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# THE WESTER



### *\$2,000 from Garage Sale*

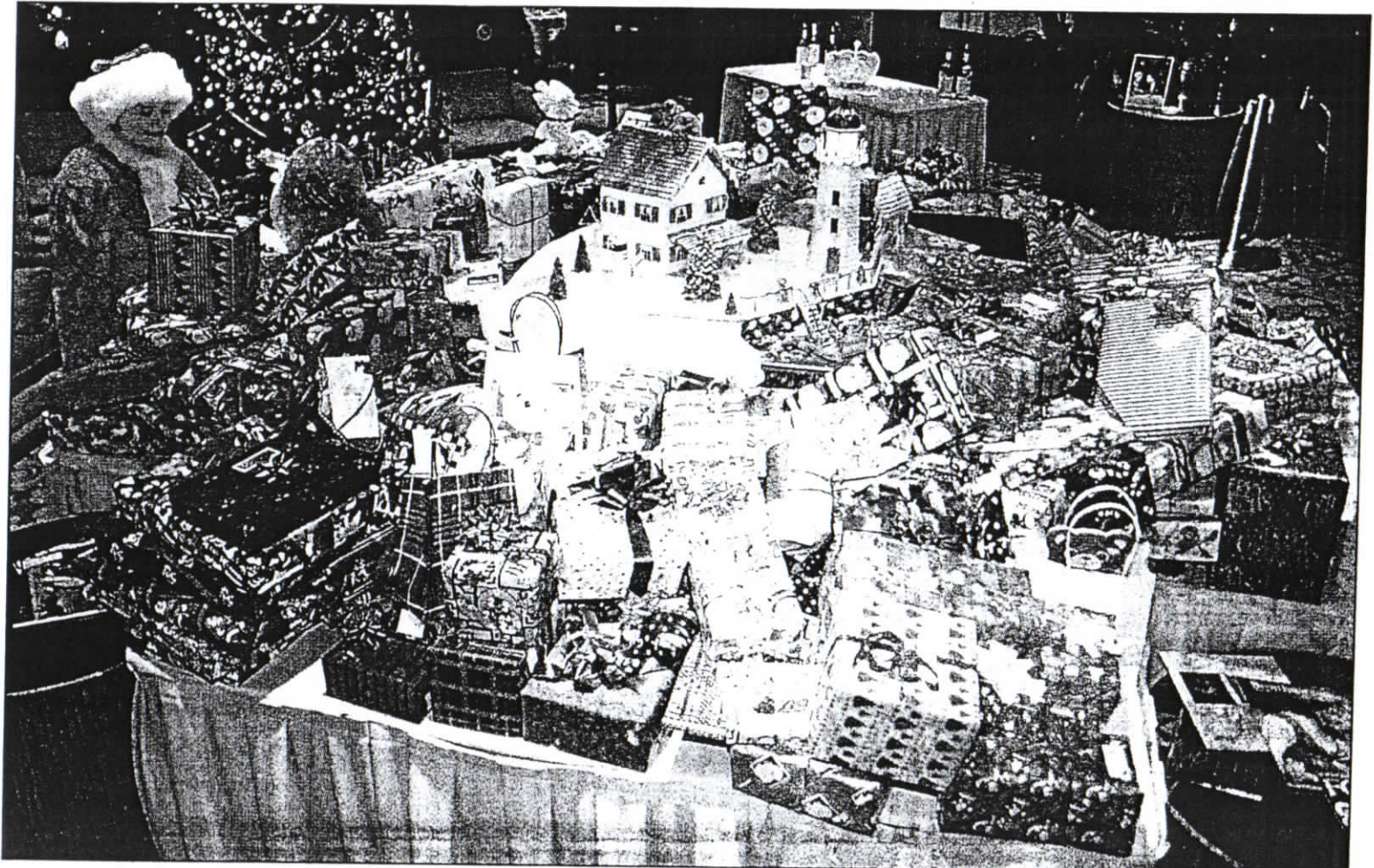
*Martha Moyer, Manager Public and Community Relations for Del Webb's Sun City West and Paul Alfuso, Sundome Lions Club, (far left) and Connie Watson, Del Webb's Dun City West Public Relations Assistant (far right) donated money generated from the Great Sun City West Garage Sale to (left to right) Liz Merchant, president of the Dysart Community Center, and Ray Olson and Ken Crawford, members of the Sun Cities Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Over \$2,000 was donated to both charities from garage sale entry fees and the Sundome Lions concession stand.*



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## Presents, and accounted for

Mrs. Claus (Kitty Groza of Glendale) arranges the hundreds of gaily wrapped gifts donated so far for this year's Toys for Tots program. The campaign, being pressed among Sun City and Sun

City West residents, aims to collect 700 gifts this year. Donations can be dropped off through next Monday at the Sun City Lakes Club, 10484 W. Thunderbird Blvd.



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Saturday, Dec. 7, 1991

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz.

# Social club brightens holidays for needy

By MIKE GARRETT  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — Santas of all sizes and shapes paid an early visit to the 1,000-member Sun City West Women's Social Club Thursday in the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center.

The Women's Club served as pickup point for the Westside Food Bank to distribute hundreds of toys, games and basic necessities to needy children and families in the Northwest Valley.

The Sun City West Recreation Centers sponsors the "Toys for Kids" campaign.

Club members decorated their living room and club room in holiday trim while the 10-member refreshment committee headed by Rita Jaskowski made sure donors were rewarded with punch and Christmas cookies.

Sun City West General Manager Steve O'Donnell presented the collected toys and gifts to food bank representatives after the 2½-hour collection period.

Included in this year's collection were two bicycles purchased by two Sun City

West women. They took them home, replaced all the wornout parts and painted them to look like almost new, said outgoing Women's Club President Ann Kirkpatrick.

"They dropped the bicycles off but refused to tell us their names," she said. "Another woman came in with two armloads of blankets, pillows and food."

"Toys for Kids" is one of many projects the club sponsors throughout the year, said Kirkpatrick and incoming President Frances Burkhardt.

"Some people still think we're just a card-playing social club," said Burkhardt. "But we do so many other things."

The club donated \$1,000 this year to organizations such as Interfaith Services and the Dysart Community Center and hosted breakfasts and lunches for the Sun City West Prides and Posse.

The group publishes a cookbook of member's favorite recipes and a quarterly newsletter and organizes various statewide membership trips.



Stephen Cherek/Daily News-Sun

Marge Owens adds another doll to the mountain of toys at the Sun City West Women's Social Club Thursday. The toys were later picked up by the Westside Food Bank to be distributed for Christmas.



Stephen Cherek/Daily News-Sun

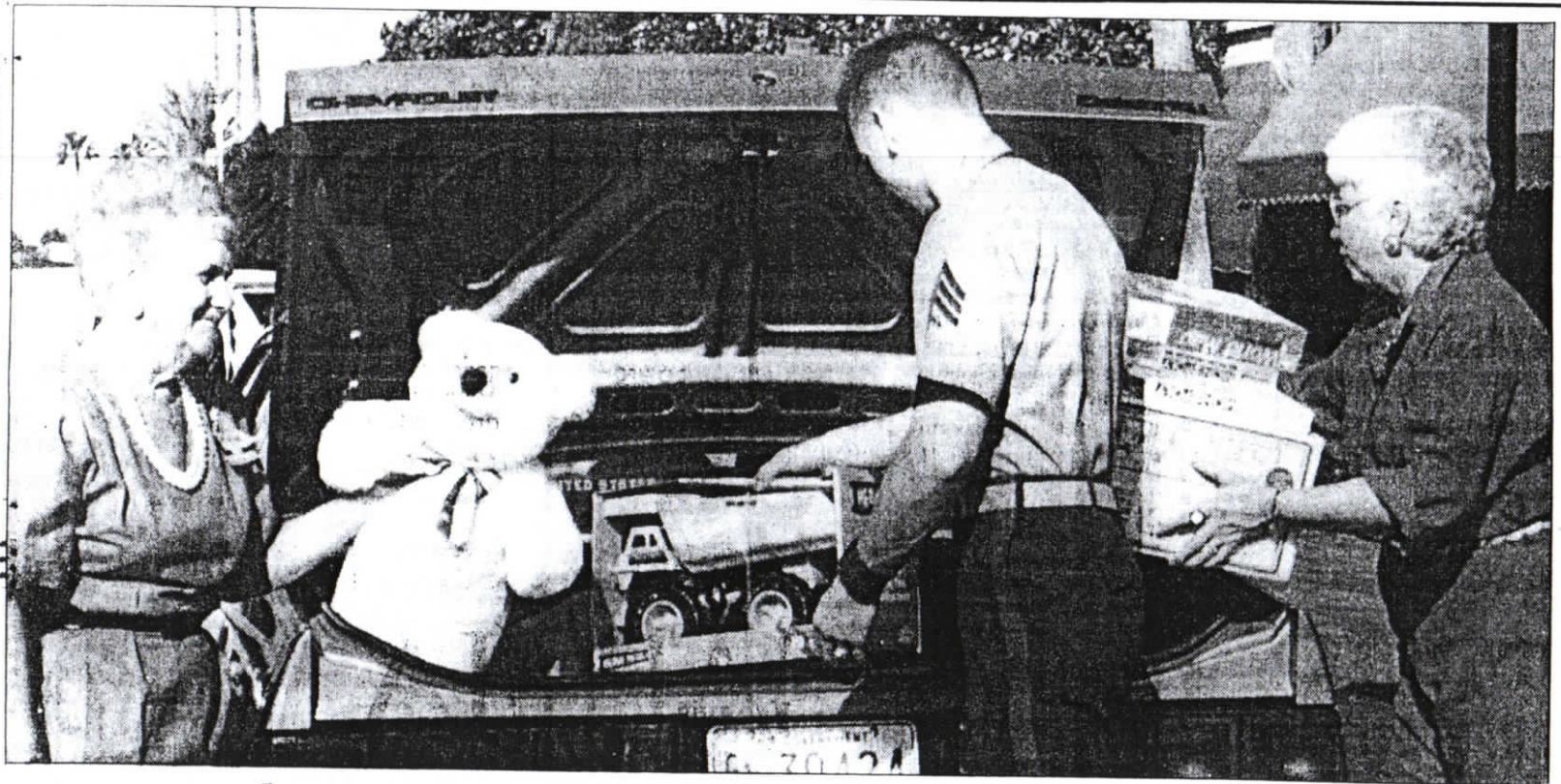
Shannon Handler greets Santa Claus, Herman Kirkpatrick, at the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center, where he was ho, ho, hoing for Sun City West residents.



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Friday, Dec. 6, 1991

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz.



Frances Guarino/Daily News-Sun

Kay Irvin, left, and Pat Maslowski help Sgt. Adrian Doss of the United States Marine Corps load toys into his car for the Toys For Tots program. Toys were collected

Wednesday at the Sun City Country Club. Maslowski is president of the Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club of Sun City West, which assisted with the collection.



# SCW's Garage Sale Draws Huge Crowd

by Joyce L. Salfingere

SCW's Annual Garage Sale, held Nov. 9 in the Sundome parking lot, drew thousands of people seeking bargains, gifts, entertainment, and just some all 'round fun.

Bumper-to-bumper bargain seekers arrived early, stayed late. People poured through the merchandise searching for just that certain item they couldn't possibly live without. And, they found it. So did I...a darling little bud vase.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Salvation Army Auxiliary, and many other worthy organizations had their booths to raise funds for their outreach programs.

Paul Alfuso of the SCW Sundome Lions was ready to direct all those weary



*Selma Peterson and Pete and Geri Hastings help out at the Salvation Army Auxiliary's booth at SCW Big Garage Sale.*

travelers to the Lions' refreshment booth for a respite before they attacked another aisle of bargains.

Geri and Pete Hastings and Selma Paterson were selling items at the Salvation Army Auxiliary's booth where a large crowd of lookees had gathered.

I had a tremendous time, along with many other people. And, that little bud vase I purchased looked very familiar when I returned home. It was. I had donated it last year to be sold at the SCW's Annual Garage Sale.

J. B. and Queste Wood of SCW, formerly of Alaska, were trying to sell their diving board to

some lucky pool owner or perhaps to some weary soul who just wanted a spot to rest for a while.



*Paul Alfuso of the Sundome Lions' Club makes sure everyone has something yummy for the tummy at the Lions' refreshment booth.*



*Not quite "out on the end of a limb," but maybe on the "end of a board" are Westers J.B. and Queste Wood.*

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## THE CLOUDS BROUGHT CROWDS



*It was 10 am and the morning cloud cover helped keep the temperatures down at the Great SCW Yard Sale last Saturday and for shoppers, it made for a super bargain hunting day. We asked one of the Posse, directing traffic, "How many were there?" He shrugged & smiled. For a definite guess we asked Westers, Clarence & Violet Milkint, the offered, "7,000 no, make that 5,000!" Well, give or take a few the sale was packed.*



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Shoppers sort through clothing and golf equipment in the parking lot of R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, site of the eight annual Sun City West Garage Sale Saturday.

# Garage sale helps charity

Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — An estimated 18,000 to 20,000 bargain hunters packed the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center parking lot Saturday for the eighth annual Great Sun City West Garage Sale.

The Del Webb-hosted event was Sun City West's most successful garage sale ever, said Martha Moyer, Webb manager of community and public affairs.

She said many vendors were virtually sold out of their wares by noon. "People were parked everywhere, on undeveloped dirt lots, at the banks and up and down all the nearby streets."

Some 400 Sun Cities resident vendors sold their artifacts and antiques, many collected from around the world, as well as the usual golf clubs and golf cars, clothing, furniture and knick-knacks found at most garage sales.

Unusual items like a two-seater boat and a large doll-house also caught the eyes of many shoppers.

Some \$4,000, or half of the \$20 entry fee paid by each vendor, went to Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Dysart Community Center for its 4-H programs, Moyer said. The Sundome Lions Club also donated proceeds from its concessions tent to Make-A-Wish.



Stephen Chernenk/Daily News-Sun

Carol Kuatt makes her selection of used golf balls from George Lau's table at the Sun City West Garage Sale.

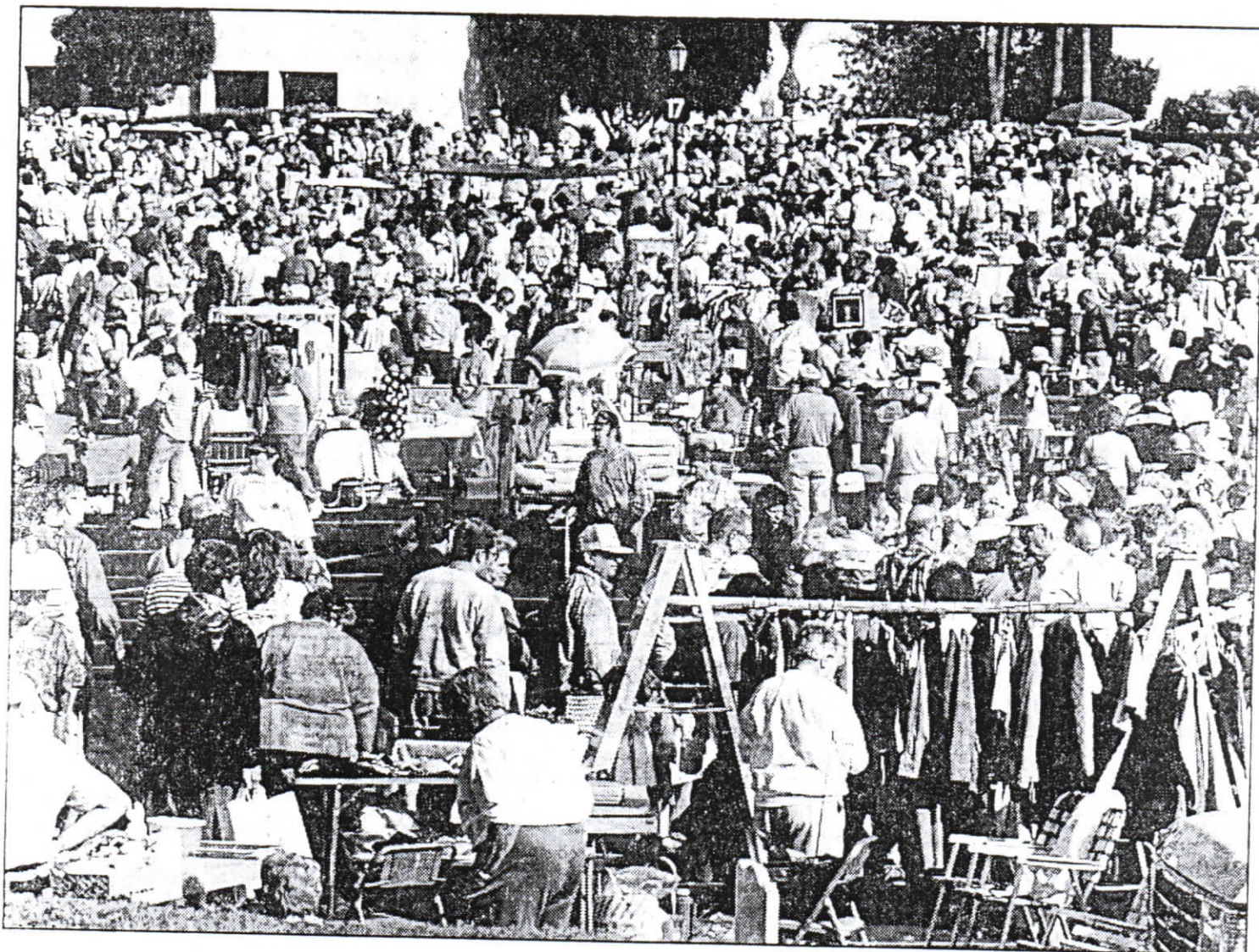
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## Looking for bargains

Thousands of people jammed the parking lot of R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West Saturday for The Great Sun City West Garage Sale. Portions of the vendor entry fees will be donated to Dysart

Community Center and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Sundome Lions Club will donate part of its concession stands proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Head Start program in El Mirage.



Oct. 31-Nov. 6, 1991

# THE WESTER

## Webb Major Sponsor, JDF Walk-A-Thon

Sun Cities residents are invited to participate in the Del Webb/Juvenile Diabetes Walk-A-Thon on Nov. 9. Registration for the ten kilometer walk through scenic Encanto Park and its neighboring historical residential area is from 8 a.m. until the walk begins at 9 a.m. Del Webb Corporation is the major sponsor of this event and will provide bus transportation from the Sun Cities if enough residents wish to participate.

Covering approximately six miles, the 10K walk takes about two hours to complete. No registration

fee is required, and walkers who collect at least \$25 in pledges receive an official JDF Walk-A-Thon T-shirt. At the end of the walk there will be a festival of food, refreshments, entertainment and prizes.

All proceeds will fund the JDF research, education and community service programs. Registration forms are available at the Del Webb Administration Bldg. 13950 Meeker Blvd. in Sun City West and at the Ambassadors' Sun City Visitors Center at the Promenade Shopping Center, 99th Avenue & Bell Road.



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# Dance troupe leads comeback for youth

By MIKE GARRETT  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — The Sun City West Rhythm Tappers have adopted a 7-year-old girl whose main desire in life is to dance.

The child needs a new prosthesis to replace a leg that was amputated in the spring.

The Tappers are hoping to raise enough money to purchase an experimental \$10,000 prosthesis that will enable Cassie Sobel to dance again.

The Sun Cities dance group is holding an entertainment fund-raiser for Cassie at 2 p.m. Sunday in the 1,200-seat Shadow Mountain High School Auditorium, 2902 E. Shea Blvd.

Cassie has a rare type of cancer, clear cell sarcoma, that resulted in the amputation of her leg a week after dancing in her Mercury Mine Elementary School spring recital.

The Rhythm Tappers learned of Cassie's predicament because she was a tap dance and jazz dancing student of Tapper chor-

eographer Nian Cadman.

Because of Cassie's determination to keep dancing, her doctors would like to put her in an experimental prosthesis that should allow her to dance again.

Cost of the prosthesis, which must constantly be changed because of Cassie's age, is around \$10,000.

The Rhythm Tappers hope to raise at least \$6,000 of that amount by filling the Shadow Mountain Auditorium for their benefit concert.

Concert tickets at \$5 are available from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Friday at Stardust Theater in the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center, R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards.

The Tappers are also encouraging separate donations, which can be sent directly to Valley National Bank's Cassie Sobel Charity Fund, account number 4097-0028.

For more information, call Loretta Marshall, 584-6768, Esther Slager, 584-1479 or Valerie Gitter, 584-6056.



Submitted photo

Cassie Sobel, 7, wants to continue dancing with the help of a prosthesis after losing her leg to cancer.



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Oct. 28, 1991

# Daily News-Sun

## Center thanks its supporters Open house marks growth

By PAUL JUTZI

Daily News-Sun staff

**SURPRISE** — Strong support shown for Centro Adelante Campesino at its expansion and remodeling celebration Saturday put smiles on a lot of faces and caused tears to fall from at least one supporter's eyes.

"I'm overwhelmed with the number of people here and their interest. It's a really moving experience for us to have this kind of support," said Ruth Cunningham of Sun City West, co-chairwoman of the celebration.

At least 200 people attended the celebration and open house. In English, Centro Adelante Campesino means the Center for Advancement of Farm-Working Families. It is located at 15646 N. Verde St.

Founded in 1978, the center provides assistance in the form of food, clothing, furniture and other miscellaneous items to about 20,000 people a year, said Alicia Rodriguez, director of Centro Adelante.

"Most of the people we serve are migrant farm workers, but all of them are poor people," she

said.

Scheduled to speak at the celebration was U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, newly elected member of Congress from District 2. Pastor did not attend because of a tight schedule, organizers said.

Maricopa County Supervisor Carole Carpenter, D-District 4, attended the event and thanked Centro Adelante supporters for their help.

"It is such an important service to the Surprise-El Mirage area, and the County Board of Supervisors sincerely appreciates your work," Carpenter said.

Saturday's celebration, which featured Mexican folk dancing, tours of the center and refreshments, was Centro Adelante's chance to say thank you to the community, Rodriguez said.

"We're sharing the accomplishment with our supporters," she said. "We could not have done this without Sun City and Sun City West. Eighty percent of our funding comes from churches in those communities."

The other 20 percent comes from personal donations. Centro Adelante's operating budget is

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Thanks to the efforts of volunteers such as Sun City West resident Violet Koshar, many area children will be returning to school in new outfits. Volunteer seamstresses with the Sun Cities Salvation Army helped to make clothes which will assist nearly 500 children in the Northwest Valley.

# A Helping Hand

## SC Salvation Army assists needy children

By LAURIE HURD-MOORE  
Sun Cities Independent

The chapel inside the Salvation Army's Sun Cities facility is lacking church pews for a reason.

Once a year its portable chairs are removed and the place of worship is transformed into a department store for needy area youths.

With children from Peoria, Surprise and El Mirage preparing to go back to school this fall, the local branch of the service agency recently hosted its

annual Back to School Clothing Project at the Sun City Facility.

The Sun Cities Area Salvation Army is located at 10730 W. Union Hills Dr.

Nearly 500 qualified youths bound for kindergarten through the 8th grade were individually outfitted with two shirts, two pairs of shorts, one pair of blue jeans or a skirt or dress, three pairs of underwear, three pairs of socks and if needed, one

pair of shoes.

Volunteers from The Salvation Army's Sun Cities Women's Auxiliary sponsored the event and staffed many of the distribution tables.

Although many of the items donated to the youths were purchased by the Salvation Army, many other items were actually made by the women's auxiliary.

Auxiliary President Pat Dehne says her group spent several Wednesdays prior to the event, sewing many of the items to be distributed.

Articles which could not be made by hand, such as underwear and shoes, were purchased with donated funds. One such donation came from the Phoenix Branch of the Lutheran Brotherhood, who gave \$400 to purchase shoes and jeans for the youths.

Maj. Nancy Austin says this year's event will cost her organization \$5,000. The amount does not include the cost of materials used to make the handmade items.

Area families seeking assistance from the Salvation Army must first contact office case worker Masia Smith. By telephone, Mrs. Smith screens and processes each applicant one month before the two-day distribution event.

She says those who qualify come from low-income households.

Mrs. Austin says children have checklists to carry as they fill up their bags.

"We let the children pick out the clothing and shoes they like."

Each type of clothing is separated on tables and volunteers assist the children in picking out the correct sizes.

In addition to the new clothes, some children can select used clothing, such as dresses and sweaters. A shoe department, stocked with various sizes of new athletic shoes, is located along the chapel's altar.

"There was this one lady with two girls who we helped a couple years ago.

"We asked her if she needed help this year and she said no, she was

working at a full-time job and they're doing OK now.

"I'm happy when they say they don't need us anymore," adds Mrs. Austin.

The Sun Cities Corps continues to accept donated fabrics and yarns. To contact the Sun Cities Salvation Army, telephone 977-1084.



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Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz. Thursday, Aug. 22, 1991

# Tee off Saturday will help kids

By GLENN B. SANBERG  
Daily News-Sun columnist

One of the most important golf tournaments ever played in the Sun Cities will blast off in an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Hillcrest Golf Club, Sun City West, Saturday.

John Daly won't be there, nor will Jack Nicklaus, Bruce Lietzke, Arnold Palmer or Lee Trevino but there will be 144 other area celebrities lending their names, their hacking skills and pocketbooks to a very worthy cause.

The event is the first Youth Assistance Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. It will be a one-day affair, adding to the luster of Hillcrest's previous two LPGA and five Senior PGA tour events. What makes this golf outing different is that the benefits will spread to hundreds of youngsters from frail or collapsed families instead of big prize-money payouts to golf pros whose needs are not critical.

Saturday's tournament is heavily backed by Sun Citians who have shelled out \$45 each for the privilege of playing 18 holes. Behind the scenes there are a host of others, including members of the foundation's board of directors, who are giv-



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## Retired in style

ing their time and talent unstintingly.

"The Youth Assistance Foundation uses sports as well as other activities as catalysts for developing strong, healthy values in youngsters who are at risk of going wrong," said Thomas J. Agnos, Maricopa County Sheriff.

Tournament participants will not go away with only a score card to show for their efforts. There are lots of fine prizes donated by generous Valley business and professional people. A brand new 1991 automobile awaits the first player who makes a hole-in-one.

"I just haven't the words to express my thanks to all those who responded so quickly with their tournament entries," said Dixon Wightman, foundation president. "The limit of 144 players was reached so quickly we had to return a great many entry checks to Sun Citians. Next year we hope to be able to double the participation."

Play format consist of a "Scramble" with four players on each team. Each player must make at least four tee shots on the 18-hole round. To lend a hand to less able golfers, contestants will have the privilege of buying three "mulligans" (free shots) for \$5, which may be used at any time.

At the completion of the tournament the golfers will be treated to an old-fashioned Western steak fry where drawings for the prizes will take place.

The primary source of revenue for Youth Assistance Foundation is from an ongoing, voluntary payroll deduction plan in which Maricopa County Sheriff's office employees participate. More than 8,600 youths have been beneficiaries of some 260 special motivating events calling for an outlay of \$260,000 since the foundation was established in 1985.

The Sheriff's Office places a great deal of emphasis on programs designed to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's challenges. It has and is paying big community dividends.

The foundation has supplied funds for hundreds of youth activities such as sponsorship of amateur athletic teams, educational scholarships, recreational outings and Christmas gifts of

hundreds of refurbished bicycles. In order to maintain present funding levels it has become necessary to augment employee contributions with an annual fund-raiser.

The foundation is managed by a nine-member board of directors representing various geographical areas in Maricopa County. Besides Wightman, Mike Guida of Peoria and Frank Kush, former football coach at ASU, others serving on the foundation's board of directors are Mrs. Clyde (Anna) Russ of Sun City and Stanley Nordstrom of Sun City West.

It is heartening also to know that our Sheriff's Office is doing something unique and constructive about youth problems before they become unmanageable. A salute to Maricopa County Sheriff Thomas J. Agnos and his deputy chief, John Coppock, for their far-sighted leadership.

*The writer is a resident of Sun City.*





## Del Webb Donates \$15,000 to Sun Cities Charities

Del Webb Corporation recently donated \$15,000 to Sun Cities area charitable organizations as part of its annual community support efforts.

Receiving organizations included the Sun Cities Area Community Council, Sun Cities Historical Society, Sun Cities Art Museum, SC and SCW Sheriff's Poses, SCW Handicapables, SCW and

SC Prides, SCW Meals on Wheels, SCW Lending Hands, SCW Hospice, Westside Food Bank, Sun Cities Fine Arts Society, SCAT, SC and SCW Community Funds, and Interfaith Services.



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# Safeway receipts pay off

Daily News-Sun staff  
SUN CITY WEST — Residents went bobbing for apples again this year and came up with \$629,302 in Safeway Food Stores receipts.

The receipts were part of Safeway's annual "Apples for Students" Sun City West campaign drive toward the purchase of Apple computers for Dysart Unified School District and the Dysart Community Center in El Mirage.

In two years, the program has contributed \$1.3 million in receipts, said Sun City West Foundation President Sandy Goldstein.

The Foundation helped coordinate this year's program with the American Association of University Women. Safeway receipts are used to convert to Apple computers, printers and software for the students attending the Dysart Unified School District.

In all, schools in Arizona and Gallup, N.M., earned \$2.3 million in free computer equipment through this year's program, said Debra Albery, Safeway public affairs manager. Safeway first offered the program during the 1989-90 school year, in which schools earned \$1.3 million in equipment.

"The program gave every school an opportunity to succeed," said Albery. "When students, parents and communities work together, there is no limit



Daily News-Sun photo by Stephen Cherek

**NEW COMPUTER** — Barbara Ross, left, gifted program teacher at Luke Elementary School, and Debbie Polzin hold an Apple computer monitor obtained through the Safeway receipt program, coordinated for the Dysart schools by Polzin.

to what can be accomplished. Everyone benefits in the process, which was Safeway's objective in launching the program."

Dysart Superintendent Frank Galas said in a letter to SCW resident Flora Kahme, who was instrumental in collecting the lion's share of Sun City West receipts, that the school district benefited greatly from \$1,214,966 in Safeway sales receipts.

Galas listed receipt totals for each school as follows: Luke School, \$335,600; El Mirage School, \$195,000, Kingswood School, \$168,000, Junior High \$150,000, Dysart High School, \$135,000, Surprise School, \$331,366.

"Overall, the district will receive five Apple computers, three printers and a significant quantity of software for use with existing computers," Galas said.

Kahme said her group was responsible for nearly \$75,000 in Safeway receipts this year by working mostly through Sun City West women's social and service clubs.

Galas wrote Kahme that her group's \$73,877 in receipts would be used to buy a laser printer. "The junior high has been short on printers and the one selected will service a cluster of five or six computers and allow the students to preserve what they have written," he said.



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THE PHOENIX GAZETTE

May 29, 1991

# Youngsters to benefit from Good Neighbor Program

By Lori Baker  
Staff writer

**SUN CITIES** — If Sun Cities residents come through again this year, hundreds of El Mirage and Surprise youngsters will be able to participate in summer recreation programs.

Last year, Sun Cities residents donated more than \$3,800 to the Good Neighbor Program organized by American Legion Post 94 in Sun City West.

Lloyd Kilmer, who heads the Good Neighbors Program for the Legion, said he hopes to surpass the amount raised last year, which was the first time the program was offered.

"Sun Cities Legion members and northwest Valley business

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

Money donated to the Good Neighbor Program goes directly for summer scholarships for needy children to participate in recreational programs. Activities and equipment covered include swimming pool passes, field trips, overnight camping trips, arts and crafts, athletic equipment and sports activity fees.

During the summer, the city of El Mirage rents the El Mirage Elementary School pool at El Mirage and Thunderbird roads. Swimming costs 35 cents per day per child or \$15 for a family pass.

No money collected for the Good Neighbor Program will be used for administrative costs or overhead, Kilmer said. Postage and printing costs are being paid with contributions from area businesses.

El Mirage Mayor Robert Robles said the Good Neighbor program is important to his community.

"It is a wonderful alternative to drug use and crime," he said.

Surprise Mayor Roy Villanueva also touted the program.

"This program made a big difference for some families in our communities," he said.

Surprise Town Manager Richard McComb said it's important for youth to know that other people care about what's happening to them.

"When they know others care, it opens the door to educating them to understand what our society is all about," he said. "In this process, we gain the trust we need to educate our young people on the alternatives to drug use and crime."

The accumulated donations will be presented by American Legion Post 94 to El Mirage and Surprise officials on behalf of the community. The funds will be administered jointly by the recreation directors of El Mirage and Surprise, and supervised by the mayors of the two communities. Donations may be sent to the Good Neighbor Program, Thunderbird Bank, Box G, Sun City 85372-98816.



# Lending a helping hand

## Area clubs raise funds for youth programs

Helping others is a way of life for the members of nearly 30 service clubs in the Sun Cities.

Residents of the Sun Cities annually contribute in excess of 25,000 volunteer hours and more than \$300,000 to causes outside of the community.

And those figures are just the tip of the iceberg as only group efforts, not individual, were included in a recent Sun City Ambassadors survey of local service clubs and churches.

From the Altrusa Club of the Sun Cities Area to the Soroptimist Valley of the Sun organization, 2,500 Sun Cities residents raise money through rummage sales and fashion shows so that others can have a home, the chance to continue their education or the opportunity to attend summer camp.

"There is a definite need for public service in our country," says Allen Peterson, president of the

Civitan Club of the Sun Cities.

"Our members have the ability, desire and time to provide it locally. Citizenship is what the Civitan Club is about," he adds.

"Our goal is to do whatever we can to promote that."

Through such fund-raising activities as selling mints at restaurants and fruit cakes during the holidays, the Civitans are able to donate to the Sun City/Youngtown Special Activity Center, a support group for the developmentally handicapped, Camp Civitan in Williams, Ariz., and the Arizona Special Olympics.

In addition, the club offers scholarships to students in the Dysart and Peoria unified school districts and Southwest Indian School.

The Civitans, with two clubs in the community, aren't the only Sun Cities organizations whose members devote their energies to what they believe are worthwhile

causes.

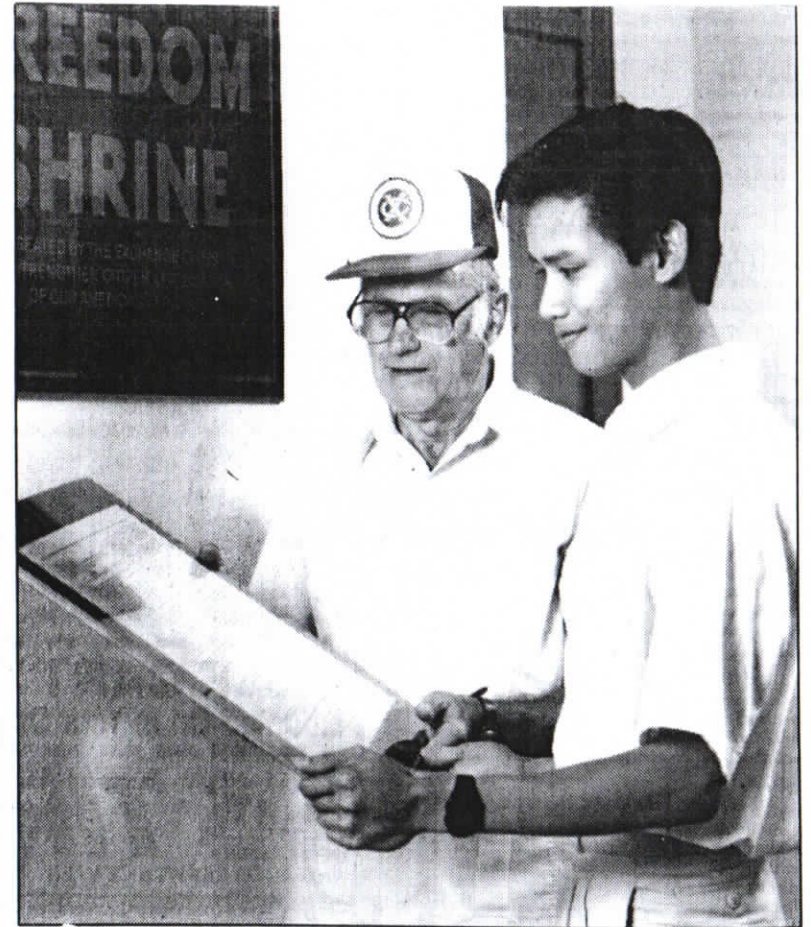
Providing not only cash donations, but thousands of hours of their time, are members of the Altrusa Club of the Sun Cities Area, Business and Professional Women's Club of Sun City/Youngtown, Exchange Club of the Northwest Valley, Optimist Club of Sun City, Soroptimist Valley of the Sun, six Kiwanis clubs, 10 Lions clubs and four Rotary clubs.

Working to promote communication and cooperation among the various service clubs so they may better serve their selected charities, is the Council of Service Clubs of the Sun Cities Area.

"We work together on matters of community concern," says Bob Hart, council president. "Rather than working as separate groups for a cause, we can work as one."

Mr. Hart says the main purpose of the council, which is comprised

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In an effort to promote national pride, the Northwest Valley Exchange Club maintains several "freedom shrines" throughout the Valley, including one at Bell Recreation Center.



of representatives from each service club, is to act as an umbrella organization disseminating information to all members about needy groups in search of donations.

"By going through the council, agencies or groups looking for help need to make only one presentation. From there we inform all of our service club members about their needs."

While each service club has its own purpose to help the community, Mr. Hart says there are some causes that draw attention from most of the clubs such as volunteering time at Westside Food Bank, donating funds to the Dysart Community Center in El Mirage and providing everything from tutoring to scholarships to local students.

Virginia Simmons, president of the Altrusa Club of the Sun Cities Area, says the club's members are always anxious to help where they can.

"It is our purpose to help people who need it," she says. "We like to help the entire community."

The group's 40 members raise more than \$4,000 a year by holding a fashion show, potluck get-togethers and garage sales.

"Our donations are put to very good use.

"They go to Faith House in Glendale, Dysart Community Center in El Mirage and Sun City Area Interfaith Services," she says.

With 16 groups between them, the Lions and Kiwanis clubs of the Sun Cities are major contributors to a variety of causes. The Lions clubs focus their efforts on a paper and glass recycling operation which raises up to \$200,000 a year for the physically challenged, local schools and civic and charitable organizations throughout the state.

Kiwanis members devote their time and effort to local youth, providing assistance for students in the Dysart and Surprise school districts, including helping fund a program for the hearing impaired and offering tutoring programs.

Most of the Kiwanis' funds are raised at rummage sales and pancake breakfasts, says Robert Abbott, president of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City-Agua Fria, which raises more than \$10,000 a year.

"We want to build pride in America."

— Ralph Dinger  
President, Northwest Valley Exchange Club

The club contributes to about 25 organizations, including the Kiwanis Camp in Gallup, N.M., the Mesa Community College nursing scholarship program and the Maricopa Habitat for Humanity, which builds homes for needy families in El Mirage.

"We are always anxious to find ways to contribute to youth activities," Mr. Abbott says.

"It gives us a tremendous feeling to know that we have helped."

Also anxious to help the youth in the surrounding communities is the Exchange Club of the Northwest Valley, which has established "freedom shrines" containing 26 historical documents at Dysart, Ironwood and Peoria High Schools to promote good citizenship. An additional freedom shrine is located in Sun City.

"We want to build pride in America," says Ralph Dinger, president of the Exchange Club. "Having access to these documents helps the students with their history and promotes good citizenship."

Exchange Club members also honor the students of the month at Cotton Boll Elementary School and conduct a Milestones of Freedom scholastic testing program at the high schools with the top ranking students receiving government bonds.

"Everyone is involved and we take great pride in that involvement," Mr. Dinger says.



# Children benefited by refunds

By Lori Baker  
Staff writer

SUN CITIES — Demonstrating their concern for northwest Valley children, more than 200 Sun Citians have donated nearly \$11,000 from their school tax rebates and their own pockets.

The Sun Cities Area Children's Foundation Inc., which is soliciting donations of the rebates from individuals and businesses, reports that donations have more than doubled in about two weeks. On April 12, the non-profit organization had received about \$5,000.

"About half of the donations are people signing over their rebate checks, and the other half are personal checks. That shows that many people are donating more than their rebates," said John Heisel, foundation treasurer.

He said that while the average household is receiving a rebate of \$30, the foundation has received many \$50 donations and even a \$500 contribution.

Donations often are accompanied by notes saying, "Great idea" and "We support your effort," Heisel said.

Money will be used to provide for "desperate" needs of children, such as clothing, food, summer programs and tutoring, said Al Spanjer, publicity chairman for the foundation.

If the group meets its \$1 million goal for a trust fund, money from interest will be used annually to provide for children's needs. The foundation is contracting with the Valley of the Sun United Way, which will recommend ways to spend the money.

Since February the state has been issuing rebates of the so-called Sun City school tax, which was declared unconstitutional in 1989 by a Superior Court judge. The tax, which was levied in areas where there was no organized school district, had been challenged by the Sun City Taxpayers Association.

Individuals were taxed 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and if the tax had not been challenged, homeowners would have paid \$4.72 per \$100 by 1997.

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# REFUND

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Businesses and rental properties were taxed the full \$4.72 per \$100 assessed valuation in 1988.

About \$10 million was raised by the tax in Maricopa County until its repeal, the bulk of the money coming from the Sun Cities and Youngtown.

Del E. Webb Corp. has committed to contributing 1 percent of its rebate, which will be about \$1,800 to \$2,000, said Martha Moyer, Del Webb spokeswoman. The company has not yet made its donation.

"We're still calculating it because we have quite a few different sources of property out here," she said.

Because Webb was the first business to offer to donate some of its tax refund, Moyer said she decided to join the foundation's board and lead the effort to solicit business donations.

"I thought it was appropriate that we help spearhead the effort and to contact other businesses on the foundation's behalf," she said.

Moyer said she's pleased with the response from residents so far.

Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 2274, Sun City 85372.

Taxpayers have until February to file for the rebate. Residents with questions are asked to call 233-8766.

The county treasurer's office as of April 26 had returned more than \$7.5 million for 35,621 properties, said Paul Corrington, chief deputy county treasurer.

Although the county had been averaging a 10-day turnaround time for issuing rebates, he said there will be a temporary delay in the process.

Because the county has to process an estimated 870,000 property tax payments, Corrington said the tax rebates were put on hold for about a week starting Tuesday.

"The refund check processing had slowed down the county's computer system, so we couldn't handle the volume with our tax payments coming in," he said.

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# \$5,000 given to kids' fund

## School tax rebates donated

By Lori Baker  
Staff writer

SUN CITIES — About \$5,000 in rebates from the so-called Sun City school tax have been donated by taxpayers to a recently formed local foundation set up to help children in the West Valley.

But the Sun Cities Area Children's Foundation Inc., a non-profit corporation, has a \$1 million goal for a trust fund to enhance the lives of children in the West Valley, publicity chairman Al Spanjer said. Foundation members include residents of the Sun City and Sun City West communities and religious leaders.

"We want to provide for the desperate needs of children, such as clothing, food, summer programs and tutoring," said Spanjer, a former president of the Sun City West Property and Residents Association board of directors.

The first donated rebate check was received Feb. 22, and the largest single donation was about \$500, said John Heisel, the foundation's treasurer.

The Valley of the Sun United Way would screen requests for

help. Spanjer said if \$500,000 to \$1 million is raised, money would be given to children from the interest collected in the trust fund.

Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 2274, Sun City, 85372.

The state began issuing rebates in February from the tax, which was declared unconstitutional in 1989 by a Superior Court judge.

The Sun City Taxpayers Association had fought successfully for repeal of the tax, which was levied on homeowners and businesses in unorganized school district areas in Arizona. The Legislature had enacted the tax in 1988 to raise money for the education of children in areas that are not part of a school district.

About \$10 million was raised by the tax until its repeal, the bulk of the money coming from the Sun Cities and Youngtown.

The county treasurer's office has returned about \$3.5 million for 17,573 properties. Taxpayers have until February 1992 to file for the rebate. Forms were mailed to 43,000 taxpayers in Maricopa County, Paul Corrington, chief

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deputy county treasurer, said Tuesday.

The average rebate per household is about \$40, and it is at least 10 times that for most businesses and taxpayers who have rental property. Individuals were taxed 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and if the tax had not been challenged, homeowners would have paid \$4.72 per \$100 by 1997. Businesses and rental properties were taxed the full \$4.72 per \$100 assessed valuation in 1988.

"We are organizing ourselves to contact all the businesses," Spanjer said.

SCTA president Ken Larkin said the association's board is opposed to the foundation soliciting for the tax rebates.

"We felt if the people wanted to give their money to the children's fund, it should be their own business," he said. "There shouldn't be a formal group to solicit the money and have a big campaign."

Some taxpayers have signed their rebate checks over to the

SCTA, although his group hasn't solicited it, he said.

"We've gotten \$1,200 so far. People say, 'Here is our refund check. Go fight some other good cause for us,'" Larkin said.

Meanwhile, SCTA's request for \$29,550 in attorneys' fees to cover part of the legal challenge of the tax has been appealed by the state.

Of the \$230,000 in attorneys' fees that SCTA spent during the 2½-year court battle, \$84,000 has been refunded from the state, Larkin said. In addition, SCTA will receive 1 percent of the refunds paid to taxpayers, up to \$100,000, but it will take about two years before that money is received.

Larkin said he believes it would cost the state more to fight the \$29,550 in attorneys' fees than to just pay it.

To help taxpayers fill out their school tax refund claim forms, treasurer's office employees are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the SCTA office, 12630 N. 103rd Ave.

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# Best of the best

## Sun City West projects earns \$10,000

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### 'Action Arizona' community award

An all-volunteer project that helped build an expansion to the Dysart Community Center has earned a group of Sun City West residents a \$10,000 community service award from Valley National Bank.

The bank announced the winners of its 1989-90 Action Arizona awards during a special ceremony held last week at the Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West.

The Dysart expansion project was chosen the best among 13 other entries.

The competition, which began April 1, 1989, and ended March 31 of this year, challenged towns and cities with populations of 35,000 and under to design a project that would improve the appearance, economy or lifestyle of the town.

The town of Buckeye won a second-place prize of \$7,500 for renovation of its rodeo grounds.

Three other communities each received honorable mentions for their entries.

Black Canyon City, Lake Havasu City and Sedona each received a check for \$1,000.

The Sun City West effort included help from literally hundreds of residents and members of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

The project was started a year ago when a steering committee began developing a plan to help the city of El Mirage in its efforts to expand its community center.

The steering committee recruited volunteers from Sun City West who not only helped raised the necessary funds, but actually constructed the 3,400-square-foot facility.

The entire project consisted of erecting a protective fence around the property and adding new facilities, including meeting rooms, classrooms and restrooms, to the existing building.

Construction began last fall and was completed earlier this year.

According to Al Spanjer, one of the organizers of the project, the \$10,000 will probably be turned over to the Dysart Community Center.

Among the other communities competing in the western division of Action Arizona:

Avondale, for a litter campaign; Black Canyon City, for cleaning up its main thoroughfare; Camp Verde, for planning a new recreational area.

Also, Cottonwood, for its effort to renovate Clemenceau Heritage Museum; Gila Bend, for developing a driving tour featur-

ing sites of interest; Kingman, for creating a system of town bike paths.

Also, Lake Havasu City, for

developing a community park; Prescott, for renovating courthouse grounds; Sedona, for creating a recycling program; Well-

ton, for building bike paths; Yarnell, for developing various youth programs.





**WINNER'S TROPHIES** are admired by Sun City West residents Al Spanjer, left; <sup>Tyson Kuhr/Independent</sup> Marcie Yeager and Barbara Knudsen, right. Representing the Action Arizona project is Nella Martinez, second from right.



# Road rally proceeds to grant wishes for 2 terminally ill kids

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SUN CITY WEST — The wishes of two terminally ill children will be granted because of one busy morning on a golf course.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation of Central and Southern Arizona will receive the proceeds from the Second Annual Sun Cities Grand Prix Wednesday.

Valley news media drivers with Sun Cities residents for co-drivers raced golf cars in a road rally across the Hillcrest Golf Club course and surrounding streets.

One event in which a broom was used to putt golf balls into a hole frustrated many contestants.

"That's the one I would like to do over," Earl Olsen, of Sun City, said.

Other exercises involved parallel parking, slaloming between cones and driving in reverse.

Drivers were judged on how fast the course was completed.

The first-place time was 20 minutes and 24 seconds set by Sam Lowe, a columnist for The Phoenix Gazette, and Tony Bonanza of Sun City. They received trophies and commemorative mugs.

But the real winners will be selected later this year by Make-a-Wish, a non-profit organization founded in 1980 that granted 73 wishes for terminally ill children last year.

Wishes can involve an escort of costumed fairy godmothers in limousines that whisk children to their fantasies of anything from shopping sprees to visits to Disneyland to football games.

"We made about enough at this event to cover two wishes," Ken Crawford, Make-a-Wish Sun Cities spokesman, said.

Corporate sponsors paid for each golf car that raced. More money was made on sales of raffle tickets at \$2 each and \$1.99 breakfast tickets.

The average wish cost is \$4,500. The group expects to have made \$10,000 when the figures are totaled, said Lynda Anderson, Make-a-Wish office manager.

Anderson said the organization hopes to beat its wish record from 1989.

"We're working hard on it," Anderson said.

Anyone wanting information on upcoming fund-raisers or details of the organization may call 248-9474 (248-WISH).





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**GRAND PRIX** — Spectators wave competitors on race Wednesday at Hillcrest Golf Course. Proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish.



# SCW fundraisers offer neighborly help

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By CHRISTINE SELIGA  
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SUN CITY WEST — A group of residents will launch a project this fall that will lend a hand to neighbors in El Mirage and maybe win an award.

The group is participating in Valley National Bank's Action Arizona project. Action Arizona is a competition involving community development projects.

The Sun City West group's project will be to raise funds for additions to the Dysart Community Center, 14414 N. El Mirage Ave., El Mirage.

"It's overwhelming. We're just so excited. We help so many people and we want to continue to," center director Nella Martinez said this morning.

Each community project entered in Action Arizona is judged

and winners are awarded prizes. First prize is \$10,000, second prize is \$7,500 and there will be nine additional winners who will receive \$1,000 prizes.

The competition is open statewide to communities with populations under 35,000.

Spokesman of the Sun City West group, Al Spanjer, said Dale Wood of Valley National Bank in Sun City West approached him earlier this year and said the project would be good for the community and asked if he would organize it.

Spanjer then contacted various organizations throughout the community to ask them to send a representative to the group.

Its first full-fledged meeting was in April. Since then the members have discussed about 10 suggestions for the project.

Some of the proposals were a child day care center, a computerized community bulletin board, a fixed-route trolley and a program of golf car safety.

In the end the group decided there were so many projects already in place in the community that maybe it should help another community.

Spanjer said in the fall the group will start with a campaign to raise about \$25,000 so that it can add a protective fence, additional classrooms and restrooms and a woodworking shop to the community center.

"In the fall we'll go out to the various service, social and charter clubs and ask for their participation," Spanjer said.

He said they would also go to the business community in Surprise and El Mirage.

Spanjer said the local chapter of the national Habitat for Humanity organization has agreed to provide the labor and build the additions if the Sun City West group can get the building materials.

Habitat builds homes and sells them at cost to individuals who could not normally afford a house.

Martinez said the center has been in need of more space for about three or four years. She said the center had been considering starting a building project.

"Certainly it was a godsend for us. We were going into this project with apprehension because it was a big project... It just seems more realistic now," Martinez said.

She said having a contractor

build the expansion would cost about \$80,000 to \$90,000, which they could not afford.

The center has a small foundation budget of \$15,000. Martinez said that money will be used with the funds raised by the Sun City West group to pay for building materials.

The expansion would double the size of the building now, Martinez said.

In addition to activities and classes for children the center has about 300 people enrolled in a program to help them learn English.

The Community Center has existed for 28 years and has two full-time employees and more than 300 volunteers.

"I just can't get over it that a group like that would come

through just when we needed them most," Martinez said.

Spanjer said the Sun City West group is not doing the project just to win a prize.

"I think we're concerned because we're filling a great need in the neighboring community," he said.

Kevan Kaign, communications officer who coordinates the program for the bank, said the Action Arizona program has had two communities working together before but never anything like the Sun City West proposal.

"It's unique in the history of the program," she said.

This year there are 35 communities enrolled in the project so far, Kaign said. They have until March 31, 1990, to complete their projects.