DOERS PROFILE

<u>Arve</u> Dahl

Vita: Retired environmental engineer who spent 31 years with the U.S. Public Health Service before working as an engineering consultant.



Hometown:

Born and raised in Seattle; lived all over the United States and the world.

Family:

Married to wife, Patti, 53 years.

Self-Portrait:

Adaptable; not afraid to say what he thinks. "I have a reponsibility to

say what I believe."

Motto:

"There's always a way of getting something done, but you have to work at it."

Greatest feat:

The contributions he's made to living conditions around the world, including improvements in water systems, community planning and disease control.

Key to longevity:

"Happiness and continuously looking forward to enjoying life and your friends. You can't look back and worry about the past."

Local leader enjoys clubs, public health

By J.J. McCORMACK Daily News-Sun staff 1/30/95

he message on Arve Dahl's home answering machine stretches the truth, telling callers "the Dahls are out playing again."

A second call for Mr. Dahl goes out to the Property Owners and Residents Association, where he has claimed a desk for about six of the past eight years. He should be there anytime, says a woman who answers the phone at PORA.

"Does he usually come in every morning?" the caller asks. "Yes," the woman said.

Less than an hour later, Dahl arrives at

PORA and gets the message. The immediate past president of the homeowners advocacy organization can make time for an interview the following morning.

Dahl's desk at PORA has more piles of papers and folders than do the desks of his fellow directors combined. "I've been here longer," he said by way of explanation.

Dahl is in his second three-year term on the PORA board, but his involvement dates back to a committee assignment about eight years ago.

"I knew some people who were working on (PORA) and I got interested in some of the problems," he said, recalling how he was reeled in initially.

A retired environmental engineer whose work for the U.S. Public Health Service and later as a consultant took him around the world, Dahl's knowledge and interest in water, wastewater and sanitation issues made him a natural for the volunteer job. He remains dedicated to helping PORA ensure a future quality water supply for Sun City West.

In 1978, Dahl helped Tucson and Pima County merge their wastewater departments. In 1979, he was a Sun City West property owner. By 1982, he was a full-time resident.

Dahl's first volunteer assignment locally was chairing the building committee for Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the Sun City West Community Fund for three years and is a past president of Club Scandinavia and the Sun City West Kiwanis Club. He is a former director of his condominium association.

Dahl currently serves as a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party and is a member of the community advisory board of the Sun Cities Branch of the Salvation Army.

Dahl said he always planned to put his skills to work performing volunteer work when he retired.

"I knew that would come, because that's the way I've always lived my life. It's just that now it's intense," he said.

Dahl said he isn't out to gain anything from volunteer service.

"I never think of it (volunteer work) as being rewarding. I just think it's interesting and I have some background so I try to help."

However, Dahl said voluntarism has indirectly helped him save money over the years. "I'd be spending my money on something if I

wasn't doing this," he said.

Now that he's not president of PORA anymore, Dahl said he intends to cut back some on his volunteer hours for the organization. He plans to take up golf again after a yearlong, self-inflicted hiatus, attend to some unfinished silvercraft projects and put some more miles on his motor home.

A photography buff, Dahl has always made time to serve as the official photographer for the clubs he is involved in, for the annual Sun City West Variety show and other community events.

Ed Cirillo Had An Illustrious Career

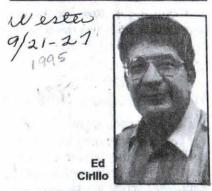
By Ruth Borchardt

Not only the reigning president of PORA, but Ed Cirillo is a past president of the SCW Rotary Club, and their prize joke teller—(disputed by some). With a great sense of humor, he has traveled many avenues in an exciting life which began on Ground Hog Day on February 2, 1934, in Troy, N.Y.

Working as a soda jerk in his family's store—(with his usual ability to laugh at himself, he said, "Some people in the expansion area of Sun City West still think I am a 'jerk')."

Graduating from a Christian Brothers junior ROTC with the rank of captain, he was also class salutatorian.

A BBA in accounting (achieved cum laude), was earned at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. in 1955; in 1968 he earned a masters from State University of New York.



Drafted in the Army for two years, attaining the rank of Specialist 2, he did audits of government installations and defense contractors. Eighteen months were spent in Germany as an auditor.

Treading on eggs, an enlisted man auditor reported to the commanding officer—(usually a full colonel) to announce that Cirillo

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would audit his command. (You can imagine how thrilled the colonel was.)

While working at the U.S. Army Construction Agency in Frankfurt, Germany, he "struck it rich." He met his beautiful wife, Regina. Working then as an interpreter, she obviously never had language as a barrier. Just prior to the end of his two years spent in the Army, they were married. Some honeymoon—he returned home on a troop ship—she by plane two weeks later. Not exactly a lot of "togetherness."

New England gave Regina her first taste of being a wife in America, when Cirillo was hired by Raytheon as an accountant in Waltham, Mass. Their first son, Michael Peter, was born in Marlboro, Mass.

Next stop—Poughkeepsie, N.Y. where he went to work for IBM. That was the beginning of a gilt-edged career of 31 years. He was employed in various accounting and financial management positions in several locations. Moving seven times in 12 years, he spent six years at IBM's European headquarters in Paris.

Number 2 son, Matthew Paul,

was born in Hyde Park, N.Y. #3 son, Mark Edward was born in Endicott, N.Y.

While in Paris, his children attended a bi-lingual school and Regina and Ed both took French lessons. Ed's claim to fame, "I'm the worst speaker of French in the family!" Regina also studied painting under a French Matré.

His job responsibilities in Paris took him to IBM factories in France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, England, Scotland and Spain. Lucky family; they all made many interesting trips while in Europe.

Can you believe this??!! Cirillo claims he "especially enjoyed driving in Paris, especially around the Arch de Triumph in 12 lanes of uncontrolled mayhem!" Not everyone's idea of an exciting time—more like Russian Roulette.

Returning to the U.S., travels continued, since he then was involved with America's Far East Division of IBM. This included Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and the Far East. Many far away and exotic locations were on the agenda with numerous R&R stops in Hawaii on the return leg. Regina joined

him there a few times.

Retiring in 1990 from IBM, his last assignment was at the corporate headquarters in Armonk, N.Y.

Before coming to Arizona in 1991, he spent one year as comptroller of National Action Council For Minorities in Engineering in New York.

Looking back, he was very active during his 17 years in Tarrytown—Chairman of the local Republican Party; ran seven times for Village Trustee; elected one time to a two-year term. "One out of seven shows persistence if nothing else," said Cirillo. "The one time I won, we took control of the Village board since I became the fourth Republican on a seven-person board."

Cirillo also ran the annual United Way Drive, was a treasurer of YMCA, treasurer of a local private pool club and treasurer of community opportunity center.

Regina's activities have always included: choir singing and art (painting and stained glass, with some sculpture).

Recent update on the three sons: Michael works at the

Academy of Political Sciences in NYC in circulation; lives in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. Matthew works in the Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga. in accounting. He and his wife Carol have the Cirillo's first grandchild, Daniel. Mark works at the Wiley Publishing in NYC in a management position. He received his MBA at the U. of A. in Tucson.

Never a dull moment with Ed. In Sun City West his accomplishments include: past president of the SCW Rotary Club, president of PORA, precinct committee person in the Republican Party and Leading Knight in the Elks Lodge.

Cirillo reports he "tried to accomplish things by working through others. This not only gets more people involved, but provides varied viewpoints and allows all involved to grow in the process." He feels, "90% of doing anything is the time spent in planning and organizing for the task."

With all their activities, the Cirillos have time to enjoy good dining, good music, and traveling —a couple whose lives attest to true accomplishments.

Philanthropist Mary Bovard dies at 94

STAFF REPORT

Philanthropist Mary F. Boyard's life of service will be honored and celebrated Saturday at Sun City Christian Church.

Mrs. Boyard died Sunday in her home. She was 94.

Her lifetime commitment to helping others through voluntarism is reflected not only in the Northwest Valley but throughout the United States.

Mrs. Boyard lived in many states including Texas, Louisiana, New York, Illinois and Arizona. Her generosity and lifetime commitment



Mary F. Boyard

helping others through voluntarism thousands across the United States. S h e

moved to Sun City nearly 30 years ago where she and her husband, Kirby, enjoyed golfing and socializing at Union Hills Country Club and the Sun City Christian Church, as well as through a variety of activities, including volunteering.

Shortly after her husband passed away, Mrs. Boyard became involved with Bentouched evilla, formerly Interfaith the lives of Community Care. Serving as a volunteer board member. Mrs. Boyard learned the importance of respite for caregivers as well as the need for quality adult day health care for seniors suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease or other diseases of aging. In addition to donating her time, she was passionate about providing support for these kinds of

services and, through her generosity, Mary's Place, one of Benevilla's five adult day health centers, was opened in 1998 in Sun City.

Mrs. Boyard attended training through Volunteers for Hospice to become a hospice volunteer. Upon completion, she spent countless hours at the Peoria facility of Sun Health Hospice. This association, as well as many others, resulted in her receiving the Hon Kachina Award, an award that honors and promotes

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voluntarism statewide, as one of Arizona's Outstanding Volunteers in 2001.

She chose to bestow this award upon Boswell Memorial Hospital (now, Banner Boswell Medical Center) rather than keep it herself. In receiving the Hon Kachina award, she was described as having been a "career volunteer" whose "mission in life" was voluntarism.

Mrs. Bovard's volunteer efforts benefited thousands of West Valley residents who are or were Sun Health patients, individuals utilizing the services of Benevilla, people residing in the retirement residences run by her church. Sun City Christian Church, animals who have taken respite at Sun Cities Animal Rescue and children and their families who have visited

the Challenger Learning Center of Arizona.

She was the recipient of many awards and served as a board member of the Sun Health Foundation and of Benevilla. Her other philanthropic and volunteer efforts included the American Red Cross, the Arthritis Foundation. Habitat for Humanity, the Arizona Humane Society, Sun City Pet Rescue and a variety of others.

Approximately 60 years ago in New York. as a hospital volunteer and recreational pilot, Mrs. Boyard would take her young charges. from Goldwater Charity Hospital, a facility for terminally ill children, far above New York City in a small Piper Cub airplane.

Also at Goldwater Charity Hospital, Mary raised funds to purchase television sets and arranged to have sportscaster, Joe Garragiola deliver them with her.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

A concert in her honor will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sun City Christian Church, 9745 W. Palmeras Drive, followed at 11 by a celebration of her life.

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Blind artist has vision for abstracts

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By Sherry Anne Rubiano IE REPUBLIC | AZCENTRAL.COM

Dozens of paintings inside y Gerring's Sun City West me document his life's expences.

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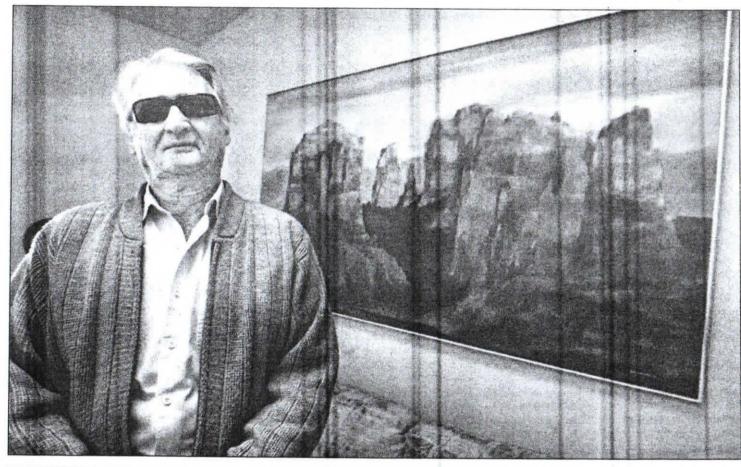
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Ray Gerring of Sun City West lost his sight three years ago. He still paints and has an exhibition of his abstract artwork at a Phoenix gallery. The paintings above and far left were done before losing

Washington, his home state. There are paintings of dancers, ballroom dancing being a favorite activity of Gerring and his wife, June. And there are pieces of abstract art, the medium Gerring embraced after losing his vision.

Gerring, 81, became legally blind three years ago. He was devastated at first, and eventually turned to abstract art to cope with the situation. He has since produced more than 100

abstract paintings.

Six of Gerring's pieces are on exhibit at Fluid Images in downtown Phoenix. Steve Bass, the gallery's owner, describes Gerring's skill as phenomenal. Gerring uses brushes, sticks and his hands to merge bold colors together without any preconceived ideas of what the piece will look like. Buildings, owls and eyes are common themes.

"To be painting totally blind like that and understand color theory and abstract like he does is something," Bass said.

Bass plans to show the paintings continuously over the next several months and is interested in working with Gerring to do a complete solo show.

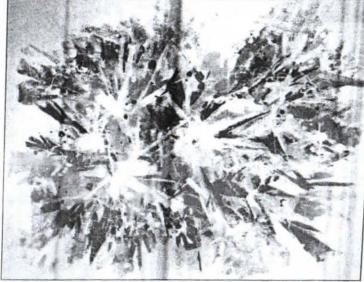
"I want him to come down in person," Bass said. "There's a lot of people interested in his work."

Gerring's abstract paintings also have been featured at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, on a wine label for Washingtonbased Soos Creek Wine Cellars, and at Surprise's West Valley Art Museum.

Gerring discovered his passion for art as a child. He remembers drawing pictures at his kitchen table back home in Seattle when he was 5. His mother encouraged his craft by giving him art supplies and posting his work around the







Ray Gerring of Sun City West lost his sight three years ago. He still paints and has an exhibition of his abstract artwork at a Phoenix gallery. The paintings above and far left were done before losing his sight. The abstract (left) was done after.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL GING/ THE REPUBLIC

house.

He excelled in art classes and drew cartoons for his high school newspaper. After graduating from art school, he held a number of jobs, including as a commercial artist, design studio partner, art director, and art instructor at Seattle Central Community College.

Fifteen years ago, he lost sight in his left eye from a retinal vein occlusion, a common eye condition in which blood circulation to the retina is disrupted. He lost sight in his right eye three years ago. He retains about 10 to 15 percent of his vision.

"It was like everything caved in on me," Gerring said. "All the activities that we had done around here were taken away. I felt very, very sorry for myself."

Gerring said he entered a depressive state that lasted about eight months. He gave up on his artwork because he couldn't see.

He eventually overcame his

desperation thanks to support from his wife and family.

Gerring said he learned a valuable lesson from his experience.

"I haven't been able to accept it, but I've adapted to it, and if you can adapt to it, you can get in touch with the reality of it, and go from there," Gerring said. "If you have something that engages your mind, engages your curiosity and intellect and your life, make something happen with your life."

Abstract art exhibit

Ray Gerring's abstract paintings are on display at Fluid Images, 702 N. Seventh St., Phoenix. The gallery is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call gallery owner Steve Bass at 602-403-5326. Contact Gerring at 623-546-8524 or jrgerring1@msn.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 29.

Clown around

MITCHELL VANTREASE

When he puts on the makeup, wigs and costume, Don Abraham transforms into Perky the Clown.

The Sun City West resident spends part of his time making people laugh with his "alter ego" at retirement centers, parades and picnics. For four years he's been with the Wester Jester Clown Club, providing entertainment at care facilities and fun fairs.

"I love to make people laugh, and that's really the most important part," said.

Abraham, a Pennsylvania native, became a clown after a suggestion from a couple he met at The Heritage in Sun City West. The pair were jesters themselves and watched how he interacted with residents.

"For some reason, I always joked around with them," he said. "Then, they asked me, why don't I become a clown, and I thought about it."

So, Abraham decided to learn the art of clowning around through books.

"I figured out how to do my makeup and all of my other stuff," he said.

.From the circus-style greasepaint makeup to orange-colored wigs, Abraham has so much clown paraphernalia that he and his wife, Jennie, built extra storage space.

In addition to the attire, he keeps a closet with all of his magic tricks.

You really can't go wrong

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- WHAT: Wester Jester Clown
- WHERE: Meetings are 10 a.m. first Wednesday monthly, Northern Trust Bank, 19432 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West.

 INFO: 584-7849.

with magic, and I really love to perform them," he said.

One of Abraham's favorite "gigs" is visiting care centers.
"It pleases me to make

these people happy, if only for a moment," he said.

Bill Battis, president of Wester Jester Clown Club, said Abraham has been popular with all of the crowds for whom they've performed.

"When we go out on gigs, he tries to bring out smiles on people who don't want to smile," he said. "His humor has been infectious and gets them going."

Battis said Abraham's enthusiasm and humor draws in the audience.

"He gets people involved in his magic act and brings out things in them that they did not realize they actually had inside," he said.

When Abraham attends Wester Jester meetings, he gives advice to the other clowns.

"To be a clown, you have to give of yourself or you can't make others happy," he said.

To nominate someone for a special interest profile, reach Mitchell Vantrease at 876-2526 or

mvantrease@aztrib.com.

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STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Don Abraham has a closet full of clown costumes, facepaint and magic tricks in a hall closet at his home in Sun City West. He is Perky the Clown of the Wester Jester Clown Club.



Don Abraham of Sun City West poses as Perky the Clown. Abraham has been a member of the Wester Jester Clown Club for four years and entertains at events around the Valley.

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Sun City West rabbi returns from road

ERIN REEP DAILY NEWS-SUN

A Sun City West spiritual leader is networking with Portuguese Catholics who want to discover their religious heritage in Judaism.

Rabbi Leo Abrami has just returned from traveling overseas, spending two weeks teaching in Lisbon and Porto, Portugal, and four weeks serving victims of terrorist bombings in Jerusalem.

Abrami taught two seminars in Portugal to scholars, working professionals and spiritual leaders wanting to know more about a group of crypto-Jews known as "Marranos."

"I'm working with descendants of 'Marranos,'" Abrami said. "These are descendents of Jews who became Christians 500 years ago."

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Portugal has one of the highest concentrations of Jews and Jewish descendents of any Western country outside of Israel, Abrami said. The Marranos are Jewish descendents who are now primarily Catholic. Abrami said most Portuguese have some connection with Judaism in their family background.

In 1497, the King of Portugal decided to expel all Jews from the country, Abrami said. As the Jews gathered at sea ports and prepared to leave, the king changed his mind and instead brought in Catholic priests to forcefully baptize them to convert them to Catholicism.

Some Jews left the country for other lands, including Italy, France, Holland, Greece and Turkey. Most stayed, however, and became known as the "new Christians," or "Kristos Novos," Abrami said.

Many of the Christian converts retained parts of their Jewish heritage and passed them down through their generations.

"They tried, within reason, to keep their traditions," Abrami said.

The Jewish Week news service reported in late July on a growing movement in Portugal among Catholics to learn more about their Jewish heritage. Some Christians, like 32-year-old Fernando Manuel da Costa, have decided to convert back to Judaism, the news service said (http://www.thejewishweek.com/news, July 25 edition).

Although his family was officially Catholic, da Costa observed signs among his grandparents and other family members that showed they were of another faith, such as his grandmother lighting candles and speaking under her breath, or his grandfather leaving the room when the family priest visited. Through a New York-based organization, da Costa sought the counsel of rabbis and decided to convert to the religion of his ancestors, the Jewish Week reported.

Abrami, who has an extensive knowledge of Jewish and world history, in addition to philosophy, is co-writing a book about Portuguese Jews to be published next year. He is working with an attorney from Vancouver, British Columbia.

The book will be published in four languages — French, English, German and Portuguese, Abrami

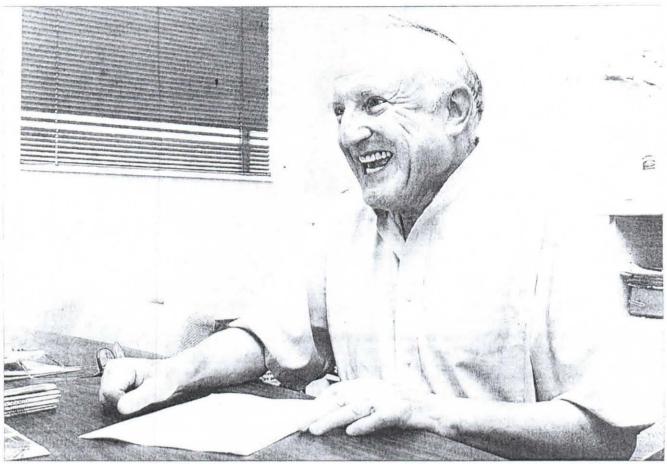
"There is a growing interest in Portugal to reconsider the religion of their ancestors," Abrami said.

Abrami hopes to make further trips to Portugal to teach on the topic. The four-day seminars he ran were for "people who have an intellectual interest," and those with "spiritual aspirations," he said. Attendees included a professor of psychology, philosophy students, an attorney and a judge.

Abrami then journeyed to Israel, where he had been invited to work in a psychiatric clinic with a drop-in center for people psychologically traumatized by the terrorist and suicide bombings. By the time he arrived, there was a "hudna," he explained: a temporary peace.

"So there were relatively few

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JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/

Rabbi Leo Abrami spent the summer travelling, visiting Israel and teaching in Portugal.

patrons in that clinic," he said.

Since Abrami has returned, there have been two suicide bombings. He is concerned over reports of Palestiman television broadcasts inciting Palestinians to violence against Israelis, he said.

They were inviting teenagers to blow themselves up," Abrami said.

When asked what conditions were like in the Jerusalem clinic, he said, "terrible."

Abrami said victims in the hospitals were trying to remain hopeful for peace and were just accepting the terrorist attacks as reality.

"They are at a loss to understand

what is happening in the minds of their Palestinian neighbors," he said.

"There is not a single inhabitant of Jerusalem who has not had a family member, or a friend, or a friend of a friend, victimized by the the acts of terror," he said. "Everyone knows somebody."

Abrami said the problems stem from the Arab world, in particular the Palestinians, not accepting the existence of the state of Israel.

"They regard it as an anomaly that should not exist," he said

When Abrami arrived in Israel, he said he was nervous about traveling

by bus and eating in restaurants

"At first, I didn't want to travel by bus," he said.

By the end of the trip, he was using inter- and intra-cur mases going to open-air malls and caling in restaurants, he said

"Then I found out yesterday there were two suicide bombers." he said in an interview Thursday

"I came back with mixed feelings about this peace process." Abrana said. The rabbi said has dressed believe the peace plan will work to support it as much as they can

Sun City West residents have book republished

Volume points out fragility of wilderness areas in northern Minnesota

By JEREMY PEARLMAN Independent Newspapers

After being out of print for nearly a dozen years, a book written by two Sun City West residents is being republished.

Clifford and Isabel Ahlgren's book, "Lob Trees in the Wilderness: The Human and Natural History of the Boundary Waters," was selected for a second edition as part of The Felser-Lampert Minnesota Heritage Book Series.

The series is republishing out-ofprint books deemed to be significant in the contribution of a better understanding and appreciation of Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahlgren worked

together for over 30 years, she a botanist, he a forester. Living in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota, the two worked as part of the Wilderness Research Association and were also research associates in the College of Forestry at the University of Minnesota.

"One point we made is that this particular wilderness is disturbed by human activity and because of that, human beings have taken away the tools for it to restore itself so you can't just walk out and leave it alone because we've introduced disease from Europe that's taken out one kind of tree and logged it extensively so another kind (of tree) has come

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in," Mrs. Ahlgren said.

"Cliff's main point in all of the work that he did was restorative wilderness management. Too many environmentalists say just keep man out and some wildernesses you can't just do that," she said.

Although the idea of maintaining and having healthier forests is the same between the couple and most environmentalists, the way to achieve that point is different.

"We have had ... debates with the environmentalist, who are fine people. They have their points of view, but sometimes they go too far in protecting the forest which actually they are not protecting."

Taking part of its name, lob trees, from a form of land marking used by fur trappers and voyageurs in guiding through the area by cutting out branches from trees, the book

symbolically uses several indigenous plants as lob trees to describe the influence the actions of humanity has had in shaping the modern

incarnation of the forest.

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The book was originally published in 1984, three years before the couple moved to Sun City West. It is filled with photographs, maps and charts about the area.

"Perhaps with the re-establishment and the reissue of this little volume ... there will be a little insight into what might be done now," Mr. Ahlgren said.

The couple does caution that what would assist one forest might not be help another.

"This is a very unique area ... and the prescription that is given here, based on 30 years of experience, is adapted to that place," Mrs. Ahlgren said.



Clifford and Isabel Ahlgren stand in front of a pine tree in their backyard in Sun City West. A book written by the couple, "Log Trees in the Wilderness: The Human and Natural History of the Boundary Waters," was recently republished.

Northern roots were foundation for life's work

By TINA SCHADE DAILY NEWS-SUN

lifford Ahlgren may make his home in the Southwest desert, but the 76-yearold's heart and mind are perennially wardering the woods of his childhood home in northern Minnesota.

Books describing the Minnesota woodlands line his bookshelves and remnants of the forests' signature white pine accentuate his house in Sun City West. Ahlgren's interest in the forest is beyond sentimental, though.

Ahlgren, who graduated with a master's degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota and earned an honorary doctor of science degree from Cornell University, spent a lifetime researching his childhood playground.

Even after retiring to Arizona in 1987, Ahlgren lived four months out of the year in the Great Lakes state to continue as the director of the Wilderness Research Foundation. One of his most important findings was how controlled fire could be used for forest regeneration.

"What we found is that if you do this at the right time of year and in the right way, it is cheaper than going through and replanting," Ahlgren said.

Woodland seedlings penetrate ash better than they penetrate regular soil and have a better chance of growing and surviving longer, he said.

On Friday, Ahlgren was honored with a certificate for his 50-year commitment to the forests by the Society of American Foresters.

In addition to his research work, Ahlgren has spent much of his retirement in different Sun City West clubs. One of them, not surprisingly, is the Sun City West Woodworkers club. One of his greatest achievements has been turning a friend's old wooden table into a patio lounger.

Staying true to his Finnish roots, Ahlgren is a member of the Scandinavian Club. Occasionally, members with Finnish ancestory meet to discuss their special language and heritage, which is unique to the Scandinavian landscape.

Some members even traced back the Finnish language to Mongolia, Ahlgren said.

Ahlgren has been a Mason since 1960 and a Shriner. "They do such good work for crippled children," he said. "They're always the happy ones who go out to entertain."

These days, Ahlgren has traded his love of skiing for walks around the block. He says lifting and working with wood keeps his own frame in shape:

To nominate a Doer, call Tina Schade at 876-2514.

DOERS PROFILE



<u>Clifford</u> Ahlgren

Hometown: Toimi, Minn.

Family: Wife, Isabel; two children.

Inspiration: "Concern for the natural

world."

Greatest Accomplishment: "My research with white pines."

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Founder of Sun City West Handicapables dies



Sam Baressi

Sam Baressi, the founder of the Sun City West Handicapables, succumbed to a long battle of cancer on Friday, March 31, at the Sun Health Hospice. He retired to Sun City West in 1981 from Erie, Pa., where he had been the director of admissions for the Erie County Geriatric Center, the largest public long term care facility in Western Pennsylvania. Baressi received the Purple Heart for his valor in World War II at Iwo Jima where at 19 years old, he lost both legs stepping upon a Japanese mortar shell in April of 1945.

After two years of hospitalizations and surgery, Baressi came home and began a legacy of community service that yielded countless awards, two of which were statewide. Sam was named by the governor of Pennsylvania as the "Handicapped Person of the Year" in 1967 and the year following, he was named "Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year," by the Disabled American Veterans of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sam was featured in the "Pittsburgh Press" in an article titled, "Courage on Wheels" highlighting his 27-year stint as manager and coach of Little League Baseball in his

hometown of Corry. Subsequently, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives presented him with a Citation of Commendation for his 25 consecutive years of Little League coaching and managing. Sam Bressi was known for the quote that he shared with his young athletes and a quote that he lived by, "Attitude plus Aptitude equals Altitude."

An avid athlete prior to the war, Baressi also coached St. Edwards basketball team onto championship titles and was the sports announcer of high school

basketball games on the local radio station. Besides coaching, his full-time job as personnel manager for Aero-Flow Dynamics and a father of five, Baressi also managed to be a board member of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the Erie County Mental Health Association, he was president of his children's school PTA, a labor union steward, past commander of his local VFW post, donated over seven gallons of blood as a long standing blood donor and was named to the Governor's Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation Project for Pennsylvania to assess the needs of the handicapped for a decade.

He is credited for hundreds of physically challenged people receiving jobs and countless veterans receiving their benefits directly because of Baressi's personal, voluntary advocacy. All of this from a wheel chair.

Even in his retirement, Baressi

brought his dedication to public service to Sun City West by founding Handicapables, an organization that has grown to over 100 members that provides people living with physical challenges social, health and peer support to foster independence and active living.

Sam is survived by his wife, Shirley, a retired nursing home administrator and his children all of Corry, Pa.: Victoria Stull, Theresa Williams, Barbara Chase, Dottie Morgan and Samuel J. Baressi; nine grandchildren and his sisters, Antoinette R. Baressi and Jeanette Moses also of Corry. He is predeceased by three brothers, Joseph, Frank, Albert and two sisters, Angie and Marie.

Donations in Sam Baressi's honor can be sent to: Handicapables Club @ Doris Poublon at 14415 Whitewood Drive, Sun City West, Arizona 85375.

Personalities

Ex-salesman finds easy road to retirement

By BRITT KENNERLY Daily News-Sun staff

ob Bailey thought he'd miss decisionmaking when he made the transition from sales manager to retiree.

But he found the perfect segue to life in Sun City West - and to the decision-filled life

he thrives on - through voluntarism.

Bailey, who moved to Sun City West in 1992 from Cherry Hill, N.J., with wife Janice, said he has always had a strong sense of responsibility for those he could reach out to.

"I thought I'd miss responsibility, making decisions that would have a positive impact on other people," he said. "But there's a lot of work in the community that requires just those skills."

One of those places is the Sheriffs' Posse of Sun City West, which Bailey serves as executive officer in charge of administration.

"I think the posse is a real asset to the community," he said. "People see the cars rolling down the street, but they don't know all the programs that are going on behind the scenes."

A solid partnership between community members who donate funds to drive the posse and those who take on posse roles should enhance and expand the volunteer group, Bailey said.

"It's the community's money and our time," he said. "We need to let them fully understand what we're doing with their money, to help them feel more involved. And the community should have a greater awareness of what all the posse does and want to fund it - that's the best way for all of us to benefit from this partnership.

A personal partnership that Bailey hopes to expand is with Maricopa Habitat for Humanity, which is actively building homes in El Mirage.

"My wife and I had been interested in Habitat for Humanity for a long time before we moved here," he said. "It sounds a little corny, but we both believe that every person who walks on this dirt in life has to leave footprints. And we need to leave them everywhere.

Back in New Jersey, Bailey joined his wife as a volunteer at a crisis center, spending more than 1,000 hours on the phone answering questions and steering people in the right direction.

That experience came in handy with Habitat, where the Baileys trained as office volunteers.

And the relationship with Habitat has blossomed, to a point where the couple decided earlier this year to sponsor an El Mirage family in the building of their home.

The family's house was dedicated over the past weekend - and Bailey couldn't be more happy about "the small role we played in helping them.

Where does Bailey see voluntarism headed as baby boomers start to retire?

In a positive direction, he said.

"We shared our voluntarism with our children," he said. "They've seen the benefits we get from it - our kids are excited about the family we're sponsoring for Habitat.

"And as they find time, I think our children will volunteer, too. I believe if the Bailey family is representative at all of the future of vol-untarism, it will continue to grow."

DOERS PROFILE

Bob Bailey

Vita: Former sales manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Hometown: Carmichaels, Pa.

Marital status: Married.



Self-portrait:

People are the center of my life.

I'm caring; I laugh, cry hard.

Motto:

If you don't have a plan, any fork in the road will take you

there.

Greatest Feat:

Making the largest single sale in history in the Sears division I

worked for.

Inspiration:

Any achiever or educator.

Wish:

That my children and their children will be happy and

healthy.

Key to Longevity: Being in the right place at the

right time.

Last Words:

Failing to try is so much worse

than fear of failure.

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Sun City West's big wheel

Unicyclist rides along at age 94

KATY O'GRADY

Fred Barton may be the oldest unicyclist in the world.

A quick search of the Guinness Book of World Records shows no such category, so the Sun City-West resident could probably claim it if he wished. But at 94, Barton is probably too busy with his happenin' social life to worry about records.

Inspired by fellow unicyclists Seven and Jackie Cama of Sun City Grand, Barton picked up his first unicycle when he was 92. Jackie Cama said she and her husband met Barton at Sunflower RV Resort in Surprise.

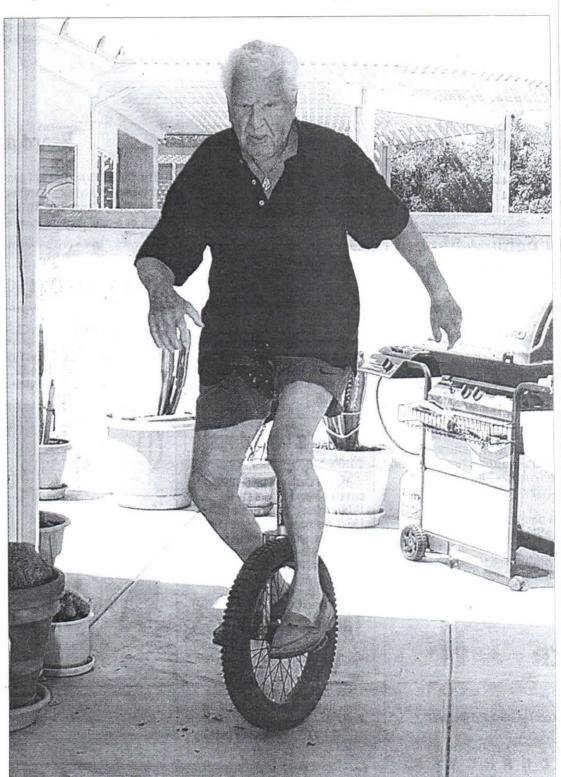
"He was a biker. That's how we met him. He was in his 80s and he was out doing these 20-mile bicycle rides, she said.

Jackie Cama said when Barton found out about Seven's unicycling, "he looked at my husband and said, 'Order me one."

So Barton gave it a shot. He installed a railing on his back deck to help him get on the unicycle and learn to bal-

"I thought it was unbelievable, and it took me at least six months just to stay on it," he said. "My neighbor, she and her daughter would peek through the window think, 'He's crazy.

Jackie Cama said she was impressed with Barton's tenacity.



Fred Barton, 94, of Sun City West learned how to use the unicycle 2 years ago. See WHEEL, A5



"He just never gave up. He took some very serious falls, and just kept at it and at it and at it," she said. "He's a great guy, and he's been a wonderful friend. He's just amazingly young for his age." Barton may well be the

oldest unicyclist in the world. Jackie Cama said. "We went to a convention and they mentioned there was one other in his 90s ... (but) as far as anyone knows he's the oldest who's still at it," she said

Barton said he now unicycles about 1 mile three times a week.

"For me, it's for exercise more than the joy of unicy-cling," he said.

Barton also bowls in two leagues, averaging between 140 and 150, and is an avid poker and bridge player.

"Poker is my favorite game, but I love bridge," he said.

Born Ferdinand Antonius Rainier Barten, Barton lived in the Netherlands until immigrating to the states in 1932. Lured by the Mormon faith, he moved to America and changed his name to Fred Barton.

"I felt this is my adopted can, and I want to be as

His new name was easier to pronounce and most people spelled his last name with an "O" anyway.

Barton was aiming for Salt Lake City. "In those days, they were sort of interested in young men coming to Utah. Some of my family already there," he said.

He eventually made it to Utah, but in a roundabout way. Unable to speak English at the time, he wasn't sure what train to get on and wound up on one to Vancouver, Canada. The conductor tried to figure out where Barton was headed, but to no

"I didn't speak English and he didn't speak Dutch, so I stayed on the train until he turned me over to the travel aide," he said.

He eventually made it to Salt Lake City, but didn't like the heat or his cramped living quarters. "It became so ungodly hot in July that I decided, I'll get out of here no matter what happens,' said.

In the midst of the Depression. Barton climbed in back of a pickup to head to California, with his friend sitting up

"I had no idea of needing water. Of course I knew about the desert, but that was all theory," he said. Bar-ton recalls being sunburn and dehydrated when the pickup blew a tire near Reno.

"The next thing I knew, ended up in a mining camp. I didn't know it was a mining camp: I presumed it was the next day. I woke up and it was a Chinese face looking at me," he said. "The first thing I did was think, 'How did I get in China?'

Barton's friend returned to Utah, but Barton continued on to California. Eager to make money, he seized upon an opportunity offered by a stranger to carry a package to a restaurant for \$1. He ended up getting arrested, and learned later the package contained drugs.

"The district attorney, after several hours, he put his arm around me and said, 'Don't worry," Barton said. The district attorney explained to him about the drugs, and helped him get room and board at a YMCA.

Having had some experience making wigs in Holland. Barton got a job working in the beauty section of department store for \$50 a week. He was fired in less than two weeks, but went to San Francisco and got a similar job with a department store called City of Paris.

For six years, Barton worked in the beauty business there, showing ladies how to apply makeup and doing other promotional

"I was the foreigner. I was the pitchman," he said.

At the same time, he was going to law school and had joined the National Guard. It was 1941, and he was set to graduate in January when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.

"I got a call at 4 o'clock in the afternoon that I was to report for active duty," said. He served until June 30, guarding California's bridges, which authorities feared the Japanese might try to attack with submarines.

Barton continued helping the war effort by working at a couple of shipyards until the war ended in 1945. He then took on a series of other jobs, some tapping into his law background, before finally retiring at the age of 86.

Watching him hop on his unicycle, it's clear Barton may be retired, but he's still eager to learn new tricks.

Pageant lures Wester

KATY O'GRADY

When Rita Ann Battram performs her talent at the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant of America in November, she'll be flashing gold, swirling silk and ringing

Battram performs Middle Eastern danc-- sometimes called belly dancing, although hers is more suited for family audiences than some versions.

"Mine is ballet-oriented," said Battram, who lives in Sun City West with her husband. Harry. "I don't do provocative stuff, like some people do.'

Her costume features black, flowing material adorned with tiny gold bells and flashy golden sequins that make for a visual and aural treat while watching her dance.

Judges at the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant will get that opportunity Nov. 2 in Fall River, Mass., at the national pageant. Forty ladies ranging from 59 to 86 are competing.

Battram -- mother of five, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 11, who ends each performance by doing splits will be 76 in November, although her age doesn't concern her.

"I've been there like four times, and they keep asking me to come back," she said. T've made the top 10 each time - I want to make the top five."

Battram first entered a pageant in 1946 in Michigan, then resumed after retiring.

"I got here, and people would see me dance and say, 'Why don't you go into the Ms. Senior (Arizona Pageant)?' " she said.

After some contemplation. Battram decided to give it a try. She's competed twice in that pageant, and in 1996 was first runner-up.

"I like to play dress-up, I guess," she said. "Each year, I think, This will be my last year.'

Battram said her favorite part of competing for Ms. Senior Sweetheart is the

camaraderie among the participants.
"We just have a real blast," she said. "It's like a vacation. They treat you like a

Harry said he supports his wife's pageant efforts, although he won't be heading to Massachusetts with her in November.

"It's my time with the gals," Rita said. "He'd be really bored. We do production numbers all day long."

During her 20-day trip, she will stop in Michigan to see three of her sons and meet three great-grandchildren. She also plans to go to New York for the first time and catch a few shows.

Along with the talent competition, the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant includes judging in two production numbers, gown presentation and judges' interviews. Contestants arrive Oct. 24.



JOY LAMBERT-SLAGOWSKI/DAILY NEWS-SUI

Rita Ann Battram, 75, of Sun City West demonstrates the Middle Eastern dance she will perform in the talent portion of the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant of America in October.

The pageant has been broadcast on cable shows and been featured on the Phil Donahue Show, Real People, the Today Show and the Sally Jesse Raphael Show. according to pageant President Len Kaplan.

Battram said she feels young at heart and blessed to be able to continue her performances. Due to hereditary corneal dystrophy, she was legally blind for a year. until she received a donated cornea from a young child.

Battram learned her Middle Eastern dancing while working at a YMCA in Michigan. Officials there asked her if she wanted to take a class in Detroit, and she agreed. She returned and started leading adult classes, attracting as many as 89 women to one class. She also taught youth classes in other styles, such as jazz.

Battram has taught dance classes in Sun City West and is a member of the Nani Komohana Tutus Hawaiian dancers, among other groups. She will perform in the Sun City West Silver Anniversary presentation Sept. 20 at the Stardust Theater.

Battram said she is happy to participate and enjoy meeting and socializing with the other ladies.

"If I feel like I did my best, then I'm satisfied," she said.

For information about Battram's classes or the pageant, call her at 584-9877.

Katy Ö'Grady can be reached at 876-2514 or kogrady@aztrib.com.

Local woman vies for Ms. Sweetheart

RITA BATTRAM: Sun City Wester, a dancer all her life, gives Fall River, Mass., pageant another shot

BRUCE ELLISON DAILY NEWS-SUN

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Rita Ann Battram is a 72-year-old Sun City West great-grandmother who teaches belly dancing, among other things.

She's been a dancer, performer and singer since she was 11, and was first runner-up in the Ms. Senior Arizona pageant four years ago,

Last year she came in fourth in the Ms. Sweetheart of America contest in Fall River, Mass., and she's been invited back this year to again represent Arizona in a pageant with entrants from 32 states at last count.

Why?

"I guess you kinda get hooked on it," she explained, "maybe — probably. I'm a big ham and have always danced, and besides, you meet a lot of interesting people."

Staying active is a big part of her personal philosophy.

"I still can't believe I'm not a spring chicken any more," she said. "I don't even consider that I'm 'getting up there,' so to speak. My mind doesn't accept 'old,' and I plan to keep on going, like the Energizer Bunny."

Battram still has a color-tinted photo taken of her in 1946 in a Marine City, Mich., Mardi-Gras pageant, and a news clipping from Port Huron, Mich., where she was in an exhibition of Hawaiian dance that drew more than 1,000 spectators to a local theater.

So it sounds out of character for Battram to say she probably won't win first place in Fall River. But she says it's more the fun of participation and the camaraderie that draws her to participate, paying for half her food and lodging, plus airfare (which she has enough frequent flier miles to cover).

"I'm still good friends with the women I've met in other pageants over the years," she said.

"Fall River is a neat town, and they treat us very well. When we go out to eat together, we all wear our sashes and when we arrive at the restaurant, we sing, 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart.'"

The Fall River pageant is the brainchild of the Chamber of Commerce there, and particularly of Len Kaplan, who founded it 22 years ago and has been working the last six years to make it a national event.

The only requirement is that the participant be 59 or older. The eldest so far was 92.

Contestants participate in a production number; swimsuit (old-fashioned) competition; patriotic, flapper and



MOLLIE J. HOPPES/DAILY NEWS-SUI

Rita Battram displays her belly-dancing prowess. The 72-year-old Sun City West great-grandmother will represent Arizona in the Ms. Sweetheart of America pageant in Fall River, Mass.

other "super fun" numbers to show off their talent; and more.

Although she did her belly-dance routine for the Ms. Senior Arizona pageant, Battram this year will clog dance in Fall River, she said.

Battram has operated her own dance studio, performing and teaching regularly, and still appears in paid and unpaid performances, doing everything from belly dances to clogging to Hawaiian routines.

Staying fit for that includes leg exercises each morning before she gets out

of bed, and practice or classes that run nine hours a week in addition to performances.

She'll be in the 20th-anniversary show of the Hawaiian Nani Komohana Tutus dance troupe on Nov. 11, and in the Rhythm Tappers' "Winter Wonderland" show in December.

She performed recently at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix in a clog dance with the Tappers.

She won't know until Nov. 6 whether she'll be Ms. Sweetheart of America.

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Renowned SCW volunteer dies

STAFF REPORT

Family and friends will remember John Bergh as the quintessential volunteer during his funeral service Friday.

The Sun City West man died Tuesday. He was 81.

"When I retire, I'm going to volunteer," he once told his wife, Maryanne.

And he did. When he moved to Sun City West in 1985, he immediately joined the Posse, a group he served throughout the years, paying particular attention to repairing the machinery.

Bergh retired as director of research and development for Wheelabrator, now Honeywell in Elkhart, Ind..

He applied his skills in his volunteer endeavors, from starting the sound system at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church to repairing donated bicycles for needy children in a Sunrise Lions Club program.

At Desert Palms, Bergh was property committee chairman, a two-term elder and soloist in the choir.

"He was a faithful choir member, past president of Men of the Church," said Pastor Stan Burtless. "He was a soloist. He often would sing solos during worship services, particularly during the Lenten and Advent seasons.

"He was a real servant of the church, always available to help, a willing heart," Burtless said. "He cared about people at all levels. It didn't matter what the situation was, he could always be called on, day or night, really. And in fact he was called on at night sometimes to come over and lock the doors."

Bergh served as president, vice president and secretary for the Sunrise Lions and was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

At the time of his death, he was on the boards of directors of the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts Association and Sun Health Properties.

Birt Kellam, a member of the Sundome board, said Bergh was "just a neat, neat man. He's just so fondly remembered by so many people."

Kellam said Bergh was "an important cog" in the association board. "He ran The Madison gala dinner, which was a major fund-raiser for us."

Bergh also chaired the association's "Spotlight"

newsletter.
"He was
extremely
active,"
Kellam
said.

Bergh's service included seven years on the Prop-



Bergh

erty Owners and Residents Association of Sun City West board; eight years as president of the Sun City West Community Fund; and three years on the board of the Sun City West Foundation.

Former state Sen. Ed Cirillo, who served as PORA's president while Bergh was on the board, said people may not have realized just how active Bergh was because he didn't seek attention for his voluntarism.

"He was a little bit on the quiet side, not a rambunctious individual who banged his fist on the table," Cirillo said. "He was a guy who always had the best interest of Sun City West ahead of anything else. He was active not only in PORA but in the community."

Cirillo said he enjoyed working with Bergh and appreciated his contributions on PORA. "He was always looking at any decision we made and if it was best for Sun City West," he said.

Bergh's wife said he lived each day to the fullest and enjoyed the symphony and repairing antique cars.

Kellam said Bergh had an amphibious car he sold that was later used in a movie.

He was a member of the Dadalians at Luke Air Force Base.

The retired Dutch army colonel invented a machine to clean decks for quick landings on carriers. He also holds 36 patents, his wife said.

He came to the United States in 1953 from the Netherlands.

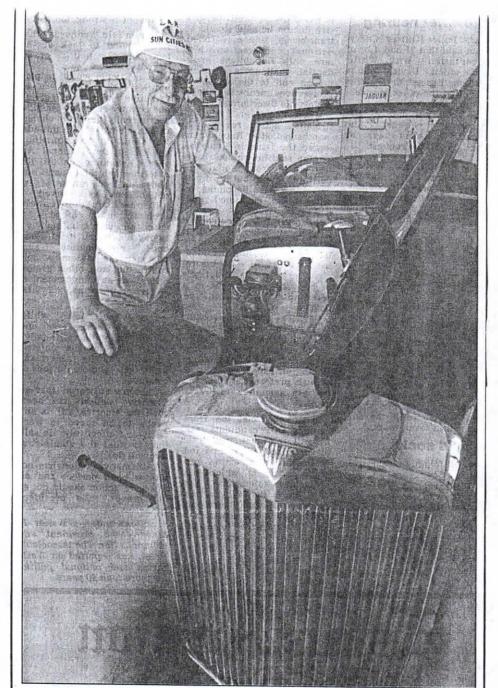
"He was in the Netherlands' underground during the Nazi occupation," Kellam said.

Bergh's funeral is at 11 a.m. Friday in Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, 13459 Stardust Blvd., Sun City West.

"Probably the service we'll have for him tomorrow morning will be one of the largest we've had," Pastor Burtless said. SCW

BERGH, JOHA

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John Bergh of Sun City West is restoring a British 1946 Alvis. Bergh said he plans to keep the vehicle, which is being repainted in Deer Valley.

drives SCW

By DEBBIE L. SKLAR Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST - If you're going to borrow one of John Bergh's tools, you better make sure you put it back where you found it.

"I know exactly where my tools are and I can find them even when I'm blindfolded," said Bergh, pointing to a wide array of tools in his perfectly organized garage. "I know if someone has touched one of my tools, because they usually don't put it back in the same place.

The 73-year-old Sun City West resident could give Tim Allen, the Mr. Fix-it of the ABC sitcom "Home Improvement," a run for his money

In 1992, Paramount Pictures was so interested in the Amphibian water car he rebuilt from the ground up, it purchased it for use in "Pontiac Moon" starring Ted Danson of "Cheers" fame.

Inside Bergh's two-car garage, blueprints of his lastest project - rebuilding an English automobile plaster the walls.

With classical music playing on the radio in the background, Bergh adjusts a wrench on a peg board.

"A good mechanic has everything arranged," he said, making sure the tool is at the right angle. "When you're working with English parts, it's different.

English use different expressions, like a hood is a bonnet."

Born in northeast Holland in the small village of Emmen, Bergh is not only helpful around the house, but he could be considered an expert when it comes to rebuilding cars (he's had 36 various patents).

He's been taking out engines and putting them back in autos for more than 30 years. Before he made autos his pet project, he was an officer with the Inter-national Police in Holland. His duties included escorting prostitutes back to their original destination and out of Holland.

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Car buff puts on his bonnets with ratchet

From A1

"When people hear I worked for Interpol, they immediately think of excitement and James Bond," he laughed. "It's nothing like that."

Working with his hands is what Bergh said he has always enjoyed doing.

"In my younger life I raced motorcycles," Bergh said, walking around his tidy work area. "I'd build them up and soup them up."

Somehow, working on motorcycles led to renovating cars. And before he knew it, Bergh was knee-deep in auto parts.

"The thing about rebuilding antique cars is that you really have to make up your mind that you really want to do this," Bergh said. "You really have to have the money to be able to keep it up, too."

Because he always loved English automobiles, he said those are the cars he started to rebuild.

"I think since I started, I've probably restored at least 15," he said rubbing his hand affectionately over the red paint of his 1963 Triumph TR4. "I bought this car for \$50 and rebuilt it from the parts of two different cars."

Bergh scours car magazines for potential projects, although friends often tip him off to a good buy.

His latest project is an Alvis, which is currently being repainted in Deer Valley.

"You wouldn't have believed what this thing looked like," he said. " Sometimes my neighbors can't believe what I'm having delivered to my house when they see it coming in on a tow truck. I took the Alvis down right to the bare wood."

John and Maryanne Bergh plan to keep the Alvis. Usually they sell the cars almost as quickly as John restores them.

"We'll probably get rid of the Jag-

uar," he said. "It's a little bit too powerful for Maryanne."

Bergh downplays his career as an officer of the law.

He arrived in the United States in 1957 with his first wife and four children - destination unknown. The family was sponsored by a church in America, the United Brother.

an affiliate of the Methodist church, Bergh said.

"They put us on a boat and we had no idea where we were going until we were in the middle of the ocean." he said. "They told us we were going to Indiana. We arrived in New York first and then took a train to Elkhart

It was in the Hoosier State that he made his career as a mechanical engineer. For six months he worked on cars because he could not find a job in his field. He earned his degree in mechanical engineering in Holland, he said.

"When I was working on a car one of the customers was the vice president of the organization that brought my family to Indiana," Bergh said. "He got me a job at a big brass foundry."

He worked at the foundry for two years and then for Wheelabrator, a division of Allied Signal, for 24 years. He was the company's director of research and development.

John and Maryanne left Indiana in 1985 and rented a condominium in Scottsdale for six months before moving to Sun City West.

"We bought a lot when there weren't any roads up here," Bergh said.

Now the Berghs are surrounded by neighbors in a community where they dedicate many hours of service.

Maryanne, a board member for husband's garage.

"I help him sometimes when he's working on something that needs an extra hand. "I'll hand him a tool or hold a wire. I think it's a wonderful hobby because it keeps his mind active and he's not just a couch pot-

As for other hobbies, the Berghs collect antiques, (among the many pieces they have are a 1903 Thomas Alva Edison phonograph, an oil lamp his parents used during the World War II and telephones dating back to the early 1920s) belong to the Sun Cities Antique Car Club. John is president of the Sun City West Community Fund and sings in the chorus at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church when he isn't working on carburetors.

"I don't worry about today," he Lending Hands, which lends medical said picking off a fleck of dust from equipment, is no stranger in her the Jaguar. "Today is what's important."

Bender, Katherine

DOERS PROFILE

<u>Katharine</u> <u>Bender</u>



Hometown:

Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Family:

Married to Bill, one son and two

grandchildren.

Philosophy:

"Happiness comes from doing

for others."

Greatest Feat:

Enjoying the diversity of people

and surroundings in Arizona

and Sun City West.

She's a reliable resource for homeowners

By TINA SCHADE Staff writer

> eed a plumber? How 'bout a roofer? Or maybe you need something closer to a garage door installer?

Katharine Bender may be able to

It's not that the 73-year old Sun City West resident has mastered all of these trades and can single-handedly rewire your home, but chances are she knows a reputable company or person who can.

Bender has been volunteering at PORA for the last three years in the consumer services department and has become pretty well acquainted with nearly every business in the Sun Cities.

The department has a number of sources into which residents can tap to find out how to get just about anything fixed.

"We have questions on just about everything," she said.

Recently, one woman called to find out where she and her 4-year-old grandchild could find pumpkins. Bender suggested a particular farm but didn't have the phone number.

However, Bender knew she had it at home. She took the woman's name and number and, after reaching her house, called the woman back and gave her the farm's phone number.

During last summer's storm, Bender also worked for nearly two days straight referring people to reliable roofers and plumbers so they could get their lives back in order.

"Mainly, they were calling for roofers and tree removal," she said.

It's this above-and-beyond the call of duty attitude that garnered Bender volunteer of the month honors at Property Owners and Residents Association.

Currently, she volunteers every Monday afternoon with the organization and serves as a substitute when others can't make it.

She is also able to serve up a little of her own advice on do-it-yourself projects and learned from observing her husband, Bill, who Bender refers to as a "handyman."

"It's a service that's needed and it keeps me on my toes," she said.

Bender had volunteer fever before she came to Arizona five years ago.

In Connecticut, where Bender spent much of her life, she worked for a program known as Loaves and Fishes.

It was a program where a number of churches donated food to shelters. Bender was among volunteers who prepared and served the food.

The job was a big one and took nearly all day to complete. She did this once a month for close to nine years.

"This was hard work," she said.

When she's not making referrals, Bender likes playing bocce and traveling. The Benders have three cruises planned in the next year.

She is particularly excited about her voyage on the Rotterdam next summer.

If you need information about local services or you want to try to stump Katharine, call 214-1646 or stop by PORA headquarters at 13815 Camino Del Sol in Sun City West. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

To nominate a Doer, call Tina Schade at 977-8351,

Cribbage crown is newest 'feather' in journalist's hat

Newspapers keep retiree on the go

By MIKE GARRETT Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST - Ev Bev still reads between the lines - 55 years after he first broke into the newspaper

At 73, Bey continues to maintain close ties to the six small weekly newspapers he owns in Lassen and Plumascounties in northern California

Bey still writes editorials and keeps an eve on the financial end of his small newspaper empire. Locally, he is a director of the Property Owners and Residents Association, president of the Men's Art Council of the Sun Cities Art Museum and a member of a state panel on accountability and fiscal reform.

"If you're not active, you die," Bey

Despite keeping busy with his newspaper and community interests, Bey also makes a point to get to six to eight national cribbage tournaments a year as vice president of the American Cribbage Congress. He is one of 15 members in ACC's Hall of Fame.

Last May, Bey was crowned world cribbage champion at the 21st annual World Cribbage Championships in Quincy, Calif., home of his flagship newspaper, the Feather River Bulletin.

Bey's newspaper career is a story of

He broke into the business in La-Crosse, Wis., when he took a job as a district manager in charge of newspaper

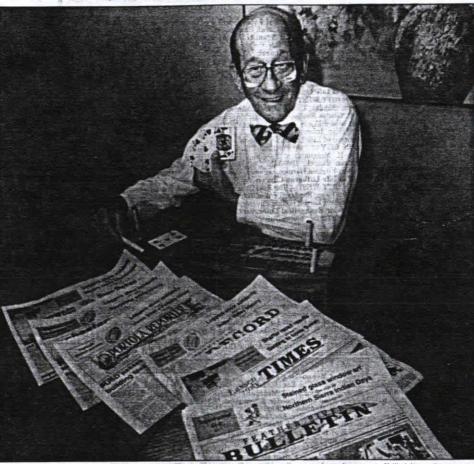
He then graduated to riding around town on a bicycle collecting classified ads before he became the newspaper's classified advertising manager. He later got into retail display advertising.

"I always wanted to write but there was always a surplus of writers," Bev said. "So I figured to break into the business I would start on the business

After World War II, Bey moved to northern California, working for or managing highly competitive dailies in San Bruno and Millbrae in the San Francisco Bay Area and in San Luis

But the fast-paced life wasn't for Bey. So he logged on with a group of small newspapers in the logging counties of Plumas and Lassen.

"I added 20 years to my life when I moved out of the Bay Area up to the intains," Ber said "Then in 1984 I



Sun City West resident Ev Bey, world cribbage champion, displays a perfect hand consisting of three-5's, a jack and a five drawn to match the jack.

had a bad fall in my house and had blood clots on my brain.

"When I was recuperating for six months, the papers ran just as well with my son-in-law running them, feedback." When I turned 65 six months later, I just retired and became chairman of the

Bey said he likes the diversity and grassroots approach of small-town papers and has never been afraid of meeting his detractors on the street.

"If you write an editorial raising hell with the board of supervisors or city

council you can walk down the street people at a meeting, but it's usually and meet these guys," he said. "You around 50 to 60," Bey said. meet their friends and opponents, hear from both sides and get immediate

California.

Bey has not confined all his newspaper work to California. He is a past president of Ex-Press, a club whose membership is composed of many of the 250 retired newspaper people living in the Sun Cities.

"We've had as many as 80 to 90 convened earlier this year.

Bey, who has lived in Sun City West for five years, is

also the publisher of six newspapers in northern

The club meets about every four months and gets speakers like Jim Quayle, the vice president's father who previously owned the Wickenburg Sun: Jim Jacobs, founder of the national Aviation Hall of Fame; Gavin Scott, retired Phoenix AP bureau chief; and photographer Morris Berman. He keeps his eye on the local media

as well and was a key member in the Daily News-Sun's first focus group that

Cribbage champ counts on cards

By MIKE GARRETT

Daily News-Sun staff
SUN CITY WEST — It started 21 years ago with some Quincy, Calif., loggers getting together in their offseason to wile away the cold winter

Now the community of 5,000 hosts the World Cribbage Championships that is attended every May by up to 400 players from 16 states and as far away as Australia and England, where cribbage was invented in 1623 by Sir John Suckling.
Sun City West resident cribbage ex-

pert Ev Bey was crowned world champion in Quincy among 250 players last May, winning a cash prize and a trophy.

Bey describes cribbage as a game of counting and pegging on a wooden board. He said it's 15 percent skill and 85 percent luck "but you have to keep playing it to develop more skill."

Played by two, three or four people with a deck of cards dealt six cards at a time and a wooden cribbage board, the game has its own terminology. Bey said the game is counted in groups of 15 - 5 and a face card, a 7 and an 8, or a 6 and a 9, netting the player two points.

"You play to get 15s and 1, 2, 3 and 4 runs and for every 31 you count, you get another two points," Bey said. A perfect but rarely achieved cribbage hand is 29.

"The idea is to go around the board playing alternately before the other person does."

Besides being an active player, Bey is also vice president of the American Cribbage Congress and is one of 15 members in the ACC Hall of Fame.

Bey said he has been competing in cribbage tournaments for more than 20 years. But he said it took him nine tries in Quincy before he captured his crime.

Some 14 years ago Bey helped found the American Cribbage Congress in Raleigh, N.C. The ACC now has 6,500 nationwide members who play in 120 to 140 tournaments a year. Bey estimates that more than 10 million people play cribbage in the United States.

"What we've done is organize it so everybody plays the same tournament rules," Bey said. "We've established a master point system like the American Bridge Congress has and we have a Hall of Fame. I was the fifth person named in 1984."

Bey said he would like to form a cribbage club in Sun City West and start regular weekly play. Those interested may call Bey at 584 4510.

Sun City West retiree restores active lifestyle

By MIKE GARRETT

Daily News-Sun staff
SUN CITY WEST — John Bergh's calendar is almost always booked.

Whether he's showing one of his restored antique Jaguars to West Valley grade school children, raising funds for one of his favorite charities or serving on a community service board, this former world traveler is anything but retired.

The new Sun City West Community Fund campaign chairman obviously has a heart for the community.

So what motivates Bergh to do so much for so many and still find a few hours daily to devote to his classic car hobby?

"I enjoy anything communityoriented," Bergh said. "I just like to do things and try to do everything at the same level of enthusiasm. As soon as I retired, I said I have to do things differently."

Bergh said it's a matter of being organized, meeting any new challenge head-on and seeing it through to completion.

"When it's all built and done, you forget about it because the challenge is over," he said. "With my cars it's the same thing.

"When I'm done restoring them, I sell them. There is always somebody who wants them more than I do." He sold two recent restorations to collectors in Holland and England.

Bergh's latest project is preparing

Sun City West Community Fund brochures and membership cards for an Oct. 23 mailing as chairman of the "Hearts That Care-SHARE" campaign.
The Community Fund funnels all money to residents with financial and personal problems.

The five-year Property Owners and Residents Association board member has been largely responsible for getting the Maricopa County Highway Department to install stop signs and lights at heavily traveled intersections as chairman of PORA's public safety &

environmental protection committee.

A native of The Hague, The Netherlands, Bergh is co-chairman of the Monte Carlo Carnival Sun City West Foundation fund-raiser in February

and he continues to be a major fundraiser for Interfaith Services with his neighborhood "kaffee klatches.

"John has been very supportive of Interfaith Services, not only personally but through his association with his service clubs, his church congregation and his other community involvements," said Bob Pangburn, Interfaith executive director. "We appreciate John so much and this community is so fortunate to have him.

Pangburn was referring to Bergh's status as former president of the Desert Palms Presbyterian Church Men's Club and chairman of the properties committee that launched a \$1 million expansion project. He was also a former president and "Man of the

Year" for the Sunrise Lions Club and contributed to the club's many projects to help children and the blind.

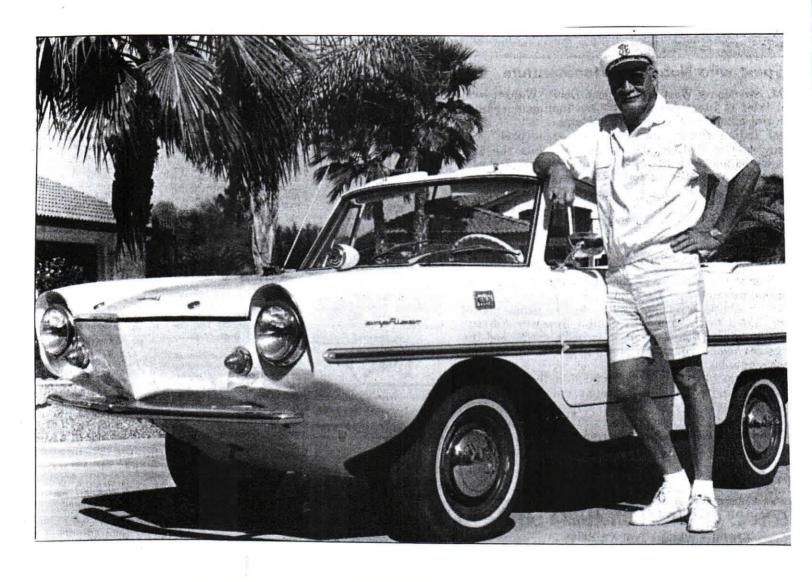
An accomplished vocalist, Bergh has sung gospel solos in many Valley churches and has performed in community variety shows.

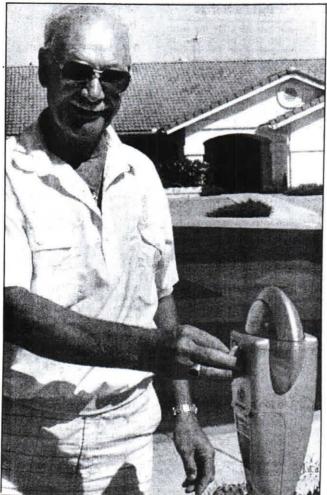
A heart bypass operation several years ago prompted his retirement from the Sun City West Sheriff's Posse,

Bergh hasn't tried to do all of the above alone.

"I have a great wife. Maryanne is one of the original Christopher Girls (a dance troupe), is a board member of Lending Hands and participates in the Sun City West Variety Show and Jaz-zercise girls," Bergh said. "We just love it here. It's a great place to live."

BERGH, JOHN





Frances Guarino/Daily News-Sun

John Bergh, left, demonstrates the use of a parking meter he has in his front yard in Sun City West. At right, Bergh stands next to h i s 1962 Amphicar.

Retired SCW dentist is honored

Dr. Henry J. Bianco, a resident of Sun City West, was recently honored for his leadership and commitment to the West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

Donations from alumni, family and friends in excess of \$100,000 prompted the establishment of a lecture series bearing Bianco's name.

Experts in dentistry are recruited to provide continuing education in this series to approximately 100 dental faculty and students monthly. This lecture series is a unique curriculum concept nationally and the first lecture series at the WVU School of Dentistry.

Bianco received his undergraduate education from Loyola College in Baltimore and graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dental School, University of Maryland in 1956.

Dental Corps from 1956 to 1958. In an department in 1972 and was boarded 1963, he earned a master's degree in in prosthodontics the following year. Microanatomy from the University of U.S. In 1977, Bianco was appointed Maryland. He taught at the Baltimore Chairman of the department, which College of Dental Surgery, Dental d included School, University of Maryland for Removable and Oral Maxillofacial seven years before accepting a position Throsthodontics. on West Virginia University School of Dentistry as an assistant professor in the Department of Removable Prosthodontics in 1967.



He served in the United States Army He was named chairman of the Crown Bridge,

From 1983 to 1990, Bianco also held the position of associate dean for administrative affairs. In 1991, he was appointed Interim Dean for the

School of Dentistry, and in 1993 until his retirement he served as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Facilities.

Bianco moved to Arizona in the fall of 1995 with his wife, Charlotte. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

His accomplishments in recent years include Posse Man of the Year and Knight of the Year.

A Name to Know

Beverly Bible does not seek the spotlight and recognition for her volunteer efforts.

"I'm not a very interesting person, I just like my life," Mrs. Bible said.

A volunteer for the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City West and Volunteers for Hospice, Mrs. Bible feels she receives greater

rewards from her donated time than those organizations do. "You

get so much more out



of it than you give as a volunteer," Mrs. Bible said. "I don't feel I do very much."

Both of Mrs. Bible's parents were hospice patients, but at that time there were no volunteers helping serve the needs of these individuals and their family.

"There was no Volunteers for Hospice then. That's why I know there is such a need for volunteers," Mrs. Bible said.

As hospice volunteer, Mrs. Bible helps prepare meals, provides a respite for caregivers, visits with patients and tries to cheer them up.

Mrs. Bible is also a volunteer with the Posse. For more than four years, she served as a receptionist and receptionist coordinator with the organization.

In April, she joined her husband and brother as regular Posse member.

"My husband wanted me to be in the Posse so that I could be with him a little more," Mrs. Bible said.

Good doing, Doctor

By ROSA De SIMONE Daily News-Sun staff

ne thing you want to do when you set out in medicine is to do something good."

That's how Dr. Lorry Blanksma expressed the purpose of her work to a TV reporter in Chicago more than two decades ago - and watching a video tape of that interview, two years after her retirement to Sun City West, her sentiment has remained the

Blanksma, 70, was born in Huron, S.D., to a construction engineer and a homemaker.

Her sister, Donna, (whom she lives with in Sun City West) chose a career in journalism and Blanksma went into medicine.

"That's all I ever wanted to do." she said.

After attending Mills College in Oakland, Calif., on a two-year scholarship, Blanksma set her sights higher - and attended Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

Coming from a poor family. Blanksma said, she had to work her way through medical school. She did everything from dishwashing and waitressing to carrying laundry across campus for 50 cents an hour.

After a year of making ends meet this way, professors began paying her to grade papers for them.

"That paid a lot better and was more fun," she said.

After graduation she began her 37year-career with the Chicago Health Department, where she eventually



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Dr. Lorry Blanksma, a Sun City West retiree, stands next to a video tape of an interview she gave while

working for the Chicago Health Department, where she devised the first accurate test for lead in blood.

greatest accomplishment.

It was part of her duties with the Chicago Health Department, she said, to have devised the first accurate test for the detection of lead in blood in 1966.

The test, unlike others at the time, was "fantastically accurate," Blanksma said.

That same year she also found a diagnosis process for sickle cell anemia. The test she devised was used for mass screening, and is continued to be used by the Chicago Health Department.

Lead poisoning among Chicago youths was rampant at the time of her discovery and her test led to the

It was there, that she made her dren from 1967 to 1968 and is still her retirement." used today.

Finding the highly accurate test was a relief, Blanksma said.

"I remember thinking, 'My God, we've stopped this," she said.

Collegues also remember the finding and initiation of the mass screenings.

"You could call her the founding person in the laboratory aspect of this screening program for lead, which Chicago has become famous for in the public health field," said Dr. Hyman Orbach, director of laboratories for the Chicago Health Department.

In a phone interview from Chicago, Orbach said he worked with Blanksma for about 20 years, during

"She was very, very dedicated towards the children," he said.

Blanksma also published writings on her blood lead test.

"She has published some scientific papers which were really the beginning of the awakening that we had a lead problem in the modern world," Orbach said.

Today, the lead test Blanksma developed is used to screen about \$125,000 children a year, Orbach said.

Having been gone from the Chicago Health Department for about two year, Blanksma said she no longer misses the work, but still has fond memories of her accomplishments there.

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Name to Know

Walter H. Bock believes teaching is in his blood.

The 60-year-old Sun City West resident is a former

fifth-grade teacher, junior high school assistant principal and elementary school principal, all in Highland Park, Ill.



His passion for teaching, however, did not end when he retired in 1994 and moved to Sun City West permanently in 1996.

This year will be Mr. Bock's third as docent instructor for the West Valley Art Museum. He conducts three-hour classes grooming new docents.

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"The primary focus of a docent is to help the visitors enjoy the art that we have on display here. He or she doesn't necessarily need an art history background; just some enthusiasm, some basic vocabulary and some basic understandings of what we teach in the docent training class," Mr. Bock said.

During the time when he is teaching the course, Mr. Bock estimates he spends 10 hours a week in preparation, grading papers, lesson planning and gathering materials.

In addition to being a docent trainer and a docent, Mr. Bock is the coordinator for Art-O-Mobilia, an Oct. 20 show at the museum.

Although virtually all sales for most of Boone's magazines Mount St. Helens story

Designs on disaste

Magazine sales mount for publisher

By PAUL JUTZI Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST - Natural disasters have provided C.F. Boone much of his livelihood.

For 22 years, Boone has investigated major disasters in North America and published colorful magazines to document them. He has recorded 49 disasters in all, the latest one focused on April's earthquakes

in Humboldt County, Calif.
"It's been very rewarding.
People wouldn't buy them if they didn't want them. And they do buy them," said Boone, who said he has sold well over 3 million magazines for \$5 to \$8 a copy.

Boone, who has lived in Sun ity West for five years, City started publishing magazines after a tornado devastated much of Lubbock, Texas, in May 1970.

A Lubbock resident at the time, Boone was publishing pamphlets for the U.S. Department of Defense. A local newspaper asked him to produce some kind of publication to provide a permanent record of the disaster, which leveled 25 percent of the city and caused \$300 million in dam-

"I remember saying that I . didn't know anybody who would want to buy a book about a disaster, but he (the newspaper publisher) told me to trust him. We sold 65,000 of the magazines and there were only 150,000 people living there, so it was pretty successful," Boone said.

He enjoyed the Lubbock project enough to turn his attention to recording disasters full time. In August 1970, he started work on another magazine, this one after Hurricane



Sun City West resident C.F. Boone holds one of his publications.

Celia blasted the Texas coast-

All but three of his 52 projects have been about natural disasters. One of the three chronicled the life of Elvis Presley. Another recorded a two-day prison riot in Santa Fe, N.M., and the third illustrated a week in the life of the Sun Cities. Boone sold 15,000 copies of that 1986 publication.

Boone's biggest seller detailed the eruptions of Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state in 1980. That magazine sold 476,000 copies.

have been spawned by local interest in disasters, the big enough to attract global attention, with orders coming in from around the world, Boone said.

This week's earthquakes in California won't be chronicled by C.F. Boone Publishing, mainly because the area hardest hit does not have a large enough population to make a magazine profitable, Boone

Boone's wife, Barbara, helps him run the business.

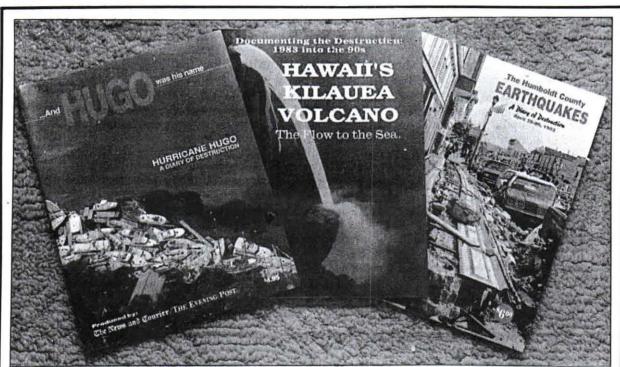
The Boones travel to the disaster area to get a first-hand feel for the disaster and the people it affects. C.F. Boone then meets with the publisher of a local newspaper to strike a deal for advertising and use of reporters and photographers.

"I tell the publisher that working with me to produce the magazine will be good for the community, good for the newspaper and good for him," Boone said. "And it always works out that way. Everyone is a winner."

What usually happens is that Boone will hire photo-graphers and reporters to document the disaster. The newspaper provides advertising for the magazine, and people who want to buy it send their orders to the paper.

In exchange for that, Boone directs 10 percent to 15 percent of profits from the magazine to the newspaper. The publisher then publicly nates about 5 percent of the newspaper's take to disaster relief for the area.

"People in these communities are the real winners," Barbara Boone said. "It's real important to an area that's hit by a disaster to have something to remember it by. Our magazines are something that people will keep forever.



C.F. Boone has published 49 magazines about natural disasters.

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Bustling Mrs. Brill finds Sun Cities life fulfilling

By YOLANDA MUHAMMAD Sun Cities Independent

That jaunty spring in her step and ready smile tell the world she is having a good time -- squeezing every drop of gratification from each and every day.

A Sun City West resident for five years, Harriet Brill has found her place and her time.

"I think the Sun Cities are wonderful! I have been so busy, my calendar is so full, that it's hard for me to conceive that some people say they don't have enough to do."

She and her husband, Carl, came to the area from Oak Creek, Wis. They married in 1945 while he was on an art scholarship.

"He is a full fledged artist, I am attempting to be one."

She points proudly to her husband's work as a medical illustrator, technical illustrator for the Apollo space program and with General Motors.

When she came to Sun City West she decided to make an her life, between rounds of golf, that is.

"My husband shows me things, he is a wonderful teacher.



Sun Citian

Profile

Portraits Of Our Residents

"I have studied watercolor and acrylics with Gloria Gemmill, Corey Celaya -anybody who taught."

Sitting in the art room at Kuentz Recreation center, Harriet is intense. For stretches of time she is intellectual about her art, selecting colors with a plan, drawing the brush with deliberation, controlling the flow of a line.

Then she eases into the mood of the colors and reflection dissolves into artistic intuition.

"I like the freedom of expression when I paint. I have been influenced by the French Impressionists -hopefully I can paint that way.

"I always work with music. I play Mozart, Vivaldi or Bach. They carry me away -they get my emotions going."

Harriet says she learned her sense of freedom from her parents.

"We grew up in the meager years -- we played hopscotch, went roller skating and ice skating -- we never lacked for anything to do, yet nothing we did took any money.

"My parents taught me confidence and to be a survivor and to have pride in what we did."

She says her father worked for Simmons. "He used to take us to the factory see the beautiful mattresses he had made.

"And my mother was a wonderful housewife and cook, always at her best; but I think she would turn over in her grave to see all this emphasis they put on oats and grains now. She used to have to force us to eat them!"

Harriet says with amusement.

In her own career, she did not take the easy path, "I went just about as far as I could go in nursing," she says.

Heading a team of nurses in the emergency room, she says she was always where the excitement was.

"I used to work in an area that served five communities.

"Everytime I went out I would meet people on the street and they would say, 'Don't you know me ... I was in the emergency room for ...'

"I had to remember five cites worth of people!" Harriet says with a laugh.

In the Sun Cities she has volunteered at Interfaith Services and Del Webb Hospital.

She is also a member of the

Sun Cities Art Museum and volunteers in the gift shop.

"It affords me an opportunity to see the exhibits. I see every show that comes to the museum.

"It is very inspirational for my own work.

"We have a very fine art museum for the size of our city."

She and husband Carl go back home to Wisconsin twice a year, where their four children and five grandchildren still live.

At present, all Harriet's thoughts are for the Judged Art Show in December.

With over 300 members in the Sun West Art Club, they have among their numbers people who have been art directors, architects and illustrators, so she is excited about the quality of the upcoming show, which will be "Christmasy," Harriet says.

And when she slows down a bit from all this, she takes classes at Rio Salado and teaches Sunday School.

Just another one of those whirlwind Sun Citians always kicking up dust along Del Webb and R.H. Johnson boulevards.



HARRIET BRILL, a former nurse, is still interested in the healing arts, finding painting relaxing and satisfying.

Area banker joins retirement planning center

By Lynne Carbrey

David Brodess, who most recently was a vice president of Sun City Bank in Sun City, has joined Retirement Planning Center in Sun City West to add his expertise to its operation.

He came to Arizona seven years ago and went into private practice in Scottsdale specializing in financial planning. He received his B.B.A. in Finance at Northwestern University, his M.B.A. in the Executive Program from the University of Chicago and is a Life Underwriters Training Council Fellow. He is currently working on his masters degree in counseling.

While associated with the Sun City Bank, he advised customers on how to protect their assets, and minimize their taxes. He specializes in investment analysis, implementation and tracking and had many satisfied clients.

David believes that clients have financial needs but they may also be facing difficult decisions regarding loved ones in time of illness. Pastors from different faiths in the surrounding area call



David Brodess was well known in the Sun City area before coming to Sun City West.

upon David to ask him to visit someone who is terminally ill and the family is having trouble dealing with it.

He shared the story of a young girl who was terminally ill and he was asked to spend some time with her and her family. While talking with the young girl she indicated that she was concerned that she would not go to heaven. He asked her why she thought this, and she said that when the clergy came to visit her, they indicated that unless you loved

God more than anyone else you would not go to heaven. This was causing her a great deal of sadness and confusion since she told the clergy that she loved her mother and father more than anyone else.

David advised her that loving her mother and father also meant she loved God. Once having told her this, she quietly told her parents she loved them both and died since she felt released by what David had said.

David is available to assist clients with their comprehensive financial planning and looks forward to meeting the residents of SCW. He will be conducting seminars beginning in September focusing on subjects of interest to his new clientele.

His philosophy says it all, "In serving my clients, in the light of all circumstances, recommend the course of action or provide that service which, had I been in the same situation, I would have applied to myself."

OOERS PROFI

Christopher Brown

Vitae Actor, dancer, choreographer, director; 43 years experience as a chorus boy dancer on stage, in movies and on television.

Hometown Wichita Falls,

Texas

Valley home Sun City West,

three years

Marital status Divorced



Self-portrait I'm always happy, always singing to myself. I

just love to make other people happy.

Motto Do unto others as you would have them do unto

you.

Greatest feat It was becoming a born again Christian and

getting baptized last year.

Walter Mitty fantasy I think I'd like to teach the whole world how to

dance and sing.

Inspiration My mother; she was a single, working mother in

the late 1920s. She helped me develop my work ethic and understand the value of a dollar. She also taught me to find something I like in

everybody.

Good/bad habits I'm really a perfectionist and I want the best for

everybody and everything. My bad habit is I'm

too intense.

Favorite food/drink It would have to be biscuits and gravy and

Mexican food. My favorite drink is just plain

water.

TV programs "Meet the Press" and "Sunday Morning"

Books at bedside My Bible

Vacation spot/luxury: Bermuda; I'd like to go to a monastery for a

month where they don't talk for a quiet, peaceful

retreat. I'd like to commune with God and

garden.

Key to longevity Exercise and a healthy body

Last words Stand strong against jealousy and hatred.

Name to Know

The Sun City West Visitor's Center may be the perfect place for resident Mimi Burdette to volunteer.

Enthusiastic about what the community has to offer

and outgo-Mrs. ing, Burdette enjoys sharing her feelings about City Sun West with newcomers and current residents.



"What we sell at the Visitors Center is not homes, but a way of life," Mrs. Burdette said.

Volunteering since prior to its opening, Mrs. Burdette helped in formulating and writing the guidelines for the Visitors Center.

Currently volunteering several times a month as a monitor, Mrs. Burdette oversees the Visitors Center for an entire day.

"I'm pleased with myself in making some kind of con-tribution," she said. "I think, in encouraging people to live here and encouraging residents to take advantage of everything that is available to them.'

For the last two years, Mrs. Burdette has also chaired the Visitors Center volunteer recognition banquet.

Besides her volunteer efforts at the Visitors Center, Mrs. Burdette and her husband Bob, volunteer as ushers with the Phoenix Symphony and at the Herberger Theater.

"A good side to that is, after we usher we get to sit down and watch the show," she said.

Additionally, Mrs. Burdette has served on the governing council for the Rio Institute for Senior Education.

Correction

· Last week's "Name to Know" profile on P. 1 contained an incorphotorect graph. The photograph accompanying photograph was not Mimi Burdette, the subject of last week's profile.



BURDETTE

Ms. Burdette's photograph is included here.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

Variety show choreographer got early start

By Ray Simmons Special to Community

SUN CITY WEST — Show business gets in the blood, and it shows in Nian Cadman.

Cadman, a fourth-generation

+ performer, is a dancer and choreographer. She will choreograph
four numbers for the Sun City
West variety show Nov. 19 and 20
at the Sundome Center for the
Performing Arts.

This year's variety show, directed by Jeanne Tarr, is called "Show Toppers."

Cadman moved with her family from Youngstown, Ohio, to Florida when she was very young.

"I used to clunk around in my older sister's tap shoes," Cadman said. "When my sister got sick and couldn't dance anymore, I just kept using her shoes."

When she was 8, the family headed back to Ohio, a move that left Nian in tears.

"When my mother asked why, I blurted out that I had left my dancing shoes on the back porch in Florida," Cadman said.

Her mom wiped her tears and promised her new dancing shoes and a real teacher in Ohio. The teacher was Bill Dixon, who recognized a natural in his new student, who could follow a new step after



Special to Community

Nian Cadman rehearses the Rhythm Tappers in preparation for "Show Toppers," an upcoming Sun City West variety show.

only one demonstration.

"That's when my folks knew I was born to dance," she said.

Each summer, she studied dance with show biz greats like Gwen Verdon, Gene Nelson, Jack Stanley and Paul Draper, and eventually, she appeared in "Meet Me in St. Louis" with Robert Goulet and the Kenley Players in Warren, Ohio, and with Jose Duval in "Kismet." She danced with Gene Nelson in Las Vegas and in USO shows all over the country.

Cadman started teaching when she was 12, tried to quit as a teenager, then obeyed her mother and continued.

The last 24 years have been devoted to teaching dance.

She opened her first studio in 1960 in Austintown, Ohio, and now maintains two Contempo Dance Centers, one in Sun City and one in Phoenix, and teaches tap to the Sun City West Rhythm Tappers.

Cadman also teaches modern dance. She has been a member of the Dance Masters of America since 1966 and is a judge certified by the National Dance Council.

Her great-grandfather began the family show business tradition in vaudeville. Her grandfather, mother and aunts and uncles appeared in the act known as the Dunn Family in the old Orpheus Circuit.

An uncle, Paul Morrow, sang at Radio City Music Hall in New York City for four years. Morrow is assistant director of the Orpheus Chorus of Phoenix, which is no relation to the vaudeville circuit.

And an aunt, Marianne Dunn, sang with several big bands in the Los Angeles area, including Jack Teagarden, Sonny Dunham and Will Osborn.

"It isn't exactly like being born in a trunk, but the family stage tradition covers vaudeville, acting, singing and dancing, and we're proud of it," Cadman said.

Proceeds of the variety show support the Sun Health Foundation for the benefit of Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

Choreographs Tappers for Variety Show



Nian Cadman rehearses the Rhythm Tappers in one of the four numbers the group will perform at the Sun City West Variety Show which will be held in November

Show business gets in the blood, and it shows in Nian Cadman.

Miss Cadman, a fourth generation showperson, is a dancer and choreographer. And it is fortunate for Sun City Westers and Sun Citians that she is. She will be the principal choreographer for the Sun City West Variety Show this coming Fall. She will choreograph four numbers and two other persons each will choreograph one.

Tarr, is entitled "Show Toppers," and will be held will be a single performance at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 and two performances on Friday, Nov. 20...a matinee at 2 p.m. with an evening show scheduled for 8 p.m.

esque blonde with a Mary Martin hairdo, also teaches to the Cadman house, roll modern dance. In addition to teaching tap dancing to her a dance step. He then Sun City West Rhythm would play the piano and Tappers, she operates two she could do the step Contempo Dance Centers... immediately. "That's when one in the Crossroads my folks knew I was born Towne Center, and the to dance," she said. other in Phoenix.

Ohio. When she was very young, the family moved to Florida and she said, "I used to clunk around in my older sister's tap shoes".

This year's Variety had left my dancing shoes Show, directed by Jeanne on the back porch. She put her arms around me and said, 'That's all right at the Sundome. There honey. When we get to Ohio I'll buy you a new pair and let you take dancing lessons".

Her first formal dance teacher was a fellow by the name of Bill Dixon. He knew right off that Miss Cadman, a statu- Miss Cadman was a natural. He would come back the carpet and show

This fourth generation Miss Cadman is no showperson was carted stranger to dance. She off to New York City each was born in Youngstown, summer to study dance under such show business notables as Gwen Verdon, Gene Nelson, Jack Stanley and Paul Draper.

Miss Cadman appeared in "Meet Me in St. Louis" When she was eight with Robert Goulet, with years of age, the family the Kenley Players in moved back to Ohio. "I Warren, Ohio, and with started to cry soon after Jose Duval in "Kismet". we left," she said. "My She also danced for Gene mother asked what was Nelson in Las Vegas. the matter. Through my Additionally, she danced tears I blurted out that I in USO shows around the country.

"I really started teaching dance when I was 12 vears old...to the neighborhood children for fund raisers for such things as polio. I knew then, deep in my heart, I wanted to teach dance. And the last 24 years of my life have been devoted to teaching".

Miss Cadman said she opened her first studio in 1960...in a basement underneath a restaurant in Austintown, Ohio...teaching children.

Miss Cadman has taught the Rhythm Tappers tap dancing for the last four years. The Tappers will present four numbers at the Variety Show. She will choreograph three of the four routines. The fourth number will be choreographed by Miriam Lawless, the other Rhythm Tappers' instructress. Jan Thomas has choreographed a number for the Jazzercizers. Kay Herzog has developed the number for the Nana Komohana Tutus, a Hawaiian dance.

Miss Cadman also is developing a routine for one of her Contempo Dance Center classes to NIAN CADMAN

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perform at the Variety Show.

Miss Cadman choreographed the numbers the Rhythm Tappers performed on their trips to Russia, Japan and Australia. She also choreographed "Guys and Dolls" and "Hello Dolly" for Theater West. Among her other choreographic credits are night club acts at Las Vegas. and for summer stock and community theater groups. including "South Pacific," "Showboat," "Fantastics," "Scrooge," "Fiddler On The Roof," "Grease," and "Pippin".

Miss Cadman has been a member of the Dance Masters of America since 1966 and is a certified judge by the National Dance Council.

Miss Cadman's grandparents moved to the Phoenix area in 1952. "I came to the area for a visit," she said. "I liked it, so I stayed".

Miss Cadman's greatgrandfather began the show business tradition starting in vaudeville. Her grandfather, her mother and her mother's sisters and brothers appeared in the act known as the Dunn Family in the old Orpheum Circuit.

Miss Cadman's uncle, Paul Morrow, sang at Radio City Music Hall in New York City for four years. Morrow presently is the assistant director of the Orpheus Chorus here in Phoenix. And her aunt, Marianne Dunn, sang with several big bands in the Los Angeles area, including Jack Teagarden, Sonny Dunham and Will Osborn.

"It isn't exactly like being born in a trunk, but the family stage tradition covers vaudeville, acting, singing and dancing, and we're proud of it," she concluded.

Proceeds from the Variety Show are donated to the Sun Health Foundation for the benefit of Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital. Persons attending the show are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. The food items collected are divided between the Salvation Army and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Foul balls bring out best in Sun City West couple

DAILY NEWS-SUN

Joe and Mary Calcagno never sit together during baseball games in Bank One Ballpark.

If Joe goes to right field, Mary heads to left.

That's just the way it is if you're the first husband-and-wife Golden Glove team for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be a Golden Glover," Joe Calcagno said. "It's icing on the cake to be able to do this with my wife."

One Golden Glover patrols the left-field foul line while the other sets up in right during home games in Bank One Ballpark. They serve as ballboys and ballgirls, retrieving foul balls and distributing them to fans in the stands.

Dressed in Diamondbacks uniforms. Golden Glovers must be a minimum of 55 years old.

The Sun City West residents began working games in April and are typically at three to four games each month. They alternate between left and right field on a game-by-game

"I golf with a guy who worked as a Golden Glover last year and he told me how much fun it was," 70-year-old Joe Calcagno said. "We sent the Diamondbacks a resume and

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a letter and they brought us in for an interview."

The Calcagnos didn't have to try out or impress the Diamondbacks with their fielding prowess to land the volunteer position. Their athletic backgrounds - they play tennis, softball, bowl and ski - as well as their interviewing skills impressed the Diamondbacks.

There are eight Golden Glovers, who alternate every fourth home game.

"Each Golden Glover works for just one season," said Tony Wetjen, human resources coordinator for the Diamondbacks. "There's been such a demand by people to participate that we had to put a one-year limit on it."

The Calcagnos take their uniforms to the games and dress in an area underneath the stands. Frequently, they'll cross paths with D. Baxter. the team mascot, as well as players and coaches.

Golden Glovers take the field approximately 30 minutes before the first pitch.

complete with introductions 12 minutes before game time.

"We're told not to talk to the players unless they initiate it," Mary Calcagno said. "A lot of them say hello to us as they head to the bullpen. (Pitcher) Miguel Batista always has something nice to

Seated on wooden stools with baseball gloves in hand, the Pennsylvania natives have one of the best seats in the house to watch a game if they can avoid being part of the action.

With a baseball bearing down on them with laser-like speed, Golden Glovers must decide in a split second whether to snare the ball or, clear out of the way of onrushing fielders.

Fans may have seen Mary Calcagno on TV last week during a game against Pittsburgh. The 67-year-old grabbed her wooden stool in left field and scampered out of the way just in time for a ball off the bat of Matt Williams to get by for the gamewinning hit.

"I forget which team this was against, but there was

one game when a high pop came my way," she said. "I grabbed my chair to get out of the way and it sounded like hoof beats as the players went after it.

They caught the ball about a foot away from me."

The Calcagnos become instant hits with fans after they grab a foul ball. Everyone wants the baseball as a souvenir.

"I look around before the game and decide which ones to give the foul ball to." Joe Calcagno said.

Children are always their

first choice.

We get a lot of joy out of watching the expression on the faces of children when you give them a foul ball." Mary Calcagno said. "It's as if you gave them \$1 million.

The Calcagnos have even achieved celebrity status in the ballpark.

"There was a guy from Washington, D.C., who came over and approached me about an autograph." Mary Calcagno said. "I told him we couldn't get autographs from

He didn't want one from them. He wanted one from

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Joe and Mary Calcagno of Sun City West are the first husband-and-wife team to work as Golden Glovers for the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Calcagnos work three or four home games each month.

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Joe and Mary Calcagno are more than just fans of the Arizona Diamondbacks. They work as Golden Glovers during home games in Bank One Ballpark.

SCW couple honored for contribution

MICHAEL MARESH

A Sun City West couple will have their names attached to a community organization after bequeathing a portion of their estate to the Sun City West Foundation.

The foundation will name its facility the Robert M. and Norma B. Cameron Center.

This center includes the foundation's offices, meeting rooms, PRIDES office, a thrift shop and the Interfaith Community Care Adult Day Care

Norma Cameron said the amount of the bequest, if the stock market does not fluctuate much in upcoming years, will be close to \$100,000.

At 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd., the Sun City West Foundation in conjunction with the Camerons will have an open house to celebrate the announcement of the center's new name as well as the couple's 55th wedding anniversary.

Cameron said she and her husband were married on Sept. 5, but the foundation wanted to honor the couple after the winter visitors returned to the community.

"That is my understand-ing," she said. "It is just an honor that is given to us."

The Camerons are planning on bequeathing a portion of their estate to the Foundation upon their death, but, she said, that could change depending on stock market fluctuations.

Cameron said the couple felt it was time to give something back to an organization that provides valuable resources to the retirement community.

"They do a lot of good in the community," she said, mentioning the PRIDES, who help, keep the community's streets clean.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Robert and Norma Cameron bequeathed a portion of their estate to the Sun City West Foundation. They will be honored Oct. 23 during an open house at the foundation.

"When we set up a trust, we named them as one of our bequests," she said, adding she and her husband wanted to award them in some way for its service.

Cameron said she and her husband did not expect anything in return from the bequest and was thrilled when they were told how the foundation planned on honoring them.

She said after they are gone their legacy will live on since their names will be prominently displayed in the retirement community.

"I think it is an honor," she said. "How many people get a building named after them?"

The Camerons moved to Sun City West in 1984 from Kansas City, Kan. Robert Cameron previously was the founder and chief executive officer of Data/Wares, a computer leasing company, retiring in 1974, while his wife retired in 1979 as a supervisor of personal with Western Electrical Co., in Kansas.

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Sun City West woman honored

By Lori Baker Staff writer

SUN CITY — Vicki Campolieto helps brighten the lives of many people.

When folks are hungry or without decent clothes, Campolieto makes sure they get what they need.

And there are the more simple tasks, such as filling in checks to pay bills because an elderly resident can't see well enough to do it. Or taking someone Christmas shopping.

"I love helping. There are so many needy people and I feel fortunate not to be one of them," said Campolieto, who volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Sun City West resident was named the Volunteer of the Year at a recent luncheon in Sun. City sponsored by the Volunteer Bureau of the Sun Cities Area. Her name was picked at random from about 250 volunteers whose names were suggested by various nonprofit agencies.

Campolieto's prize is a seven-day cruise for two aboard a Holland America Line-Westours Inc. ship to either the Caribbean or Alaska. The cruise line donated the prize.

"I can't believe that I was so lucky," Campolieto said. "I was chosen out of the many who have done so much."

Campolieto's husband, Daniel, also is a volunteer for St. Vincent de Paul. He, too, was among those nominated for volunteer recognition.

The couple visit people in their homes to help them get through crisis situations, such as not having enough food. They also donate time at the St. Vincent de Paul dining room in downtown Phoenix.

And they help the needy through their church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sun City.

Besides honoring the volunteer of the year, the cruise line also sponsors monthly volunteer competitions and a free cruise is awarded to the winning volunteer's organization. Some organizations use the cruise as a fundraiser and others give it to the honored volunteer to show their appreciation.

Winners and their sponsoring organizations this year were Eleanor Eilers, Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital; Jeannette Shotwell, Sun Cities Area Community Council; Donna Gingrich, Sundome Performing Arts Association; Connie Marraffino, Fire District of Sun City West; and Betty Jahnke,

Habitat for Humanity.

Also, Janet Kendall, Sun City West Lioness Club; Bob Balling, Arrowhead Community Hospital; Grace Miller, Sun City Library; Helen Klett, Sun City West Lioness Club; Wallace Britton, Sun Cities Area Historical Society; Roy Potter, AARP; and Joe Davisson, Sun Health Foundation.

The volunteer recognition program has been offered since May 1991. The cruise line will offer it again in 1994.

Janet Henningsen, executive director of the Volunteer Bureau of the Sun Cities, said about 1,900 volunteers are listed with her agency. They work in the schools, hospitals, care centers or delivering meals for 175 nonprofit agencies

But there is a constant need for more volunteers. For information, call the bureau at 546-1774 or 972-6809.



Vicki Campolieto was named Vo

Survey shows many hands make light work in Sun City

By Lori Baker Staff writer

SUN CITY — About \$13 million in volunteer services are donated by residents of Sun City each year, a survey shows.

The price tag of volunteerism is probably even higher because only two-thirds of agencies have responded to a questionnaire prepared by the Sun City Home Owners Association. Results are still being tallied.

"I think the value of volunteerism is more like \$20 million a year if all the agencies are included," said Lynn Arend, president of the homeowners association.

Årend said the survey validates Sun City's designation as the "City of Volunteers," which is touted on road signs at the community's entrances and on some agencies' letterheads.

Volunteers save Maricopa County and the state money because government employees would have to be hired to provide the services. That could cause an increase in taxes, Arend said.

About 40 agencies reported that volunteers spend 1.28 million hours working annually. The value of their time was computed at \$6 to \$15 an hour. These numbers do not include Sun City West residents.

Organizations with the biggest impact are the Sheriff's Posse, Sun Cities Area Community Council and the Sun City Prides. Others are the Walter O. Boswell Hospital, Sun Health Auxiliary and the recreation centers.

Arend said the survey results will be sent to government representatives to show how Sun Citians take care of their community through volunteerism.

Will future Sun Citians carry on the volunteerism tradition?

The homeowners association has hired Arizona State University to forecast whether volunteerism will remain strong in five to 10 years. The study is being financed by Del Webb Corp., developer of Sun City.

Name to Know

Amos Childers first began volunteering while he worked at AC Sparkplug in Flint, Mich.

Discovering that one of

his superiors expected employees to volunteer in the community, Mr. Childers began looking for



opportunities to donate his time.

The sentiment of this specific boss was, that if an employee was to be a leader in the plant, they should also be a leader in the community.

Mr. Childers embraced this sentiment.

"I started out in the Boy Scouts, went into many service clubs and became active in Goodwill," Mr. Childers said. "What I found out was that you get back more than you give when you help people."

Moving to Sun City West in 1983, Mr. Childers continued to volunteer. Some of his donated efforts since moving to the community include volunteering at the Visitors Center, on the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Human Resources and Golf committees and on Grandview Terrace's Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee.
"One of the results of volunteering at the Visitors
Center is that I'm reminded
every day what a great place
Sun City West is," Mr.
Childers said.

A Name to Know

The Sun City West Foundation recently named Wal-

to its board of directors. Mr. Ciesla will replace Keith Morrow. who resigned due to



other commitments.

Moving to Sun City West 15 years ago from northern Illinois, Mr. Ciesla has been active in numerous community activities throughout this time

Currently, Mr. Ciesla is the facilities manager for the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association. In addition, he has served on PORA's Board of Directors for three years, volunteers with the Foundation's luminaria project and volunteers at his church.

"To me, I volunteer because it's giving back something. I've had a pretty good life," Mr. Ciesla said. "(Volunteering) is kind of a community thing here."

He has also been active in the Elks and Moose lodges, the United Way and in the Knights of Columbus.

Before retiring, Mr. Ciesla worked as a manager of a paint store, in wholesale electrical sales and in newspaper circulation.

Experience adds up for PORA treasurer

By MIKE GARRETT Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST - Retired IBM executive Ed Cirillo brings a wealth of leadership experience to his new home in the desert Southwest.

During his 31-year career as an accountant, controller and planner with IBM Corp., Cirillo lived and worked in Paris, New York and Tokyo, and in other cities from Scandinavia to South America.

He vacationed in Hawaii, traveled to Canada, Australia and Tokyo on work assignments and considered retiring to Florida, Hawaii, South Carolina or San Diego before he discovered Sun City West.

"I'm very happy with our decision to move and I'm happy I retired early," Cirillo, 59, said.

He and his wife, whom he met during a two-year stint with the U.S. Army in Germany, decided on early retirement to Sun City West in March 1991.

He said they first decided to buy a Sun City West home in 1990 during the hottest June in Phoenix history when the temperature hit 122

"When we first saw brochures on the area in 1988, we were already quite pleased with the architecture of the houses, the tax structure, the cost of living, the culture and the great weather," Cirillo said.

"We came back two or three times, spent time in Del Webb's rental apartments and then put a deposit down and ordered a house that June."

Now, two years after moving here, Cirillo has discovered his early retirement was in name only.

He is treasurer of the Property Owners and Residents Association, succeeding current President Bill Fry; is president-elect of the Sun City West Rotary Club; and is an active participant in the Sun City West Republican and Elks clubs.

"He's also a star softball player (in the Sun City West Senior Softball League)," Fry said.

Cirillo was with IBM when the company grew from \$1 billion in assets to \$60 billion. He said his biggest concern now is seeing that PORA's \$65,000 building expansion mortgage gets paid off in two years. "It's down to \$35,000 after a year. We are very sound financially."

Cirillo was politically active in Terrytown before he retired, serving as village trustee two years and as treasurer of the YMCA and the Community Opportunity Center for disadvantaged youths.

"I can appreciate that we don't have any real politics in Sun City West," he said. "In looking around I saw PORA as the closest thing to a municipal government and I thought I would like to get involved and influence what happens in the community."

Cirillo said friends urged him to run for PORA but he didn't campaign because he didn't consider it a political office. However, PORA directors are becoming more politically active in West Valley issues.

"I like the concept Dick Egan has started in trying to assemble another level of community government and I'm glad we're meeting with the rec centers every month," he said.

"We don't want to appear to be divisive outside the community. That's really destructive. If we're approaching our state legislators with two different points of view, we're dead in the water."

Like other PORA directors, Cirillo sees water rights and future tax burdens as a major concern, but he doesn't see the Northwest Valley



Ed Cirillo

having any water supply problems in the foreseeable future.

He said he became involved with PORA to stay in shape, physically and mentally.

"If you just come out here and vegetate, you're going to lose your mental faculties," he said. "Wrestling with some of the problems we have in PORA is good because it keeps your mind sharp.'

Cirillo said he was concerned for a while when Gov. Fife Symington's anti-gambling law was first proposed because it might have outlawed PORA's biggest money maker, the Friday night bingo that draws 500 people this time of year.

The final bill passed exempting bingo as a form of gambling.

Although the games also raise funds for other local groups, Friday Night Bingo was largely responsible in paying for last year's PORA building expansion, Cirillo said.

Maricopa County subsequently selected the PORA building to house a satellite planning and zoning department and soon-to-come satellite office to address local concerns and

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ON THE BANDSTAND

SC West musician performs in summertime

By Jeremy Pearlman Independent Newspapers

It isn't difficult to surmise that Dick Clark is a big fan of music.

He exudes a teen-like giddiness when talking about some of his favorite tunes, styles or different performances he has

"It's in my blood," Mr. Clark said.

But while his famous namesake promotes the virtues of Rock 'n' Roll, Mr. Clark fancies big-band music.

A winter resident of Sun City West for more than 16 years, Mr. Clark began playing the saxophone in high school before serving in the armed services during World War II.

Following the war, Mr. Clark played the instrument only on occasion giving up music for a job in insurance and to raise a family.

"I'm glad I never went into (music) as an occupation, but if World War II didn't start that's what I would have done," he

It wasn't until nearly 50 years later that a former classmate requested Mr. Clark to play for their high school reunion in Iowa.

Agreeing, he brought his instrument up to Idaho - where he and his wife, Dorothy, spend summers - and began practicing.

In Idaho, Mr. Clark became acquainted with Hal Heath, a pianist from Peoria, and began to play with him. After several months, the two found a bass player and formed a trio called the Flashbacks in 1992.

Playing for events and parties the trio garnered much attention and soon began performing in front of crowds of 800 to 1,200 people at the local university and tabernacle in Rexburg, Idaho.

At 77, performances still are nerve racking.

"I still have butterflies in my stomach until we get two to three songs in," Mr. Clark said. "I don't think that will ever leave."

With the passing of his bandmates. Mr. Clark has formed a new trio, with Idaho residents Millie Matson and Wilson Brown.

Only spending three months out of the year in Idaho, Mr. Clark spends his winters practicing, but not performing in any bands.

"A lot of people ask me if I play down here," he said. "I couldn't put anything together down here."

Unable to find a pianist and bass player in the community who were willing or able to improvise off a song's melody,

Mr. Clark practices about twice

While he does not perform shows in the Sun Cities, he does get an audience for his practices.

"We're on the golf course and when I play, people can hear me throughout the neighborhood," Mr. Clark said. "I have had people dance here at the tee."

The trio's next performance will be June 26 at the Brigham Young University Idaho College Theater as part of the university's "Summer in the Snow" series.



Sun City West resident Dick Clark, center, performs in a popular swing band during the summer in Idaho. His bandmates are Wilson Brown and Millie Matson.

A Name to Know

Edwin "Bud" Clark does not shy away from hard work.

Throughout his adult

life, Mr. Clark has risen many leadership roles because he willingdedicates time and ener-



gy to whatever endeavor he

is participating.

"I'm willing to do everything I can to make things successful," Mr. Clark said about why he has been elevated to many high-level roles.

"The more you do; the more you can expect to do and to me that's not a bad thing because I'd rather be busy," he added.

In past years Mr. Clark has served as a chief warrant officer for the Army, a chief executive officer for a Pennsylvanian bank, a condemnation commissioner Middlesex County for Court in New Jersey and as a board member for several professional and governmental bodies.

Mr. Clark was recently elected commander of the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City West for 2003. A volunteer organization, the Posse provides community patrols, vacation watch, home security checks and various other services.

Teacher, poet, lover of wildlife

Retired school principal uses poetry to express feelings for fellow man and beast

By YOLANDA MUHAMMAD Sun Cities Independent

Into the classroom came "Rocky" the wolf, yellow-eyed and warm-hearted.

Children "oooed and ahhhed" and flung their arms around his neck, burying their faces in his silken fur.

From the sidelines, Gerald Clarke, principal, looked on approvingly. He saw hands-on knowledge take hold in the students' thrilled faces.

In that moment he grew. He was no longer solely an educator, he was evolving intomaturalist and storing images for the poet in his soul.

A resident of Sun City West for more than six years, Mr. Clarke says he and his wife, June, knew they wanted to come to the Southwest because their daughter, Katherine, a librarian, lives in Santa Fe, N. M., and when friends living in Sun City invited them for a visit, they were happy to come.

"I had always said, because I was a retired school principal, I never wanted to live in an adult community. I always wanted to have children around as neighbors.

"But Sun City was so lively, I changed my mind," Mr. Clarke says. And, the Clarke's wanted to "escape the frozen North."

Born in Wattsburg, Pa., he says he was always a good student in school and discovered an interest in astronomy as a young boy. He also enjoyed nature study.

After high school, he attended Buffalo State Teacher's College, "and I no sooner got out of that than World War II was on and I went straight into the Army Air Force," serving in the technical inspection area during the war.

The GI Bill of Rights helped him get his master's degree and he was thinking that he wanted to be a college history teacher, "because I had just been through history" in the war. "But every other GI with an IQ over 100 going from college at that time had the same idea and there were 100 applicants for every college teaching position in history."

His graduate work included courses in administration, and so he took a position as an elementary school principal in Painted Post, N.Y.

There he found his niche and his mission.

"I discovered right away that that was the love of my life. I really enjoyed working with the teachers, the pupils and the parents."

During his 27-year career as an elementary school principal, he headed four different schools in western New York.

While he was the principal at

mers around Seattle.

Near Tacoma there is a place called Wolf Haven, a large ranch where 35 wolves reside.

Mr. Clarke says the sole purpose of Wolf Haven is to preserve the wolf.

"The wolf does not make a good pet. You cannot housetrain a wolf, and if you let them loose,

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Webster, they used to have an "Environmental Day."

The Society for the Preservation of Endangered Species would send around a live wolf in a van to the schools, Mr. Clarke says.

"What they were trying to prove is that the wolf is not the 'big, bad wolf of Disney fame, but is really a very fine and wonderful creature and worthy of saving."

One of the wolves Mr. Clarke made friends with was "Sundance," who traveled to his school for seven years, delighting children.

Mr. Clarke played with Sundance in the school courtyard, skipping his lunch on visit day; falling in love with the animals, which he says cannot be tamed, but will tolerate man.

Since retiring, Mr. Clarke and his wife like to spend their sum-

they will take off through the woods -- that's their instinct -and they would never put themselves in the custody of man again."

When Mr. Clarke presented himself at Wolf Haven, he told them about his background in working with wolves as a school principal, and "they gave him special privileges."

Allowing him inside one of the large enclosures, Mr. Clarke made friends with "Windsong."

To make that first meeting one of trust, an attendant entered the enclosure with Mr. Clarke and told Windsong, "this fellow is okay."

At first she ignored him. "Then she got curious about me, then she came up and gave me a kiss and then she snuggled right up and we really got along.

"I am very fond of wolves. I love them. I hug them. I have a

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nephew who calls me 'Uncle Wolf,' and I have many friends

among them."

Back in 1938 Mr. Clarke was class poet of his senior class. "I have always been interested in poetry, and for quite awhile, what with marriage and my career, I put poetry behind me, but around 1970 I began thinking seriously about poetry again and writing quite a bit ."

Many of his poems were published in the poet's corner of his local newspaper in Rochester.

N.Y.

While in college, Mr. Clarke took inspiration from the narrative poet Robinson Jeffers, admiring his work and having met him once after a lecture.

During World War II, Mr. Clarke wrote a narrative poem about his disillusionment with flying because it was "so mechanical" and not at all like the birds.

Thinking of Icarus, he wrote the poem "Airling," suggesting that man does not really belong in the sky.

Mr. Clarke sent a copy of this

poem to the poet Jeffers, who wrote back saying, "it is the most luminous poem about flying that I know."

Being 23 at the time, Mr. Clarke says, "this was terrific news."

In 1977, Mr. Clarke published his first book of poems, with "Airling" as the centerpiece.

When he retired from the field of education in 1978, he published a book of short poems called "McGregor School" which

is a collection of narrative poems about an elementary school principal, the teachers, the "delightful, wonderful kids" he works with, including the troubled children and their parents.

His next book of poems is entitled "Montoya," (1987) the story of a man lost in the mountains, who falls and breaks his leg, and who is nurtured by a pair of wolves, who cuddle up to him and keep him warm during the night.

"If that ever happened to me, there is nothing I would rather have find me than a couple of

wolves.

"They are not savage killers in friends. any way."

Still visiting Wolf Haven every summer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have adopted a wolf, which means that their donation goes toward feeding and providing medical care for the wolves.

He says northern Montana and

Isle Royale in Lake Superior are just about the only two places left in the U.S. where the wolf population has any numbers. And a few Mexican red wolves have been introduced in the Carolinas.

"Not since 1907 has a wolf been sighted in Arizona. Between 1870 and 1920 the wolf was virtually hunted to extinction in the United States by ranchers."

After five years of visiting the compound, Windsong knows Mr. Clarke and always comes to him for a friendly nuzzle.

"They are lovely beyond description," he says of his wild

Mr. Clarke is currently president of the Sun Cities Arizona Poetry Society (SCAPS), a group of 50 residents that meets monthly to share their poems.

Gratified with his role of guiding teachers to teach students the necessary skills to learn and



MAN'S BEST FRIEND he may not be, but the wolf is not as mean as most people think, says local resident and author Gerald Clarke. Shown here, Mr. Clarke spends time with his friend, Windsong, at Wolf Haven Compound in Washington.

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to be disciplined; Jerry Clarke "predictability, honesty, incredisays the qualities he most ad- ble gentleness and dependabil-



DOERS PROFILE

<u>Charles</u> Clikeman

Vita: Has volunteered for the Sun Cities Area Interfaith Services for nine years. Is a 14-year member of the Sun City West Lions Club and chairman of the Interfaith Lecture Series.



Hometown:

Rockford, Illinois

Marital Status:

Married to wife, Virginia, and has

a son, daughter and two

grandchildren.

Self-Portrait:

"Attitude is more important than

ability.'

Motto:

"Nothing happens until someone

sells you an idea.

Greatest feat:

Bartisination in the development

Participation in the development of Sun Cities Area Interfaith

Services.

Inspiration:

Luke 12:48 from New Testament

Last Words:

"My record speaks for itself."

Volunteering holds key to longevity

harles Clikeman, 81, of Sun City West thinks he has found the key to living a long life. The secret he says, is volunteering.

"I believe that death can be controlled from the ears up," Clikeman said. "The most important thing in life is helping others. Volunteering is a pleasurable experience for me and I think it's what keeps me going."

Clikeman, a retired sales manager for American Express, moved to Sun City West in 1980. He has been volunteering since he moved to Arizona from Milwaukee.

"When I fist got here I played a lot of golf. I had always loved the game and had the chance to play as often as I wanted to," Clikeman said. "Pretty soon I found myself playing four or five times a week. That's like having steak at every meal. Eventually you're going to get sick of it. I asked myself, 'do I want to do this for the rest of my life?"

The answer was no. Clikeman gave up golf entirely and threw himself into volunteer work. He said he is happier now than he has ever been in his life and he hasn't been on a golf course for 12 years.

"My volunteer work is so much more rewarding than just playing golf," Clikeman said. "My life is complete. I spend most of my time doing things that are most important to me. Helping one another is the best way to live a full life." Clikeman has been a board member for Sun City Area Interfaith Services for nine years. He is a 14-year member of the Sun City West Lions Club, where he is chairman of the eye tissue committee. This year, during Operation Sight First, the committee helped the Lions to collect more than 3,800 eyes for the eye bank. The eyes are donated to people and used for research.

"There are so many people out there who can't see and they need the eyes of people who don't need them anymore. When I look through the obituaries, I think what a waste to lose all of those eyes. It may sound morbid, but it's not. People should donate their eyes in the event of their death."

Like her husband, Virginia Clikeman has found a love for volunteering. It's become a way of life for the couple and they plan to continue as long as they are able to help others.

As a member of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Charles Clikeman is involved in the Beware of the Exploitation of the Elderly Program (BEEP) which helps inform retirees of different types of fraud and scams.

"Rip-off artists know that retirement communities can be lucrative for them," Clikeman said. "The average person in the Sun Cities receives more than five phone calls a day from people selling some type of good or service. With BEEP, I speak at various clubs about awareness of these con games and try to help the people protect themselves."

"I don't consider what I'm doing as work," Clikeman said. "I'm having a lot of fun and I'm helping people at the same time...I can't possibly change all the things in the world, but I can work at some of the things that are wrong. I only try to change the things I am able to do something about."

Clikeman is the author of "Two Centuries of Clikemans in America" and is a charter member of the Sun City West HI-Masonic Club. He is also the past president of the Tripoli Arizonans which is made up of members of the Milwaukee Shrine Club.

Volunteer finds enrichment in serving others

By J.J. McCORMACK Staff writer

glimpse of Lorraine Cockle's resume shows she doesn't do anything half way. Whether working for pay as a teacher or a Realtor, or volunteering for a philanthropic organization, Cockle has held top leadership positions all along the way.

"I'm not a follower; I'm a leader," she said. The Sun City West woman's resume also shows she has been volunteering for 53 years, starting with a stint as a Red Cross nurse's aide during World War II. After getting the free training, Cockle spent her evenings and week-

ends volunteering at Chicago-area hospitals.
"It was just something I felt I had to do," said Cockle, who was out of school and working as a

fashion model at the time.

After marrying, Cockle's volunteer commitments were directed toward her four children. She was a 4-H leader, den mother, Scout leader and a Guardian of Job's Daughters while raising her brood. She founded a PEO chapter in South Dakota and was the state president of the philanthropic organization there. She is a past worthy matron for Order of the Eastern Star and was a state membership chairman and a member of the state board of Republican Women in South Dakota

Since moving to Sun City West in 1987, Cockle founded another PEO chapter and has been active in various capacities with the Sun Health Corp. and its volunteer auxiliary.

She is the immediate past president of the auxiliary. Her tenure marked a number of firsts for the auxiliary, including the first holiday home tour. The event netted \$20,000 for Sun Health Hospice House.

"I'm kind of adventurous," she said, referring to the auxiliary firsts, which also included special parties for volunteers, a for-men-only breakfast and hiring paid managers to run the gift shops at both Walter O. Boswell and Del E.

Webb Memorial hospitals.

A front-desk volunteer at Webb hospital. Cockle is co-chairing the second annual home tour for the auxiliary. She serves on the Sun Health Auxiliary board and on the planning and institutional review committees for Sun Health

Cockle was the Sun Health Auxiliary and the Sun Cities Area Volunteer Bureau's "Volunteer of the Month" in February.

A desire to be involved and do the best job possible are at the root of Cockle's volunteer spirit. She credits her mother with planting the seed.

"Mother brought us up to believe you have to be as helpful as you can and you have to be a caring person. She said the doer was as enriched as much as the recipient."

Cockle's personal philosophy also was influenced by a book she read as a young child that contained the following words of wisdom: "If you can't be a tree, be a shrub. But be the best little shrub by the side of the road."

Cockle said she devotes the bulk of her time and energy these days to Sun Health because, ' think both Sun Health and the hospitals do a wonderful service for people."

If you would like to nominate someone for the Doer's profile, call J.J. McCormack, 977-8351, or write P.O. Box 1779, Sun City, 85372.

DOERS PROFILE

Lorraine Cockle

Vita: Former fashion model, teacher and Realtor; homemaker: cookbook author.



Hometown:

Raised in Forest Park, Ill.: moved to Sun City West from Watertown,

Family:

Husband, Bob; four children; four grandchildren; one great-grand

Self-Portrait:

"I'm a person who likes to be involved and help people. I believe in being the best at whatever you

Greatest feat:

"Raising four wonderful, caring and

successful children.

Motto:

"I told the Sun Health Auxiliary at the beginning of the year when I was president, "It's a good thing to remember and a better thing to do to be a part of a construction gang than a wrecking crew.'

Inspiration:

"My mom, Nora Berg. She was a doer. She always said being helpful in life and being kind to people brings enduring benefits.

Key to longevity:

"Keeping busy; keeping mentally

and physically fit.'

Volunteer of the Vonth

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Phyllis Cohen, Sun City West December 2000 Volunteer of the Month

For Phyllis Cohen of Sun City West, volunteering means more than just pitching in a few hours here and there to help out a worthy cause.

Performing a variety of functions for numerous local organizations, Phyllis' efforts touch hundreds, if not thousands of lives each month. But it's the personal satisfaction she receives that makes the time and effort all worthwhile. "It gives me a feeling of satisfaction knowing what I'm doing may be helping somebody else," she says. Ms. Cohen volunteers for the Sundome Center for Performing Arts. On Thursdays she can be found at the theater working at the information desk, handing out programs and selling candy. She also pitches in at the Sun City West Visitors Center and Theater Works in Peoria. But her contributions don't end there. She also prepares mailing labels for a local lymphedema support group and produces a newsletter for a Sun City West craft club.

A Name to Know

Since moving to Sun City West in 1993 **Phyllis Cohen** has given much of her time in support of the retirement community she now calls home.

Ms. Cohen said she enjoys volunteering for a number of reasons.

"Some of the work I enjoy because it is office work and it



makes me feel like I'm back to work," she explained.

"It has also made me friends and it gives me a feeling of satisfaction knowing what I'm doing may be helping somebody else," she added.

Currently Ms. Cohen volunteers for the Sundome, working the information desk every Thursday morning, passing out programs and selling candy at events and typing from time to time. She also has been a volunteer for the Volunteer Placement Bureau since 1993, and works at the Sun City West Visitors Center and Theater Works in Peoria as an usher.

In addition, Ms. Cohen prepares and generates mailing labels and membership lists for her lymphedema support group, leads the women's dialogue group which is a part of her Jewish Social Club, and puts together the newsletter for the Sun City West Creative Stitchers club.

Before retirement, Ms. Cohen worked as a bookkeeper and office manager, which is why she still enjoys office work

In the limited spare time her retirement allows her, Ms. Cohen enjoys reading and needlepoint.



CHAMPION FOR WOMEN

SCW resident honored as pioneer in nurse-midwifery

JOY SLAGOWSKI DAILY NEWS-SUN

Her tireless work transformed women's health in Hawaii. But her passion for educating the public about the benefits and safety of nurse-midwifery transcended beyond the islands.

J. Tiffany Coleman, 68, of Sun City West, is a pioneer in the field of nurse-midwifery. Her efforts helped nurse-midwives gain recognition and educated both the medical establishment and the public about their role in women's health.

She helped establish nurse-midwifery licensure in Hawaii, and also participated in national legislative campaigns to secure nurse-midwifery reimbursements from Medicare and other insurance plans,

"I fought tooth and nail for midwifery (in Hawaii)," Coleman said. "I spent 90 percent of the time fighting and 10 percent (in) midwifery work."

Her efforts paid off. Coleman was the first licensed nurse-midwife in Oahu in 1976.

Coleman was awarded the 2006 Dorothea Lang Pioneer Award from the American College of Nurse-Midwives Foundation Inc., during its 51st annual meeting. The group was established in 1929 and is the oldest women's health-care association in the United States.

As Coleman talks about her career, she flips through page after page of her scrapbook, which is filled with photos of births in which she assisted. Most of the pages contain thank-you notes from mothers grateful for her help in the delivery. Some include photos of the children as they grew up.

Coleman said the biggest obstacle she had to overcome in 30 years is the misconception that nursemidwives are untrained.

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MOLLIE J. HOPPES/DAILY NEWS-SUN

J. Tiffany Coleman of Sun City West opens one of her scrapbooks for the first time after leaving a midwife practice in Hawaii 10 years ago. She remembers the stories behind every photo.

"(They think of) granny midwives, who were self-trained and had skills passed on to them," Coleman said. "Now, licensed nurse-midwives must have master's degrees. Some might have been nurses first."

Coleman began her career as a registered nurse in the Air Force Nurse Corps, serving in California, Japan and the Philippines. She then received a certificate in nurse-midwifery from a midwifery school in Brooklyn. She later completed a bachelor's degree in anthropology, as well as master's degrees in public health and nursing, and a certificate as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner from the University of Hawaii.

Coleman worked as a nursemidwife at the Navy Regional Medical Center on Guam, where she became the first civil service nursemidwife in the nation.

She spent three years there, delivering 600 babies.

"At that time, fathers weren't allowed in the delivery room," Coleman said. "Mothers weren't allowed to touch or hold their babies. I would break the rules and let them touch the babies."

When Vietnam fell in 1975, Guam became the staging area for Vietnamese on their way to the United States: Coleman said the influx of refugees brought the maternity ward more babies than it could handle.

"We delivered in stairways, hall-ways," Coleman said. "We didn't have enough cribs, so we used cardboard boxes and had the mothers on mattresses on the floor."

Coleman assisted in her first home birth in 1977. She said she assisted in nine home births.

"I don't like home births," Coleman said. "I prefer hospital births — you never know what might happen."

When there was a need for a

Caesarean section, Coleman assisted as either a scrub nurse or photographer.

Coleman worked with an obstetrician — noting that nurse-midwives work under a supervising physician — in a collaborative, team-style effort.

That doctor, William McKenzie, flew in from Hawaii to surprise her when she received her award in Salt Lake City in May. He stopped her on the way to the podium to present her with a lei for her head and a 6-foot-long Maile leaf lei, which are usually reserved for royalty.

Coleman opened the first freestanding birthing center in Hawaii in 1982, 700 feet from a hospital on the island of Molokai, after recognizing the need for an alternative location for mothers to give birth.

"Some people were petrified of hospitals," Coleman said. "If you are relaxed, you are more apt to have a better birth."

She made the center welcoming and gave it a home-like feeling, incorporating non-traditional aids to assist in delivery.

"We had a double bed and bean bags," Coleman said. "You can squish to fit in them, it made it easy. Some women (had labor) on their hands and knees, so this way we could make room in the bean bag (to rest their stomach)."

 The center was a haven for a variety of families with different belief systems, a diversity of backgrounds that Coleman welcomed.

"I learned so much," Coleman said. "We had Hari Krishnas chanting, (some would) burn candles. I'd let them do anything that was safe.

"I would try to meet their needs and belief system without jeopardizing the health of the mother and baby. Any problems we take care of with modern medicine."

Coleman's experience as a nursemidwife took her to the Marshall Islands, where she was invited to



PHOTO COURTESY OF J. TIFFANY COLEMAN

Nurse-midwife J. Tiffany Coleman cares for a newborn at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Guam in this photo from 1975. Guam was a staging area for Vietnamese escaping to the United States, and there were so many babies born at the hospital that there were not enough beds or cribs. They used cardboard boxes placed next to each mom.

teach basic medical techniques to the natives. She taught the traditional birth attendants such basics as sterilization of the instruments used to cut the umbilical cord.

Coleman said when she quizzed the natives on what they used for the procedure, she heard answers ranging from scissors that were also

used for cleaning fish, to a tin can or two rocks. She taught them that they needed to at least boil those items before using them in a delivery setting.

"I taught them the basics of safety, and also when to know it was time to bring the mother to the hospital," Coleman said.

FYI

- The first nurse-midwifery practice in Arizona was established at the Phoenix Memorial Hospital in July 1972. This was followed by the establishment of a service at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix.
- Arizona Certified Nurse-Midwives practice in a variety settings including private, county and government hospitals, public health departments, HMOs, family planning clinics, birth centers and private practices.
- There are approximately 158 CNMs living in Arizona.
- There are 73 nurse-midwifery practices throughout the state.
- In 2002, Arizona CNMs attended the births of 6,296 babies, which accounts for 7.2 percent of the births in Arizona that year
- Nurse-midwifery practice in Arizona is regulated by the Board of Nursing under the Nurse Practice Act.

Source: www.midwife.org The American College of Nurse-Midwives.

In 1992, she and her husband, Bill, who had recently retired from his job as a civil engineer, left Hawaii to travel. But instead of a car or RV, they chose to travel on two-wheelers.

They rode their bicycles across America.

"Ninety-two days, 4,700 miles and a sore butt," Coleman said.

After that, she moved to Arizona to work as a nurse-midwife for the Indian Health in Chinle. The American Indians have an appreciation for nurse-midwives, she said.

Her work there garnered her the National Indian Health Service Award for Nurse-Midwife of the Year in 1995.

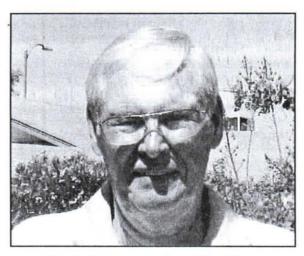
Looking back on her career as a nurse-midwife, Coleman talked about what she felt was her greatest achievement.

"(It was) being able to meet the needs of (the mothers)," Coleman said. "And we did it legally and safely."

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Volunteer of the Month

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Clair Cooper, Sun City West June 2000 Recipient

Clair Cooper, known to his friends simply as "Coop," has been active in the Sun City West Prides for over 10 years. As a monitor for one of the group's sections, he is responsible for the overall safety and for work assignments. Mr. Cooper served on the organization's board of directors from 1986 through 1999, serving three terms as vice president and one term as president. In addition to his work with the Prides, Mr. Cooper also volunteers with the Sun City West Luminaria Program. Edward Russ, a friend who nominated Mr. Cooper for "Volunteer of the Month," says "Coop is a major asset to the Sun City West Prides and this community — going the extra mile every time!"

A Name to Know

Marvin "Marv"
Copeland has been selected by the Sun Health Auxiliary as September's Volunteer of the Month at Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

A Sun City West resident, Mr. Copeland cur-

rently serves as a greeter at the hospital's main entrance. He also trains



new greeters. Additionally, he is chairman of the Day Chairperson group, which daily assigns volunteers to various areas within the hospital, and also serves as a hospital tour guide.

"The volunteer staff always relies on Marv because he brings true professionalism and a warm heart to everything he does," says Julie Mudric, Sun Health Volunteer Services manager. "He is truly a valued member of our Volunteer Services team."

A volunteer since February 2000, Mr. Copeland has donated approximately 1,300 hours of service to Sun Health.

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Sun City West pioneer dies in Virginia

Loise Stone Copes, a resident of Sun City West since 1978, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2000, in Yorktown, Va. at the age of 89.

She was born in Salem, Ore. on Aug. 29, 1910, while both her parents attended and later graduated from the law school at Willamette University. Her father, the Rev. Reginald Heber Stone also graduated from the Kimball School of Theology at Willamette, and his first ministry was missionary work in Montana. In 1923, the family moved

to Baltimore where Loise received a B.A. in English from American University in 1932. In November, 1932, she married George Norris Copes.

In 1961 she was appointed postmaster of Brooklandville, Md., a position she held until her retirement in 1978. She and her husband moved to Sun City West, where Mrs. Copes resumed her political activism.

She was elected to the board of

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directors of unincorporated Sun City West's Property Owners and Residents Assn. (PORA) and served first as the vice president, and in 1981, was elected president. She was the first and only woman to ever hold that position.

From 1984-88, Mrs. Copes served on the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission and served as chairman in 1987-88.

In 1996, she was appointed to a three-year term to the Arizona Commission of the Arts by then Governor Fife Symington. She is a past president of the Sun Cities Museum of Art, Sun City West Republican Club, Pioneer Club, Maryland Club, and American Association of University Women. She was a charter member of Church of the Advent Episcopal Church in Sun City West.

In June, 1999, Mrs. Copes and her husband, age 93, moved to Yorktown to be close to family.

Internment was Tuesday, Jan. 25 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Garrison Forest, Md.

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999

Early days in Sun City West often Ionesome

of 1978, George and Loise Copes of Baltimore were planning to attend a convention in Phoenix. Loise had

just retired as postmaster of Brooklandville, a Baltimore suburb, and George was retired. Following is Loise Copes' narration as told to Phyllis Street, president of the Sun Cities Historical Society. Mrs. Copes.



a charter member, was the only resident of Sun City West on the first board of trustees.

We had seen an ad in the AARP magazine that told about apartments in Sun City, rented by the Del Webb Development Co. A week in one of these apartments cost the same as a day in a Phoenix hotel, so we decided to stay in Sun City and commute to the convention.

The first time we drove out to Sun City, we were shocked at how far it was from the convention center — way out in the country. But we en-

joyed the apartment very much and were especially impressed with the program Webb laid out for us. We spent more time in Sun City than attending convention meetings and banquets.

We were looking for a retirement home and with three couples had visions of buying a piece of land and arranging houses in such a way that there would be a caretaker's home in the center of our little community.

But there was so much here we couldn't resist buying. We told the salesman that we wanted our house on the highest point in Webb's new community, Sun City West. He said there was no high point — it was all level.

After buying the house and before going back to Baltimore, we had to pick tiles, wallpaper, decide on colors and make decisions for the builder. It was in July and 120 degrees. I had no idea it had been that hot.

It took us five days to drive to Arizona from Baltimore. We quickly found as we approached Arizona that the sun seemed brighter and there was no pollution. The first day we entered Sun City West, the road in — R.H. Johnson Boulevard — had no walls. It was two lanes and there were so many trucks hauling materials in that the road was covered with debris.

There were a lot of houses but no people living in them. There wasn't a blade of grass, not a bird, tree or landscaping of any kind.

We were lonesome people at first. On the cul-de-sac where we lived, two couples moved in. They had lived in Sun City and knew what it was like.

We learned that there were about 60 families at that time. Many of them were from Sun City and had purchased homes — some as many as five for investments.

In the early days, I wrote newspaper articles about what was happening in Sun City West. Next, we started a newsletter to let residents know what was going on. Our group of newcomers organized Property Owners and Residents Association. The people most influential were former Sun City residents, and they knew from experience what the problems were.

One thing they were very clear about was that there should be just one organization, not two like the Sun City Home Owners and Taxpayers. We felt that with just one organization, we could handle the tax questions along with other problems.

We met at the Fountain Bell Restaurant in Sun City. From eight to 15 of us would sit at a round table, listen and contribute to what was going on.

In Sun City, DEVCO built recreation centers before the houses. But here, all we had at first was the golf course. As I recall, DEVCO gave \$35,000 to the rec centers in Sun City to permit Westers to use the facilities. We were given cards that allowed us to go over there.

But some Sun City people objected.

In order to pacify us, DEVCO began promoting trips. We went to the Capitol, a showing of Erma Bombeck's TV show, the zoo, Mountain Shadows, a DEVCO enterprise, where we had tea and superb baked goods, and to the Suns basketball

games. We became very strong Suns fans.

But this all stopped when the recreation centers opened. By that time, new people were pouring into the community.

We had our first PORA meeting in the first part of 1979. It was after the Crestview restaurant opened. There were probably 200 people or more by that time and the Crestview was the gathering place every evening. We would have square dancing, rounding dancing, bingo and ballroom dancing. Everything was free.

People began organizing clubs. Silver club and bridge club were first. I was still writing items for the local newspapers but it soon became unnecessary because they sent reporters to events.

With all these activities during the first year, we had not taken time to really settle into our home. I heard one person say, "Have you been in Loise's second bedroom?" Well, it was full of boxes. But I wanted to see what Arizona was all about. I decided I could unpack later.



Photo by JEREMY PEARLMAN/Independent Newspapers

Wilma Cory and Elwin Hoelzel recently returned from a trip to Australia in which Ms. Cory helped a U.S. women's shuffleboard team win an international tournament.

Shuffling Off Down Under

Sun City West woman represents nation

By JEREMY PEARLMAN Independent Newspapers

WILMA

If passion is a willingness to travel almost any distance in order to partake in an experience, then Wilma Cory is quite passionate regarding shuffleboard.

The 71-year-old Sun City West resident was one of 12 women from the United States to participate in the International Shuffleboard Association World Championship Tournament held Aug. 18-25 in Coolangatta and Elanora, Australia.

This was the third international trip Ms. Cory has made in order to compete in a shuffleboard tournament.

In addition to Australia, she has trekked to Japan and Canada for

Ms. Cory also travels yearly throughout the Valley, state and country for shuffleboard matches.

In her most recent competition, teams from Australia, Japan, Canada and the United States were pitted against one another in both men's and women's events.

While the Canadians won the men's competition, the United States women's team returned home victorious.

Ms. Cory won seven out of 10 games in the tournament, a of vic-

tories she believed could have been higher.

"The Canadians are tough," Ms. Cory said. "The only matches I lost were to Canadians, two of which I should have won."

Appointed to play on the women's team by the president of the U.S. National Shuffleboard Association, Ms. Cory earned her a spot on the team on five other occasions.

Although she was appointed to the team, this was no free ride.

Ms. Cory and her companion, Elwin Hoelzel, paid all of their own

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expenses for the trip, including entrance fees for the event.

Mr. Hoelzel, a shuffleboard player himself, did not participate in the world event, though he was able to practice.

Watching the matches, Mr. Hoelzel rated the other countries.

"Australia has a lot to learn," he said about that countries knowledge of the game. "Japan is improving."

They both felt Canada was strong in the sport.

Spending 12 days in Australia, the couple spent some time away from the game that took them there.

"I didn't really see anything that I Southern in couldn't

California," Mr. Hoelzel said in jest. "They had a lot of pretty birds."

He did, however get, to feed a kangaroo.

In March the couple are planning to travel to Rio de Janeiro for an invitational shuffleboard tournament between the U.S. and Brazil.

Ms. Cory and Mr. Hoelzel will be among 50 individuals from the U.S. to participate in the event.

"The tournament will just be the U.S. and Brazil," Ms. Cory said. "Brazil could not go to Australia for economic reasons."

The invitational is not an international meet, but a friendly competition between the two countries.

Champion heeds brother's advice

Sun City West woman reigns in shuffleboard

By RICH BOLAS Sports Editor

SUN CITY WEST —Her brother persuaded her to play shuffleboard four years ago and Wilma Cory has been collecting trophies ever since.

Cory, a member of the Western

Cory, a member of the Western Shufflers, is the reigning National Senior Olympic women's singles champion in the 60-64 age group. She won the title in 1993 in Baton Rouge, La., and plans to defend her title next year when the biennial games shift to San Antonio.

"Before the tournament began, I called my family and told them I'd probably be home early because I didn't expect to win," Cory said of the games in Baton Rouge. "There were 36 players in my age group."

Cory not only won the championship, but blitzed through the competition. She didn't drop a game in seven matches and swept the 1991 champion in the finals.

champion in the finals.

She added the title and accompanying trophy to her list of achievements, which feature victories in Ohio, Indiana and Arizona.

"She just enjoys the game so much," said Mary Dietrich, a fellow

Shuffleboard

Western Shuffler. "I think that's why she does so well in tournaments."

Cory credits her brother with developing much of her shuffleboard prowess. He's a professional player who spends his winters in Florida and built a backyard court at his summer home in Indiana.

During a visit four years ago, he finally convinced her to give the game a try.

"He always wanted me to play, but I never did before," said the former Indiana native. "Once I got on the court I really enjoyed it."

She now plays three to four times each week in Arizona and up to six days a week during the summer in Indiana.

Nothing can keep her off the courts — not even shoulder surgery.

Last winter she underwent right rotator cuff surgery for an injury unrelated to shuffleboard.

The right-handed Cory didn't take a break. She switched to her left See Champ credits, C4

Champ credits brother

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hand and had some moderate success.

"One match in Ohio after I had recovered from my surgery I switched from my right to my left hand because I wasn't playing that well," she said. "More than anything, by switching it intimidated my opponent and flustered her. I went on to win."

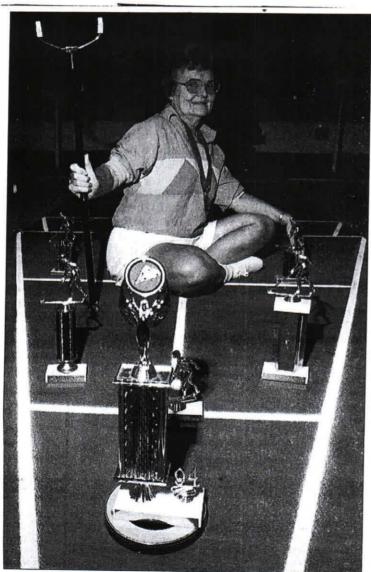
While the constant work on the courts has sharpened her skills, Cory admitted there's still plenty of luck involved in the game.

"I may have won the Olympic title, but I'm not invincible," the former benefits administrator said.

She plans to practice even more extensively for the 1995 tournament.

"Every place you go the courts are different," she said. "I played on some courts in Mesa that were like playing on a sheet of ice.

"The courts west of the Mississippi tend to be slick while the ones east of the Mississippi aren't as slick."



Steve Chernek/Daily News-Sun

Wilma Cory of Sun City West is the reigning National Senior Olympic women's singles champion in the 60-64 age group. She plans to defend her title next year in San Antonio.

It's his favorite thing to do

Sun City West man, 90, exercises almost every day

By Lori Baker Staff writer

SUN CITY WEST — It's never too late to start exercising.

Just ask Ed Crowley.

For most of his adult life, Crowley's only exercise was walking a half-block each morning from his office to a coffee shop.

He didn't give exercise much thought until he moved to Sun City West.

When he was 80 years old, Crowley's friends encouraged him to join them at a community pool.

He found that swimming was fun.

Now 90, the Sun City West resident exercise regime began. does much more than swim.

At least four days a week, Crowley rides five miles on a stationary bike, walks a mile on a treadmill, lifts weights with his legs and walks a half-mile in the pool. "I feel better when I exercise, and we have a lot of fun."

Ed Crowley

So it was fitting for Crowley to celebrate his 90th birthday Nov. 4 at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center's exercise room, where he spends several hours a week. A happy birthday banner was draped on a wall between exercise equipment, and friends crowded inside to join him for cake.

He doesn't remember exactly how his exercise regime began.

"I started watching people exercise, and I decided to try," said the retired real estate agent and insurance salesman from Nebraska.

Crowley has been more health con-

scious since he began exercising. He also quit smoking a pipe and cigars after 50 years. "It was a dirty habit," Crowley said. "I decided to quit, and it was no big problem."

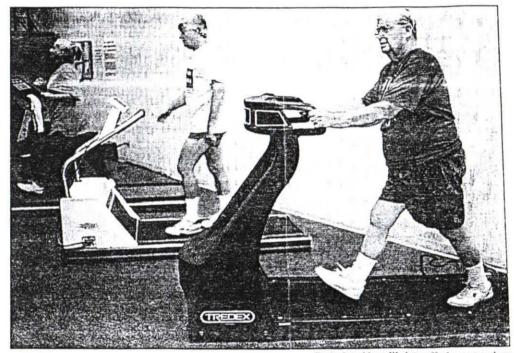
Crowley, who also plays bocce ball and miniature golf, boasts that he has lost 20 pounds from exercising, although he said he could lose another 15.

"I feel better when I exercise, and we have a lot of fun," said the great-great-grandfather who has outlived four of his six children.

"Ed has a wonderful attitude and is very, very nice," said Eugene Jaglowski, a monitor at the recreation center. "He knows what his limits are, and he exercises just to keep himself going."

Crowley exercises year-round.

"I don't mind the heat a bit," he said.
"Exercising is my favorite thing to do."



Deirdre Hamill / Staff photographer

Ed Crowley (right), who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, works out on the treadmill at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West. Crowley says he exercises at least four days a week.

Win Culler Elected Sun Health's Board Chairman

Story, Marie Scotti

Sun City West civic leader Winifred M. Culler has been Mrs. Culler has resided since elected to a one-year term as 1979 in Sun City West. She has chairman of Sun Health's volunteer Board of Directors.

Sun Health is the local, nonprofit health care provider that operates Walter O. Boswell Hospital in Sun City, Del E. Webb Hospital in Sun City West and other local health care Kneser, who has served as services. Its volunteer Board chairman for the past three years. consists of active or retired Kneser was elected Board business, professional and civic treasurer, a post he held prior to leaders, most of whom reside in his election as Sun Health's the Northwest Valley.

With her election as Sun Health's chairman, Win Culler Hofstad of Sun City West, vice has the distinction of having served as chairman or president anyone in the organization's history.

She has chaired Webb Hospital's operating board for the past four years. She also has served as president of the Sun Health Auxiliary, the largest hospital-volunteer organization in Arizona, and as president of the Board of Trustees for the Sun Jensen, Aubrey K. Johnson, Health Foundation, which William T. Woodyard, Ph.D.,

local health care network.

A native of Marion, Ohio, served as a trustee of Lending Hands. Because of her numerous civic activities, Win Culler was selected as the 1982 Sun City West "Woman of the Year" by the Sun City Daily News-Sun.

Culler succeeds Harvey O. chairman in 1990.

Other officers are Paul A. of Wickenburg, assistant Roach. treasurer.

A. Dunlevy, Moe Morey, J. Sun City West residents Richard generates donations to benefit the and Fred T. Wooten, Jr.; family



Winifred M. Culler

chairman; Sun Health chief practitioner Albert L. Boyd, executive officer Leland W. M.D. of Phoenix; internist H. of four Sun Health divisions or Peterson of Glendale, president; Virgil Grumbling, Jr., M.D. of affiliated services, more than Sun Citian Stanley Fram, Litchfield Park; Peoria residents secretary; William H. Thomas of Haakon Bang, Ph.D., and Sun City West, assistant Catherine M. Northrup; and secretary; and C. Gerald Bromm Phoenix resident Charles T.

> Five local individuals were Other Sun Health Board elected to three year terms as members include Sun City corporation members. They are Westers Jerome T. Bieter, Hogan Sun Citian Fred K. Quigley and

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Win Culler, Sun Healths Board Chairman

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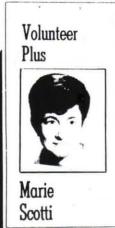
Honored with corporation member-emeritus status were

Sun City residents Dale Rea and Ernest Rinke, Ph.D.; Peorian Phyllis Riely; and former Sun Citian Robert Shantz, now of Wenatchee, WA.

CULLER, WINIFRED

Winifred Culler, Tireless Worker

Winifred Culler, a native of Ohio, retired with her G.E. husband Karl to Denver, Colorado. They relocated to Sun City West as pioneers in 1979. Culler became a widow in 1982 and chose to stay here. She has one son, daughter-in-law and a granddaughter.



After her husband died, she saw a need to become an active volunteer in the community. Winifred has been dedicated to numerable community service projects and causes. Through her enthusiasm, positive attitude and leadership, she has been able to continue to address human needs in the community...namely at Sun Health Foundation and as chairman of the volunteer Board of Directors for Del E. Webb Hospital in Sun City West. She has

just been reelected to a fourth one-year term as chairman of the Board of Del Webb Hospital.

Wyn Culler is a cancer survivor and as a result, she started a special cancer research project to raise funds for the SWOG program. She gives talks any where and to any service club on this program which is used for our local people.

She was voted "Woman of the Year" in 1982. No wonder her enthusiastic dedication to so many endeavors was recognized.

She is also a member of the volunteer Board of Sun Health, which operates Del E. Webb Hospital along with Boswell Hospital and other area health services.



Winifred Culler

Her past contributions include service as secretary of Del E. Webb Hospital board and as president of the non-profit Sun Health Foundation, which raises charitable support for the hospitals and related health services.

Wyn has been a member of the P.E.O. since 1958 and helped organize the first chapter in Sun City West in 1980. This organization provides philanthropic educational services and Wyn plays an active role.

Wyn continues to make significant and unique contributions to her community. Getting the job done is important to her.

She served as president of the Boswell Hospital Auxiliary in 1984 and had the additional responsibility of getting the Sun City West Hospital Auxiliary division set up.

Wyn has always been willing to meet the challenges ahead. The Wester salutes this great lady and her tireless efforts to continue to work for the community.

Retirement's just another adventure

By CONNIE STEELE YOUNG Daily News-Sun staff

wenty years ago, Kathy Cunningham surprised her Indiana family with a career move.

"Well, I did something new today," she said, announcing the news as she sat down to dinner with her husband, Edward.

With the oldest of their six children in college and their youngest in secgrade, Cunningham said she could feel her house shrinking and sense the early warnings of an impending empty nest.

'I enrolled in college," she said. With that, Cunningham, then 45, launched studies that led to an associate arts degree in nursing and a bachelor's degree in health arts. Her mid-life career led to the head nurse's station of a large operating room.

"Work not only gives you satisfac-tion and enriches your life, but look at the financial benefits," she said.

Today, her main concern is that too many women let age keep them from achieving their full potential.
"A lot of women think they can't do

what they want to do after 40 or 45, she said.

Cunningham said she would like to tell every woman, "You can do it, no

matter how old you are."
"That's why it's so important to give scholarships to Boswell's nursing students," she said. Cunningham is a member and past president of Sun City West Nurses Club which, for several years, has given a scholarship to deserving students in the nursing program at Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital in Sun City.

She admits that going to school is hard work when you have children and credits her achievement to her husband's support.

"My husband knew that what I was doing was important to me. He took over the house," she said. "I couldn't have done it without him."

Cunningham brought her spirit of adventure with her when she moved to the Valley from Indiana seven years ago.

"Just because you're retired doesn't mean you're not interested," she said.

Shortly after arriving in Sun City West, Cunningham said, she surprised her husband again.

"I bought a pair of shoes today," she said and, lifting the lid on a shoebox, revealed a pair of tap shoes.

'Work not only gives you satisfaction and enriches your life, but look at the financial benefits.

-Kathy Cunningham

"What are those for?," her husband asked.

"I'm taking dance lessons," she announced.

When she learned to dance, Cunningham joined the Rythmn Tappers, a local troupe of amateur dancers who have recently returned from a tour of Australia. Cunningham says dancing with the group is a thrilling experi-

"It's a fun group and very healthy," she said. She also serves as financialsecretary and historian for the Sun City West Variety Show.

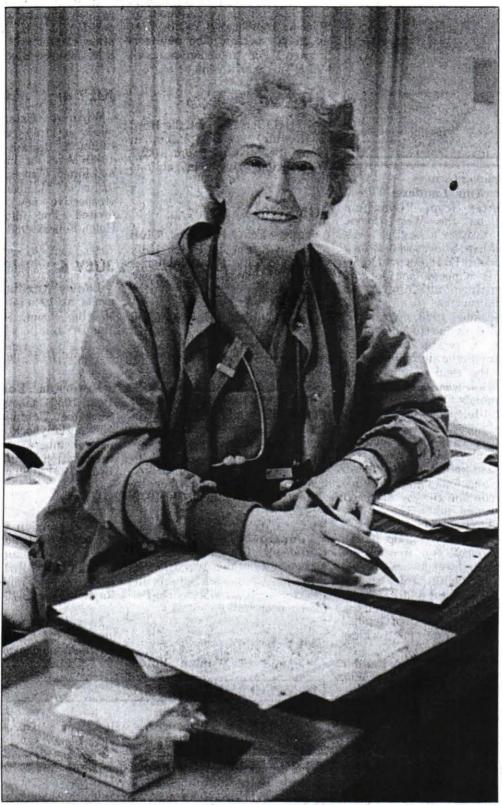
In February, she officially retired as a part-time nurse in Boswell's outpatient surgery department, but she still answers the call when it comes. Last week, she worked four days out of seven.

"We just love her," her co-workers said Friday. "She is so talented. She makes her own jewelry and baskets. She dances. She's an artist." But, it's her positive attitude that they appreciate most. The same positive outlook that carried an Indiana housewife from the edge of over-the-hill into a successful career and, finally, into a successful retirement.

She has put her extended family on notice. When they gather soon in Oklahoma for their annual reunion and stage their usual energetic talent show, Cunningham won't be taking a back seat.

"Grandma will be doing a dance this year, so you better bone up, Cunningham said.

'A lot of women think they can't do what they want to do after 40 or 45... You can do it, no matter how old you are.' -Kathy Cunningham

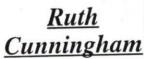


Connie Steele Young/Daily News-Sun staff

Kathy Cunningham, a Sun City West registered nurse, prepares to admit a patient to the outpatient surgical department of Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital, where her part-time work keeps the retiree busy 20 to 30 hours a week. Cunningham also tap dances and keeps books for the community's annual Variety Show.

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DOERS PROFILE





Hometown:

Wilmington, Ohio

Family:

Husband, Frank; one daughter;

one grandson.

Greatest feat:

Helping found a home health care training program for migrant workers at Centro Adelante Campesino and developing the "Magic Of It All" music scholarship withing the Sun Cities Symphony Guild.

Inspiration:

"I just feel like everyday I want something to nudge me to get up and do something worthwhile" Also the Revs. Jim Reaves and James Price.

Goodwill extends to helping those with special needs

By J.J. McCORMACK Senior staff writer

entro Adelante Campesino, a social services agency serving migrant families in Western Maricopa County, has been around for 18 years.

Ruth Cunningham of Sun City West has been involved in the non-profit Surprise agency's mission more than half of its life - through good times and bad.

"There's always been a soft spot in my heart for Centro. It's needed," she said.

A former special education program director and consultant in Ohio, Cunningham is drawn to helping people with special needs.

Many migrants who settle in the West Valley to work in the agriculture fields do, not speak English and do not make enough money to buy food and adequate housing. Some opt to stay after the crops have been harvested and seek other employment.

'There's a definite need for a center for people coming — where they can get help with food and employment," Cunningham said.

Centro also offers farm workers low-cost child care and English-language classes. A pilot home health care training course Centro administered last year and which led to full-time, good-paying jobs for nine clients will become a permanent part of the agency's program offerings when Centro can accommodate training classes and secure additional grants. A building expansion is in the works.

"I'm a strong believer in people helping themselves if at all possible," Cunningham said, expressing her pride in the home health aide training program.

Another area the self-help philosophy has proven successful at Centro is the agency's "Clothing Cupboard." The onsite thrift shop generates about \$20,000 in sorely needed operating funds annually. Donated clothing previously was given to people who turned to Centro for help.

"We ask people to pay what they can. The majority of people don't want to take. If they only pay a quarter for it, it makes them feel better," Cunningham said.

The Centro job training program and the Sun Cities Symphony Guild scholarship program rank as Cunningham's most prized achieve-

She's also very pleased that, despite past management and intermittent funding woes, Centro has never closed its doors.

"Someone has always been there to step in," she said, adding, "the Sun City and Sun City West communities have been very kind to Centro.

Besides Centro Adelante Campesino, Cunningham devotes some volunteer time to the Symphony Guild scholarship program she helped found. The program, called "The Magic Of It All," provides Northern Arizona University Music Camp scholarships and buys musical instruments for needy school children.

Cunningham also chairs the outreach committee at Church of the Advent, a group that steers food and fund-raising drives for nonprofit agencies such as Centro and Westside Food Bank.

Cunningham attributes her volunteer spirit to growing up in a family of volunteers. "It's kind

of like politics, it's in your blood," she said.
"I'm not the kind of person to play bridge or golf. I have to be involved.'

Volunteer work is Cunningham's kind of fun, but she also gets to play during the summers with her 14-year-old grandson.

space

By CHRISTINE SELIGA News-Sun staff

retired Air Force Maj. Gen. tions to the nation's space effort.
Richard D. Curtin is one of the A native of Tauton, Mass.,
pioneers of the space program. Curtin attended Brown Univer-

time of great accomplishments.. years until he got an appoint; it was constantly exciting be-ment to the U.S. Military Acadcause you were always doing emy in West Point, N.Y. something you didn't know you He was first assigned in Pan-could do," the Sun City West ama and then served in Europe resident said.

Curtin was honored in May by World War II. the National Space Club in He served in the operations Washington D.C. for being a department and had a chance to space pioneer. The Space Club is be at several briefings, which composed of people from industry, government, educational picted in the motion picture institutions and the press who "Patton." He said the movie was promotes U.S. leadership in quite accurate.

space.

"Gee, I remember being in a Some of the things Curtin number of thoses scenes," he

worked on that contributed to said. space technology were ballistic missiles and reconnaissance satellites.

A plaque in Curtin's honor says he "successfully led a range of satellite programs of the highest national priority beginning in 1958 as the Assistant Deputy Commander of the Ballistic Missile Division and later sity at Maxwell Air Base. as Deputy Commander for Military Space Systems."

y CHRISTINE SELIGA Marion Hardy, a spokeswoman for the National Space Club, SUN CITY WEST — With a said Curtin was one of six Air career that spanned the begin-Force personnel who were hon-nings of man's forays into space, ored in May for their contribu-

pioneers of the space program. Curtin attended Brown Univer-Looking back on it, it was a sity in Providence, R.I., for two

with the 9th Air Force during

One scene in the movie struck him. It was a briefing on air defense matters.

"Patton was impressive. He literally took over the meeting as they showed in the movie, Curtin said.

After the war, Curtin was selected to go to the Air Univer-

For two years he created and taught courses at the university.

At the end of 1948 he studied at the University of Michigan where he got a post graduate degree in aeronautical engineer-

ing.

He was a new expert in guided missiles by the end of his educa-

Guided missiles were not automatically accepted by every-

one, Curtin said.
"I had to push this idea," Curtin said.

He said some people questioned the worth of a pilotless guided missile and compared them to bombers with pilots.

Different branches of the service would compete for missions with each branch having its own weapon specialty.

Guided missiles cut across the specialties and "was getting into missions that all three services wanted to get," Curtin said.

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Space pioneer honored

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He also served as chief of staff for the new 17th Air Force in Morocco for two years, starting in 1954. The mission for the 17th was to establish and support air bases in Morocco and bases along the Mediterranean to Daran in Saudia Arabia.

At that time many more bases were needed than are needed now because airplanes could only fly about 1,000 miles before they had to land to be refueled. Now they can be refueled in the air.

By 1956 he was back in the missile business working on Atlas and Thor missiles.

Often that meant disappointment, especially when things didn't go right after lighting the fuse.

"The missile would go three inches off the pad and kerplop! There'd be a big conflagration," Curtin said.

"Oh frustration is a part of the building and the developing of every new thing ... every now and then you have a success and you know generally you're on the right track," Curtin said.

In those days they really knew for sure what would happen to anything they did, Curtin said. No one was sure what would happen to something that was sent out of the atmosphere.

"In our days we didn't even know if the basic components would work and that made it more exciting," Curtin said.

Curtin became the first Air Force space commander in 1960 and was promoted to brigadier general.

He was transferred back to the Pentagon and headed a new program of satellite reconnaissance.

The program was a "black program," which meant it was so highly classified that if a superior who was not a part of the program asked Curtin what he was doing he couldn't tell.

The few who were in on the program included the president and key members of Congress, Curtin said.

The program started the way

most start, Curtin said. With someone saying, "If we could only . . ."

Of all the projects he participated in, work in reconnaissance satellites was the most rewarding because it was so stupendous and the most rewarding to the country.

He next went overseas to NATO in Paris as a military adviser to the U.S. NATO ambassador.

He retired from the military in 1968.

"Somehow I got to be the first in these new fields, which made those 32 years in the military exciting," he said.

"My life was a series of first efforts, pioneering," Curtin said. "It was a splendid affair, my goodness," Curtin said of his career.

Curtin moved to Sun City West a year ago from Phoenix.

He volunteers for St. Vincent De Paul and does some consulting work for companies in Los Angeles.



HONORED AS PIONEER — Major General Richard Curtin, USAF retired, was honored as a space pioneer by the Na-

tional Space Club in Washington, D.C. The plaque lists his achievements in ballistic missiles and satellite reconnaissance.

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Veterans' vanguard earns Kachina volunteer honor

PATRICK ROLAND DAILY NEWS-SUN

When the phone rings, George Cushing 'does

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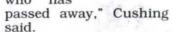
That can do spirit is
what earned the Sun
City West man the prestigious Hon Kachina
award for community
volunteerism, which he

will receive Oct. 13 in Phoenix.

"I want to help any veteran in need, whether it is to help them get counseling or apply for benefits," said Cushing, a Vietnam veteran and retired Senior Master Sergeant of the Air Force. "Families of diseased vets aren't always aware of everything they can get."

Among Cushing's contributions are the numerous funerals he conductseach month.

"Weprovide an umbrella type service for any comrade who has



After a 23 year career in the military, Cushing retired in 1994. He and his wife moved to Arizona in 1999. Cushing quickly took on several leadership roles at volunteer organizations.

Driven by patriotism and a strong work ethic, Cushing oversees groups of volunteers and organizes and coordinates numerous programs.

He is commander of the Northwest Valley



Cushing

Veterans Association, an umbrella group of 14 veteran's organizations that promote patriotic interests and provide assistance to approximately 6,000 veterans and their families.

He manages a team of volunteers that arrange for Memorial and Veterans Day programs attended by thousands of people.

As past district commander of American Legion District 11, Cushing managed the work of 16 posts that also aid veterans and their families. He is responsible for rallying veterans to attend about 3,750 military burials a year at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

No veteran is turned away. When a home-

less veteran died on the streets of Phoenix this year, Cushing tracked down the man's estranged children and arranged for 20 veterans to be at the service.

Cushing serves on the Veterans of Foreign Wars State Memorial Squad with more than 1,500 hours of service.

He also supports and raises funds for the Veteran's Administration hospital and the Arizona State Veterans Home. He volunteers in the hospital gift shop and is an on-call driver for the Northwest V.A. Clinic.

Outside of his work for veterans, he is a member of the Surprise Sundancers that staff events at Surprise Stadium. The money the group saves the city is used for projects like the new Dream-Catcher Park for special needs athletes.

For his service to veterans and the community he was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2006.

Cushing said he was honored and humbled to receive the Hon Kachina award.

"I want to give back to my fellow veterans and help the families and the community remember the gift they gave to their country," Cushing said. "They were willing to give it all, and many did."

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DOERS PROFILE

Arve Dahl

Vita: Retired environmental engineer who spent 31 years with the U.S. Public Health Service before working as an engineering consultant.



Hometown:

Born and raised in Seattle: lived all over the United States and the

world.

Family:

Married to wife, Patti, 53 years.

Self-Portrait:

Adaptable; not afraid to say what he thinks. "I have a reponsibility to say what I believe.

Motto:

"There's always a way of getting something done, but you have to

work at it.

Greatest feat:

The contributions he's made to living conditions around the world, including improvements in water systems, community planning and disease control.

Key to longevity:

"Happiness and continuously looking forward to enjoying life and your friends. You can't look back and worry about the past.

Local leader enjoys clubs, public health

By J.J. McCORMACK Daily News-Sun staff

he message on Arve Dahl's home answering machine stretches the truth, telling callers "the Dahls are out playing again."

A second call for Mr. Dahl goes out to the Property Owners and Residents Association, where he has claimed a desk for about six of the past eight years. He should be there anytime, says a woman who answers the phone at PORA.

"Does he usually come in every morning?" the caller asks. "Yes," the woman said.

Less than an hour later, Dahl arrives at PORA and gets the message. The immediate past president of the homeowners advocacy organization can make time for an interview the following morning.

Dahl's desk at PORA has more piles of papers and folders than do the desks of his fellow directors combined. "I've been here longer," he said by way of explanation.

Dahl is in his second three-year term on the PORA board, but his involvement dates back to a committee assignment about eight years ago.

"I knew some people who were working on (PORA) and I got interested in some of the problems," he said, recalling how he was reeled in initially.

A retired environmental engineer whose work for the U.S. Public Health Service and later as a consultant took him around the world, Dahl's knowledge and interest in water, wastewater and sanitation issues made him a natural for the volunteer job. He remains dedicated to helping PORA ensure a future quality water supply for Sun City West.

In 1978, Dahl helped Tucson and Pima County merge their wastewater departments. In 1979, he was a Sun City West property owner. By 1982, he was a full-time resident.

Dahl's first volunteer assignment locally was chairing the building committee for Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the Sun City West Community Fund for three years and is a past president of Club Scandinavia and the Sun City West Kiwanis Club. He is a former director of his condominium association.

Dahl currently serves as a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party and is a member of the community advisory board of the Sun Cities Branch of the Salvation Army.

Dahl said he always planned to put his skills to work performing volunteer work when he retired.

"I knew that would come, because that's the way I've always lived my life. It's just that now it's intense," he said.

Dahl said he isn't out to gain anything from volunteer service.

"I never think of it (volunteer work) as being rewarding. I just think it's interesting and I have some background so I try to help.

However, Dahl said voluntarism has indirectly helped him save money over the years. "I'd be spending my money on something if I wasn't doing this," he said.

Now that he's not president of PORA anymore, Dahl said he intends to cut back some on his volunteer hours for the organization. He plans to take up golf again after a yearlong, self-inflicted hiatus, attend to some unfinished silvercraft projects and put some more miles on his motor home.

A photography buff, Dahl has always made time to serve as the official photographer for the clubs he is involved in, for the annual Sun City West Variety show and other community events.

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DOERS PROFILE

<u>Ginny</u> <u>Dailey</u>



Family:

Three children and seven grand-

children

Inspiration:

It just sort of seems inborn in me, something that wants to

help other people.

Motto:

The Golden Rule. And my purpose in life is to help others, but I have a lot of fun doing it.

Sun City Wester keeps hands, life full volunteering

By TINA SCHADE Staff writer By the time 9 a.m. rolls around, Ginny Dailey of Sun City West has already pedalled her bike up Peach Blossom and down Ballad.

She has already stabilized once anemic and dribbling sprinkler heads and introduced weeds to that big Hefty bag in the sky. She has neatly clipped and coiffed the stray sprigs on her condo ground's shrubs and perused three local yard sales in search of the big bargain.

But the 73-year-old Dailey isn't doing this for her love of the outdoors, although she is the first to admit she's a huge fan of Mother Nature. Rather, Dailey is actually bending, digging and laboring for charity.

For years, Dailey has spaded, hoed, weeded and sowed as the garden chairman for her condominium in Sun City West. Most mornings she is up by five, ready to cultivate.

In addition to her gardening, Dailey visits yard sales for the Westside Food Bank's thrift store three days a week. She approaches sale proprietors to let them know if they have anything left over from the sale, Westside is willing to take it off their hands. On those days when Westside's trucks can't make the call to pick up the items, Dailey might be found hoisting small appliances and other treasures into her own car for delivery to the food bank.

She also hoists herself up in trees during the months of January and February. She, along with her brother and sister-in-law, pick excess lemons, oranges and other citrus fruits from trees of private yards as part of the food bank's gleaning project. The fruit is then distributed in Westside food boxes.

Dailey got her start with the food bank packaging these sort of boxes almost two years ago, but wanted to work out in the community. Dailey felt she could better serve others by spotting goodies for the store, which is located on Dysart Road in Surprise.

When her hands aren't full of gardening tools or citrus fruit, Dailey has her hands wrapped around bell handles. She is one of the ringers for the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church bell choir and has performed in Christmas programs. She also directed the membership drive at the church about 10 years ago.

Dailey is the founder and former president of a line dancing group in Sun City West as well. The organization first kicked up its heels in May of 1993 and initially, Dailey was worried she wouldn't get the 50 members required to become a chartered organization. Nearly 200 people showed up for the first meeting.

Besides dancing, Dailey can be found playing table tennis at the Johnson Recreation Center. She also enjoys canasta and bridge.

About the only time Dailey does stay home is to catch a Phoenix Suns game on the tube.

"If anybody wants to find me at home, I'm always home during the Suns games," she said.

Dailey can also be found at home when she's mixing up a batch of her chicken soup.

"I'm sort of known for my chicken soup. If I know somebody who needs attention or is sick, I'll take them chicken soup," she said.

To nominate a doer, call Staff writer Tina Schade at 876-2514. SCW

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Race walker receives recognition

By DIANA SHAUGHNESSY Independent Newspapers

Year-round Sun City West resident Elke Davis doesn't just take walks anymore. Nowadays you will find her either training in her neighborhood or entering races as the new race walking season begins.

Just prior to her 2000 season of race walking, Mrs. Davis was recognized by the Community Awards Committee of Tucson and the Women's Sports Foundation as one of eight Master's Sportswomen of the Year. The awards banquet honored 81 female athletes ranging in age from 8 to 90. With over 400 in attendance, awards were presented in 11 categories from Elementary Sportsgirl to Super Sportswoman of the Year, as well as Coach of the Year, Outstanding Father of the Year and the Wilma Rudolph Courage Award.

"The award was actually more of a recognition from the community rather than for sports," Mrs. Davis said.

The German native, who moved to Arizona from San Mateo, Calif., said her career as a race walker was an accident. A recreational enthusiast involved in hiking, cycling and tennis, she began race walking through encouragement from her husband and friends.

"I began competing seriously in 1997," she said. "After my first race, I was sore for three days, but when I found out I could win medals doing this, I really became interested."

Very interested.

So far Mrs. Davis has won 75 events and about 100 gold medals, trophies and awards through her competitions in such events as Arizona Senior Olympics, Grand Canyon Games and the Senior Olympics Track & Field Meet. She has also competed in all—generation road races to benefit such causes as Multiple Sclerosis, diabetes, arthritis, breast cancer, domestic violence, animal abuse and others.

While this will be Mrs. Davis' fourth season of race walking, she is considering switching to running.

"Running is really more natural than the difficult form of race walking," she explained. "Race walking is very hard on the toes, and I've had many surgeries on my toes." She is currently working on her running and hopes to taper off race walking as she begins to compete in the other venue.



Submitted photo

Elke Davis has been a competitive race walker for three years. So far she has garnered about 100 gold medals, trophies and awards by competing in such events as Arizona Senior Olympics, Grand Canyon Games and more.

Her longest walk race was a half-marathon, or 13.2 miles. "I did it a couple of years ago and it was very hard," she said with a laugh. "I only did it one time."

Once she started competing in earnest, Mrs. Davis trained with the likes of world champion masters race walker Viisha Sedlak, renowned coaches Kathy and Pat Trall, and Dave McGovern, an 11-time U.S. national champion and member of the U.S. National Racewalking Team.

Her weekly training regimen includes six workouts of distances varying one to nine miles. Mrs. Davis bicycles quite a bit too, and considers 30–40 miles on a bike good enough to allow her to skip leg training work in the gym. She also does some upper body strength training and watches her diet.

"Eating is very important when you're training," she said. "Carbohydrates, proteins and fruits. You can't live on 600 calories a day when you're training and competing. It's also important to drink a lot of water."

Mrs. Davis noted the Grand Canyon Games, held in June, are very difficult for those who do not drink enough fluids. Many people don't finish the race or simply faint. "I bring water on long race walks and drink on the go," she said.

Husband Chuck has been supportive of her career and remains her No. 1 fan even though recent surgery has left him unable to accompany her to races these days. When she received her award in Tucson, race buddy Karen Davis of Peoria accompanied her.

Mrs. Davis' most recent gold medal was received in the Phoenix Senior Olympics held Feb. 20. Her victory in the 1,500m race walk qualifies her to compete in the National Senior Olympics, held in Baton Rouge, La., in 2001.

Meanwhile she continues her training on the Sun City West residential streets where she stays close to the curb. Sidewalk walking is too dangerous, with expansion cracks and ramps a constant danger to her fast pace.

"Most people are nice when they see me, but sometimes I have to jump on a curb to avoid a golf cart," she admitted. "I've been doing this for three years. By now you'd think they know me."

Davis fights through pain to haul home Olympic gold

By Kenn Gorr Independent Newspapers

Swimming for the Ameri-1972 can team in the Munich Olympics, Mark Spitz captured the imagination of the world by winning seven gold medals.

The feat, which has not been equaled in the seven Olympiads since, was overshadowed by the tragic events that surrounded the event when terrorists seized control of and killed several members of the Israeli weightlifting team.

Unfortunately for the Spitz legacy, the Munich games are best remembered for the non-sports events which surrounded games, rather than for the performances which landed him on the cover of Sports Illustrated - gold medals fanned across his chest in full color.

Thirty years after the Munich Olympics, Elke Davis, set a Spitzian-standard for Arizona senior athletes. Davis, who has lived in Sun City West for five years. captured 11 gold and four silver medals in the 55-59 age group at the 2002 Arizona Masters Track & Field Senior Olympics. The event was held Sept. 19-23 in Flagstaff, exactly one week after Davis suffered a misfortune of her own.

While training for the discus event in the desert at the end of Deer Valley Road, Davis tossed her discus, which hit the wet ground and rolled into some bushes. When she crawled into the thicket to retrieve her platter, a spider bit her on the arm. Davis neither felt the bite nor saw the spider.

"If I had seen the spider hanging on my arm I would have freaked out, said with a laugh.

The 59-year-old's arm swelled and the area sur-rounding the bite was rounding the bite was painful to the touch, but not enough for her to seek medical attention. The tiny puncture wounds were, after all, on her non-throwing left arm. But, when the arachnid bite turned ugly. Davis went to the fire department to talk to paramedics. The crew members told her she had been bitten by a wolf spider.

As fate would have it, the spider bite was only one of the things that turned what should have been a delightful week in the cool mountain air, into an incubus. A stomach problem - one for which she is still taking medication - caused Davis a



Photo by Kenn Gorr/Independent Newspapers

Sun City West resident Elke Davis takes time to pose with 15 medals she won at the 2002 Arizona Masters Track & Field Senior Olympics. Davis won 11 gold medals and four silvers at the event, which was held Sept. 19-23 in Flagstaff.

considerable amount of pain ming events, capturing two and discomfort.

But, like the athletes who continued on with their events in Munich after a oneday stoppage to honor the Israelis, endured. The result was golden. Davis won the basketball free-throw event (hitting 16 of 25 shots) on the first day of the competition. She followed it with goldmedal performances in the discus, javelin, shot put, standing long jump and softball throw.

In addition to the gold medals she garnered in the 55-59 age group, Davis also won golds in the shot put, standing long jump and softball throw, and silvers in the discus and javelin in the 50-55 category. Athletes can participate in events in age groups below their own.

On the third day of the week-long event, Davis took her act to the pool, winning four more medals, two gold and two silver. Davis, who only took up competitive swimming three years ago. won the 50-meter breaststroke and 50m butterfly, and grabbed silver in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Sun City resident Kathleen O'Brien-Lawrence (58) also competed in the swimgolds and two silvers. O'Brien-Lawrence won the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke and finished second in the 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly.

"These are all sports you can do on your own," Davis said. "I prefer them because I can do them when I want too, for how long I want too.'

Despite the fact she likes to work out alone, Davis said she swims every Sunday with her friend and coach Lois McDonald.

"I'm very glad to have her," Davis said. "Without her I would not be swimming. I evolved under her

supervision.

In addition to the time she spends in the pool, Davis said she spends at least 15 hours per week working on her throwing and jumping events.

"I go out into the desert and measure out everything," said the retired service coordinator for a San Mateo, Calif., Porsche dealership. "There really is no other way to do it.'

Davis played competitive golf and tennis as a young woman, and found race walking and running by accident. After a hike with a friend, Davis was advised to take up race walking.

When we finished our hike my friend was huffing and puffing and I was ready for more," Davis said. "She just told me I should try it."

Davis tried it and liked it, but she also competed well enough to set two Arizona Masters Track and Field records in race walking. She set the 5,000-meter walk record June 21, 1998, with a time of 35 minutes, 49,40 seconds. The 3,000m walk record (20:32.00) fell June

Davis also set the Phoenix Invitational Track and Field's walk record in the 3,000m with a time of 21:19:57 in the 2000 event.

Ironically, Davis had no idea she owned the records until recently. She found out she held the marks by surfing the Internet.

They don't tell you any of that stuff," Davis said.

Davis, however, had to give up race walking as injuries and age took their toll on her body.

"I just thought, 'there are other things you can do,"
Davis said. "If you can't do one thing, do the other.

SCW winter resident, FDR biographer dies

A SCW winter resident for several years, Kenneth S. Davis, 86, died June 10 of cancer at the University Hospital in Madison, Wis. after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Jean, who is at home in Manhattan, Kansas. her phone is 785-776-4377.

A memorial service was held in Manhattan this week.

According to Mrs. Davis' brother-in-law Benton Yates of

Sun City, Kenneth was an active member of Briarwood Country Club.

Among the lifetime accomplishments of Davis was authoring a five-volume biography of Franklin Delano Roosevelt that took 30 years to write. During WW II, he was a war correspondent for Doubleday and Co. in London.

Citibank honors officer

Davisson cited for volunteerism

SUN CITY WEST - Citibank its 1991 Citibank "From the Heart of the Citi" Employee Volunteer Award.

The award recognizes 10 Citibank employees who have demonstrated a commitment to community voluntarism.

Davisson, executive vice president and manager of the Sun R.H. Johnson Blvd. City West Citibank office, was cited for his many hours of vol- bank's Sept. 20 awards lunchunteer work on the Sun Health eon. Citibank donated \$100 to

raising efforts on behalf of the Sundome Performing Arts Association.

Davisson's selection was made of Arizona has selected Sun City by a panel of community vol-West banker Joe Davisson as unteer experts independent of one of 10 statewide honorees for Citibank. They agreed that his fund-raising commitment to Sun Health Foundation and SPAA "is remarkable and deserving of recognition."

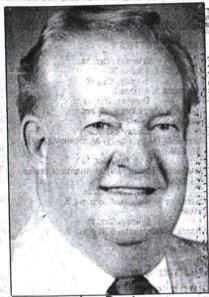
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Davisson found out at Citi-

Board of Directors for the past his designated charitable organfive years and for his fund- ization and he and other honorees will be featured in a special section in the next edition of the "Citibanker" newsletter.

Davisson serves on the annual Sun Health Planned Giving Committee, was chairman of the Sun Cities Community Fund Drive for Del Webb Memorial Hospital that raised \$3 million and served on a special committee to raise funds for the new Sun City Institute for Biogerontology Research.

Davisson is also current campaign chairman for the Sundome Performing Arts Association SPAA's immediate past president. With Davisson actively



Joe Davisson

Board of Directors and was involved the past three years, SPAA has helped raise more than \$600,000.

Impressions

Joe Davisson sets his sights on what's important for

By KAREN S. LEONARD

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Toe Davisson appears to be a man of quiet determination. The vice
president and manager of United Bank of Arizona in Sun City
West doesn't boast of any great feats. And yet, he has been the
driving force behind many area organizations.
His big challenge now, outside of work at the bank, is raising

money for Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital, which is set to open in

Growth in the northwest Valley has made another hospital necessary. Davisson says. He adds that in the winter, Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital is filled to capacity.

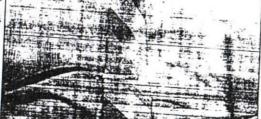
"I feel that the hospital is probably the most important thing for

Davisson says he sets his sights on what he deems important to the Sun Cities. And with the help of others, he attempts to make those

He says he weighs what he has the opportunity to be involved in

'I get a great satisfaction because I try to get involved in what I think is good

for the community."



and what its contributions to the communities will be before he decides to work on it.

Team work is what makes things happen, Davisson says. "One person cannot be successful by himself."

That's also why, Davisson says, he has gotten to know area community leaders and tried to explain to them that the new hospital is also going to serve them and the people in their communities.

He says he doesn't feel frustration when things don't go right. "I believe in positive thinking ... I think each day is what you make of it."

Davisson's determination is what keeps things going for him.
"I'd rather be a doer than a watcher," he says, adding he prefers remaining behind the scenes.

And behind the scenes is where he has stayed during his terms as president of the Sun City Saints and Sun City branch of the American Cancer Society, vice president of the Sun Cities Art Museum, and founding member of the Sun City West Community Fund, to name a

If he wasn't in the banking business he says he'd be in public relations. "I greatly enjoy working with the people and meeting the

"I get a great satisfaction because I try to get involved in what I

The Sun City West Community Fund was no exception. "When you think of Sun City (and its retirement factor), you think everybody has extreme wealth and that's not a true fact."

Even though "we have the greatest collection of well-educated, affluent people (within the Sun Cities) of anywhere in the world," he believes there are people who need assistance

And that's why he tries to get involved with projects that will have a direct effect on people in the area.

His goals, he says, are "to do an outstanding job for the United Bank, after all they pay my salary, and to contribute to the

Winifred Culler, president of Sun Health Foundation board, says Davisson is "a super guy" with a big job ahead of him.

But Culler also says, "He's a wonderful man and he works real

She says she doesn't doubt he'll be successful collecting \$500,000 from the community to go toward the construction of the Del E. Webb



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A Name to Know

Sun City West resident Joe DeBlasi was recently named Volunteer of the Month for June by the Sun Cities Volunteer Placement Services.

Mr. DeBlasi has been volunteering for almost 40 years and during that time he has given his time to a number of



worthy organizations.

According to Sun City West resident Harry Gifford, Mr. DeBlasi is "a compassionate man, deeply committed to humanitarian volunteerism."

Currently Mr. DeBlasi is president elect of the Sun City West Kiwanis Club, Eucharistic minister for the Catholic Church, delivers Meals on Wheels to residents of Sun City West, is a member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation Speaker's Bureau and a member of the foundation's events committee.

Most recently, Mr. DeBlasi returned from Claremont, Calif., his former home, where he acted as auctioneer for the Claremont Kiwanis Club's annual fundraiser for Ability First. During the 18 years he has spent assisting this effort, the club has raised more than \$250,000 for the cause. This year, over \$23,000 was raised.

Mr. DeBlasi enjoys volunteering because he enjoys it.

"It's like second nature to me," he said. "When I grew up we didn't have much and it was just a way of life. People didn't have much and they helped each other. And I guess I come through their example."

One of Mr. DeBlasi's favorite aspects of volunteering is the satisfaction that comes with it.

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Symington cites area GOP leader

Daily News-Sun staff

Sun City West resident Al Driscoll was recently honored by Arizona Gov. Fife Symington with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in the Republican Party.

Driscoll, GOP District 15 chairman, is the first person to receive the award. More than 500 leaders of the Republican Party attended the ceremony held during the GOP state meeting in the first week of February. Driscoll says he was surprised and delighted at the honor.

"I really appreciated the recognition," Driscoll said. "In recent years, I have easily devoted 40 hours a week to the Republican Party and the district I am chairman of. ... We have a real good Republican organization out in Sun City and Sun City West."

At the Maricopa County level, Driscoll has been a leading force in the Northwest Valley's successful effort to "Get Out the Vote" for many years. For more than five years he has been the chairman and cochairman of Trunk 'N Tusk, the fund-raising organization of the Arizona Republican Party.



Al Driscoll

Driscoll was an elected delegate to the last two presidential conventions. He is a lifetime registered Republican who has worked on more than 115 elective campaigns.

Driscoll came to Arizona in the early 1980s from Texas, where he had worked closely with George Bush. Previously he had lived in Kansas, where he was active in Bob Dole's 1957 campaign.

Maxine Driscoll Memorial Service is set

A beloved member of the community, Maxine O'Dell Driscoll, 79, of Sun City West, died Sept. 15 in Del Webb Hospital. Born in Colony Kans. she was one of six children. At an early age she moved to Le Roy, Kans. Later she attended Wichita Business School in Wichita.

Maxine met her husband, Al Driscoll, at this time and they were married in 1937.

Maxine worked with her husband building a wholesale business in Wichita and served as VP of this enterprise. She did an outstanding job of building and expanding the company while her husband served in World War II. After 25 years, the business was sold and she remained a partner in her husband's endeavors in Dallas, Texas for 13 years.

Retiring in 1980, they chose Sun City West as their retirement home and worked to start and complete the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church where at the request of Rev.

Wesley Neal, Maxine developed the health and welfare committee to meet the needs of the church membership. Her work was very rewarding and her abilities were further used on various church boards and the membership committee.

Along with other activities, Maxine devoted her energy and assets to work in the Lioness Club since living in Arizona.

Maxine has also been an activist in the Republican Party most of her married life. She is wellknown in the Republican Circles in the Sun Cities, District 15 and the state Republican Party. On many occasions she has been recognized for her outstanding works by party officials.

Perhaps the most gratifying to Maxine has been her approxi-



Maxine O'Dell Driscoll 1919-1998

mate 50 years in her beloved Delta Theta Tau National Sorority. Serving on the Board of Directors for 15 years and traveling the United States visiting sorority affiliates that entailed inspecting an supervising their programs,

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gave Maxine great enjoyment.

Maxine was elected to serve as national president of her sorority in 1970, an obligation and honor bestowed on a very popular president.

Maxine is survived by her spouse Alvin Driscoll and two sons, Richard O'Dell Driscoll of Los Angeles, Calif., and James E. Driscoll of Dallas, Texas; two sisters Irma Murray, Le Roy, Kans. and Helen Saferite, Neosho Falls, Kans. In addition, there are four grandchildren, six with the second that a second the second that the second tha

great-grandchildren, 14 nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Le Roy Kansas on Sept. 19 and a memorial service will be held at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church in Sun City West on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Maxine Driscoll Memorial Fund at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church. Monies will be used for selected projects in the coming years.

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SCW author writes election history

Tome was 20 years in the making

By BRUCE ELLISON DAILY NEWS-SUN

Mike Dubin of Sun City West knows his newest book isn't likely to be reviewed in the New York Times despite its importance to American history.

Nor will it ever make the Times' best-seller list.

But then, at \$235 per copy, that wasn't anticipated.

Dubin, a retired teacher and sometime tour guide at the Arizona Capitol complex in Phoenix, will be grateful if the Times buys just one copy of his latest work for its reference library.

And if every major university in the country also buys a copy, as Dubin and his publishers expect, the Sun City West resident and Democratic Party activist will be ecstatic. Only 500 copies have been printed.

So what is this 1,100-page tome that doesn't even have much text in it?

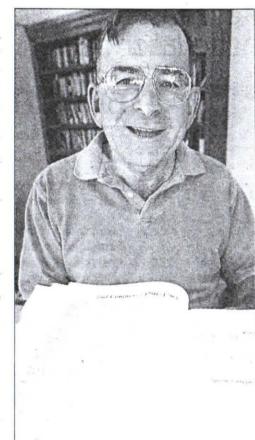
It is called "U.S. Congressional Election Returns, 1788-1997," and for those 210 years, it lists every congressional candidate who ever ran in every congressional district in the country, from the original 65 districts to today's 435. All the votes for each are shown.

It's a critically important compilation of interest to political scholars, Dubin said. "It's information that never before has been available in one place."

The publication represents the culmination of about 20 years of work, including what Dubin called "eight solid years of research" to gather and compile data even the federal government never published

He spent years ferreting out that information from state and local officials around the country.

Dubin's new book is published by McFarland & Co. Inc. Publishers, of Jefferson, N.C.



Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Mike Dubin researched and compiled a list of congressional election results dating back to the first Congress. The Sun City West resident spent 20 years on the project. Dubin and his publisher expect the 1,100-page book to sell mainly to libraries.

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A Name to Know

A Sun City West resident was honored Sept. 10 by

the Property Owners and Residents Association Board of Directors for her 10 years of dedication



as the organization's volunteer bookkeeper.

PORA last week passed a resolution expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Marjorie Eickhoff.

"It was very surprising, very unexpected and very much appreciated," Ms. Eickhoff said.

For the last 10 years, the Sun City West resident has been PORA's bookkeeper serving in this role as a volunteer.

Working two days a week, Ms. Eickhoff pays all of PORA's bills, does its payroll and payroll taxes.

"I've done bookkeeping work most of my working life," Ms. Eickhoff said. "This is what I enjoy doing."

Afflicted with arthritis, Ms. Eickhoff enjoys volunteering at PORA because it is work she is capable of doing and it keeps her active.

"It gets me out of the house, gives me something to do and I enjoy it," she said.

She also enjoys the position because it allows her to give something back to the community she loves.

"With PORA being a big part of what runs Sun City West, I feel I contribute to keeping Sun City West as good as it is," she added.

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

Sun City West woman helps the blind to

By JULI NESSETT Independent Newspapers

Sun City West resident Jan Eldridge has been performing a very special volunteer effort for the last 42 years and even now she cannot stand to be away from it.

Almost 50 years ago Mrs. Eldridge saw an advertisement in the newspaper for a course the Red Cross was offering to learn how to Braille and since completing the nine-month course she has Brailled over 100 books for blind children.

She said she tried volunteering at a hospital but it was not for her. Brailling, however, was, and is to this day.

Mrs. Eldridge currently does Braille for the Foundation for Blind Children and she says she generally works over 30 hours a week. When there is a rush job for a text book, however, she will Braille into all hours of the night.

"I think I'm addicted to it," she said. "There's just something about the mechanics. It has something to do with mathematics. I love math and I just Braille.'

But Mrs. Eldridge also loves something else - riding her 7-yearold quarter horse Bob. She calls herself a "riding Braillest."

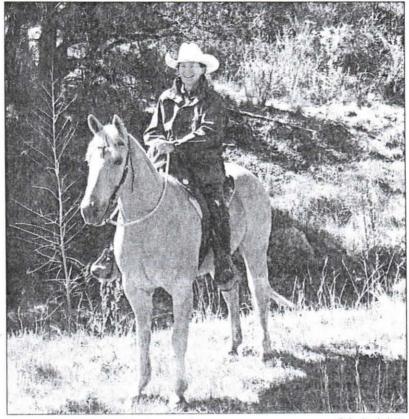
The first book Mrs. Eldridge completed was "The Long Winter" by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The second book she completed was "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Mrs. Eldridge took that second book to a blind college professor she had heard about.

"I knocked on her door and said, 'Would you like to read "To Kill a Mockingbird"?' She told me a year later it was just like an angel appeared," said Mrs. Eldridge.

Mrs. Eldridge does not know anyone who is blind and she has never met the children who eventually wind up with her Brailled books, but is not what is important.

"I want the kids to have the books but I don't have to meet them. I'm a reader and I just want them to have



Sun City West resident Jan Eldridge calls herself a "riding Braillest." She has been volunteering to Braille books for children for the last 42 years and she loves it. Her other love is riding her 7-year old quarter horse Bob.

the books," she explained.

Today, Mrs. Eldridge Brailles mostly high school textbooks, which can be hundreds of pages long and can turn into 40 or more

volumes due to the large size of Braille paper.

According to Mrs. Eldridge, a 700-page book would be at least three times its normal size once it is transcribed into Braille.

She said the books she likes Brailling most are long history books and literary novels.

Most recently, Mrs. Eldridge Brailled J.K. Rowling's last Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

Foundation for The Children was organized in 1953 by parents of blind children as a means of providing the unique support services necessary for blind children to attend public schools near their homes, according to literature provided by FBC.

Today the organization has a library of over 60,000 volumes and helps over 1,500 children a year.

The organization currently has 300 volunteers and about 50 who do Braille.

However, the organization is always in need of new volunteers. To become a Braillest, a nine-month course is needed along with certification from the Library Congress. Other volunteer opportunities also exist at FBC. For more information about the organization or on becoming a volunteer, call 602-331-1470.

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PERSONALITIES

Social service career

Minister's wife has outside life

By Betty Latty Special to Community

rom offices in Phoenix, Sharon Elrod, a Sun City West minister's wife, is continuing her 30-year career in social service.

She serves as director of the Arizona Children's Home Association, Phoenix region.

Elrod was an early member of the growing body of nontraditional ministerial spouses who develop or maintain their own careers, while remaining supportive of their husbands and their churches.

"I grew up in church with all its activities, right down to the potlucks." she said. "But I have always been a pastor's wife who was in charge of her own life."

The Elrods moved to Sun City West last summer after living eight years in Tucson, where the Rev. Jerry Elrod was the pastor of a new Methodist Church and Sharon Elrod served the Children's Home Association as director of education and day treatment programs.

In Phoenix, she administers social service programs for the Tucson-based organization, which has expanded over the past 75 years to include two Valley group homes, therapeutic foster care, family preservation (with mental health teams,) outpatient clinical services and adoptions.

The region's outreach extends into northern Arizona, said Sharon Elrod, who directs a staff of 40 therapists and counselors.

Arizona Children's Home Association Inc., a private, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1915, is the oldest mental health agency for children and families in the state, she said.

The Elrods met as professionals in Omaha. Neb., when both served the

Profile

Name: Sharon Elrod.

Age: 50.

Residence: Sun City West.

Career: Director, Phoenix Region, Arizona Children's Home Association.

Family: Husband, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Elrod, senior pastor, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Sun City West; son, Joel, artist-illustrator, Dallas.

Birthplace: Des Moines, Iowa. Education: University of Northern lowa, bachelor of arts in education; University of Nebraska, master's degree in clinical social work; Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., doctorate in education.

Hobbies: Sewing; design; music - plays piano and organ, sings.

same agency - he as a board member. she on the staff.

"Jerry always had such highly specialized skills in administration and management," she said. "He directed an urban ministerial program and was a district superintendent for the church."

The couple married in 1975.

While managing a career, marriage and church activities - Sharon Elrod has written material for the Methodist Church publishing house, taught Sunday school and played music for services - she also has continued her education. She completed work on her doctorate in education last year.

Still, she makes time to sew almost all of her own outfits, saying: "I like to try anything that's new and different. And I love music. Music is going on all the time in my life."



Tom Tingle / Staff photographer "I have always been a pastor's wife who was in charge of her own life," says Sharon Elrod of the Arizona Children's Home Association.

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Sales representative retires from Del Webb after 22 years

By Dorothy Steck

Irene Engel's first day of retirement from her 22-year position as sales representative for Del Webb Corp. starts Sept. 1. She expresses ambivalence about retiring and beginning a life of other activities. She says, "I'll spend time with my family and go to our family-owned winter home in Prescott and relax. I plan to volunteer with Maricopa County at Lake Pleasant and with the Cancer Society." It will be a different life from her previous sales work.

As to her background in sales Irene relates, "In 1956 I started selling real estate in Phoenix, Sun City West, Irene made the then Scottsdale and then in Mesa. I worked with small developers who sold about 100 homesites, After each development sold out, I took a vacation and went to another company.

"In 1976 I came to Sun City to work for Del Web and worked there for two years until we finished selling out. I stayed with Del Webb and helped open Sun City West where I sold the 5th

Retiree Irene Engel smiles as she talks about her 22 year sales position with Del Webb Corp. Photo, Dorothy Steck

new home." In 20 years of selling homes in President's Club and the Platinum Club for sales achievements that totalled near \$75 million dollars.

She says she has also made many good friends and tells some amusing and some touching stories about her home buyers. "What I liked best about working for Del Webb were the people I worked with and the people to whom I sold a home. You don't sell a home, you FIND



a home for people."

The last week of August, Engel sold the last two homes in Sun City West, leaving only 2 vacant lots (homesites). She says, "That's the end of an era." Irene says she is "ready" to retire and expresses pride in the fact that she "worked as a single mother raising five children, all of whom graduated with college degrees."

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Glimpse of Success for Sun City West Author Peggy Evanell

By Cherie Lee

un City West author Peggy Evanell has two paranormal romance novels, Glimpse of Eternity and Glimpse of Forever, published by A Wings ePress, Inc released. So, what makes them different you ask?

The books are available either as E-books or paperbacks. They can even be had with a voice reader in E-book form so vou don't have to strain your eyes reading a story on your computer screen.

The Wings ePress, www.wingspress.com website offers the books as an E-book with or without a voice reader. The download may be ordered for as little as \$6. Orders for the paperback are available from Amazon.com or www.wings-press.com, but the paperbacks editions will cost more.

Evanell is traveling a new route in the publishing world by allowing her books to be available as an on-line or a paperback edition.

Glimpse of Eternity is an entertaining tale when modern day Kacy goes back to Surrey, England in 1854. The story brings humor and a heart-tugging story that delights. Besides Kacy, there's a guardian angel, a fairy, reincarnation and a hero, Lord Banes. As the hero and heroine interact, a reader sees today (Kacy) and the past (Lord Banes).

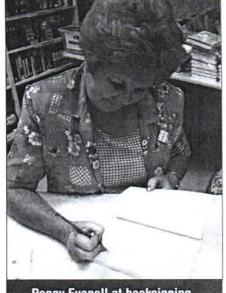
Glimpse of Forever features a greedy wizard who transports Jennifer Quinlane from the present to the past to Drake Castleberry. This wizard pops up in many unexpected ways, gives many twists, and turns to this story based on Queen Victoria's Saucerman called the jumping man in 1837.

Evanell has been writing for twenty years. She started when she moved to England in the spring of 1984, so her books have first hand descriptions. She wrote articles for the London Bridge, a slick monthly magazine printed for American women living in the U.K. She also worked on the magazine staff, which meant cutting and editing other people's work.

Back in the states in the late 1980s, Evanell traveled with her husband in a 40 foot fifth wheel around the country for four years. Those travels taught her to save her work and made her husband a hero every time he rescued her work from a crashed hard drive. She said, "Rescuing my work is somehow magic to me, but my husband was able to get into my computer's hard drive and save what I'd written. He rescues me every time I have a problem. In addition, he designed and maintains my website at www.evanell.com."

For relaxation, Evanell plays golf, Mah Jong once a week, spends time with grandchildren and reads almost every day. She once made a family history scrapbook for her mother's 90th birthday. "It took several weeks because I wrote a long letter to tell her things I was thankful for. I included some favorite memories, along with photographs I've collected for years."

Evanell is also Queen Mum of the Red Hat Ya Ya's who have a luncheon as well as two activities each month. She is a member of the Valley of the Sun Romance Writers, Desert Rose, Romance Writers of America, West Valley Authors Association and a critique



Peggy Evanell at booksigning.

group. She says she writes, "Probably 3-4 hours a day because I have other activities, but when I start a new story, I work feverishly until I get the first draft on paper."

Asked why she wrote romantic fantasies, Evanell said, "Because I like to believe there's magic in the world, and that's why the word is in the dictionary. I feel there's magic in my life sometimes because wonderful things have happened to me."

Visit Evanell's website at www.evanell.com. The site includes an author photograph, an author biography, an author interview (a good one), book listings and a guestbook you can sign – many guests have written their impressions about author and her books. There are even some diary entries written by Evanell about her writing.

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Retirement brings time for others and all that jazz

By TINA SCHADE DAILY NEWS-SUN

he words Ruth Everman uses to describe jazz's essence, spirit and style to her senior students at the Rio Institute for Senior Education could be the same ones used to characterize herself.

She has the intimacy of "bop," the laid-back distinction of "cool" and the squeaky-clean appeal of "swing." And, much like jazz, Everman, at least as a volunteer, seems to have something to offer everybody.

As a leader for the Books and Issues Group sponsored by the Sun City West Friends of the Library, Everman lectures on topics she finds inspiring. Her latest undertaking involved reading 11 books on Nobel-prize winning quantum physicist Richard Feynman. "I choose a subject and study it for the whole year," she said.

The retired psychotherapist serves as public relations and publicity director for the Property Owners and Residents Association in Sun City West. Her creative flair pops up in The Roadrunner, the PORA newsletter she edits.

She is a docent and clerical worker at the West Valley Art Museum, as well.

Everman serves on the Sun City West Community Fund's personal needs committee, which gives residents a financial boost.

"Oftentimes, we have situations where a woman is acting as a caretaker to her husband. They spend most of his money on illness and then he dies. Then she may fall ill and need money for medications," she said.

Everman also boasts membership in the Sun City West Musicians Club, the Sun City West Computer Club and the Pennsylvania Club, interests she admits aren't wholly altruistic. "If it's not fun, I won't do it," she said.

Although Everman jokes that what she does best "is sit," the 73-year-old can be found spending her free time reading, painting or singing jazz.

Jazz is a hobby the self-described "ham" said she was forced into. "My children were worried that when I retired I would need something to do," she said. So her son, a university professor, and her daughter, a software developer for Motorola, bought their mother what amounted to a miniature home studio, complete with boom box. Karaoke machine and keyboard.

Everman, a classically trained vocalist, then began to weave what she learned as a child into what her son was teaching her about jazz. She now sings in adult day care centers and nursing homes, although she is looking to expand her venues. "I tell people I'll come to their house and sing," she said.

To nominate a Doer, call Tina Schade at 876-2514.

DOERS PROFILE



Ruth Everman

Hometown: Bethlehem, Pa.

Family: Two children

Inspiration: "I do things so I can

learn."

Philosophy: "Live life to its fullest

and laugh a lot."

Greatest Accomplishment: "Raising my children."