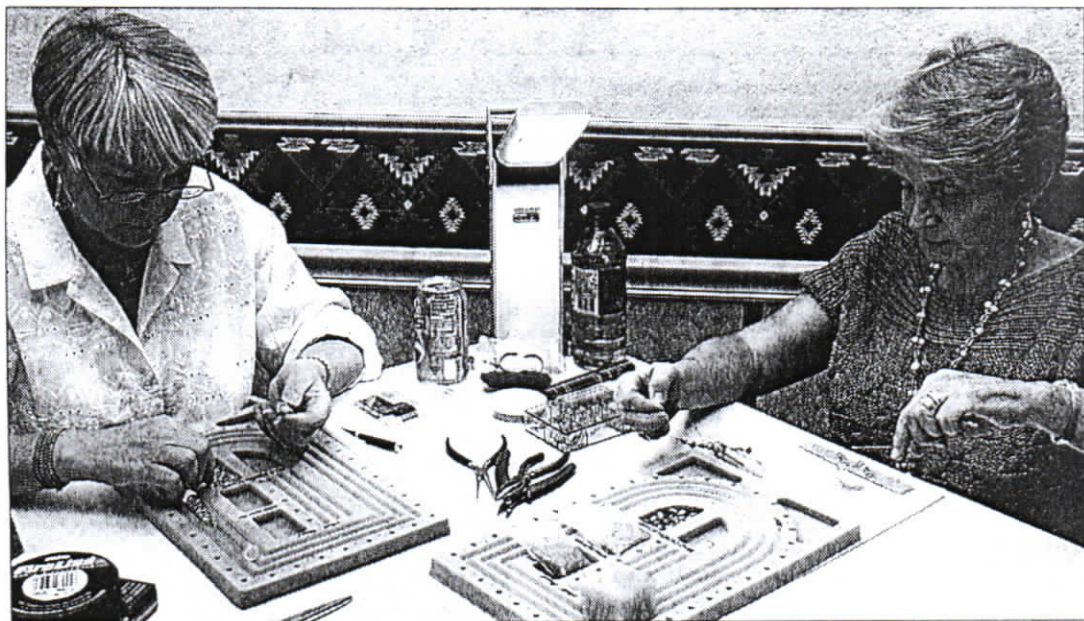
"Beading has become so popular, and of course, it's an ancient craft," Murray said. "We have a lot of people who have been beading but they didn't have a concentration that wanted to charter. So when this group came up with the idea, we were happy."

Wirth said beading's popularity is evident in the success of The Bead Museum in Glendale, which is adding 12,000 square feet of space, and the introduction in April of Confetti Bead Shop near the northeast corner of Bell Road and Grand Avenue in Surprise. There's also a host of shops catering to the craft in the East Valley.

Nationally, there are several expos and beading events that attract thousands of visitors every year. Wirth said there is "a massive beading society" in Chicago, and a week-long convention in Milwaukee.

"Beading has been around for centuries, and what's happened is there's been a resurgence," Wirth said.

According to The Bead



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Sisters Debi Wirth, left, president of the Sun City West Beading Club, and Donna Annacone work before class starts at Beardsley Recreation Center.

Museum's Web site, www.thebeadmuseum.com, the art of beading has been around since about 30,000 BC.

"It's not only jewelry, although that's what people first think of," Wirth said. "Literally, there's bead sculptures out there, there's beading with crochet, with baskets. There's also the glass bead making, which in itself is a beautiful, beautiful art."

The new Sun City West bead club does not have the equipment for bead-making, but the club's room in Beardsley Recreation Center is across the way from the copper enamellers' room, where some members use the kilns to make beads.

The bead club holds open beading sessions and some instruction from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the multipurpose room at

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Sun City West Beading Club for Recreation Centers of Sun City West cardholders.
- **WHEN:** 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays.
- **WHERE:** Multipurpose room across from the copper enamellers at Beardsley Recreation Center, 12755 Beardsley Road.
- **INFO:** Debi Wirth, 214-0448.

Beardsley. The room is used by other clubs on the other days.

Members must bring their own equipment, which can include wire, strings, looms, various sizes and types of beads, needles, crimping beads, jump rings, pliers and more.

Wirth said newcomers can get started in the craft fairly cheaply by picking up basic supplies at a craft store such as Michael's.

Because the club is so

new, Wirth said newcomers will feel at ease as they help the other members "iron out the kinks."

"As we mature as a club, there's all sorts of possibilities of things to be done," such as taking bus trips to beading events in the state, she said.

Wirth has a warning, though, for prospective bead-ers: "Beading is habit forming."

It's a habit Wirth is excited to get back to; forming the club and serving as its president has taken most of her attention of late. Annacone is the club's secretary. Coontz is vice president and Smith is treasurer.

"I just want to get back to beading," Wirth said. "That's what this is all about."

For information, visit the club room or call Debi Wirth at 214-0448.

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FIT AFTER FIFTY PROVIDES GYM MEMBERS INSTRUCTION

KATY O'GRADY
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Area seniors saying they don't have time to exercise lost their excuse with the opening of Fit After Fifty in Sun City West.

The franchise, the first for the company that started in Florida, opened in the Sundome Plaza Shopping Center May 1.

"We're franchise No. 1," said co-owner Linda Hurst. The second opened in East Mesa a couple weeks ago, and the third opened in Florida.

Business has been steady despite the Snowbirds' departure, she said.

"It's been very good, very nice considering a lot of people poked their heads in the door and said, 'See you in October,'" said Hurst.

She and her husband, Brad, live in Glendale and decided to open the business together in Sun City West because of the demographics, despite knowing the community had multiple amenities already available to residents.

"It was a gamble - seven rec centers. They have already paid for the use of those centers," Linda Hurst said.

That hasn't mattered to clients such as Marjorie Ponder, who said she has tried other gyms but thought she'd "give it a whirl."

She used to do jazzercise at the rec centers, but an injury keeps her from that now, and she has never really used the centers' weight equipment.

"This is more gentle on my body," Ponder said. "I like the variety of it, and the atmosphere is nice."

The variety includes nine resistance stations four that work the upper body, four for the lower body and one that

works the abdomen and back — plus nine aerobic stations for an 18-station circuit people can complete in 30 minutes.

Fit After Fifty is no sweaty gym. The bright colors are inviting, as are the artificial flowers and trees, and posters on the walls featuring beaches, waterfalls and other natural scenes.

"It's just a very comfortable atmosphere," said Ponder.

One aspect that has turned many rec centers members to the new business is the one-on-one assistance, Hurst said. There's little training on the centers' equipment, she said.

"They're afraid of getting hurt, and I have people who have been hurt," she said.

Linda Murray, activities manager for the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, could not be reached for comment about what training is available for residents using the centers' equipment.

Hurst teaches newcomers how to use the equipment and is available at all times for those who have questions, except on Saturdays when her husband fills the same role. The stations are set up in a circle, and clients switch from station to station every 40 seconds.

That doesn't sound like much, but it's enough to give seniors a good workout. In addition, clients can do the aerobic exercise as fast or slow as they wish, and the machines have settings from one to six that increase resistance according to their needs.

"They're unique because they were designed with the retirees in mind because they're easy to get in and out of," Hurst said.

The center is co-ed,

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Linda Hurst, center, guides Edward and Anne Holland of Glendale through the circuit training at Fit After Fifty in Sun City West. Hurst and her husband, Brad, opened the facility in May. The couple said they believe Sun Citians will choose their facility, at \$39 per month, because of the instruction clients receive.

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although most clients are women. They come in all fitness levels, some hoping to build their strength after a medical procedure and others just trying to maintain their flexibility and strength. The center does not promote weight loss, although Hurst

said that's a possibility for those who commit themselves to it. "We're more about, as my husband says, putting the quality back into quality of life," Hurst said. "We're trying to give them back their flexibility and movement."

One of the biggest complaints women have when they come in is not their waistlines but the untoned skin under their arms, she said.

Elizabeth Goodman is one of those who exercises just to maintain her physical

well-being - even though she admits she hates it.

"I've always done something," she said. "You really have to do something after 50."

She said the circuits aren't difficult, she just doesn't like exercise. But she believes she can make Fit After Fifty work for her. "I'm stubborn enough to stick with it," she said.

She also finds motivation from having Hurst there. "I do like the conversation, and the time goes very quickly because we gossip a lot," she said.

Said Hurst, "Even though Liz hates exercise, we try to make it pleasant."

Hurst said she and Brad originally had clients set up regular schedules, but they quickly found Sun City West residents are more inclined to stop in when they can find the time between other engagements.

"Sun City West is on the go. They're always in motion," she said.

The average client is older than 70, Hurst said. "I think our oldest customer is 86," she said. "She's a powerhouse."

Hurst said she believes in many cases, Baby Boomers' health consciousness has rubbed off on their parents, which explains the high number of seniors in their 70s and 80s wanting to work out.

Fit After Fifty is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at 13533 Camino del Sol. There are no contracts and no sign-up fees, just a \$39 per month cost, and clients can come as often as they wish.

"This is for the people sitting at home who say, 'I need to exercise but I have no idea what to do,'" Hurst said.

For information, call 556-9315.

All walks of life join Sun City West motorcycle club

Part Two of Two

Wally and Bobby Reed, who call Cheyenne, Wyo., home, said they had never ridden a motorcycle until they moved to Sun City West about 15 years ago. "We were having dinner with a friend in Cheyenne who told me he was buying a new motorcycle," Wally said. "I asked him what he was going to do with his old one. He said, 'I'm going to sell it to you.' And that's how I got into riding. I started riding when I was 65 years old for the first time."

Having been a pilot in World War II, Wally found riding a bike as natural as flying a plane.

"It came fairly easy," he said. "But I had to learn to put the side-stand down and not walk away from it as I did once or twice."

Making formation passes while riding with the group is one of Wally's favorite maneuvers.

"At times, you get a feeling of flying when you're going down the road and I don't mean at a high speed necessarily," he said. "When we do formation passes I just get a feeling of what I used to do."

Wally's wife, Bobby, who noted that the couple will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary soon, remembers the day Wally asked her about taking up motorcycle riding.

"I told him we've done everything else," she said. "So we might just as well try that. We've done everything as a couple. We started dating when we started the 10th grade. We play golf and tennis together. And riding the bike."

The only worry they had about riding was whether to tell Wally's father, who was

91 at the time.

"I never wanted to burden him with the fact that I had started riding a motorcycle," he said with a chuckle. "I never told him."

Bobby recalled the day they rode to Prescott to apply for Medicare.

"When we turned in our paperwork, we asked them when it took effect. They said, 'You're covered right now.' We said, good, we're on a motorcycle. They came out to watch us ride off."

At 59, Gene Adee is one of the youngest riders in the motorcycle club.

"I think it was about six years ago that one of the group's members asked me to join to bring down the mean age," he said, grinning. "I'm still working so I've got to work a job in between my motorcycle riding."

An airline pilot for 36 years, Gene said he finds a certain kind of closeness between riding a motorcycle and flying a plane.

"You're in charge, so to speak," he said. "You get to see everything."

Gene also enjoys the open road.

"It's the freedom for me. You get the wind. You get the bugs. You get the rain. There's no canopy bow or windshield. You're just part of it."

In 40 years of riding, Gene has logged about 350,000 miles. Traveling anywhere on his Harley is fine with him.

"There's a saying I like that goes something like this," he said. "When you're a young



Rich Kenney Jr.

rider, you pick a destination and go. When you're an older rider, you pick a direction and go."

Bud Johnson, president of the club, has had approximately a dozen motorcycles over the years. He and his wife, Betsy, have been riding together since they were married in 1963.

"We've been doing it such a long time because it's something we can do together rather than go our separate ways and doing things of our own interest," he said.

"I started riding because Bud did," Betsy said. "I remember one time when we were first married, he came to visit me while I was baby-sitting my sister's kids. He wanted to know how much money we had in the bank because he had just found a bike for sale."

"We had \$150 in the bank and spent \$125 of it on the bike," Bud said.

Betsy laughed and said, "I thought, what am I getting into with this man?"

The couple moved to Sun City West from Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1996. They joined the club that same year.

"Most of the rides we do in the club are group rides," Bud said. "We have members

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From left, Gene Adee, Gwen and Ben Shoemaker, Vic Bergquist, Bobby and Wally Reed, Wayne Jugenheimger and Betsy and Bud Johnson, line up to show off their bikes.

of all ages, though most are 55 or older and retired. A lot of our members no longer ride two-wheeled vehicles anymore because of health or other reasons, so they ride along on the trips in cars. We call it our 'Quad Squad.'"

Safety is the name of the game as far as Bud is con-

cerned.

"Our primary focus is the love of motorcycle riding but we want to do it in a safe way so nobody gets hurt."

"But we do like to have fun," Wayne emphasized. "When I first joined we had a president whose first announcement was, 'I want

you folks to remember that this is not a social club — it is a motorcycle club.' Well, he got impeached. I guess you could say, we are a social club that rides motorcycles."

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Laughter is the best medicine

“You don't stop laughing because you grow old,” Nita Napoletano told me. “You grow old because you stop laughing.”

That statement could very well be the creed of the Laugh-In Club that meets twice monthly on the first and third Wednesdays at the Northern Trust Bank in Sun City West.

Nita, 74, read about the club about 10 years ago, attended a meeting and says she hasn't missed one since. “Humor is a big part of my life,” she said. “I truly believe that if you laugh every day, you'll have more days to

laugh.”

An 11-year Sun City West resident from Napa Valley in California, Nita said that one of the reasons she keeps coming back for meetings is because of the group's founder, Ed Rose. “He's an inspiration, a remarkable man. He's 91, and still laughing.”

Ed formed the Laugh-In Club about 17 years ago when he and a few friends



Rich Kenney Jr.

wanted to get together to swap jokes. “We sent out some fliers and the club was an instant success,” he said. “We meet mostly in banks. They usually end up closing, though, and we have to find other ones.”

He recalled the time Bank of America called to say the club could no longer use its room: “I remember we had to scramble to find another place,” he said. “We ended up in a funeral home and that was one of the best meetings we ever had! We told jokes about funerals.”

Ed introduced me to his wife, Dodie, who is 73. “This is my child bride,” he joked. “I had to ask her parents’

permission. We've been married for 25 years.”

The Roses, who moved to Sun City West 19 years ago from New England, believe in the healing powers of humor. “I want to live as long and as healthy as I can, and I think it's all up in here,” Ed said, pointing to his head. “Comedy keeps you sharp: I have my problems like everyone else, but humor helps.”

“He may be 91,” Dodie said, “but only chronologically. Not in any other way. He exercises, swims and walks. Obviously, his mind is very active or he couldn't remember all those jokes.”

“Speaking of jokes,” he

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said, “this man comes to the pearly gates and St. Peter says, ‘You have to tell me something good you did before you can come in.’ So the man says, ‘There was this biker gang with the jackets and steel nose rings — and this young girl walks by and one of the guys starts assaulting her. So I went over and pulled the ring out of his nose; I kicked him in the groin; and I smashed him in the face. I even broke his bike.’ And St. Peter says, ‘when did that happen?’ And, I said, ‘Oh, five minutes ago.’”

Like the Roses, Nita believes that humor is the best medicine. “We have this one lady who comes to almost every meeting,” she said, “and each time she starts off by saying, ‘I'm here for a boost to my immune system because I want to stay healthy.’”

Nita has been a joke-teller from as long as she can remember. “My parents must have realized how much I enjoyed hearing and telling jokes because they gave me a book of jokes for Christmas in 1942,” she said. “One of my favorite radio programs during the '40s was ‘Can You Top This?’ It was about a

group of men telling jokes and trying to top each other with the best joke. It was at that time that my parents divorced and I turned to humor and the book they gave me even more so. It seemed to ease the pain of what was going on in my life at that time. I still have that joke book today.”

Over the years, Nita has heard all kinds of jokes in the club. One of her favorites is an old “Ole and Lena” joke: “It's Ole and Lena's wedding night and Ole asks Lena, ‘Am I the first man you've ever gone to bed with?’ And Lena replies, ‘Oh, Ole, of course . . . Why do all you men ask the same question?’”

Another member of the Laugh-In Club is Athel Arney, 79, from San Bernardino, Calif. Athel moved to Sun City West 20 years ago and got involved with the club about five years ago. “It pushes up your ego,” he said of the club. “You hear a lot of funny stories. It's like getting a piece of candy each week.”

Athel said that most of the jokes are clean. “Mine used to be dirty,” he chuckled. “They're clean now. My wife saw to that.”

He, too, sees the importance of humor in one's life. “Humor saw me through a long period of illness,” Athel



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Members of the Laugh-in club, from left to right: Nita Napoletano, Athel Arney, Dodie Rose and Ed Rose. Ed Rose is a founder of the club, which formed 17 years ago and meets the first and third Wednesday each month at the Northern Trust Bank in Sun City West to tell jokes.

said. “You forget a lot of nasty problems. Humor pushes them aside.”

“Say,” he said to me, “do you know when you're over the top?”

“No,” I said.

“You always forget what you forgot,” he laughed. “That's my trouble with getting older. My brain didn't come with me.”

The one common thing that all members of the Laugh-In Club have is that they like to laugh. “If you laugh,” Ed said, “you bond

with people. I'll go up to a complete stranger and tell them a joke. They laugh and I have a friend.”

Nita agrees. “I'll go up to someone who looks like they could use a good laugh and tell them a joke. It seems to brighten the entire expression of their face. It's a good icebreaker. I believe we all have some sadness in our lives, but that when we can laugh, we can't cry!”

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police, highway patrol and other activities.

A few years ago my husband just happened to turn his radio on earlier than usual and there was a call for help from a deer hunter, in a canyon, who had been shot and was bleeding heavily. Forest roads do not usually have street markers, so it was very difficult to get a location on the injured hunter.

My husband contacted the sheriff's office, which in turn contacted Kingman authorities and a helicopter was dispatched. The sheriff advised the people with the hunter to drive a to a certain exit on I-40 just outside of Williams.

The hunter was flown to the hospital in Flagstaff.

Three years later, the injured ham operator met my husband at a ham festival and thanked him for saving his life. The hunter lost part of his liver but survived. Had it not been for amateur radio, he may not have.

Each year at the end of July, there is a three-day ham festival at the Coconino County Fairgrounds in Flagstaff. Anyone can attend.

I would like to invite the unhappy person to attend and learn all about Ham Radio. Who knows, you might even become one.

BETTY J. SWARTZ
SUN CITY

Learn more about ham radio operators

It disturbs me greatly when people criticize ham radio operators and think that all they do is make noise and irritate their neighbors. All hams must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and have to meet certain regulations for installing their equipment.

Yes, we were at the Arizona forest fires, running communications. Two frequencies were set aside by the FCC strictly for those helping with the fires. No one else could use these frequencies.

The reason you never see much of the ham operator is because most of us have radios installed at our homes, in automobiles and, yes, they all have to have antennas or the radios will not work.

Some radios, called handhelds, you carry with you. Some of us have towers, to give height to our antennas.

My husband and I are both licensed and are members of the West Valley Radio Club in Sun City. The club has a membership of 300 or more. Twice a year, some of the hams in the Valley meet at the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant to assist in checking operations of warning sirens to make sure they are working properly.

Hams are also involved, at times, with the Red Cross,

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Basket Club founder is brunch guest

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Eileen Luke, founder of the Sun City West Basket Club, was a special guest at the quarterly meeting and brunch. After brunch, Mrs. Luke spoke briefly about the history of the club and displayed some of her excellent baskets.

One of Eileen's neighbor's and club member Kathy Dolniah said, "The first time I visited Eileen, I couldn't help commenting on the beautiful baskets displayed in her home." Mrs. Luke then mentioned she was instrumental in founding the Basket Club. While in Prescott, Eileen learned to make baskets out of needles she collected from local pine trees. In Sun City West, several people wanted to learn the art. They would meet in their homes to make baskets. Interest

grew and, in 1986, a charter was obtained from the SCW Recreation Centers.

Weaving baskets from flat and round reed was added as new, knowledgeable members joined the club. From a modest beginning of about 30 weavers, the club now has 110 in membership. New members receive instruction in weaving reed, then they are ready to complete various types of baskets. The "Basketweavers" are located in Kuentz Recreation Center on the corner of Stardust and R.H. Johnson Blvds. Both visitors and new members are always welcome, Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. until Noon.



SCW Basket Club founder Eileen Luke was the guest speaker at a recent club brunch.

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New Sun Citians make 'Connections'

JEANNE WINOGRAD
DAILY NEWS-SUN



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Connections members Jeanne LeFebvre, left, and Beverly Hansen look over their membership rosters. The Connections social club evolved from the Sun City Welcome Wagon several years ago.

Shortly after moving to Sun City West five years ago, Beverly Hansen was having second thoughts.

"When we first moved here, it was very difficult," Hansen said. "I was called on by Joan Crabtree of Western Welcome. Their brochure mentioned Welcome Wagon, and I was happy to see it because I was very lonely."

Hansen had been a president of an Iowa chapter of Welcome Wagon, which is a group designed to ease people's transitions into their new communities.

In the Sun Cities, Welcome Wagon evolved 16 years ago into an active social club called Connections, which Hansen joined during her second month living here. She is now club president.

Along with club treasurer Jean LeFebvre, formerly of upstate New York, and publicity chairwoman Jan Vejraska of Columbus, Neb., Hansen described the group's activities for the upcoming year, starting with a luncheon planned for Thursday.

All events are designed to make newcomers feel welcome and to help those who already live here branch out through friendship.

Besides monthly program luncheons, the

group sponsors gatherings for bridge, dominos and board games, as well as hors d'oeuvres and cocktail parties, gourmet dinners, new member coffees, book reviews, tours, and even a dinner dance at which a queen and king are crowned.

A sub-group of Connections called Disconnections is designed for singles.

LeFebvre said she joined the group when called by a neighbor to play bridge.

"I'm a people person," said LeFebvre, who has been active in women's social and service organizations throughout her life. As treasurer, she said it doesn't hurt that she worked for H&R Block for nine years.

"We invite every woman in Sun City West," Vejraska said. "We now have 540 members. We're so big, we have to have our meetings at Briarwood Country Club."

In addition to this week's luncheon, Connections has a style show planned for its Oct. 11 program, and a storyteller, Sandy Oglesby from the Casa Grande Museum in Phoenix, scheduled for its Nov. 8 event.

The group also donates money to other Sun City groups, such as the Sun City Posse and the PRIDES.

For more information about the upcoming Connections events, or for information about joining, call 214-8018.

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Computers West Club drives home need for blood donors

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Just one pint of blood can save the lives of three people.

With technicians able to separate blood into plasma, platelets and red blood cells, three people can benefit from one person's donation of a single pint. With that fact, residents in Sun City West this weekend potentially saved the lives of more than 100 people.

"I've given blood a lot through my life," Dale Kinyon said while donating Saturday. "I think it's just a good way to

help people."

A mobile unit from United Blood Services was parked in the lot at Palm Ridge Recreation Center Saturday, as many residents made their way through the donor line, each giving a pint of their blood.

"Just one of these bags of blood that we get today can save three people," said Nikee Kemp, senior donor care specialist. "Blood is used for so many different things for patients, that it is important for people to give. One day it can be them who needs it."

According to data compiled by United Blood Services, one out of ever 10 hospitalized patients need blood — the conditions vary from accident victims to cancer patients, but the need is primary in any of the cases.

Because there is no substitute for human blood, Kemp said it is necessary for blood banks to always have enough supply because in many instances, seconds make all the difference to patients in need.

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"There is always a need for blood donors," she said. "Statewide and nationwide, blood supplies are getting lowered faster than they can be replenished."

About 13.9 million units of whole blood are donated in the United States each year by approximately 8 million volunteer blood donors. These units are transfused to about 4.5 million patients per year.

The need for blood is great — on any given day, approximately 32,000 units of red blood cells are needed. Accident victims, people undergoing surgery and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia, all need such blood.

With the blood being able to be separated,

approximately 26.5 million units of blood components are transfused each year, according to the American Red Cross.

But with Saturday being the first time she's been able to give blood, Sun City West resident Sarah Koehn said she was proud of her donation, no matter where it ends up.

"Before I lived in Sun City West, I didn't weigh enough to give blood," she said. "But now that I do weigh enough, I was able to help someone. The process is painless, and I think more people should give."

The donor day was sponsored by the Computers West Club, which was heeding the calls of many advertisements asking for blood donors.

"It's been all over the country with the shortage, so we wanted to do something to help," said Tiffany Coleman,

the club's community service coordinator. "I figured with our club being so community oriented, a couple of our members would be able to spare a pint."

The success rate was so high that Coleman had to refer people to another blood drive, which will take place later this month.

"We had a lot of club members participate, and a lot of non-club members participate as well," she said. "It's great to see that so many people have an interest in this, because it is a very important issue."

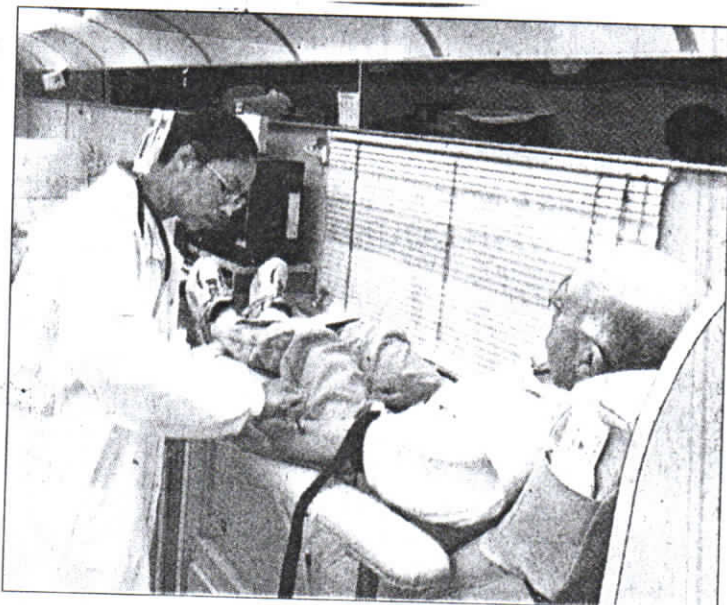
With Saturday's drive a success, residents still wishing to donate blood can go Thursday to Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 Meeker Blvd. For information, contact the church at 584-2280.

John Sokolich can be reached at jsokolich@aztrib.com or at 876-2526.



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Barbara Beeghly of Sun City West parts with a pint of her blood in a United Blood Services van at Palm Ridge Recreation Center Saturday.



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Nikee Kemp, a phlebotomist for United Blood Services, prepares to draw blood from Dale Kinyon of Sun City West.

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Funny business

Wester Jesters serious about clowning around

BRUCE ELLISON
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Watching the Wester Jesters clown troupe in action, you might not recognize there are different types of clowns. And you definitely wouldn't think you were watching amateurs.

But except for a couple of old timers who once performed professionally, the 40-odd members of the Jesters all are amateurs, people who just thought it would be neat to be a clown, said Bill Battis, the group's spokesman.

The Wester Jesters were busy in December, entertaining at eight events, and providing a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus more than a dozen times. And they have four scheduled appearances in January.

Battis said the group's purpose "is to spread smiles and have a good time performing for people in the area."

The Jesters appear at no charge, and members provide their own costumes, greasepaint and other equipment.

Still, "our rewards are many," Battis said, "especially the delight and sparkle in children's eyes, and the smiles of adults, especially the smile of someone who doesn't smile very often," such as nursing home or hospital residents.

The Wester Jesters grew out of a request by the producers of the Sun City West Variety

Show a few years back for clowns to be in a skit.

It was in the 1994 show, "Happiness Is," recalled producer Jeanne Tarr.

Several people volunteered, others saw the act (and the fun its participants were having), and soon a group interested in clowning was born, Tarr said.

But because it's small, and includes members from Sun City West, Sun City and as far afield as Litchfield Park, it's not a Recreation Centers chartered club.

Training is provided by the group for two or three new clown-members regularly.

"How long it takes to learn a routine depends on the person involved," Battis said.

"Some people read a lot of books, take classes, create their own face design and costumes and are ready to go by the second meeting. Others take longer getting the idea.

"It's especially fun for me to watch the shy, retiring ones, the introverts as they change to a new persona as a clown," Battis said.

Most of the group's routines are short skits of a minute or two each, many planned but some impromptu. In part it depends on the audience reaction, he said.

"Kids like things with more action, balloon

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animals and motion. Adults go more for the one-liners and jokes."

One liners like this one, pulled off regularly by Battis, dressed (sort of) as a cowboy.

"I'm a cowboy clown. I used to be a lumberjack, but I couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax."

Yes, you gotta be quick on the uptake. Oh, yes, you do.

Both audiences like music, as performed by the clown band, whose instruments, many home-made, include kazoos, drums, washtub bass, maracas, tambourines and more. The band leader is known as Allegro.

There also are character clowns. Perhaps the most recognizable Jester is Groucho, as in Marx. "With his glasses and cigar and gravelly voice, he's perfect," Battis said.

Other clowns have specialized roles, too. The white face is the intellectual, Battis said, working as a juggler or story-teller.

The stumbling oaf, with the big flat shoes and weird outfit is an

"auguste." "That's me," Battis said. "A cowboy."

Tramp clowns or hobos also are familiar; many are blackface. Emmett Kelly may be the most famous such clown.

There also are harlequins and the musicians.

Club members meet once a month to talk over the skits and acts and for practice; they give four or five performances a month.

Make-up for a performance can take 45 minutes to an hour, depending on how much grease paint is needed and how complex the design in which it is applied.

One on-the-job hazard is the hug, often from youngsters but more deadly from adults.

The kids can hug your legs or your torso, he said, but the adults get to the face, and that's a big problem with greasepaint.

"We do not solicit hugs, or chase after people. That can scare some kids. But we do let people hug us," Battis said.

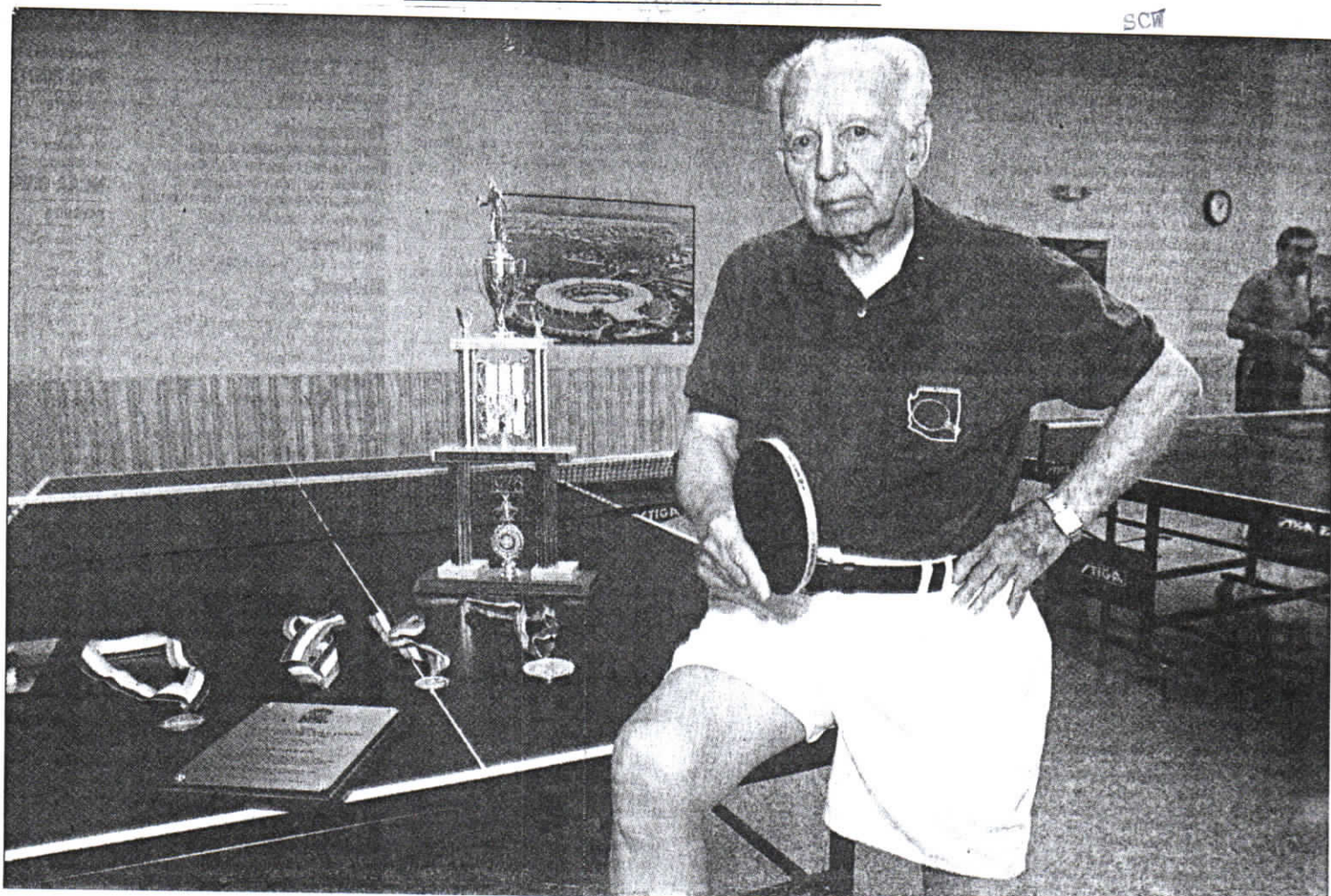
To sign up as a Jester, or to see if the Jesters can fit your group into a busy schedule, call Battis at 584-7849.

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Some members of the Wester Jesters sit still for a few moments for this photo.



MOLLIE J. HOPPES/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Bob Green of Sun City was inducted into the United States Table Tennis Hall of Fame during December ceremonies in Las Vegas. Green is the first Arizona resident to receive such an honor.

Sun City table tennis player hits jackpot in Las Vegas

RICH BOLAS
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Bob Green had to go indoors to find his place in the sun.

As a teen-ager, Green had been an aspiring pro tennis player as well as an accomplished golfer. However, a skin condition forced him to limit his exposure to the sun.

Green went inside and became a champion table tennis player which culminated in his induction into the U.S. Table Tennis Hall of Fame during December ceremonies in Las Vegas.

"It's a real honor," said the 86-year-old Green, the first Arizona resident to be inducted into the table tennis hall. "When I was in my prime, I had the hardest backhand in the game."

Green received his induction based on his contributions to the sport. In addition to his accomplishments as a player, the Sun City resident has served as a table tennis club manager, tournament director and coach. As an octogenarian, he also has become a table tennis historian and contributor to several publications.

"Bob is just a top-notch guy," said Dot Irving, a member of the Sun City Table Tennis Club. "He offers free lessons to anyone and encouragement to everyone."

"There's just an aura about him. He's

very low-key about his accomplishments."

Green reached his peak of playing success in the 1940s, earning a top-10 ranking in the spring of 1945.

"I was known as a top defensive player and I had a great backhand," Green said. "If I had had a top forehand, I could have moved up even further in the rankings."

Green received even more acclaim for his organizational skills, running a table tennis club in Columbus, Ohio, which boasted more than 200 players.

"I took a lesson from successful bowling leagues," said Green, a retired engineer with Hughes Aircraft in California. "We had everything from industrial leagues to junior leagues."

Green once headed a California club which police unwittingly raided because so many persons kept going inside to play table tennis.

"This was in Hollywood and we had our club on the second floor of a building," Green recalled. "Most of our members had to park on the street and there were so many cars parked outside the building that the vice squad raided the place."

"When the police rushed in and saw all we were doing was playing table tennis, I never saw such a red-faced expression on a policeman's face."

Green also found time to coach while

running table tennis clubs and tournaments.

He has U.S. and Chinese coaching certificates and has tutored two national and three world champions.

"I thought I was really going to learn how to spin the ball and pick up some exotic shots when I trained with the Chinese," Green said. "Instead, they did nothing but emphasize the basics. They taught me that if you learn the basics, everything else is easy."

Irving said Green still provides quality coaching for senior players.

"Bob knows that most seniors are already set in their ways as far as their games," Irving said. "He doesn't intrude, yet he's always there with pointers if you need them."

Work frequently limited Green's playing schedule, but he returned to full-time competition in his 60s. He has won the over-60 and over-70 U.S. singles titles as well as U.S. Senior Olympic titles in three age categories.

Despite macular degeneration in one eye, Green said he plans to pursue the over-85 U.S. Senior Olympic crown this summer in Baton Rouge, La.

"I have problems with depth perception, which isn't good in table tennis," Green said. "I think whether I win or not will depend on who I have to go up against in the tournament."

SCW Women's Club donates 'Christmas in July' bears

By Dorothy Steck

The SCW Women's Social Club held a "Christmas in July" party that required attendees to bring a huggable teddy bear that would be donated to needy children. To enhance the Christmas feeling at the clubroom, every table had a small Christmas tree centerpiece, red and green napkins, and members were served red and green cookies and ice cream.

A total of 83 bears were donated. Special Socials Chair Millie T. Smith said, "It was a wonderful response to the needs of the community, and members thought it was a great idea and fun."

The bears were given to Nadaburg School and Del Webb Hospital. Fifty bears were presented to Nadaburg Schools Supt. Steven Yokobosky to be used for the school's incentive programs that inspire preschoolers to eighth graders to improve and achieve certain goals. SCWWSOC Publicity Chair Audrey Schulze said, "Supt. Yokobosky was so appreciative to receive the bears."

The other 33 bears were taken to Del Webb Hospital Emergency Room to be given to children who come for treatment. "It is absolutely wonderful," commented ER nurse Geri Rom. "Just yesterday I gave a bear to a little girl who told her mother on the way out that she had gotten



The SCW Women's Social Club recently donated 50 bears to Nadaburg School District Supt. Steven Yokobosky (Upper photo) for the incentive programs. Presenters were (l. to r.) Millie T. Smith, Audrey Schulze and Elva Ferguson, officers and directors of the club. The Del Webb Hospital Emergency Room staff (back, l. to r.) Dr. Paul Johnson, Brenda McCully, Eddie Rosario and Geri Rom with Roger Kirk (front, r.) hug stuffed bears and smile along with SCW Women's Social Club Secy. Elva Ferguson (bottom, l.). The club donated the bears for children who come into the Emergency Room.

Photos, Audrey Schulze



'something I have always wanted.' The bears give such great comfort to the children. We are so grateful."

Friendship Center' proposed for non-chartered club



Some of the members of the Board of Directors of the SCW Friendship Center, Inc., are shown meeting with R.G. Andersen-Wyckoff (seated, center), general manager of the Rec Centers, and Sam Graziano, manager. They are (l.-r.) George B. Wildridge, Jr., corporation president; Chet Lacy, staff writer of *The Wester*; Graziano, Don Abraham, and Bob Black.

By Chet Lacy

Leaders of a proposed "Friendship Center," a place where non-chartered clubs in the Sun City West area could call their own meeting and activity center, met with R.G. Andersen-Wyckoff, Rec Centers general manager, recently to discuss the problems facing non-chartered clubs.

Discriminatory practices wherein chartered clubs have been given preferential treatment, particularly in regard to reserving space in Rec Centers for their meetings, conferences, and other activities, was discussed.

Seeking equitable treatment for non-chartered clubs is the Sun City West Friendship Center, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation which was chartered by the State of Arizona in 1995 and recognized by the U.S. IRS as a tax-exempt entity in 1996.

The problem of non-chartered clubs have been brought to light by Jerry Medford, a Rec Center Governing Board member and its Legal Affairs Committee Chairman. He has called for an end to preferential treatment for chartered clubs over non-chartered clubs in booking functions in Rec Centers.

He has mentioned since the Rec Center by-laws were written, the SCW population has grown

to 30,000 and virtually all the meeting space has been turned over to chartered clubs with no rental charges. A serious and unfair problem, many club leaders feel.

"We of the SCW Friendship Center, Inc., board of directors feel we can offer a realistic solution," commented George B. Wildridge, Jr, president of the corporation. He seconded the statements of Medford, who said the Rec Centers management and board have separated SCW residents into two classes, pampering chartered clubs and ignoring non-chartered clubs.

Medford takes exception to the policy of allowing chartered clubs to book Rec facilities on a regular basis, same time and location each week or month, Wildridge noted.

"The problem is even greater," suggest Wildridge. "Many non-chartered clubs do hold meetings regularly and, in addition, when forced to meet in restaurants and other public places, they have no place to store their banners, lec-

terns, trophy, flags, displays and other meeting or ceremonial paraphernalia. RG recognizes this as a problem.

"We feel it would serve a real need for service clubs, veterans groups, lodges, state clubs and others to have their own headquarters in a building in which they would be co-owners and managers," Wildridge maintains.

"Presently over 100 non-chartered organizations exist in Sun City West and immediately adjacent areas," Wildridge continued. "They have no guaranteed meeting sites and no provision for storage an display areas in spite of recent attempts by the Rec Centers board to solve this.

"We look to the Legal Affairs Committee to draft a policy or

by-law revision that could prevent chartered clubs from 'bumping' non-chartered clubs that have made activity reservations well in advance. Most clubs normally must schedule annual events with caterers, music, program speakers and entertainment months ahead. Being 'bumped' is pure discrimination," they claim.

Vacant buildings are being sought and possible donated land is hoped for a place non-chartered clubs could call their own. Wildridge has made it clear that this effort has no connection with the pending ad hoc committee study of the need for a community Senior Center or Senior Corner in Rec Centers for residents seeking individual leisure and non-organized social activities.

Present members of the board of Friendship Center Corporation, which is expanding as new appointments are being made, include George Wildridge, Bob Black, Charles Palmatier, Bob Wilson, Bill Werner, Bob McLachlan, Chet Lacy, Don Abraham, Paul Gardner, Bill Lowe, Fred Terry and John Butterworth.

Actively assisting in the planning are John Geyer, Art Napolitano, Don Tagtmeyer and Dr. Mel Rathel.

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New PEO Chapter organized in SCW



At the organizational meeting of the new PEO Chapter at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church are (back row, l. to r.) Barbara McCurdy, Barbara Horton, Elizabeth Brugman, Carolyn Dubberley, Joan Milligan, Virginia DeMordaunt and Mary Lowe. (Middle row, l. to r.) AZ State Organizer Carol Thomason, Lois Ryan, Adele Hove, Kate Voss and Nancy Creel. (Front row, l. to r.) Marian Holden, Rita Englehardt, Sharon Willey, Shirley Graham, Janice Smith and Donna Parker.
 Photo, Jewett Conradson

Recently, PEOs of the area gathered at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall to witness the organization of a new chapter in Sun City West.

Carol Thomson, organizer for Arizona State Chapter, conducted the meeting. An origin and history of this new chapter, EK, was

given by Lois Ryan.

Initiation of two new members and the reaffirmation of vows by 17 dimitts, from chapters all over the country who will be the members of this new chapter, was conducted.

Chapter EK will become the eighth chapter of PEO in Sun

City West. New officers are: Pres. Barbara Horton, Vice Pres. Donna Parker, Corres. Secy. Barbara McCurdy, Rec. Secy. Joan Milligan, Treas. Sharon Willey, Chaplain Virginia DeMordaunt and Guard Carolyn Dubberley.

The remaining members are: Jan Boatman, Elizabeth Brugman, Nancy Creel, Rita Englehardt, Shirley Graham, Marion Holden, Adele Hove, Mary Lowe, Sharon Richardson, Lois Ryan, Janice Smith and Kathleen Voss.

The members of Chapter EK extended their thanks to Chapter DG, for serving as sponsors for the new chapter, and for hosting this meeting. A special thanks was given to Pat Harnes and Jean Buck. Also expressed was appreciation to Loretta Walker, 2nd vice president Arizona State Chapter, and Loralie Hawkins, 1st vice president Arizona State Chapter, as well as all other State officers and past presidents for their guidance through our chartering.

Sun Cities tennis players win medals at Huntsman World Senior Games

A group of tennis players from Sun City and Sun City West collected 18 medals at the 11th annual Huntsman World Senior Games Oct. 13-24 in St. George, Utah.

Winners from Sun City included Marie Seal, 72, and Ann Manus, 65. Seal won a gold and silver medal, while Manus took home a bronze.

Sun City West's Mal Jacobsen, 67, took home a silver, Nora, 70, and Andrew Ziegelbauer, 73, of SCW won gold, bronze and a gold medal, respectively. Bob Mansfield, 60, (SCW), took home a bronze. Robert, 56, and Dale Dimock, 54, of Sun City West won a bronze and two bronze medals, respectively.

Sun City West's Len Atwial, 63, won a silver medal and Gloria Stanfield, 63 (SCW) won a pair of bronze medals.

Margaret Simon, 70, of SCW won two bronze medals. Sun City West's Maxine Horn, 61, won a sil-

ver medal.

Ellen Bennewitz and Beryl Flathman, 66 and 65 of Sun City West both won gold medals.

Other local results:

- Cynthia Goukas, 67, of Sun

City West won a gold and bronze medal.

- Sun City West's Beverly Bormann, 67, captured a bronze medal in tennis.

Hole in one

Janice Myer of Sun City recorded a hole in one on the 102-yard 17th hole using a 7-iron at the Sun City Country Club Nov. 10. Witnesses were Jonni McNutt, Jane Benson and Jan Kiesgen.

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Independent Newspapers



COLLECTION OF GOLD

Sun Citian continues domination in table tennis at Senior Olympics

By GEORGE WITKOWSKI
Independent Newspapers

Officials at the Senior Olympics may want to prepare for next year's game by permanently engraving Dot Irving's name on the medals presented in table tennis.

For the 10th straight year, Dorothy "Dot" Irving came home from the National Senior Olympics with a medal. Paired with Tybie Sommer in the women's 70-74 age group, Irving this year came away with a gold medal.

This year's games were held last month in Tucson.

Winning medals and championships, however, is nothing new for Irving. She has been the Sun City table tennis champion "eight or nine" times, been to the Senior Olympics every year since 1987 and has medaled (11 golds) every time in either singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Irving upset Sommer for the U.S. National Senior Over-60 Women's title in 1991 and 1992 in Laguna Hills, Calif.

She played at the 100-table World Senior Tournament in 1990 in Baltimore, Md. where she and her doubles partner from England beat players from Germany and France before losing in the semifi-



Dorothy "Dot" Irving display the medal she captured at this year's National Senior Olympics. The medal marks the 11th table tennis gold medal she has captured in the Senior Olympics.

nals to a team from Australia.

"The most wonderful thing about it is that not only did I beat Tybie Sommer when she was a world champion, but we've since teamed up for the Senior Olympics," says Irving, who adds that she has never had a coach or taken lessons.

This year's games had their humorous moments, such as when Irving received her gold medal.

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She has been the Sun City table tennis champion "eight or nine" times, been to the Senior Olympics every year since 1987 and has medaled (11 golds) every time in either singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

"When I was awarded the medal, the man making the presentation said, 'I can't get it over your head' (her hair is full) and one other woman said, 'you've brought a new dimension to table tennis,'" Irving recalls with a laugh.

Irving is quick to point out that she participates in the sport of table tennis more for the enjoyment and fun than for the competition.

"I was asked by one television reporter why I did this, and I said, 'Well, if I didn't do this I'd be fat,'" she says.

Irving, originally from Detroit, is a 13-year resident of Sun City. She says that age is no factor when it

comes to table tennis. She knows one woman from Sun City who still plays table tennis in her 90s.

"She plays well," Irving says.

Irving began playing table tennis when she was 37. She says her husband, Donald, served as her inspiration.

"I told my husband to play me three games a night. My first competition was in 1960 against the state champion of Michigan," she says.

"She knew what she was doing but I won the first game before she creamed me in the second and third game.

"When they spoke with her they mentioned all of her accomplishments. But when they talked to me, I said that I play in my basement."

Irving says her husband's excellent play has been beneficial to her game and that the two play for the Sun City Table Tennis Club three days a week for two to three hours at a time at Bell Recreation Center.

"My husband and I came in second in the state 1992 for all age groups, 20 and up," she says.

Sun Citians capture medals at Senior Olympics

Additional results of how other Sun Cities residents fared at the Senior Olympics held May 21-28 in Tucson. Results to this point aren't complete. Results provided by the Senior Olympics office.

Golf: Sun Citian James Dameron shot a 204 and won a silver medal in the men's 90-94 age group. Selmer Rodning, Sun City West, won a bronze medal with a 174 in the men's 80-84 age group.

Bicycling: James House, Sun City West, won a gold medal in the 20K in the men's 70-74 age group with a time of 36:26.16.

Track and Field: Sun Citian Charles Obye won gold medals in the long jump and high jump in both men's 75-79 age group. Obye also won a bronze medal in the javelin event in the men's 75-79 age group.

Racewalking: Kurt Straus, Sun City, won the 1,500-meter event in the men's 85-89 age group with a time of 12 minutes, 45 seconds.

Racquetball/Singles: Lake Westphal of Sun City West won a gold medal in the men's 70-74 age group.

Club stitches for 'grandchildren'

Sun City West's Rip 'n' Sew aids Glendale students

By DEBBIE L. SKLAR
Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST — Pauline Wyatt has a granddaughter she's never met. She doesn't know the girl's name. She does know that the child needs new clothing.

And that's all the former president of the Rip 'n' Sew Club of Sun City West needs to know about her "adopted grandchild."

Wyatt and other sewing club members have formed a group called Sewing for Children to help youngsters at the Discovery Elementary School in Glendale.

"We've got about 25 members of Rip 'n' Sew who help sew clothing for the children. We do tops, bottoms, all kinds of things," said Wyatt, the club's past president and founder of the children's program. "We've been giving them clothing going on our third year, but over the last six months we've individualized it more. We've actually become like grandmothers to individual children."

Wyatt said the women have also been sewing clothing for an upcoming puppet show, "Mother Goose."

"They were buying clothing for their puppets they are making at garage sales," she said. "They really didn't fit though, because puppets really don't have any shoulders; clothes just fall off."

Wyatt said the idea to help clothe needy children blossomed because



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Jeanne Peelle, left, watches while Harriette Busse and Jane Iannarilli discuss features on the sewing machines purchased by the Rip 'n' Sew Club. The group boasts 407 members.

she wanted to help the less fortunate.

"I thought we had a school in the area, where the children needed help," she said. "We started sewing for kids in the Dysart Elementary School, but changed to the Discovery school where one of the member's daughter is a teacher."

On Friday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30, the women meet in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center to sew for the children. Last month they made 130 outfits for children in

kindergarten through sixth grade.

Sam Jacob, who was also instrumental in starting the children's program, said sewing is something that everyone can learn.

"It's just a matter of patience, but anyone can really sew," she said. "I learned when I was in the seventh grade to make a dress. It may have taken me all year, but I did it."

Jacob said the sewing club has been an integral part of the children's lives.

"We're a sewing club and love to

sew and those kids need clothes," Jacob said. "There are many large families that have hard times. A lot of these kids have low self-esteem because there are a lot of different populations in that area. It's hard for the kids who don't come from the well-to-do families. Some really need a kick in the self-esteem department. Making the clothes for them really helps them to know someone really cares what happening to them."

Wyatt said the club is special for many reasons.

"I've been a member for five years," Wyatt said. "I like sewing because there is a personal satisfaction to it. There's a certain satisfaction in touching and feeling fabrics. Many of us don't even have to sew it, we just like to touch it."

Wyatt said most of the sewing club members have been collecting fabric for years.

"We all have stashes," she said with a laugh. "These are just fabrics that we've collected over the years and really liked."

"The association with all the members is what I enjoy about the club," said Jo Newton, publicity chairwoman. "It is a very social club and an agreeable one. It isn't one where there is always confusion and everyone shares what they can do with one another."

The Rip 'n' Sew Club of Sun City West was chartered in 1979 and has more than 300 members. The club meets at 9:30 a.m. the first Thursday of every month R.H. Johnson Recreation Center Lecture Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Members sew from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information call 546-4050.

Clowning around brings joy

Wester Jesters love to make people laugh

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

Sun City West

At their age, they can't do flips and cartwheels. But they use plenty of other antics to make people laugh. There's Jo Rogers, also known as Jo Jo, who talks to her invisible dog; and Maurine Longstreth, alias Mo, who has a yellow cat named PP wrapped around her waist.

Vicki Mauro, also known as Bergie, dresses silly with a golden pinwheel on a straw hat and red Raggedy Ann yarn hair.

And Tony Saputo, as Vinnee, sculpts animals out of balloons.

They are among 35 Sun City West residents who enjoy clowning around so much that they formed their own club — the Wester Jesters.

"We can't do the things clowns in the circus can," said Mauro, the club's president. (Her husband Joe also is a clown). "We're too old for that. Bringing joy and happiness to people is what we're all about."

Ranging in age from the mid-50s to mid-80s, the clowns met one another last year during the Sun City West Variety Show that

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Vicki Mauro
Clown

raises money for the Sun Health Foundation.

"We had decided individually to be clowns in the show and we developed such a camaraderie that we wanted to stay together," Mauro said.

Thirty people gathered for the club's first meeting on Aug. 6.

The group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bank of America in Sun City West.

They gather to hear clowning advice ranging from putting on makeup to creating balloon animals. If membership grew to at least 50, the club would be eligible to be chartered by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and could use rec facilities for meetings

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and shows. Members appear in parades and cheer up patients in hospitals. They dance, use puppets, perform magic tricks and do ventriloquist acts.

Most of the club members only started clowning recently. But a few are professional clowns.

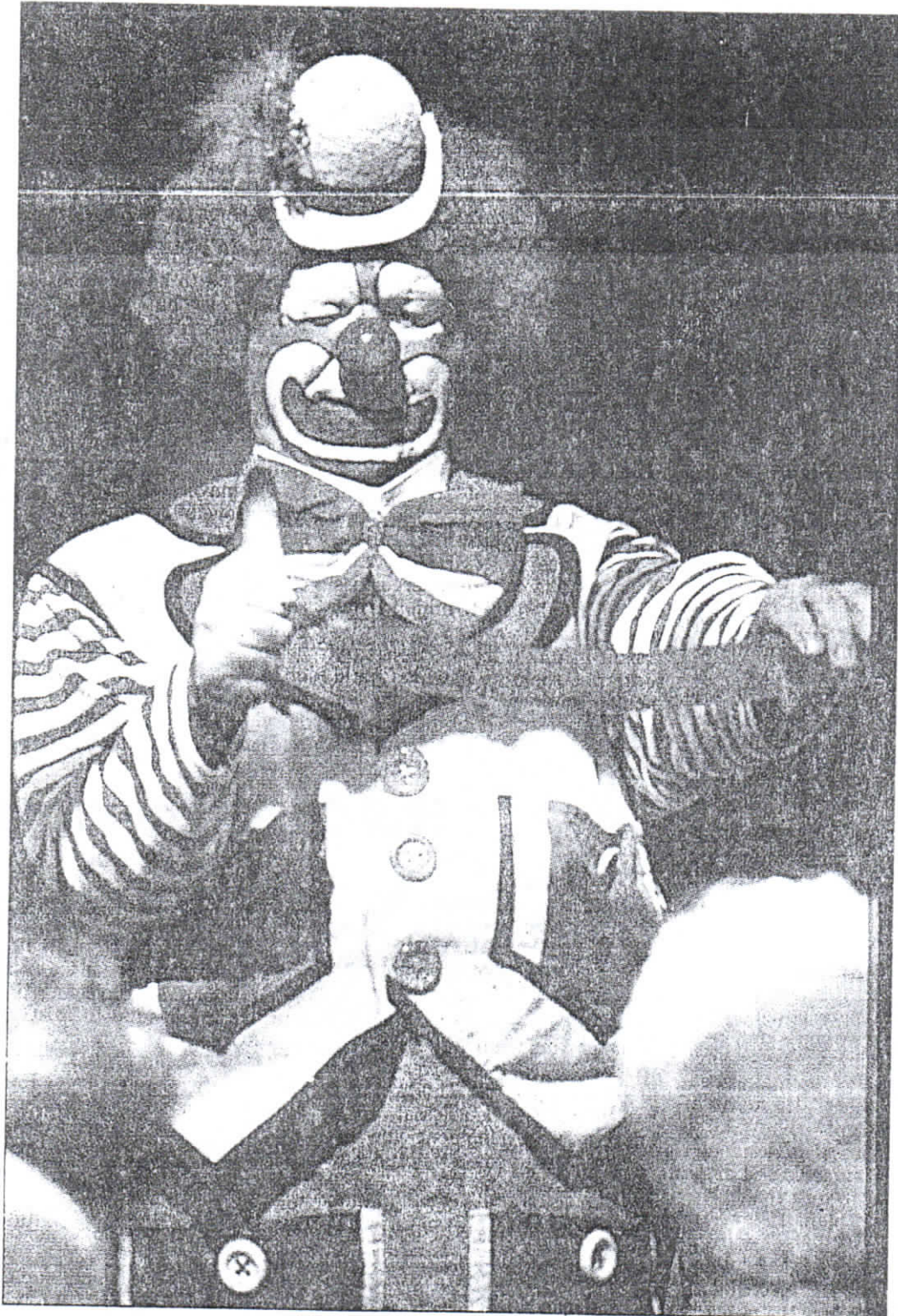
Earlier this month, the clowns entertained people as they bought tickets for the variety show, which

is set for Nov. 18 and 19 at the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts.

Among the ticket buyers was Bill Dinnus, a Sun City West resident, who showed up at 5 a.m. so he'd be first in line. He said he was delighted to watch the clowns while waiting for the box office to open at 9 a.m.

"I think it's the greatest thing in the world to make people laugh," Longstreth said.

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Tom Tingle / Staff photographer
Vinnee the Clown, alias Tony Saputo, makes balloon animals for folks waiting in line to buy tickets for the Sun City West Variety Show.

Retirees roll out SCW welcome mat

By TRACY CHARUHAS
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — For retirees who move here, leaving friends and family behind and adjusting to a new community may be difficult.

Starting over is not an easy task, and developing a new core of friends doesn't happen overnight. But new residents have Mary Thune and Joan Crabtree of Welcome Wagon to help them adjust to their new environment.

"Most people are pretty happy to see us," Thune said. "They treat us like we're old friends."

"I've met so many fascinating people through Welcome Wagon," Crabtree said. "Some of them have been all over the world and have done so many interesting things. I love this job because you never know what a day will bring."

The Welcome Wagon women give residents a call before they drop by. They usually spend an average of one to 1½ hours at each home.

They appear on the doorstep of a new home with a basketful of community information, maps and small gifts from area merchants.

Thune, who moved to Sun City West in 1987, has worked for Welcome Wagon for five years. Crabtree moved to the community in 1988 and took a job with Welcome Wagon soon after.

Welcome Wagon is a national organization that has been in business

since 1928. The company distributes pamphlets and free samples imprinted with company logos in return for a yearly membership fee.

Crabtree, an employee of Chevron Oil for 33 years, said the Welcome Wagon work gives her a nice break from her routine.

The Welcome Wagon of Sun City West sponsors more than 43 businesses and that number is growing every year, Thune said.

"We keep in touch with the businesses and like to find out what kind of response they have gotten from customers," Crabtree said. "Some business owners say their business has tripled because of the Welcome Wagon exposure."

"Every organization we sponsor has been thoroughly investigated through the Welcome Wagon corporate office," said Thune, who owned a hardware store with her husband Sidney in their home state of South Dakota.

"We don't want to recommend any fly-by-night outfits," Crabtree said. "All of the businesses we deal with have a record of being a reputable organization."

Thune and Crabtree, who are paid by Welcome Wagon, visit an average of four residences a day, six days a week.

For information on the Welcome Wagon, call 584-7799.



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Welcome Wagon members Mary Thune, left, and Joan Crabtree are familiar faces among newcomers in Sun City West. The pair visits an average of four residences per day, six days a week.

Master gardeners lend a hand to horticulturists

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

Residents with questions about their lawns and gardens can turn to the Master Gardeners in Sun City West for answers.

Since November 1989, the University of Arizona, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension has operated a satellite office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Property Owners and Residents Association building, 13815 Camino del Sol. A master gardener also can be reached by calling 546-1672.

About 30 trained volunteers take turns answering telephone queries and accepting walk-in visitors with horticulture problems.

Marvene Walker, a master gardener since 1990, spends four days a month answering questions from Northwest Valley residents about everything from fertilizer to insects to watering techniques. The types of questions vary with the season, she says.

"Right now, we've been getting nothing but citrus calls — how to water it, how to fertilize it. In December and January, it's roses. We get bug calls year-round," she says.

And there's not too much volunteers don't know or can't find out, says John Kent, a master gardener since 1989.

"That doesn't happen too often. We have a file box full of extension material cover-

ing almost every question that arises," he says.

Volunteers say the office bustles with activity.

They handle 15-20 calls each day the office is open and about 20-24 walk-in queries. They also return calls from residents who leave messages on the answering machine while the office is closed.

The Master Gardener program is not unique to Sun City West. The first program was started in 1972 in Washington state by David Gibby, a horticulture extension agent who came up with the idea of exchanging agriculture training for a commitment of volunteer hours doing outreach work in the community.

Today, about 700 training programs exist across the United States and Canada. An estimated 50,000 master gardeners who have completed the training program.

Maricopa County has had such a program in place since 1979. Terry Mikel, a commercial horticulture agent, teaches the program three times a year at various locations throughout the county. Classes are held three hours per week for 12 weeks.

Training includes courses in soils, botany, pest management, fruit and vegetable gardening and ornamentals, says Donna Ellsworth, agriculture program coordinator for Maricopa County Cooperative Extension.

About half of the 200 people who com-



Master gardener Marvene Walker, right, gives gardening pointers to Barbara and Blaine Seyferth at the University of Arizona, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension satellite office in Sun City West.

plete the program each year go on to become volunteers, she says.

A variety of people become master gardeners.

"It's a real mix — retirees, younger people and many professional people who are landscapers or work in nurseries," Ms. Ellsworth says.

She says Arizona has a special need for

the volunteer outreach program because many of its residents come from other parts of the country and are unaccustomed to gardening in the desert environment.

Those interested in becoming a master gardener can call 255-4980 and press 727 or call 255-4456 and ask to speak to a Master Gardener or one of the agriculture program coordinators.

Informal fun ties South Dakotans

By PAUL JUTZI

Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — Members of the South Dakota Sun City Westers Club like to be thought of as easy-going people with a penchant for a good time and keeping rules to a minimum.

"We're very laid-back," said Robert Cockle, club president. "In fact when we meet we usually don't have an agenda. Socializing is our main goal."

Organized in 1985 with 50 members, the club has grown to 125-plus members, Cockle said.

Del Webb Corp. provided the impetus to start the club, as it did for most state clubs in the Sun Cities, said Cliff Anderton, the South Dakota club's first president. He served until 1989.

"A person from Del Webb contacted me and helped me start it. That's how I got roped into it," he said.

Unlike some state clubs in the area, the South Dakota club doesn't emphasize club officers and who is in charge, Anderton said.

"Our philosophy is to get together and talk and have a good time, that's all," he said. Much of the talk is about their home state, he said.

Anderton is from Sioux Falls. He said South Dakota in some ways is similar to Arizona. The Badlands in the western part of the state, for example, is mostly rock and sand and is arid like the Arizona desert, he said.

Another trait the states share is weather patterns that change rapidly, especially during monsoon season.

"We get serious humidity in South Dakota. But if you don't like the weather, stick around. It will change," he said.

South Dakota, population 709,000, is known for Mount Rushmore, big dams on the Missouri River, good walleye fishing and pheasant hunting, Anderton said.

Although club members love Arizona, many spend summers in their home state, even though it gets hot and



Paul Jutzi/Daily News-Sun

Robert Cockle, president of the South Dakota Sun City Westers Club, and his wife, Lorraine, say the club is a great outlet for South Dakotans to socialize and share home-state experiences.

muggy in South Dakota, Cockle said.

"There's nothing that would help Arizona more than 30 inches of rain each year. Then it would be just like South Dakota, and we'd stay year-round," he said, smiling.

The real reason many club members go to the Coyote State for the summer is that Dakotans have strong ties to the state and like to keep up with its current events, Cockle said.

When club members head back to Arizona, they share at club meetings what they heard about what's happening in South Dakota.

"Anything we discuss as a group is limited to current events in South Dakota," he said.

Cockle's wife, Lorraine, said there are only two things that happen at every club meeting.

"We ALWAYS have cocktail hour and a video about South Dakota, just to keep people up-to-date," she said.

Other popular meeting activities in-

clude telling tall tales and dancing, she said.

"Whatever we do, we don't do it in a formal way," Robert Cockle said. "No speeches are allowed and the mood is kept light. I figure that's why we retired in the first place - to take it easy and get away from formalities."

The South Dakota Sun City Westers Club meets twice a year, in early December and on April 1. The club is scheduled to have elections in December. The seats held by Cockle and Ray Grode, club treasurer, will be put to vote.

"The only reason we have a president is to call names for door prizes we give away at meetings, and the only reason we have a treasurer is to collect dues and count them," Cockle said.

Dues are \$2 at each meeting. The dues are used to buy the door prizes, he said.

All South Dakotans are welcome as members, Cockle said. People interested in joining can call him at 584-8629.

Sun Cities start table tennis league

By WALTER L. DOZIER
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — The Sun Cities have a new table tennis league.

The new league, called the Sun City/Sun City West Team Table Tennis League will feature four table tennis teams made up of the area's top players.

"I got the idea from watching World Team Tennis," said Royal White of Sun City. "We didn't have anything for the serious table tennis player."

White said he then called Bob van Ee of Sun City West and the two of them made the idea a reality.

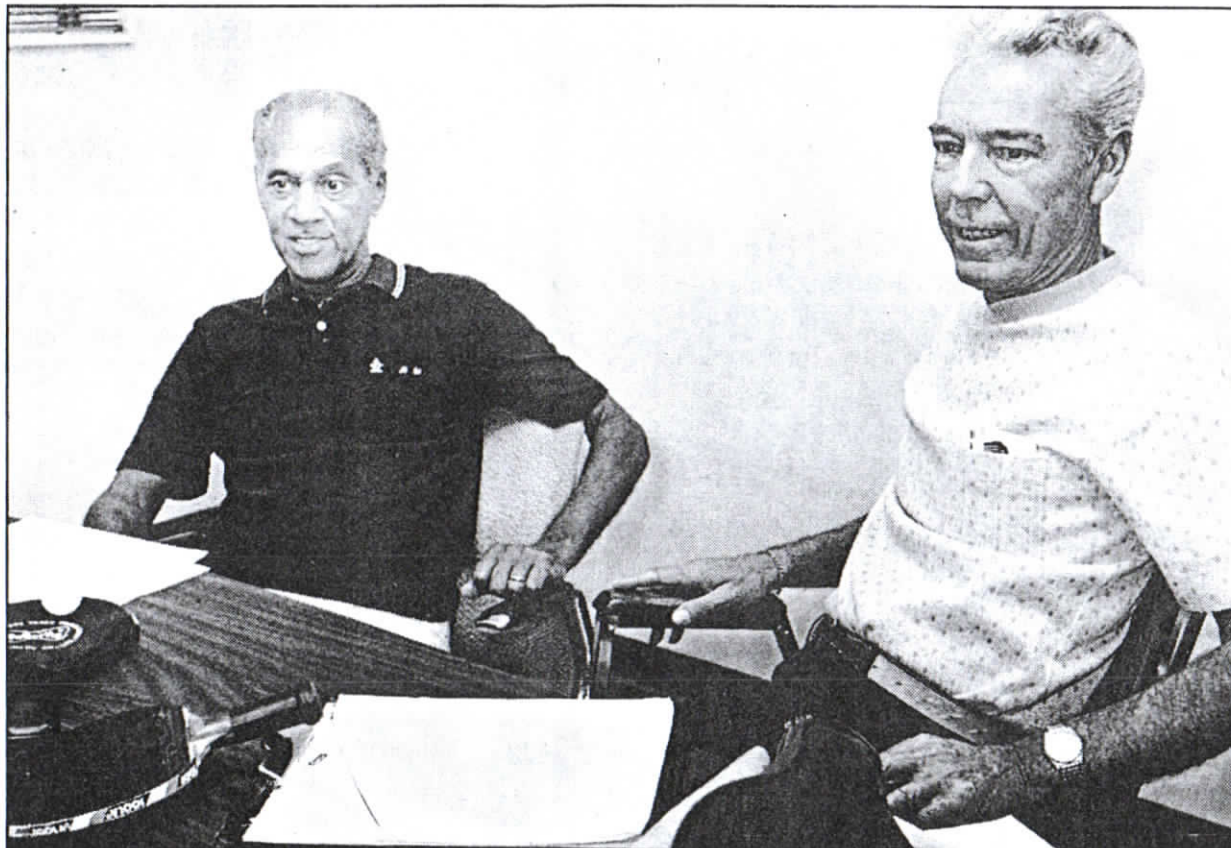
van Ee is committee chairman of the 60-member table tennis group of the Sun City West Racquet Association.

Sun City and Sun City West have been competing in monthly intercity table tennis since April of 1985.

"This is an extension of our monthly competition," said van Ee. "I think it will be a lot of fun."

The four teams in the league are the Tigers, Gophers, Terapins and Wolverines. The teams are made up of nine players from the Sun Cities. The team members include four alternates.

Team members for the Tigers are: Al Levy, captain, and John Nordin, of Sun City West; and Boris Dukov, Gerry Paul and



Daily News-Sun photo by Mollie J. Hoppes

START NEW LEAGUE — Royal White (left) of Sun City and Bob van Ee of Sun City West discuss the final details of the new Sun City/Sun City West Team Table Tennis League. The first match is scheduled to be played Oct. 16, in Sun City West.

Gloria Trudeau of Sun City. Team alternates are Bob Green and Georgia Muri of Sun City and Archie Oceretko and Ray Orwat of Sun City West.

Team members for the Goph-

ers are: Joan Kongsvik, captain, Grayson Hanks, Aaron Wheeler and Henry Splistiser, all of Sun City West; and Helen Blech of Sun City. Alternates are Al Flaherty and Loise Kiesling of

Sun City, and Herbert Miller and Walter Sinchich of Sun City West.

Team members for the Terapins are: John Koschak, captain, Jo Splistiser and Ginny

Dailey, all of Sun City West; and Norman Trudeau and Henry Koch of Sun City. Alternates are Ben Gregory and Ray Jenner of Sun City West and Royal White and Faye Fidelman of Sun City.

Team members for the Wolverines are: John Melnik, captain, Lou Fasulo, Rollie Jensen and Dot Irving, all of Sun City; and Ruth Lord of Sun City West. Alternates are: Howard Priestly and Bob van Ee of Sun City West, and Harry Prokopow and Ann Jensen of Sun City.

"This league is for players who like strong competition," White said.

"The last few years we've had a fun league that was made up of experienced and intermediate players," said White, who is activities chairman of the 142-member Sun City Table Tennis Club. "But some of our top players wouldn't play."

"Our top players are enthusiastic about this."

The league standings will be based on a six-point system that will give each team a point for each of two singles matches and four doubles matches. A match is two out of three games.

The first Sun City/Sun City West Team Table Tennis League match will in Sun City West, at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. on Monday Oct. 16, at 2 p.m.

Plots revealed

Gardens no longer a secret

By CHRISTINE SELIGA
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — Members of the Sun City West Garden Club have a secret they want everyone to know.

The club has 5½ acres for garden plots tucked away at the end of 137th Drive along Grand Avenue.

"This is probably the best kept secret in Sun City West," club treasurer Dick Muncie said. "People who enjoy vegetable gardening just don't know about those plots. People don't tell them about it."

The land for the garden plots was donated to the Recreation Centers of Sun City West by Del Webb Communities Inc. The Garden Club is a chartered club of the recreation centers and uses the land. A garden-club member can get a plot 20 feet by 40 feet.

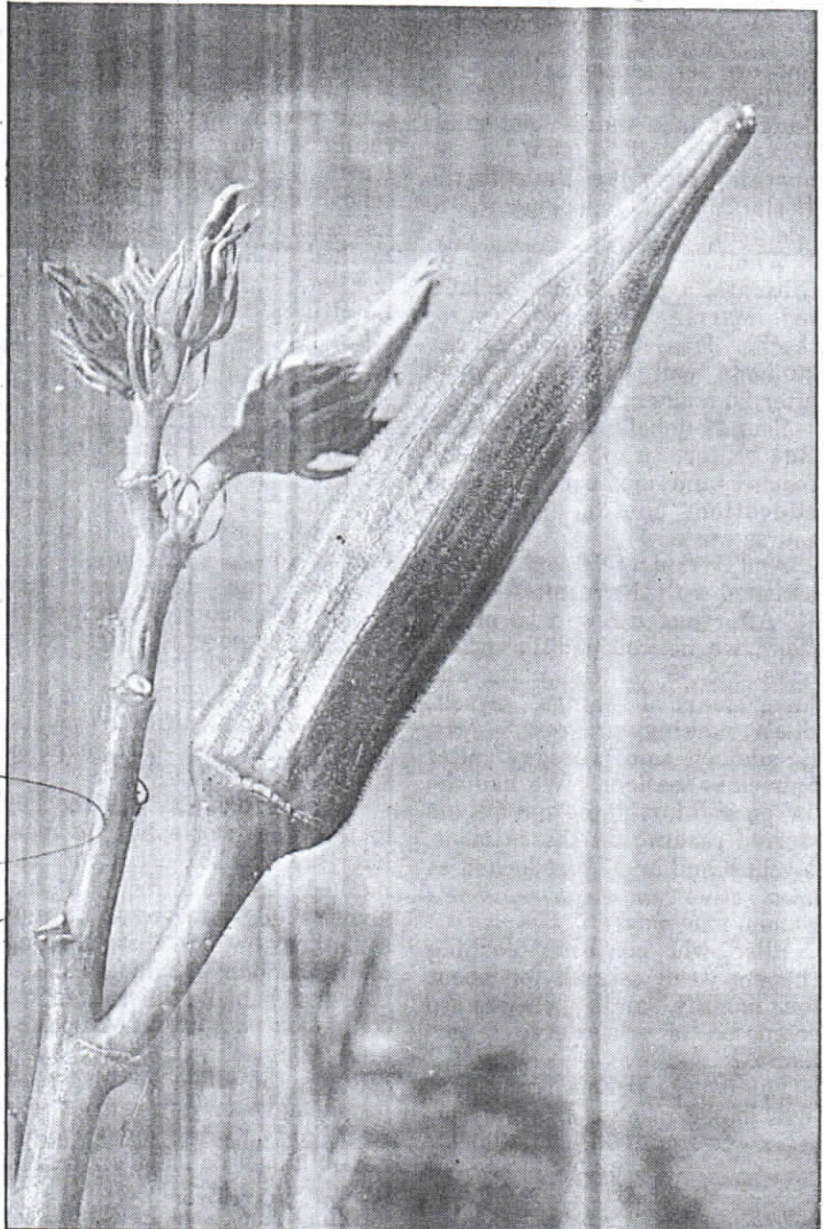
Bob Long has been working his plot for a year. He moved two years ago to Sun City West from Kansas City where he had worked for the railroad and did gardening on the side. Here Long gets up at 5:45 a.m. to work in the summer's cool morning air.

"I like a lot of vegetables. I eat a lot of vegetables, so I raise my own, and they're a lot better than what you buy in the store," Long said.

The gardeners don't use a lot of pesticides unless they have a bug problem, he said.

"This soil will just about grow anything," Long said.

Of course the soil needs a little help from water. Long said people water their gardens every three or four days and usually use about 800 gallons of water when watering. They each pay \$27.50 a year for watering.



ARTFUL NATURE FORMS GRACEFUL IMAGE — An okra pod stretches skyward.

Two crops can be grown in a year. In late winter-early spring a crop can be planted which is harvested mid-summer. Now gardeners are out preparing their plots and planting for the fall crop which will be harvested throughout the winter.

John Huth worked a plot for the first time last spring. He said he was able to can a lot of vegetables he grew.

"I'm very happy with what I get out of it," Huth said.

He said being able to eat what he grows is the best part of gardening.

"I don't think we've bought any vegetables from the store since last March or April," Huth said. "It's probably my imagination because I grew it, but it tastes better than what you buy in the store."

Many of the gardeners have had a garden all their lives, Muncie said.

"It's mostly a tradition with

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News-Sun photos by Stephen Cherneck

RETURNING TO THE BASICS — Working since sunup, Sun Citian Jim Durham turns the soil with a rotary tiller on land owned

by the Sun City West Garden Club. Club members pay Durham to till their soil rather than spend weeks attempting it by hand.

these people," he said.

The plots are good because most backyard landscaping in Sun City West is not conducive to gardens and gardens can look unsightly for part of the year, Muncie said.

"There's a camaraderie out there that's really enjoyable."

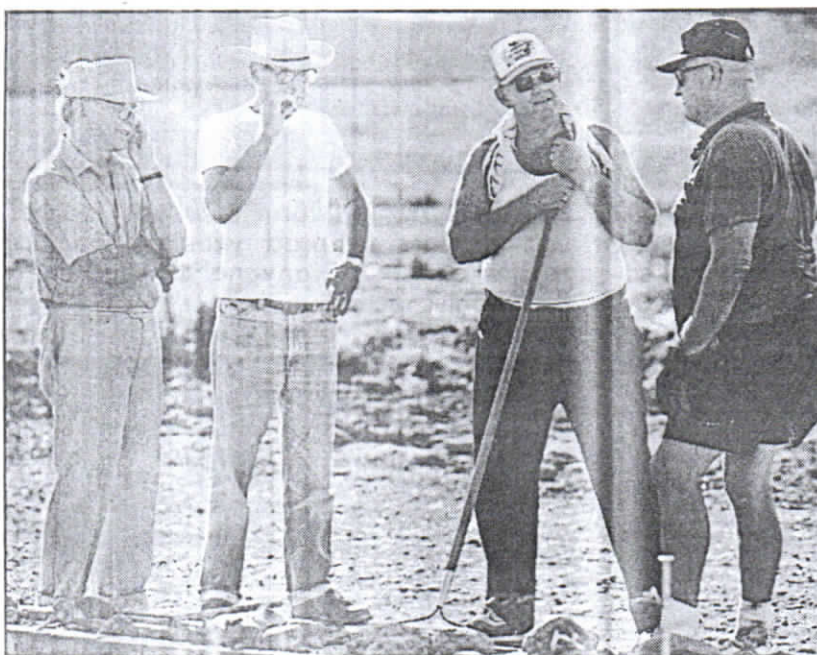
People will water for other people who are away. Extra vegetables go to neighbors and sometimes to the Westside Food Bank.

Three hundred garden plots will fit in the club's 5½ acres. Muncie estimates there will be only 40 plots used this fall.

The Sun City West Garden Club also has people who raise flowers or do landscaping. There are about 100 people in the club but only 30 of them have garden plots.

That number may grow when the club is allowed to have a display at the newcomers presentations held by Del Webb and the recreation centers.

The club meets the first Tuesday of every month from September to June. The people



SWAPPING GARDENING TIPS — Don Buckalew, left, John Huth, Bob Long and Jim Durham break from their work to chat. Club members Buckalew, Huth and Long find their fresh vegetables surpass store bought.

with the garden plots meet every second Tuesdays.

There is a \$20 deposit on a lot

and \$5 deposit for the key to the garden. For more information call Dick Muncie at 584-4942.

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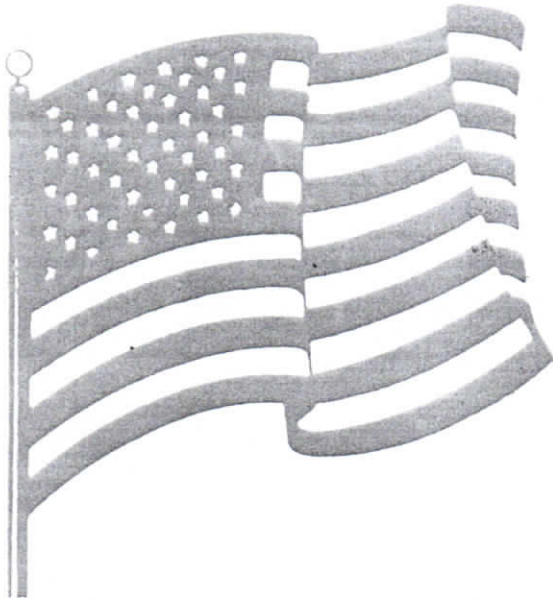
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DEVCO Kicks-Off 1986 With Formation of State Clubs

SUN CITY WEST
"STATES SOCIAL"

Sat., Jan. 18

1-3 PM

Johnson Social Hall

The Del E. Webb Development Co. is pleased to open 1986 with Sun City West's first "States Social", Saturday, January 18 from 1 to 3 PM in Johnson Social Hall. The event is being hosted to assist community residents in forming state clubs. With the help of Sun City West resident volunteers serving as hosts and hostesses, more than 22 states will be personally represented to sign-up prospective club members.

Registration for states not represented by a host/hostess will be conducted in a specified area of the Social Hall so that **all** states will be represented in some fashion.

In addition to state club sign-ups, refreshments will be served and the Desert City Six will be on hand with their lively Dixieland sound.

Everyone is invited to attend and is encouraged to visit the registration table for their particular "home" state. Make plans now to join us for this special day of tribute to Sun City Westers and their roots!

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By LORAIN TOWNE
Staff Writer

Rotary Anns of Sun City honored their husbands with a "Spring Party" at the Lakes Club recently.

A Hawaiian theme contributed to the happy and relaxed atmosphere that prevailed for the entire evening. Muu mus and aloha shirts dominated

the fashion scene.

President Edna Baldwin and her husband, Phil, together with vice president Muriel Whittemore and her husband, Herb, greeted each incoming guest and directed them toward Evelyn Gaumnitz, hospitality chairman. Evelyn and her committee members hung a lei

around each person's neck and a kiss upon each cheek.

Evelyn surprised Paul Hoel with a bright lei and a kiss. He looked over his shoulder for wife Stella, but she had her back turned and didn't see it.

ERWIN Gaumnitz stood between his wife, Evelyn, and Henrietta Coleman, to

receive his lei and a kiss. He was twice blessed, for they both did the honors.

President Baldwin briefly explained to one guest. "Rotary Anns of Sun City are the wives and widows of Rotary Club membership of Sun City and Sun City West. We support Rotary projects.

"I think it is interesting



Nancy Stem and Anne Humphrey do a bit of the hula at the Rotary Anns' "Spring Party." Both women are

learning the hula with the Leilani Club.

(News-Sun Photos by Loraine Towne)

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that each Rotary club is a member of Rotary International. Rotarians are welcome to the clubs in any country, and their members are welcome here. We like this international feeling."

Alta Geiwitz, Marguerite Sweet and Sally Mendy staffed the registration table. Sally, who is treasurer, said, "We are the treasurer's committee this evening."

LATER IN the evening, Paul Roach, president of the Sun City Rotary Club, urged Sally to perform an impromptu Charleston solo. The crowd was delighted with her lively performance, and her husband, Alfred, was very proud.

Emma Gargus, program chairman, and her husband, John, wore matching muu muu and aloha shirt. "We bought this matching outfit on a trip to Hawaii, and we are trying to give this party some of that same aloha feeling," Emma said.

True Morse wheeled his wife, Mary, into the Lakes Club. Edna Baldwin said, "He brings Mary to all of our luncheons. She has been a dedicated Rotary

Ann for several years. Her husband is the only man at our meetings and we appreciate him."

Viewpoint Lake, swaying palm trees and a setting sun contributed to the Polynesian decor of the ballroom. Mabel Nissen, chairman of the decorating committee, made miniature palm trees of local palm fibers and leaves. Orchids nestled around the tree base in the center of each table. Each setting had a different pastel colored napkin. White tablecloths enhanced the soft colors.

SHELLS, TROPICAL fish and glass balls clung to large fishnets that adorned the walls. A colorful "Aloha" sign flanked by two large Polynesian masks hung behind the bandstand.

Mabel later decorated husband, Glen Nissen, near a palm tree on the patio where she placed a lei around his neck and a kiss upon both cheeks.

Ted and Kay Curtis enjoyed the patio view. Kay was reservations chairman. "We have 134 reservations for this evening," she said.

Hawaiian music by the Sun Spots, under the di-

rection of Lu Erb, drew partners onto the dance floor. Georgia Clark and her husband, Arthur, were among the first couples on the floor.

GEORGIA, publicity chairman, coaxed Nancy Stem and Anne Humphrey to show them some hula. They modestly obliged, and Anne said, "We take hula lessons at the Leilani Club of Sun City."

The Leilanis, led by Ruth Friend, performed the hula and other Hawaiian dances in addition to a Tahitian dance. A group of advanced students of the Leilani Club,

the dancers were Nova Young, Helen Kalemari, Hazel Fagan, Rita Royer and Gertrude Bateman.

John Alexander swept his wife, Donna, across the dance floor. Between numbers, Donna said, "John is minister of the Congregational Church of Sun City. That is the newest church in Sun City. I am a past president of Rotary Anns, and tonight I will give the invocation."

Other couples who swayed to the Hawaiian music were Jim and Bea Chapman and Ed and Jane Grenard.

SCW



John and Emma Gargus dance during the annual party at the Lakes Club.

SCW



Organizers of a Sun City West branch of the American Association of University Women from left, are Claire Mitchell, Eileen Howard and Loraine Meusey.

AAUW to form SCW branch

An organizational meeting for a Sun City West branch of the American Association of University Women will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the home of Claire Mitchell.

AAUW is a philanthropic organization open to women with a baccalaureate or higher

degree from a college or university.

The organization has initiated and supported programs to provide intellectual growth for women and service to the community for more than 90 years. International membership includes more than 190,000 women in 2,000 branches in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam.

Any college graduate residing in Sun City West may attend the meeting at 13227 Copperstone Dr. or contact Mrs. Mitchell, 584-1068, or Loraine Meusey, 584-1828.

YOUR TURN

Pickleball club, dentists help support food bank

AZ Smiles Dentistry of Sun City West and over 1,000 members of the Sun City West Pickleball Club are teaming up again to collect non-perishable food items in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving.

All food collected will be donated to people in need through the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance in Surprise.

Dr. Santosh Saini and Mike Saini, owners of AZ Smiles Dentistry, have long been strong supporters of local charities. To culminate the food drive, they will sponsor a "Turkey



Micki Fischer

Shoot/Give

Thanks" pickleball event at Liberty Courts, Palm Ridge Center, from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 10.

This in-house tournament will have players "shooting" the ball at turkey-shaped targets on the courts, and will serve to draw support from the public as well as to provide a laugh-filled introduction to the sport of pickleball for spectators unfamiliar with the game.

Last year, donations rose to more than 650 pounds of food items.

Dave and Moe DeFrance, club organizers of the 2015 event, are seeking help from the entire area to exceed that amount.

"We are proud to live in such a giving, caring community," Moe DeFrance



Sun City West Pickleball Club members Marie Smalldon and Donna Maloney spotlight the club's partnership with AZ Smiles Dentistry to collect food for the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. The drive will continue through Nov. 10. [Submitted photo]

said. Individuals who wish to help by donating food items may leave them in collection bins at the offices of AZ Smiles Dentistry, located at 13603 W. Camino Del Sol, and in bins at Liberty Courts Pickleball Center, Palm Ridge campus, on Deer Valley Road in Sun City West.

A final collection will take place at the "Turkey Shoot" event.

The St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, located at 13050 W. Elm in Surprise, is a member of Feeding America, a food bank network.

The world's first food bank, it is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization that alleviates hunger by gather-

ing and distributing food to those in need. The organization is "committed to volunteerism, building community relationships and improving the quality of life for Arizonans in need," while encouraging self-sufficiency and education.

Learn more about these participating groups at the following websites:

SCW Pickleball Club www.scwpickleballclub.com; AZ Smiles Dentistry www.arizonasmilesdentistry.com; and St. Mary's Food Bank www.firstfoodbank.org.

• Micki Fischer profiles Northwest Valley residents and organizations in Your Turn. Email Your Turn submissions to her at mfischer@yourwestvalley.com.

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Marilyn Mummy
Betty Roe
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SECTION LEADERS

WESTERNAIRES CHORUS

2001 Christmas Program

"This Simply Magical Season"

Carrol J. Stiles, Director

Janet Hochstatter, Accompanist

CHORUS

I Bring You Good News

Words & Music by Lloyd Larson

See Amid The Winter's Snow

Edward Caswall
Eugene Butler

Mary's Little Boy Chile

*Soloists: Marion Forsyth
& Bob Collins*

Words & Music by Jester Hairston

Candlelight Carol

Words & Music by John Rutter

The Birthday Of A King

Soloist: Helen Ruscitti

W.H. Neidlinger
arr. Carl Deis

Mary, Did You Know?

Words & Music by
Mark Lowry & Buddy Green

The Lights Of Hanukkah

Linda Marcus, Jack Feldman
arr. Philip Kern

Christmas Star

*(Women of the Chorus)
Keyboard: Rose Ann Gira*

Leslie Bricusse, John Williams
arr. Mark Brymer

Silent Night (*audience*)

Joseph Mohr, Franz Gruber

Selections from: "Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Harry Simeone

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley & Felix Mendelssohn

Adeste Fideles

Traditional

Assisting at the Piano: Rose Ann Gira

INTERMISSION 10 MINUTES

CHORUS

- This Simply Magical Season** Marti Lunn Lantz
David Lantz III
- Medley: "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm"** arr. Ed Lojeski
- I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm"** Words & Music by
Irving Berlin
- Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!** Sammy Cahn
Jule Styne
- Button Up Your Overcoat** Words & Music by B.G. DeSylva,
Les Brown & Ray Henderson
- Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas** Words & Music by
Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
arr. Mac Huff
- Snow** Words & Music by Irving Berlin
(from "White Christmas") arr. Mark Brymer
- Santa Baby** Words & Music by Joan Javits,
Solo: Dorothy Bohm Phil Springer & Tony Springer
- Give A Little Love At Christmas** Don Besig
(*Men of the Chorus*)
- Medley Christmas** arr. Ron Howard
(*Quodlibet on Jingle Bells, Deck the Hall
and Good King Wenceslaus*)
- Bring A Little Jingle** Words & Music by
Stephen L. Lawrence
- I'll Be Home For Christmas** Kim Gannon, Walter Kent
arr. Steve Zegree
- Home For The Holidays** Al Stillman, Robert Allen
arr. Mark Brymer
- FINALE**
- We Need A Little Christmas** Words & Music by Jerry Herman
(from the Musical, "MAME") arr. Anita Kerr



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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I WILL BE "RETIRING" AS DIRECTOR OF THE WESTERNAIRES AFTER THIS SERIES OF CONCERTS AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR AUDIENCES FOR THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE CHORUS. RECENT MORE RAPID SELLOUTS HAVE PROMPTED ADDITION OF A FOURTH PERFORMANCE THIS CHRISTMAS AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH YOUR RESPONSE. IT HAS BEEN MY CHERISHED PRIVILEGE TO DIRECT THIS WONDERFUL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO REALLY LOVE TO SING. WE HOPE OUR OBJECTIVES OF SELECTING AN INTERESTING VARIETY OF MUSIC AND PRESENTING IT TO THE BEST OF OUR CAPABILITIES HAS BROUGHT YOU MUCH ENJOYMENT.

C. J. STILES

*God Bless
America!*

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WE WILL MISS HIM AND WISH HIM THE VERY BEST IN HIS
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