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### **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SUN CITY WEST HISTORY**

- 1) Why was the Sun City West area originally called "Lizard Acres"?
  - a) Del Webb stepped on a lizard while inspecting the land.
  - b) An early rancher claimed the land was fit only for raising lizards.
  - c) The name of an early Indian settlement sounded like "Lizard Acres."
- 2) What was the original projection for the population of Sun City West?
  - a) 25,000
  - b) 50,000
  - c) 70,000
- 3) Where were the Feb. 15, 1978 groundbreaking ceremonies held?
  - a) Near Dysart and Bell Roads
  - b) At the corner of Camino del Sol and R.H.Johnson Blvd.
  - c) On the site of the Hillcrest Golf Course clubhouse
- 4) What's been planned for the vacant land between the Sundome and Crestview?
  - a) A combination dinner/theater club
  - b) A resort hotel
  - c) Luxury condominiums
- 5) When did the first residents, Luman & Mary Wick, and Clarice & Ed Uhl, move in?
  - a) June 1978
  - b) October 1978
  - c) January 1979
- 6) What event isolated Sun City West in February 1980?
  - a) The bridge on Bell Road washed out.
  - b) A major flood spread from Lake Pleasant all the way south to Goodyear.
  - c) A massive storm downed power lines that weren't replaced for days.
- 7) What was originally planned for the area bounded by R.H.Johnson Blvd, Meeker Blvd and Camino del Sol?
  - a) A luxury resort
  - b) A lake surrounded by park land
  - c) A major regional mall
- 8) What golfing great was involved in the design of three Sun City West golf courses?
  - a) Billy Casper
  - b) Lee Trevino
  - c) Arnold Palmer
- 9) Who was Meeker Boulevard named after?
  - a) An Arizona governor
  - b) A president of the development company
  - c) The rancher whose spread became Sun City West
- 10) Who set the attendance record for the Sundome Performing Arts Center?
  - a) Lawrence Welk on opening night, September 13, 1980
  - b) Bob Hope with his USO traveling show in December 1982
  - c) Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" in May 2000.

**ANSWERS** – See SCW "Silver Celebration- The first 25 Years"

#1 – p. 13;      #2 – p. 46;      #3 – p. 21;      #4 – p. 20, 48 & 56;      #5 – p. 26;  
#6 – p. 40;      #7 – p. 62;      #8 – p. 72;      #9 – p. 23;      #10 – p. 93

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**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SUN CITY WEST HISTORY – Quiz #2**

- 1) John Meeker began his career with the Del Webb Corporation...
  - a) As a timekeeper
  - b) As a carpenter
  - c) As a caddy
- 2) What was the original projection for the population of Sun City West?
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- 3) The "Interim Chapel" was:
  - a) A temporary trailer in the RH Johnson parking lot used for church services
  - b) A church hall that held worship services until a sanctuary was completed
  - c) A combined service of five denominations in the R. H. Johnson Social Hall
- 4) Where was the first medical care provided in SCW?
  - a) Along Meeker, near where Bashas' stands today
  - b) In a small clinic in the Crestview Vacation Headquarters
  - c) In Fire Station 101 on Camino del Sol
- 5) What event triggered the formation of PORA?
  - a) Approval of a school district's \$27-million bonding capacity for future building
  - b) Maricopa County requested an organization to represent the community
  - d) The need for enforcement of CC&Rs when the Webb organization left
- 6) What was the first business to open in the Camino del Sol (now Sundome Plaza) Shopping Center?
  - a) Safeway
  - b) Salad Bar Restaurant
  - c) Angela's Hair Studio
- 7) What event in October 1980 led to our sleeping better at night?
  - a) New Bell Road bridge was completed
  - b) A house fire led to formation of a fire district
  - c) Neighbors chase robbers and give rise to the Posse
- 8) The popular Variety Show began charging admission in what year?
  - a) Nov. 1980
  - b) Nov. 1984
  - c) Nov. 1987
- 9) When did DEVCO turn management of the Rec Centers over to the community?
  - a) Aug. 28, 1979
  - b) Jan. 27, 1981
  - c) Jan. 5, 1993
- 10) In 1979, Rec Center fees were \$60/person/year. What is that in 2001 dollars?
  - a) \$120
  - b) \$150
  - c) \$180

**ANSWERS** are all in the book, "Sun City West Silver Celebration- The First 25 Years"

#1 – p. 18      #2 – p.46      #3 – p.39      #4 – p.204      #5 – p.181  
#6 – p.111      #7 – p.125      #8 – p.153-4      #9 – p.193      #10 – p.239

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- 10) What was Orval Robertson's relationship to the Expansion Area?
  - a) Famous pastor who gave the invocation at groundbreaking
  - b) Early homesteader
  - c) First resident of the Expansion Area
  
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