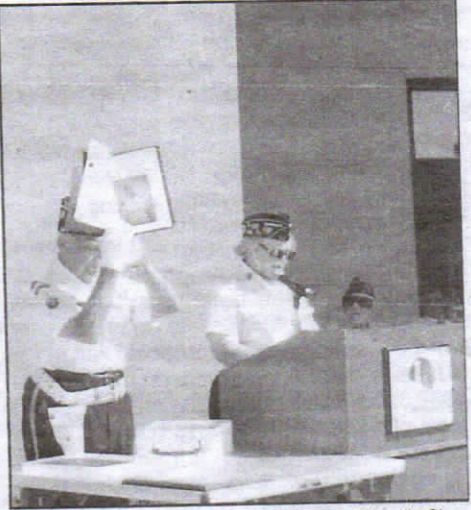


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 Gene Bogatko holds up a booklet with photos and bios of all the American Legion Post 94 commanders that will go into the time capsule. Next to him speaking is current Cmdr. Gerry Berger.



Boulevard of Flags re-dedication

By Cecilia Chan
 Independent Newspapers

Veterans of the American Legion Post 94 this week will begin raising 120 American flags along a nearly five-mile stretch of R.H. Johnson Boulevard in commemoration of Memorial Day. The dedication of Sun City West's thoroughfare as the Boulevard of Flags was captured 25 years ago in a time capsule, which

was unsealed last week. "American Legion Post 94 continues maintaining, installing and repairing flags after every national holiday," said Lloyd Kilmer, World War II veteran and past commander of Post 94 at the rededication ceremony outside the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Mr. Kilmer is the man behind the Boulevard of Flags. Shortly after installing a flag

outside his new home in Sun City West more than two decades ago, he decided to drive down R.H. Johnson Boulevard and see if flags were being flown, he told the audience. He said he was disappointed to see no flags on display. Mr. Kilmer had gained an appreciation for the Stars and Stripes after his liberation.

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from a tortuous 10-month confinement in a German POW camp, according to Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation."

"At the next meeting of the American Legion, I expressed my disappointment that there were no flags on R.H. Johnson," Mr. Kilmer said. "They all agreed a display on R.H. Johnson would be a good program and they agreed to accept the program if I were to be the chairman."

Mr. Kilmer rolled up his sleeves and began to work, contacting APS for use of its power poles, U.S. Sen John McCain for flags and Sun City West residents for sponsorship dollars. Through his endeavor 50 American flags that had flown over the nation's Capitol lined R. H. Johnson from Bell Road to Meeker Boulevard during federal holidays, such as Veterans Day and Fourth of July.

On President Day, Feb. 20, 1989 with the dedication of the Boulevard of Flags, the Legion put together a time capsule, sealed within items, including a program of the dedication, a roster of Legion members and news articles of the Legion's activity, according to Gene Bogatko, Honor. Guard commander.

At last week's ceremony, new items were added to the time capsule, such as a current membership roster, a booklet of all the Legion's commanders and newspaper clippings.

The capsule will be sealed and reopened



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In front from left is past Legion commanders George Cushing and Lloyd Kilmer.

in 2024, said Legion Cmdr. Gerry Berger.

Today, the flags have expanded beyond Meeker Boulevard to Grand Avenue, she said.

Besides flags from the Capitol, the Legion also flies burial flags donated by veterans' families, imprinted with the name, date of birth and date of death, she added.

George Cushing, past Legion commander, also spoke at the event. He shared an essay written by a high school student from a contest regarding people's responsibility when it comes to protecting the American flag.

A history of the Boulevard of Flags is on a monument in front of the Sports Pavilion in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.

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SUN CITY WEST INDEPENDENT

Kiwanians aid Santa again

Group has volunteered for past 17 years

By **Jeremy Pearlman**
Independent Newspapers

Santa Claus has more than just elves helping him bring good cheer to needy north-west Valley residents during the holiday season.

For the past 17 years, members of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City/Agua Fria Chapter have been helping Kris Kringle pack food boxes under the auspices of The Salvation Army Sun Cities Area Corps.

Filled with items donated by area residents, the food boxes contain such things as soup, cereal, canned goods, flour, vegetable oil, sugar, popcorn, Jell-O and many other delectable sundries.

"We are like Santa's helpers," said Leo Sasseville, the club's publicity chairman,

as he was loading flour into a food box.

"This is our contribution to the season," Mr. Sasseville added. "People are in dire need for this food and The Salvation Army is providing this essential service."

In an assembly line fashion, Kiwanis members created approximately 425 food boxes. In addition, the group added toys to go along with the food boxes, for families with children 12 and under.

"This is one of our most popular activities," said Don Wade, Kiwanis club member who coordinated the event. "Practically every member physically capable to be here was here today."

A community oriented service organization, the Kiwanis Club of Sun City/Agua Fria Chapter has approximately 74 members

residing in Sun City and Westbrook Village.

In addition to creating the food boxes, Kiwanis members volunteered to ring bells and collect donations for The Salvation Army's various charitable services.

"It's a way of our group giving back to help those in need," Mr. Wade said.

Serving residents in need from Peoria, Sun City, Sun City West, Sun City Grand, Youngtown, Surprise, El Mirage and outlying areas, The Salvation Army's Sun Cities Area Corps Community Center provides food boxes through its pantry.

"Through the generosity of people, we are able to help families with food boxes as well as toys for children 12



Photo by Jeremy Pearlman/Independent Newspapers
Members of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City/Agua Fria Chapter have volunteered each of the past 17 years with the Salvation Army to help box food for the needy during the holidays. Putting cans in one of the food boxes is, from left, Don Wade, a Kiwanis member and Major Joe Utrera, with the Salvation Army.

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years and under," said Maj. Joe Utrera of the Sun Cities Area Corps. "We'd like to thank everyone and the service clubs like the Kiwanis.

For more information

about the Kiwanis Club of Sun City/Agua Fria Chapter, call Dick Veazey at 933-7334.

Donations to The Salvation Army's Sun Cities Area Corps can be sent to P.O. Box 1161, Sun City, Az., 85372. Make checks payable to: The Salvation Army.

April 11, 2001

MAKING CAMPERS HAPPY

Lions program aids physically challenged

By JULI NESSETT
Independent Newspapers

Members of the Pioneer Lions Club of Sun City West gathered for their weekly luncheon meeting on March 19 not only to discuss regular business matters but to listen to a special guest speaker, Pam Swanson, director of Lions Camp Tatiyee.

Camp Tatiyee, located in the White Mountains of northeastern Arizona, is a camp for physically challenged individuals, which opened in 1961.

The camp is sponsored by Arizona Lions Clubs and is provided to challenged children and adults at no cost to them or their family.

According to Mrs. Swanson, the camp was set up for the campers to be able to share with each other.

"It's a place for them to be first. It's a place for them to be special," she said.

She also stressed the fact that Camp Tatiyee is not only great for the campers, but for their families and the counselors.

"It teaches counselors to truly put someone else first, which is such a tremendous lesson," she said. "It also gives families a much-needed and well deserved break."

Over 500 individuals attended last year's camp sessions and Mrs. Swanson expressed her hope that this year the camp will attract a maximum with 576 attendees.

Campers attend Camp Tatiyee in five-day rotations of about 72 campers, with each week matching specific disabilities.

Two past campers, Hartsell "Dean" Judkins and Ruth Ann Harvey, attended the luncheon. Both are residents of Sun City West.

Dean and Ruth Ann have attended the camp for several years, and will be making their way back there this summer.

Dean has been sponsored by Lion Larry Parker for the last five years, and Mr. Parker has nothing but wonderful things to say about the camp.

"The first time I went up there I couldn't get over it," he said. "The way the campers are treated and the satisfaction on their faces. You just feel great whenever you see it. You just have to," he added.

During the meeting Dean's father, Hartsell, got up and expressed his gratefulness to the group.

"Thank you Lions, and I speak for my wife and I, Dean loves the camp, but it's nice to have a week off. We've been baby-sitters for 43



Photo by JULI NESSETT/Independent Newspapers
Sun City West residents Dean Judkins and his mother, Betty, look over a photo album from Camp Tatiyee. Dean has attended the camp for the last five years and will return this summer.

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Pam Swanson
Director Camp Tatiyee

years, so you are helping us too," he said.

He told Mr. Parker the Lion's have given his wife and himself one of the greatest weeks of their lives.

According to Betty Judkins, Dean's mother, when he first attended the camp five years ago

she was nervous, but after seeing how much Dean enjoyed it, she realized what a great place it was.

"He really enjoys it and he is looking forward to it again this year," she said. "He's gotten now where he knows most of the campers up there and it's like he's going home to see his family."

According to Mr. Parker, after Dean's first experience at the camp he did not want to go home.

Dean said what he enjoys most about Camp Tatiyee is swimming, kickball and talent night. He said he also enjoys seeing his friends.

Cost to operate the camp is approximately \$475 per camper, according to the Camp Tatiyee Web site.

And because the camp is offered free of charge, contributions are greatly needed.

Over the past seven years, the Pioneer Lions have raised \$35,000 for the camp. This year the club held

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a special fund-raiser — a raffle for a seven-day cruise — which brought in over \$10,000.

Homer Sidlow, president of Pioneer Lions, presented the check to Mrs. Swanson following her speech, something for which she was greatly appreciative.

Camp Tatiyee was originally built on Arizona Forestry land and several years ago the Forestry Department asked the organization to vacate the land. After negotiations ensued, the department agreed to accept an equal parcel of land if it was acceptable.

The parcel of land was found by the Lions but its cost about \$3,000,000.

Arizona Lions are now making a concentrated effort to raise these funds. All donations to the organization are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to Lions Foundation of Arizona, 1016 N. 32nd Street, Suite No. 5, Phoenix, AZ, 85008.

According to Mrs. Swanson, donors will receive a letter to be used for tax purposes.

For more information, call 602-275-2604.

Lions give their share of holiday cheer

SANTA'S HELPERS: Sun City West club sets up workshop to refurbish bikes for needy children

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Santa might give presents to the good little boys and girls of the world, but sometimes he skips over the less fortunate and leaves the work to groups such as the Sunrise Lions Club of Sun City West.

Lions have set up a workshop to refurbish donated bicycles and give them to needy children at Christmas. "When my husband died three years ago, I didn't know what

to do with his bicycle," Lion Barbara Dienes said. "I thought about selling it for a couple of dollars, but instead I gave it away through the club."

With her late husband's bike donated to a local elementary school, Dienes opened a floodgate of other bicycle donations, and more than 70 two-wheelers have since pedaled their way to children and adults in the past three years. And as Christmas nears, another bundle of bikes is ready to be delivered in true holiday fashion.

Because of the success the Sunrise Lions Club of Sun City West had with the bike donations from members of the community, it has made its own workshop to fix up the used bicycles. The work is done by member John Bergh, who does minor repairs to the bikes, cleans them and outfits the bikes

with new tires.

"Generally, the bikes go out in bunches," Dienes said. "I have about 10 in my garage right now, which will go out for Christmas."

Although the bicycles usually are distributed in groups, Dienes said if someone really needs one immediately, the club will give it out right away.

"It's as much for adults as it is for children," she said. "There are a lot of times people cannot get a job because they don't have transportation. The bikes really help them out."

In the three years since Dienes stumbled upon the program, it has grown into a tradition Sunrise Lions take heart in.

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Bob Sutherland, a long-time member of the organization, said all club members take pride in the program, which works as an extension of the Lions Club ultimate goal: helping the community.

The International Association of Lions Clubs, the overall parent organization of the many satellite clubs, was formed in 1917 by a Chicago insurance man, Melvin Jones, who wanted to expand the business community into philanthropy.

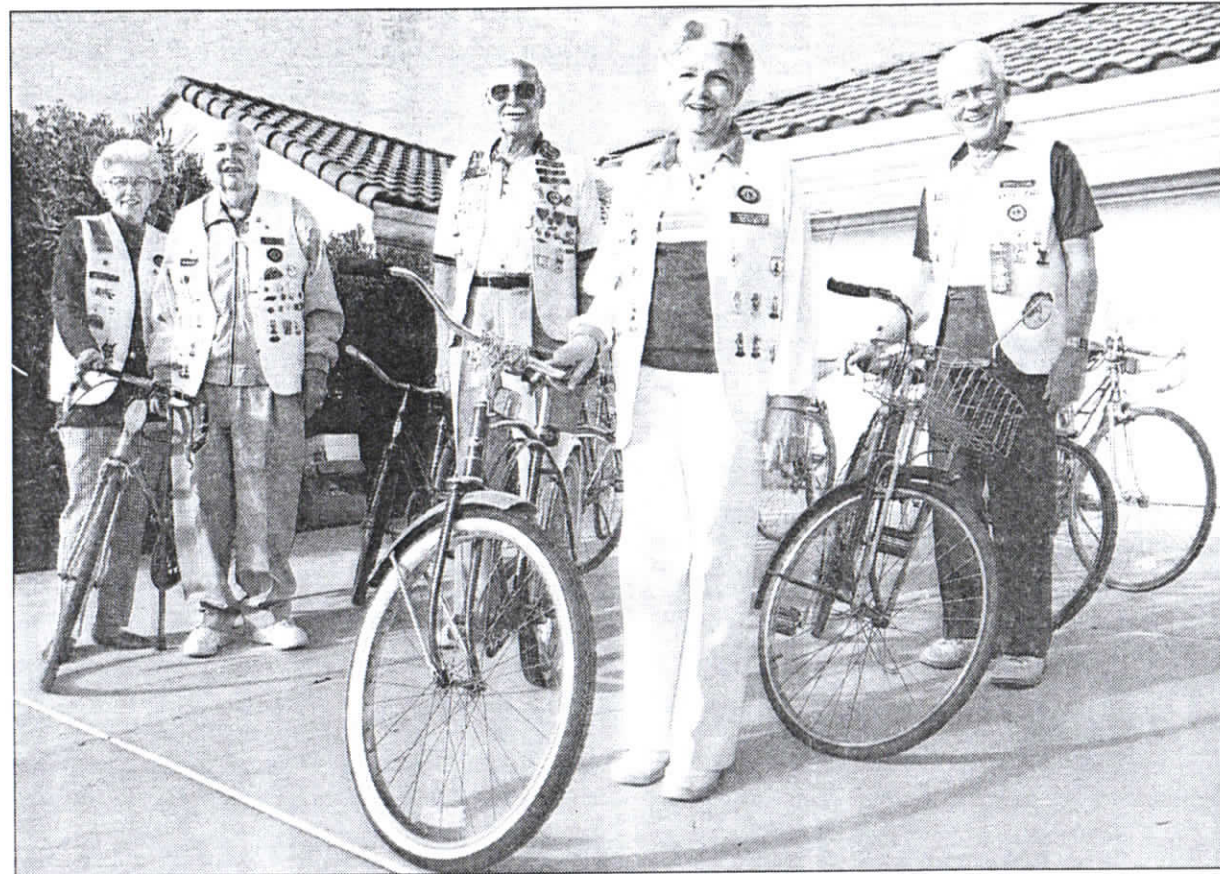
"The whole point to the club is to help the community on many levels," Sutherland said. "We have several fund-raisers throughout the year, which helps us get money for some of our programs."

The club meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Sun City West Foundation Building, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Each meeting usually begins with a breakfast, and is followed by a brief business meeting. But most of the work of the club is done outside the confines of meetings.

"We do a lot of fund-raising and activities in the community," Sutherland said. "Our goal is to have a lot of fun, and there are a lot of good friendships that have formed between the members."

Residents interested in joining the Sunrise Lions Club are asked



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Lions, from left, Dolores Austin, Glenn Austin, John Bergh, Barbara Dienes and Robert Sutherland, fix up and donate bicycles to agencies to give to underprivileged children.

to contact Sutherland, who will invite them to breakfast as his guest and answer any questions they might have.

"It'll be a free breakfast, but it's not something too big," he

said. "But we are always looking to have more people get interested in what we do."

For information about the Sunrise Lions Club of Sun City West, call Sutherland at

584-7347. For information about the bicycle donation program, call Dienes at 546-2609.

John Sokolich can be reached at jsokolich@aztrib.com or at 623-876-2526.

Group honors area police and fire personnel

SUN CITY ELKS LODGE: Law and Order Night honors public service of 6

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Despite the Sun City area traditionally being a safe haven from crime, the Sun City Elks Lodge annually honors those individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty to make Northwest Valley communities even safer.

The Elks' Law and Order Night last week celebrated the work of six local police and fire personnel. Those individuals now will be considered for the Arizona State Elks' Public Service Worker of the Year award.

"We asked eight agencies to submit a nominee," said Charles Freeberg, local chairman of the Law and Order Committee. "Six submitted, two declined. After it's over, we then get together to pick the best nominee to be submitted to the state for consideration."

According to Freeberg, the nominees from agencies in the Sun Cities area usually aren't picked as best in state because the area usually lacks serious crime or disaster.

"This is a law-abiding area," he said. "It's not that wild here, but once in a while we get something, though it's usually unusual."

The departments submitting nominees this year were the Peoria fire and police departments, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, the Sun City Sheriff's Posse, and the Sun City West fire department and Sheriff's Posse. The Arizona Department of Public Safety and Sun City Fire Department chose not to submit nominees.

The six chosen individuals honored with a plaque and dinner Oct. 24 at the Elks lodge are:

Charles Bezio

Officer Charles Bezio, four-year veteran of the Peoria Police Department, was nominated for his work in the apprehension of a homicide suspect in April.

In the nomination letter, Peoria Police Chief Michael Strobe said Bezio "exemplified himself in service to the community" and practiced "courageous and

exemplary actions" during the April arrest.

David Burman

Officer David Burman of the Sun City Sheriff's Posse took action during a shoplifting incident in August, earning himself the nomination. According to Lt. Howard Thomason, Burman detained a suspect until a sheriff's deputy could arrive on scene.

"David's actions are above and beyond those expected of our un-armed Posse personnel and reflects great credit upon himself and our Posse," Thomason wrote in the nomination letter.

Louis Chappell

Capt. Louis Chappell of the Sun City West Fire Department was chosen for the award at the request of his peers.

According to Sun City West Fire Chief Robert Briscoe, everyone in the department voted to nominate Chappell. They cited his dedication to the department and outstanding record of helping fellow firefighters.

Mary Ward

Detective Mary Ward of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office was nominated for her work in stopping two fraud cases in the area.

MCSO Sgt. Mike Dyer wrote that Ward conducted complex investigation on the fraud cases involving numerous victims, multiple suspects and several jurisdictions in order to solve them.

"Ward has become a very good detective in a short length of time," he wrote, "and she is a credit to District III as well as the Sheriff's Office."

Ken Weir

Peoria Fire Department firefighter Ken Weir was chosen for his work in recovering a suicide victim's body from a 100-foot tall tower last November.

Fire Captain S. Joseph Woodall wrote that Weir is skilled and passionate at his job, and was compassionate in upholding the dignity of the person who committed suicide.

"Ken went into action. He was able and willing to help," Woodall wrote. "He was there to assist this man in the preservation of his dignity."

Gene Zimmerman

Lt. Gene Zimmerman of the Sun City West Posse was nominated for his work as an advisor on legal and personal problems.

Zimmerman's work on a pro-bono basis has saved the Posse from lawsuits and "entanglements," according to Capt. A. J. Cohen.

THE WESTER Thursday, July 27, 2000

Legionnaires sponsor pool party for kids



Volunteers from American Legion Post 94 are shown holding the thank-you poster made by the children of El Mirage swimming pool. For the past 10 years, the Legion has donated funds collected in Sun City West and environs to help needy children enjoy the water in a safe and protected environment. Shown holding the banner are (l. to r.) Genny Walsh, auxiliary president; Jac Morse, post commander, and Elaine Skelton, auxiliary vice president. Back row, (l. to r.) are Harold Stern, adjutant; John Purcell, chairman-Good Neighbor Program; Mary Ellen Piotrowski, Arizona State commander, and Ben Skelton.

Photo, Randy Altenhoff,

THE WESTER Thursday, February 3, 2000

Three area High Twelve Masonic fellowship clubs elect officers, launch membership drives



Newly-installed officers of the SCW High Twelve Masonic fellowship club who were sworn into office last week and will serve for the year 2000 are (front row, l. -r.) Jerry Ryan, treasurer; Clifford Bell, secretary; Gilbert Hill, president; James Marks, 1st vice president; Clifford Adams, 2nd vice president. Standing in the back row are (l.-r.) John Geyer, director, past state president; William Werner, director and past president of the club; the Rev. Melvin Ratheal, international chaplain; Leo Jugler, director and past president; Richard Zeigler, director, and Chet Lacy, publicity and photography. Not present was Bernie Goodwyn.

By Chet Lacy

Newly-elected officers of three area High Twelve masonic fellowship clubs were formally installed in recent ceremonies. The clubs involved were SCW High Twelve No. 567, the Surprise High Twelve No. 447 and the Sun City Club No. 712.

Daniel E. Crockett, state president, was installing officer, assisted by state vice president Fred Dotson and the Rev. Melvin Ratheal, international chaplain. Also taking an active part in the program were Don Tagtmeyer,

William Werner, Robert Black and Leo Jugler.

Gilbert Hill, Richard Albrecht, and Robert Jorgenson, presidents of the three clubs No. 567, No. 447, and No. 712, respectively, announced they are making a concerted effort to increase their club's memberships, extending a welcome to any Masons to join

their fellowship groups. They emphasized not only the good informal breakfasts and noontime luncheon fellowship they enjoy with inspiring speakers and other programs. Wives are often invited. But they also explained,

among other activities, their goals to give support and personal attention to the problems of youth, fostering, encouraging and supporting adequate educational facilities and opportunities for them.

They have a number of charitable projects in which they participate nationally and locally, including supporting the Westside Food Bank in its many programs to help feed the poor and hungry.

Prospective members are urged to call their respective clubs' presidents or other officers for further information.

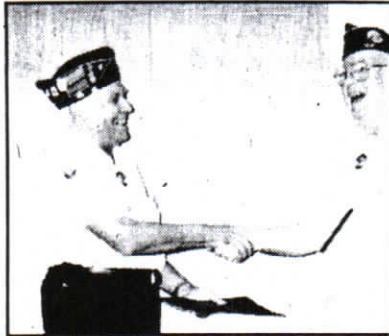
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Local Legionnaire receives

Oratorical Award

By Mo Longstreth

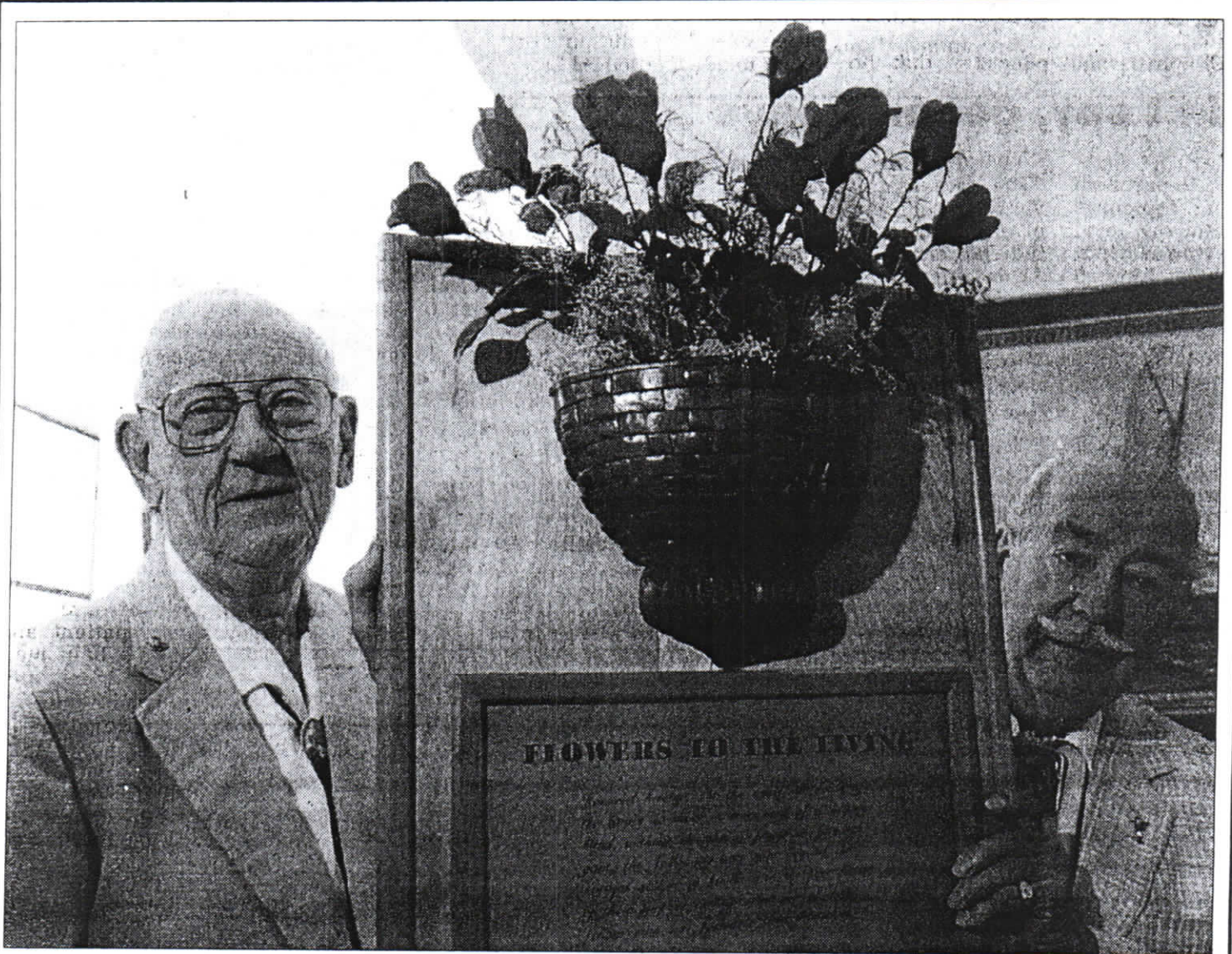
The Oratorical Award, presented to Gene Bogatko, is the first for any member of SCW American Legion Post #94. Bogatko was honored for his dedication to



Gene Bogatko (l.) accepts the Oratorical Award from Cmdr. Don Morrison of American Legion Post #94. Photo, Mo Longstreth

heading this patriotic project and the four phases of speech competition, which begins at high schools, then Districts, Areas and on to States (Departments). The winner of each State goes to the National competition held at Indianapolis, Ind. A monetary scholarship is given.

The purpose of the American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. The winners are determined by a panel of judges. There is a prepared speech and an assigned topic extemporaneous speech. Any high school speech student that has an interest should contact Bogatko at 623/546-1741.



Stephen Cherek/Daily News-Sun

Ed Lucas, left, is the recipient of Flowers for the Living, the highest award given by the Sun City West Kiwanis Club. Standing next to Lucas is Denton Hassell.

Sun City West resident wins top award given by Kiwanis

By ROSA De SIMONE
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — Ed Lucas has helped the Kiwanis Club of Sun City West Ocotillo make history.

Lucas was recently presented the Flowers to the Living Award, a first in the history of the Sun City West branch.

More than 45 years of perfect attendance to Kiwanis meetings and his volunteer work earned Lucas the award, said Denton Hassell, who selected Lucas for the award.

The Flowers to the Living Award, originated by a Kiwanis Club in Michigan in 1940, is the club's most prestigious honor for members, Hassell said.

Hassell, a 43-year Kiwanian, received the honor in 1957 in Ferndale, Mich.

An important aspect is what gives the award its name — it is given to someone who is active

in Kiwanis, Hassell said.

Lucas was surprised with the honor at a dinner earlier this month.

"I thought it was wonderful to get something while you're still alive instead of giving it to your wife or children after you're dead," Lucas said.

Lucas' wife and volunteer teammate, Doris, who was on hand to see the award presented, shared her husband's surprise.

"I was shocked, surprised and thrilled," Doris said. "It's nice to be able to enjoy being appreciated while he's alive."

While being recognized for his perfect attendance was an honor for Lucas, he said the real thrill came when his volunteer efforts were cited during the award presentation.

Lucas, his wife and other Kiwanians volunteer several times a week at Nadaburg Ele-

mentary School in Wittmann.

"I'm glad I can make use of it (spare time) for other people," Lucas said.

"That school didn't have any service clubs that had taken an interest in it, but we took an interest and have developed a very worthwhile program," Hassell said.

Lucas, a 13-year Sun City West resident, first joined Kiwanis in his home state of Maryland.

"They were an interesting bunch of people who were doing what I wanted to do, and that was to help people," Lucas said. "If you can't help others, you're not worth being on this earth."

In addition to his volunteer work through Kiwanis, Lucas was a member of the Sun City West Posse for 10 years, "at a time most people would be retired to the rocking chair," Hassell said.

SCW Kiwanis-Ocotillo presents highest award to 46-year member

By **BRET McKEAND**
Sun Cities Independent

Ed Lucas, a 46-year member of Kiwanis and founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City West-Ocotillo, has received the club's highest honor, the "Flowers for the Living" award.

The award was presented last week to Mr. Lucas at the club's annual installation of officers at Luke Air Force Base in recognition of his "unselfish service" to the community.

Mr. Lucas is the first recipient of the honor, which was originated by the Ferndale, Mich., Kiwanis Club 52 years ago. The Sun City West club is the only other Kiwanis Club in the nation to present the award to one of its members.

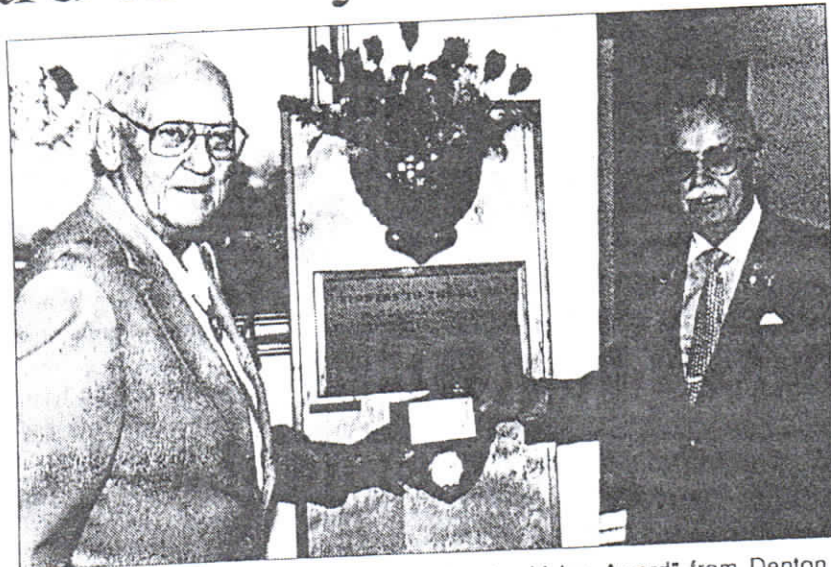
"It's given to those who have given outstanding service to the community during their lifetime," says Denton Hassell, chairman of the award committee and a member of the Ferndale club for 32 years.

In presenting the award, Mr. Hassell said "there is probably no one in this room who has given more years of service to Kiwanis than (Ed Lucas)."

A former lieutenant governor of Kiwanis, Mr. Lucas has 46 years of perfect attendance with the club. He was awarded a Kiwanis Fellow from Kiwanis International in 1985.

In addition, Mr. Lucas served with the Sun City West Posse for nearly 10 years.

He and his wife volunteer four days a week assisting the library at the Nadaburg School in Wicken-



Ed Lucas, left, receives the "Flowers for the Living Award" from Denton Hassell, right. The award is the highest honor presented by the Sun City West Kiwanis-Ocotillo Club.

burg.

The award came as a complete surprise to the Sun City West resident.

"I was flabbergasted," he says. "When (Mr. Hassell) was describing the person, I was wondering who he was talking about. I had no idea he was talking about me."

Mr. Lucas' name will be placed on a "Flowers for the Living" plaque that will eventually be on permanent display somewhere in the community.

Mr. Hassell says the award will not be given out annually, but only when a deserving candidate is found.

Local donations benefit El Mirage, Surprise

American Legion donation to assist youth programs

Under the leadership of The American Legion, Post No. 94, Sun City West, the "Good Neighbor Program" for disadvantaged children in El Mirage and Surprise has been declared a success.

The Good Neighbor Program helps provide pool passes and other outdoor activities for children who might otherwise be unable to participate because they lack money to pay admission costs or equipment fees.

Sun City West resident Lloyd Kilmer, past commander of Post No. 94 and chairman of the



Russ Jensen, left, and Lloyd Kilmer, were on hand July 11 to present approximately \$4,000 to the cities of El Mirage and Surprise. The funds will benefit summer youth programs.

project again this year, gives credit to the generous people in the area for their contributions. As good neighbors, he says, they contributed nearly \$4,000 for the summer youth activities in the nearby

communities.

The 1991 campaign surpasses last year's Good Neighbor donations by nearly \$500, says Mr. Kilmer.

"This will make it possible any kid in El Mirage and Surprise to swim in El Mirage pool at no cost. That was the first priority.

According to the campaign chairman, in addition to swimming, there are a variety of summertime community programs that will benefit from the generosity of area retirees. These include basketball, softball and field trips to the White Mountains.

"The (donated) funds will go directly to the benefit of children in the communities."

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The funds will be administered jointly by recreation directors of El Mirage and Surprise.

The Good Neighbor Program provides an alternative to drug use and crime, says El Mirage Mayor Robert Robles. He considers the summer activities to be important for the youth, the community and nearby neighborhoods.

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SCW American Legion praised for youth program

Good neighbors can make a difference.

And planned athletic programs can make a difference in providing an alternative to drug use and crime.

Putting neighbors and programs together is the task of The American Legion Post No. 94, Sun City West.

Last year, the post proposed the Good Neighbor Program and with the aid of area residents its successful culmination provided athletic programs for youth in Surprise and El Mirage. Fund collections amounted to \$3,500.

"Last summer," says Mr. Kilmer, "thanks to the generosity of the Good Neighbors in the Sun Cities, every family was able to go swimming and many of the disadvantaged children in Surprise and El Mirage were able to participate in the planned summer youth athletic and educational activities."

Again, a special account has been set up for the program and Legion Post No. 94 will present the funds, on behalf of the communities, to the cities of El Mirage and Surprise.

Funds will be administered jointly and will go directly to disadvantaged children, says Mr. Kilmer.

Surprise Mayor Roy Villanueva, said last year, "This program made a big difference for some families in our communities. Planned community athletic programs are a special alternative to the drug and hanging-out scene (gangs)."

Good Neighbor checks can be sent to the Thunderbird Bank, Box G, Sun City 85372-98816.

Scholarship program unites members of Sun City West Rotary

By Julia Jones
Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST — When Julian Coleman put his scholarship plan together seven years ago, fellow members of the Sun City West Rotary Club scoffed.

"They said, 'Julian, you're not going to live long enough to see this thing pay off,'" he says.

Last Friday, the club awarded \$500 scholarships to four more graduating seniors at Dysart High

School. They are Brandon Reynolds, Julia Skaggs, Esteban Sotelo and Marlon Troub.

Those four bring the total to 28 scholarships in the seven years the club has maintained the scholarships, each enough to buy books and pay a year's tuition at a community college.

A significant portion of the funds for those scholarships comes from the foundation that Coleman as president established for the

club in 1983, with a goal of \$50,000.

Two \$1,000 scholarships, each for two years, are granted to nursing candidates at the Sun Health Foundation hospitals, and an anonymous Rotary Club member chips in another \$1,000 every year to fund another two-year nursing scholarship.

Then there's the award for an outstanding teacher at Dysart High: \$350 to reward a teacher

who has gone beyond the call of duty, so to speak, in the eyes of co-workers. Dysart's principal canvasses the faculty for nominations and then to determine the winner, Coleman says. How the award is spent is up to the recipient.

"When we first discussed it," Coleman says, "the principal said he'd like to see a teacher have the pleasure of spending the award on something just for fun, like a VCR or even an electric typewriter."

Club dues and proceeds from special events supplement funds from the foundation, Coleman says.

"We've got so much talent in our club — a former college president and several educators, several physicians and even a couple of ministers — and we all work at some project to try to be of some help to the community," Coleman says. The scholarship See **SCHOLARSHIP**, Page 8

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program is the one thing the club does with the unanimous approval and support of its members, he says, laughing.

The availability of these scholarships and those offered by other civic organizations is publicized through Dysart High's counseling office, according to Peggy Gilbert, a Dysart counselor.

Matching students to scholarships is time consuming, but worth it, Gilbert says. The Sun City Rotary scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, vocational ability and financial need. A scholarship committee at Dysart screens applicants and sends eight applicants to the club for interviews.

"We like to look at a student's community activities and at his plans along with scholastic ability,

but it's certainly not based wholly on grade-point average," Coleman says.

Club members are active in other areas of service, Coleman says, but the scholarship effort continues to be their major effort and one that solidifies the group. A third of the membership is active in business in the Sun Cities, Coleman says. A regular meeting at noon Fridays at Crestview Country Kitchen will draw about 100 members and guests.

"Rotary, to so many people, just means a bunch that has lunch together," says Coleman, a retired neighborhood specialty grocer from Broomfield Hills, Mich., who moved to Sun City 10 years ago. He administered a scholarship program in Michigan, he says, and the approach was similar.

Lions' money means holiday food to needy

Club gives \$25 food certificates from Safeway

By JENNIFER ARP
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — Twenty-five dollars might put only a dent in some people's grocery bills.

But for Sofia Pitones, an extra \$25 in her pocket meant she could afford to buy some meat and baking supplies to vary her family's dinner menus over the approaching holidays.

Pitones' family was one of 100 disadvantaged families to receive \$25 gift certificates from the Sundome Lions Club on Tuesday to be spent at the local Safeway.

The families also received 10-pound bags of potatoes courtesy of the store and holiday greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

"The money will help us celebrate the holidays," Pitones said, according to the El Mirage woman's son and English interpreter, Miguel.

The unexpected cash windfall gave Cecelia Reyna the ability

'It's really wonderful for our families at Christmas time. A lot of them need diapers and things like that they can't get with food stamps.'

Linda Brown
developmental learning center

to participate in a gift exchange with her four sisters.

"Me and my sisters, we pick names," said Reyna of Peoria.

"I was really suprised about it," said Reyna, who was told about the Lions giveaway by the Catholic Family and Community Services Westside Headstart program.

"It's really wonderful for our families at Christmas time. They need the food so badly, it's just great," said Linda Brown, Northwest Valley coordinator of the developmental learning center for preschoolers.

"A lot of them need diapers and things like that they can't get with food stamps."

Cereal, laundry soap, bathroom tissue and other household staples also were popular purchases among the cash recipients.

"Anything helps," said Mary Orona, an unemployed Phoenix mother of three who was given a \$25 gift.

"I live on unemployment checks and there's not very much you can do with that," Orona said.

Sundome Lions earned \$3,500 at the Great Sun City West Garage Sale last month, put \$2,500 into the gift certificate program and forwarded the rest to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We work for it and we give it away. This is a good way of doing it," said Paul Alfuso, club president.

Club volunteers basked in the warmth of their seasonal goodwill.

"We have a lot of fun," said club member Rocco Fazzari who was making his third appearance as Santa this year. Camille Fazzari donned a furry red and white suit to act as Mrs. Claus.

"I think it's most worthwhile," said Sundome Lion Louise Cinquegrani of the holiday charity event — the club's second straight such event.

"I think it's probably one of the best of the year," agreed club member Vi Ricca, because the \$25 grocery donation "could be the most that they (the needy families) get this year."

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SCW Pioneer Lions' yearly donations reach \$21,000

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SUN CITY WEST — The Pioneer Lions Club distributed more than \$21,000 to charitable organizations and programs in fiscal 1988-89.

The income and disbursements total was released to club members last week by Roland Trask, club treasurer.

Newspaper salvage efforts accounted for \$7,220 of the club's income, Trask said. Other income sources included a candy sale and private contributions.

"All income is pretty much committed to Lions charities," Trask said.

Among the organizations and programs benefiting from the

Pioneer Lions Club fund-raising efforts were the Arizona Eye Bank, which received \$1,800; Camp Tatiyee, an outdoor recreation facility for handicapped children, \$3,812; Sun City West Interfaith Services, \$1,200; the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, \$2,700, and Dysart High School's "Quest" anti-drug program, \$1,000.

In addition to monetary donations, the Pioneer Lions annually provide eye glasses to disadvantaged children and American flags to area first-grade pupils.

The club donated nine pair of eye glasses and distributed 360 flags in the last fiscal year.

W.E. "Will" Rogers, Pioneer Lions spokesman, quoted Trask as saying in his annual report, "Continuing growth of community support will certainly make our charitable contributions grow faster."

Rogers said Trask estimated only half the newspapers discarded in Sun City West are being salvaged.

"There are still many people who throw their papers away in the trash rather than take them up to our bin for salvage. Think of how much more good could be done if we could hit 75 or 80 percent of all newspapers purchased in Sun City West," he said.

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Flag award waves on SCW Legion Post 94



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FLAG WAVING — American Legion Post 94 member Lloyd Kilmer speaks at last year's dedication of the Memorial Boulevard of Flags at R.H. Johnson Sports Pavilion. The post is the 1989 recipient of the Pennsylvania-based foundation's George Washington Honor Medal for programs and activities honoring Old Glory.

Mary Ann Crompton, awards chairman for the Phoenix area chapter of the Freedoms Foundation, nominated the Sun City West Legion post for the honor medal.

Crompton said she attended the post's President's Day flag-raising observance last year and was inspired by what she saw.

Founded in 1949, the foundation is an educational organization that, through awards and educational programs for youth, fosters an appreciation of freedom.

An instigator of the two-year-old flag project, Kilmer was a successful individual candidate for the honor medal last year

thanks to his nomination by a group of friends affiliated with the Freedoms Foundation in his former home town of Omaha, Neb.

The commander said the Freedom Foundation's Phoenix chapter this year nominated the Sun City West post to recognize all local Legionnaires who help hoist the dozens of flags up power poles six holidays a year, only to remove them the following day.

"It takes two teams of seven men each 3 1/2 hours to take the flags down and store them. It is a considerable logistics effort," Kilmer said.

The flag show, featuring

By JENNIFER ARP
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has singled out a local American Legion post's holiday tributes to Old Glory as a winner in its annual recognition program.

American Legion Post 94 is a 1989 recipient of the Pennsylvania-based foundation's George Washington Honor Medal for programs and activities. Post commander Lloyd Kilmer, an individual recipient of the same medal in 1988, received word of the honor in a recent letter from Freedoms Foundation President Robert W. Miller.

"We are very honored that our efforts, and those of the community, have received this national recognition," Kilmer said. "It's always nice to be nominated for that sort of thing. Certainly it is an expression of approval for our efforts out here. It's rather a thrilling sort of thing, frankly."

According to Kilmer, the "boulevard of flags" project earned the Sun City West post the honor medal, one of 350 bestowed annually to individuals and organizations selected from among thousands of nominations nationwide.

A panel of 10 judges selects the winners, based on evidence that the activity or program reflects the values set down in the Freedoms Foundation's "American Credo" and "Bill of Responsibility," said E. Katherine Wood, national director of awards.

Other judging criteria, Wood said, are whether the project or activity fosters an "understanding of freedom, of our heritage, responsible citizenship and free enterprise."

dozens of 5-by-8-foot, multi-configuration flags from a variety of historic eras, is believed to be the first of its kind and has earned Sun City West the unofficial nickname, "Flag City USA."

The display is expected to boast 160 flags by President's Day, Feb. 19, when American Legion Post 94 is to unveil dozens more flags, each donated by survivors of deceased veterans.

"We have quite a batch of them," Kilmer said of the latest additions to the boulevard of flags. "We will have flags going (from West Bell Road) clear out to N.W. Grand Avenue."

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4-27-81 **Paper Lions**

Lions in Sun City West recently opened the community's second newspaper collection bin, located behind the United Bank at 19440 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Stacking the first newspapers to be delivered are from left Sam Higginbotham, paper chairman for all Lions clubs in the Sun City area; Joe Davisson, vice

president and manager of the Sun City West branch of the United Bank; and Harold Bidwell, vice president of the Pioneer Lions Club. Started in 1966, the newspaper drive is a major fund-raiser for the Lions. Last year it netted \$92,000. The money is donated to charity. (News Sun Photo)



First recycling

Sun City West Lions president Peter Stropp and special events chairman Jack Bowers take the first load of newspapers for recycling from Home Federal Savings' SCW office supervisor Susan Besancon at their new recycling bin behind the SCW branch at 19428 R.H. Johnson Blvd. SCW Lions will continue home pick-up of papers from residents who are physically unable to take papers to the collection bin. (News-Sun Photo)

THE SUNDOME LIONS CLUB

The Sundome Lions Club of Sun City West was chartered June 13, 1983. Stanley S. Stobierski served two years as the first president of the club.

Working with the other Lions and Lioness Clubs in Sun City West, the Sundome members take their turn operating the Recycling project behind the Safeway Store, participating in White Cane Day, helping produce the Luminaries for lighting the streets on Christmas Eve, and doing their share of work with the delivery of Sun Life Magazines, all of which help raise money for charitable projects.

In 2002, under the leadership of Fern Elliott as President, with only ten members on their membership roll, they assisted at the paper bin every Thursday, and served as managers for the Sun Life Magazine distribution. Unloading the truck, counting and packaging the magazines for the various routes, and alerting the volunteers who deliver Sun Life door to door is all a part of the job, which is shared with other clubs on a rotating basis.

President Fern Elliott served as Chairman of White Cane Day in 2002, another project supported by all three of the Lions Clubs as a Lions International mission.

Other special projects planned by the Sundome Club included Christmas Gift Certificates for fifty needy families in neighboring areas. The families were selected by teachers in schools in El Mirage and Surprise. The \$40.00 Certificates were redeemable at Safeway. An added bonus was also provided by the store.

The Sundome Club meets all year, on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month for dinner at the Old Country Buffet at 79th and Bell Road.

(Information provided by Fern Elliott, current President of Sundome Club)

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KIWANIS CLUB OF SUN CITY WEST, OCOTILLO

The club was organized on June 24, 1986 with fifteen men in the original membership. Paul Thompson was the first President, Rod Oleson was Vice President. In 1991 women were invited to join. In 2002 there were approximately 35 men and women that make up the membership.

The Kiwanis motto, "We Build", means building better futures for the persons they serve. Service projects internationally include medical programs for children treating iodine deficiency.

For several years they have worked with the Wittman School District to promote READING IS FUNDAMENTAL. Scholarships for individual students are made available. Uniforms and shoes for a boys group in Avondale was a special project one year.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is one of their ways of raising money to fund their projects. A Foundation has been established as a non-profit organization to handle tax deductible donations.

The Club meets each Thursday morning for breakfast at the Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West.

(Information submitted by Paul Thompson, a charter member of the club.)

KIWANIS CLUB OF SUN CITY WEST, ARIZONA

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Kiwanis International chartered the club on November 28, 1979, with 30 active members, and one honorary member, E. B. "Mac" McKittrick. The McKittricks' residence was in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and he and his wife Doris spent their winters here in Sun City West. Mac was to become Kiwanis International President 1981-82.

Robert C Ketterson was the Charter President of the club; the Lieutenant Governor was J. Herbert Everett; and the Governor, Southwest District, was Vernon D. Evans. Marcus M. Marble, Jr, MD, a member of the Litchfield club, was the Kiwanis International Accredited Representative.

The sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs were:

Sun City-Agua Fria, Vincent Connor, President

Sun City-Kachina, William Pierce, President

Youngtown, Sylvester Vetter, President.

Our club met regularly on Tuesdays of each week at the Crestview Restaurant. In March 1988 the facilities of the Crestview were no longer available to us after the Del Webb Corp discontinued that business. We moved our meeting place to the Sun City West Community Center, where we have remained since then.

The major thrust of Kiwanis and our club has always been on support of youth and community service. We conducted many fund raising projects to enable us to provide for these projects. In 1981 we began our major events, the annual Yard Sale, held each year in October; and the year-round collection of aluminum cans. These projects grew as the population of Sun City West and the surrounding communities grew, yielding from \$3,000 to near \$30,000 a year. Several diverse fund raising projects over the years were initiated, more recently assisting at Phoenix International Raceway and the Peoria Sports Complex. In 1997, the yard sale had grown to such proportions that our aging membership could not cope with this labor-intensive project, and it was replaced with the sale of See's Candy in local supermarkets in December of each year.

The Southwest District began construction of a youth camp for children who have physical disabilities and are mentally challenged. The camp was built on a 600-acre plot about 20 miles south of Gallup, New Mexico, and was christened "Kamp Kiwanis". Our club provided both labor and financial support to the building of this camp, now a multi-million dollar property. It is used for Kiwanis events, and is available to the public (for a fee) for private events such as weddings, family and organization reunions, etc. Easter Seals provides direct management of the disabled-youth camps, and requires one-on-one adult assistants to accompany the children.

In April 1981, the entire club assisted in the organization of the Sun City West Fire District, and assisted in the construction of the first fire station. We also provided support to the SCW PRIDES, the Posse, PORA, World Vision Program, the Health Fair, and the Red Cross and assisted in Dysart school system eye and ear examinations.

Since Kiwanis Clubs cannot have women as club members, the wives of our members organized the Kiwanianne Club in 1984. They instituted some service projects, mainly with youth. The club remained active and grew to include wives of Kiwanians from other clubs. With the admission of women to membership in Kiwanis Clubs in 1987, Kiwanianne Clubs were gradually phased out. In some locations, Kiwanianne Clubs were reorganized and chartered as Kiwanis Clubs, thus making them all-female clubs. (They have since admitted men to membership).

The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership is a nation-wide program for high school sophomores. Outstanding students are selected for a two-week seminar. Our club has supported this program each year. Hugh O'Brien is the Hollywood actor who has devoted much of his adult life to youth programs.

We have provided scholarship funding to deserving students, mostly from the Dysart High School, to enable them to attend colleges of their choice. We began modestly in both numbers and financial support, and as our club grew we now provide scholarships for 12 students at

\$1,700 per year. The students must meet certain criteria to gain and continue with our support. We are expanding this program to include vocational and technical schools.

Since the Valley Of The Sun attracts winter visitors, many of them own or lease homes here in Sun City West, many of whom are members of Kiwanis Clubs "back home". We are proud to provide a Kiwanis 'home away from home' for them, and have instituted an Affiliated Membership program. These active Kiwanians meet regularly with our club and participate in all of our activities. Our club benefits from their participation; they benefit in continuing Kiwanis activities and experiences and the interchange of ideas. Several have discontinued the summer-winter commute, have moved permanently to Sun City West and became full-time members of our club.

In 1985 our membership had grown to near 100 members, and the need for another Kiwanis Club became apparent. We then sponsored the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City West-Ocotillo, which was chartered in June 1986.

Kiwanis International requires all clubs to maintain separate accounts of club administrative and projects funds. The administrative fund is for routine club operations, whereas the projects fund, in which the public participates, is specifically for service activities. The Sun City West Kiwanis Foundation was organized in 1985 to provide a tax-exempt means of contributing and donating funds or material to the club under the provisions of Sec 501 c (3) of the IRS code. The Foundation is incorporated, and operates under the statutes of the State of Arizona and regulations of Kiwanis International.

Throughout the years, we have continued active support to many youth activities, such as providing mentors for students requiring assistance in maintaining grade averages, thus greatly reducing the dropout rate, and in many instances enabling continued education through our scholarship program. Our members have provided instructional aid in various workshops such as 4-H, in jewelry, woodworking, and electrical. The Dysart School District and the Dysart Community Center have been the main areas of interest in these activities.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a national program for generating interest in reading by pre-school and kindergarten children. The club purchases books prescribed by the RIF organization, and club members meet with the children in various schools in the West Valley, present the books to the students, and interact with them to encourage reading. This program has proved successful nation-wide by introducing and encouraging reading by these children. Lt Governor Walter Smith, a member of our club, and his wife Gerry, initiated the program in local Kiwanis clubs and area schools in 1990, and we have been very active each year since.

In 1991 two of our members, Howard Wilson and Wayne Titus working with community leaders, were instrumental in getting the US Post Office building in Sun City West, assuming the major workload from two contract facilities located in retail stores. This was commemorated in the naming of Wilson Way, between Meeker Boulevard and New Traditions Road, near the new post office.

We are actively supporting the Laubach Reading program at the Dysart Community Center, teaching adults whose primary language is not English to read and write English. This is another one-on-one instructional program, which has constantly had a backlog of recipients.

Our club has participated in many community service and youth programs through the years, such as the Key Club (high school Kiwanis sponsored youth) at Deer Valley High School, the Boys and Girl Scouts, the Special Olympics (for disadvantaged children), National Honor Society, Southwest Indian School (71st Avenue and Thunderbird Road), the Thomas J Pappas School for homeless children, the Westside Food Bank and the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Deer Valley High School Renaissance program, the Nadaburg Elementary School in Wittmann, the project for luminaria assembly in Sun City West Interfaith Services, Adopt-A-Highway project for cleaning two miles of Grand Avenue (US 60) northwest of Sun City West.

We provided several thousand dollars to the Kiwanis International World Service Project for providing the means to add iodine to the table salt in developing countries. This project was accomplished in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Including

iodine in the daily diet eliminates the formation of goiters, prevents mental and physical deficiencies in children making productive adults and increasing lifespan.

When Kiwanis was organized on June 21, 1915 only men could be members. As Kiwanis grew, it became international in scope with the formation of the club in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. At present there are Kiwanis Clubs in 80 countries and geographic areas worldwide. The growth of Kiwanis included sponsored youth – (1) Key Clubs, high school students, (2) Builders Clubs, junior high or middle school students, (3) Circle K Clubs in colleges, (4) K-Kids Clubs in elementary schools, and in Europe the KIWAJUNIOR Clubs for young adults. These youth clubs soon became coeducational, which developed the problem of female students being ineligible to join Kiwanis Clubs.

At the International Convention in Washington, DC, in 1987 the delegates voted to amend the Constitution to admit women to membership in Kiwanis. This was met with some problems at the outset, however women have been assimilated into the Kiwanis clubs, and now represent about 20% of the total membership. Women have been elected to positions of Lt Governor of Divisions, Governor of Districts, and International Trustee.

Throughout the life of this club, there have been a total of 362 members, some for very short times, and some "Old Timers" with over 20 years membership in our club. We still have one Charter Member (James J. Maley) remaining as an active member. Our membership grew to the 100 level in 1985 and has remained near 100 ever since. We note that we lose about 15 to 20 members a year, and gain about the same number, so there is constant turnover, with new members arriving continuously. On May 31, 2002 we had 101 active members.

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SUN CITY WEST ROTARY CLUB

The Sun City West Rotary club was chartered on December 31, 1981. It was with the help of the Sun City Rotary that the new club was organized. Andy Germond served as sponsor and encouraged members of the business community to become members. Sam Arnold, a banker,, became the club's first President, serving until June of 1982. Julian Coleman was the first Treasurer, succeeded by Charles Lieder who continued in that office until his death in 1997.

Rotary met in the Crestview Restaurant for its meetings on Friday at 12 o'clock until the mid nineties, when under new management the name was changed to Terrace on the Green. When Terrace on the Green closed, the club was moved to the Sun City West Community Services Building with Atlasta catering service as their food provider.

One of the Club's first projects was the planting of cacti and succulents for landscaping on the embankments at the east entrance to Sun City West from El Mirage Rd. onto Beardsley Rd.

One of their most successful fund raising projects was an annual Oktoberfest organized by Jon Richter and later carried on by Harry Reiland.

In 1989 the club began admitting women. This helped increase membership and the women made significant contributions, two of them, Marion Giell and Gina Griesman, having served as President.

By October 1994 the Sun City West Rotary Club Foundation was incorporated through the efforts of Sam Arnold, John Coleman and Charlie Lieder. Later called an Endowment Fund, it was established to build up a substantial sum with the interest and not more than ten percent of the principal being used for charitable projects such as scholarships to Dysart School students and teachers, and nurses. Donations are also made to the Posse, Prides, Interfaith Community Care, Westside Food Bank, and a variety of other recipients. Youth Career Days at Dysart High School is another successful project in which the members participate.

In January 2000, Rotary Club of Sun City West adopted The West Valley Child Crises Center as a new project. To raise money for this a Charity Golf Tournament at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course was held, netting \$10,000 in 2001 and \$12,500 in 2002.

With a membership of approximately 80, the Club continues to fulfill the purpose of "Service above Self". Joe Schoggen served as President of the Sun City West Rotary in 2001-2002. During the same time, Gina Griesman served as District Assistant Governor.

(Compiled from the records of Sun City West Rotary by Rotarian Fred Hafner, a Charter Member of the club.)

SUNRISE LIONS CLUB
OF
SUN CITY WEST

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APRIL 9, 1981

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JACK BOWERS	1981
AL GRAFF	1982
AL FILEK	1983
GEORGE FARER	1984
NATE BRICKMAN	1985
ARNOLD HAUGSBY	1986
CHARLES COULTER	1987
RAY BATEMAN	1988
JOHN BERGH	1989
BILL BERGLUND	1990
BERNIE WALDRON	1991
AL DRISCOLL	1992
JACK KEPPLER	1993
V. PETERSON	1994
W. MOORE	1995
BOB INGERSOLL	1996
RALPH MILLER	1997
ED DAVEY	1998
WAYNE DANKER	1999
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Ed Davey
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Bob Pierce

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Membership Director
Wayne Danker

SUNRISE LIONS CLUB

The Sun City West Sunrise Lions Club was registered as a member of Lions Club International on April 9, 1981. Their first recorded meeting was on September 3, 1981 At 7:30 a.m. at the Crestview Restaurant with Lion Jack Bowers as the President.

On October 8, 1981 they celebrated their Charter night with Lion Pete Strupp of the Sun City west Pioneer Club serving as Guiding Lion. As of July, 2002, four charter members still active in the club were Arnold Haugsby, Bob Ingersoll, Jerry Sachs and John Spaulding.

With a motto of "We Serve", members keep busy on projects to raise money for the many charitable organizations to which they contribute. In cooperation with the Pioneer Lions and Sundome Lions they operate the paper recycling bin behind the Safeway store in Sun City West, the distribution of Sun Life Magazines to Sun City West residents, and participate in the preparation and selling of luminaries. They also ring bells for the Salvation Army and sell Fannie May candy in December.

A workshop to refurbish donated bicycles was started in 1997 after Lion Barbara Dienes donated her late husband's bicycle to a local elementary school through the Lions Club. In three years time more than seventy bicycles were refurbished in the club workshop. Lion John Bergh does the cleaning, minor repairs and supplies new tires. Because having a bicycle for transportation can help someone get a job, the club makes them available for adults as well as children.

The Fannie May candy sales at Safeway in December provide funds for Camp Tatiyee, a free summer camp for mentally or physically handicapped children and adults, sponsored by the Lions Clubs in Arizona.

Other charities to which they contribute include Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Habitat for Humanity, Westside Food Bank, Salvation Army, Interfaith Community Care, Sun Sounds Radio, Sheriff's Posse, Freedom Foundation, Sun Cities Area Transportation, Recording for Blind and Dyslexic, New Life Center for Abused Women and Children. Over a five year period they contributed a total of \$62,387 .

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, named for the founder of Lionism, is awarded to Lions who have given outstanding humanitarian service. The following Sun City West members of the Sunrise Club have received this recognition: Bill Berglund, Nate Brickman, Ed Davey, Al Driscoll, Ernie Geschke, Arnold Haugsby, Bob Ingersoll, Dotti Ingersoll, Jack Keppler, Bill Moore, Vic Peterson.

List of past presidents and officers for 2002-2003 attached