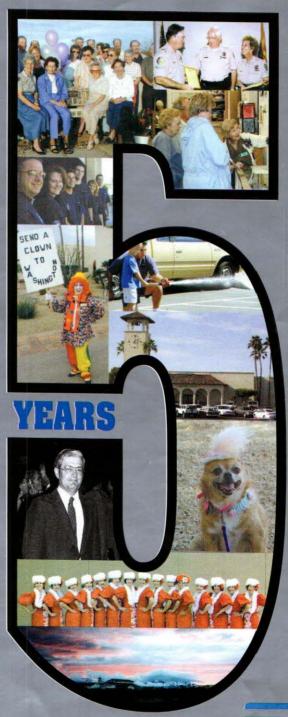
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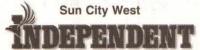
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Dee Hjermstad

Dear friends and neighbors:

Congratulations to each and every one of you for making Sun City West your home. We are proud to live in the premier active adult community in the country.

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Welcome to the Sun City West Silver Celebration

Our Silver Celebration Committee and all the hundreds of dedicated volunteers have planned some very exciting events for you beginning with our "kick-off" Birthday Parties on February 15 at both the R. H. Johnson Social Hall and Palm Ridge Summit Hall. Stop by and have some cake, meet your Sun City West neighbors, and take the opportunity to view all the Silver Celebration items that have been created for this occasion.

We would like to thank our Steering Committee for securing the funds to provide these activities and our event chairs for bringing such joyful programs to our residents.

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Centers of Sun City West Governing Board and staff. especially Elaine McCraith, Board liaison; Linda Murray. Recreation Manager: Mauryne Hall, Public Relations Manager. They, along with our Event Chair, Marge Loeffler, and all the volunteers deserve a round of applause for their hard work on this Silver Celebration project. Enjoy the parties,



Joe Davisson

the concerts, the socials, the parade, and the performances that have been scheduled for this 25th anniversary year. They are yours to enjoy and have been planned with you in mind.

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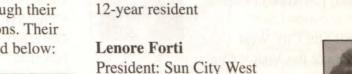
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Member: Friends of the Library

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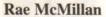
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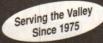


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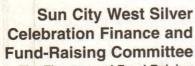
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Sun City West Silver Celebration Executive Committee

Front row, from left, Clarine Clampitt, Diane Holloway, Alice Burns, Valerie Gitter. Second row, from left, Lorraine Cockle, Elaine McCraith, Donna Potter, Dee Hjermstad, Joe Davisson, Marge Loeffler, Earl Mackert. Third row, from left, Mary Bunting, Regina Muhlenfeld, Pat Imholte, Vera Keeler, Pat Heneghan, Mary Jo Copelan, Linda Murray, Dusty Rhodes, Lenore Forti, Kay Ginsburg. Fourth row, from left, Lee Vogel, Dan Kedzie.



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Willis, Randy Fuller, Tom Taggart,
Tom Dickson, John Waldron, Bill
Woodyard, Liz Reeve-Calley, Ruth
Anderson and Dick Hohnson.
Members are not all pictured here.



Del Webb and his visionaries, R.H. Johnson, Fred Kuentz and John Meeker

By Diana Shaughnessy Independent Newspapers

Del Webb is the name most people associate with the dramatic change in senior retirement living across the country. With the creation of Sun City, the Webb name became synonymous with an active retirement life built around a community created with that end in mind.

Mr. Webb would be the first to admit, however, that his idea of planned retirement living was given life by the talented

people with which he surrounded himself. Nowhere was that more evident than in Sun City West, which was built after Mr. Webb's death in July 1974. Sun City West, created 25 years ago by Mr. Webb's visionaries. kept alive the idea of a healthy, active retirement. And three of those visionaries, Robert H. Johnson. Fred Kuentz and John Meeker. have been immortalized in Sun City West by having their names attached to streets or recreation centers.

Those entering Sun



Photo supplied by Sun Cities Area Historical Society

Del Webb, center, discusses a construction project with Robert H. Johnson, left, and Fred Kuentz.

City West through the entrance off Bell Road notice the name of the main thoroughfare right away: R.H. Johnson

Boulevard. The well-kept avenue leads through the development and past R.H. Johnson Recreation

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Sun City West: A brief history 1978–2003

From the vision of an idyllic retirement lifestyle that began with the opening of Sun City in 1960, to the reality of the country's finest active adult community, Sun City West sits as one of the crown jewels of Del Webb's planned developments.

With groundbreaking on Feb. 15, 1978, to the first residents—our pioneers—who moved into their homes later that year, Sun City West has grown into a paradise in the southwest.

One of the factors that made Sun City West as appealing as its older sister city to new home buyers was the planning of recreation centers prior to actual housing. Even though the houses were finished first, many of those new buyers made their purchase based upon the continuing growth of the recreation centers. The R.H. Johnson recreation complex, part of John Meeker's idea making the community a premier place to live for the new generation of seniors, opened on Oct. 20, 1979, joining

Hillcrest Golf Club as the first recreational facilities created for enjoyment of Sun City West homeowners.

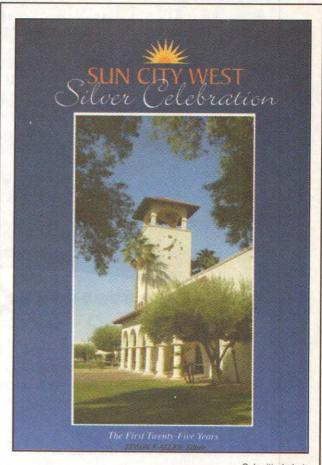
However, it was not just physical facilities that residents appreciated. They soon began creating clubs, joining music groups, establishing chapters of service organizations and founding churches and synagogues.

One of those community creations was the Sun City West Foundation, which gave residents a name under which they could raise funds to sponsor housing for community projects. The SCWF currently provides facilities for Helping Hands, meeting rooms, AARP Tax Services, Thrift Shop, Interfaith Adult Day Care Center, Luminarias, PRIDES and Voluntary Placement Services. These organizations allow Sun City West residents to borrow medical equipment, get help on tax preparation or go to a shelter in case of emergency.

In November of 1979, the SCW Rec Center's first golf course, Pebblebrook, was unveiled. Eventually Pebblebrook would be joined by six other

courses for private use by Rec Center mem-

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A historical look at Sun City West

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society has published a history of Sun City West in commemoration of the community's 25th anniversary. The book documents the community's first quarter century. Over two dozen volunteers have examined historical documents, researched community landmarks and interviewed numerous individuals to create an accurate account of Sun City West's history and evolution. Edited by Ed Allen and with an extensive index, the book runs about 300 pages and includes 140 illustrations, personal anecdotes and historical facts. It is currently available for \$12 at various events celebrating the community's 25th anniversary. Proceeds from book sales will benefit the Historical Society.

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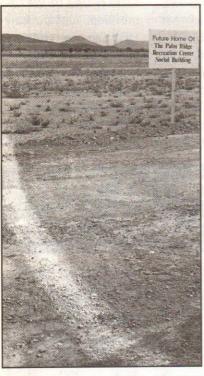
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bers: Stardust, Grandview, Echo Mesa, Trail Ridge, Desert Trails and, finally in 1996, Deer Valley.

As the community grew, so did recreational facilities. Beardsley Park Rec Center was opened in June of 1985. As more residents moved into their

homes, Kuentz Center opened. Palm Ridge was added to the Rec Center roster with the addition of homes north of Deer Valley Drive.

Today, more than 32,000 people call Sun City West their home. The community is pleased to celebrate 25 years of incomparable living in the Valley of the Sun.



Left, Palm Ridge Recreation Center began as a line on the dirt in the addition of Sun City West north of Deer Valley Road. Below: Prior to its opening, the palm trees in front of the rec center still bore their frond ties and the grass had still not sprouted. **Today Palm** Ridge is home to many clubs.

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Visionaries

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Mr. Johnson was still a student at Phoenix Business College when he met Mr. Webb in 1935. He began working for the Del E. Webb Development Company (DEVCO) at that time as the timekeeper, responsible for making sure construction projects were built on time and within budget. From this inauspicious beginning, Mr. Johnson ended up becoming Chairman of the Board of Del E. Webb Corp., retiring in 1981 to create the philanthropic Del E. Webb Foundation in Wickenburg, founded in

1960.

Mr. Johnson has often been called, " ... the driving force in the development of Sun City West."

While Mr. Johnson was the driving force, Mr. Webb called Fred Kuentz "... the great negotiator."

Mr. Kuentz joined the DEVCO team in 1949 as the director of electrical design and cost control. quickly moved through the company ranks and, by 1965, was vice president of property management and senior vice president of corporation operations. When he was offered the seat of president of DEVCO in 1983, he took control of Sun City West development and was largely responsible for the continued growth of the community.

Fred R. Kuentz Recreation Center, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd., is named for this visionary. Mr. Kuentz passed away Oct. 29, 2001.

Visitors driving through Sun City West will eventually come upon a street Meeker Boulevard, This roadway is named for John Meeker, who added the personal touch to the community by looking at the development through homeowners' eyes. It was Mr. Meeker who gambled on projects others thought were foolish, like creating the Sundome Center for Performing Arts, or supplying free garden plots for residents, or supplying

land at reason a ble cost to churches wanting to locate within the

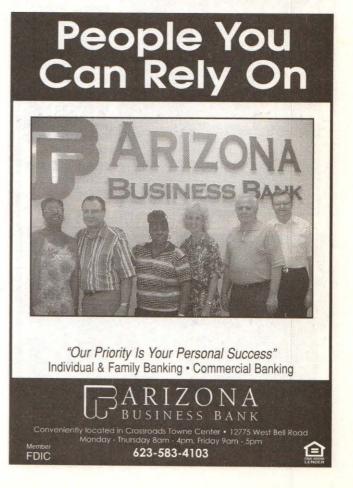


community. John Meeker

Mr. Meeker originally was Mr. Webb's golf caddie prior to World War II. He became part of the DEVCO family in 1946 as a junior clerk. After working as an operations clerk and supervisor of design and engineering, Mr. Meeker took on the role of president and director of DEVCO in 1965. He passed away Feb. 5, 2000.

These visionaries added to the original Webb idea and created Sun City West, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2003.





Making history with 'The Big Shot'

You ought to be in "The Big Shot."

At 9 a.m. March 29, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and the Silver Celebration Committee are sponsoring "The Big Shot," the largest group photograph in history. Event chair Mauryne Hall and her committee will attempt to get as many residents as possible to the R. H. Johnson parking lot.

There, residents will be arranged in the shape of a star and photographed to capture one million years of life!

The photo will appear in the Guiness Book of World Records and will eventually be joined by "stars" and "stripes" of people from other communities around the United States, creating a human American Flag.

The success of this enormous undertaking depends on the willingness of Sun City West residents and the dedication of volunteers from our many community service organizations.

Some clubs have issued challenges to other clubs to fill out one point of the star or to volunteer more members to make this event possible.

Many organizations are working together on this huge project: the Posse, All States Clubs, PORA & the Visitors Center, Fire Department, Computer Club, Connections, Red Hats, Sun City West Men's Club, Wester Jesters, Desert Aires Barbershop Quartets, Westside Food Bank and Canine Companions all have volunteered.

Everyone is needed, as

a volunteer to help as an usher, parking attendant, car/van pool driver, water server, traffic controller, or whatever else is needed.

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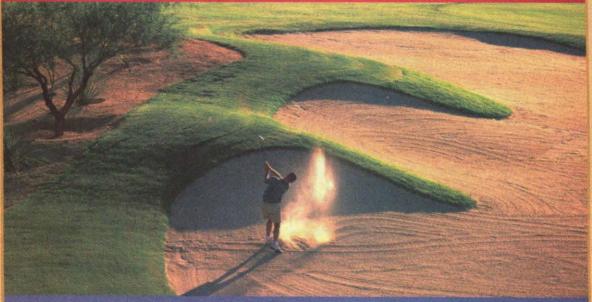


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Feb. 15, 1978: an auspicious day in Sun City West history

It started Feb. 15, 1978 with about 200 ceremonial shovelfuls of soil and turned into the 7,000-acre masterplanned community known as Sun City West. Now home to some 28,000 residents, more than 1,200 homes were built during the community's first year, providing homes to about 1,000 people.

Sun City West was created by Del Webb Corporation. Learning and making improvements from their first west Valley community, Sun City, Sun City West Phase I was originally planned to have " ... six full-length golf courses, three recreation centers and approximately 17,000 housing units."

Now 25 years later, residents enjoy four regulation and three executive golf courses, 27 tennis courts, indoor and outdoor walking tracks, racquet and handball courts, bocce and lawn bowling, shuffleboard, billards, softball, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a 30-lane bowling center, and four multi-million dollar recreation centers.

In addition to amenities provided by the community, Sun City West residents are



Photos from Sun City West Newsletter, February, 1979

A special quintet was on hand for the Feb. 15, 1978 groundbreaking ceremonies. From left, John W. Meeker, Del E. Webb Development Co. president; U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini; Hank Raymond, J.G. Boswell Co. vice president; Robert H. Johnson, Webb Corporation chairman and CEO; Governor Wesley Bolin.

members of over 100 clubs. From arts and crafts to home-state clubs and chapters of most national and international service clubs, retirees are finding themselves busier than ever enjoying their own personal interests.

The official groundbreaking ceremony was held Feb. 15, 1978. On hand digging the first shovelfuls of dirt were John W. Meeker, president of the Del E. Webb Development Co., Senator Dennis DeConcini, J.G. Boswell Co. Vice President Hank Raymond, Webb Corporation Chairman and CEO Robert H. Johnson and Governor Wesley Bolin, Almost 200 civic and business

leaders followed, digging in on their own.

Eight months later another ceremony was held to welcome the first residents. Present at that ribbon-cutting ceremony were **DEVCO** Executive Vice President Joe Aubin, resident Clarice Uhl. DEVCO President John Meeker, residents Mary and Luman Wick, DEVCO Vice President and Operations Manager Bob Cannon and **DEVCO Senior Vice** President and **Engineering Manager** Tom Ryan.

The Wicks became Sun City West's first residents Oct. 16, 1978. Formerly of Topeka, Kans., the pair noted they enjoyed the area's freindly and

relaxed atmosphere.

Clarice and Edward Uhl also were initial residents of the new community. The pair moved to Arizona from Alameda, Calif.

Sales topped \$92 million during the first half of 1979. Of that amount, more than \$51 million in new sales was recorded during the year's second quarter. Over 1,250 new homes were sold during the six-month period.

Sun City West celebrated its seventh birthday Oct. 16, 1985 with the announcement that 12,500 people were now residents of the new community. Originally, community officials were aiming at a final population of 25,000.

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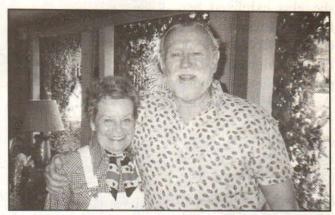
Thirty-three residents of Sun City West are vying for the title of Pioneer and Hero in a contest recognizing those who have helped the community grow. A few of the pioneers have been Sun City West residents for the entire 25 years, but most have been residents between 20 and 24 years. They came for the health and lifestyle attractions. and describe how their lives changed for the better after moving.

Winners will be

announced at the Feb. 15, 2003 Kick-Off 25th Anniversary parties at Palm Ridge Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, and R.H. Johnson Social Hall. 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Gifts for the winners are supplied by Wells Fargo Bank: first place, \$1,000; second place, \$500; 10-third place winners, \$100 each.

Here are some of their stories:

Chuck and Betsy Bennett decided on Sun City West 24 years



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Betsy and Chuck Bennett

ago after meeting each other following the death of their spouses. They wanted to start their new life together in a different place while conquering

growing arthritic problems. The change produced such good health that Betsy won swimming contests where

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Pioneers

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she also exhibited her famous jackknife dive. Chuck served as a Posse volunteer. The pair sang in the original Westernairs chorus. which has since changed the spelling of its name. Betsy puts her handmade dolls on display in their window every Christmas. Real lovers of their new home, the Bennetts have kept a box full of Del Webb fliers and pictures showing community activities and events since the origin of Sun City West.

Melton Bryan arrived in Sun City West in 1978 and has served on the governing board of PORA and several committees of the Rec Centers as well as the Sun City West Foundation. He has been a PRIDES volunteers and sold luminarias at Christmas. His mother was monitor of a men's golf club.

Charles and Adele Frankel moved to Sun City West 25 years ago from New York City where Charlie was a policeman. They helped start seven clubs and have volunteered at the hospital and many other organizations. Charlie was instrumental in cre-



Submitted photo

Charles and Adele Frankel

ating the Sun City West Fire District and is current chairman of the fire board. Adele helps at all fire district events.

Bill and Mary Silvus made their move 24 years ago and were active in the formation of a church golf league. They have been volunteers at the library, Sundome, Habitat for Humanity, AARP and many other groups. Bill was the secretary of the bowling league for its first 15 years. Mary is the longest continuous member of the Crestview Riders Bicycle Club.

Marilyn Radford moved to Sun City West 24 years ago and has served on the Rec Centers board. She also



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Marilyn Radford



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helped start PRIDES, has served on condo boards and started the singles group at Briarwood Country Club. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and served on a Sun Health committee among other things.

Frances Decker arrived in Sun City West 24 years ago and started the Sunshine Serenaders, a group of singers that entertains in nursing homes and other places. She also has served as president of three clubs.

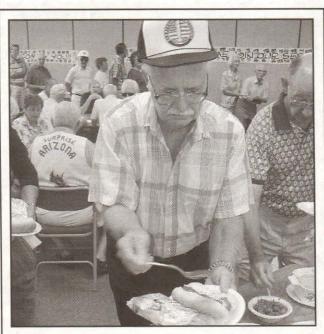


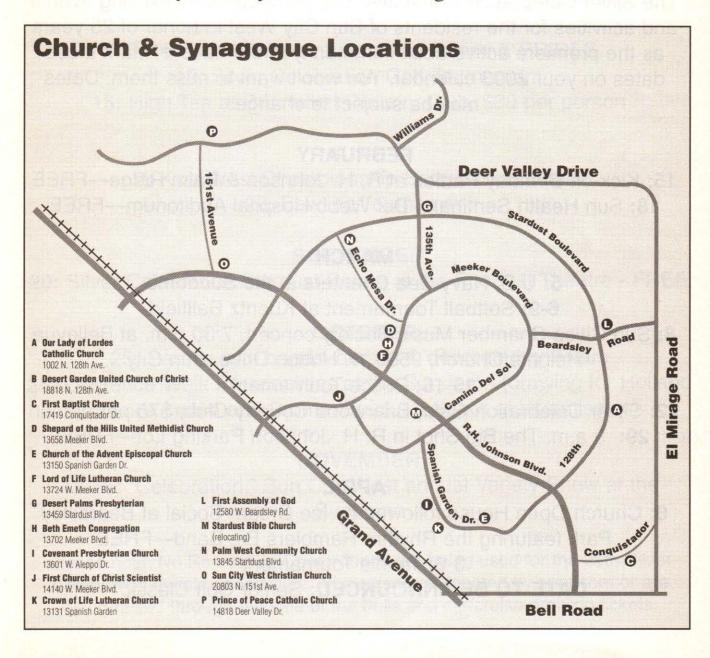
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Hot Dog!

A resident garnishes his hot dog at a Sun City West club fund-raising event.

Church Open House April 6, 2003

Sun City West residents and guests are invited to visit the community's houses of worship from 1 to 3 p.m. while walking through neighborhoods during springtime. The event culminates with an Ice Cream Social from 3 - 5 p.m. to be held at Beardsley Park with entertainment by the Rhythm Ramblers Big Band.



Calendar for Sun City West S

The Silver Celebration Committee has planned many exciting events and activities for the residents of Sun City West in honor of 25 years as the premiere active adult community in the nation! Mark these dates on your 2003 calendar. You won't want to miss them. Dates may be subject to change.

FEBRUARY

15: Kick-off Birthday Parties at R. H. Johnson & Palm Ridge—FREE18: Sun Health Seminars, Del Webb Hospital Auditorium—FREE

MARCH

5: U.S. Navy Sea Chanters at the Sundome

6-9: Softball Tournament at Kuentz Ballfield

8: Sun Cities Chamber Music Society concert, 7:30 p.m. at Bellevue Heights Church, 9550 W. Hutton Drive, Sun City

15-16: Bocce Tournament

22: Silver Celebration Gala, Briarwood Country Club, \$75 per person C PN CEL 29: 9 a.m. The Big Shot in R. H. Johnson Parking Lot—FREE

APRIL

6: Church Open House followed by Ice Cream Social at Beardsley Park featuring the Rhythm Ramblers Big Band—FREE

3-6: Tennis Tournament

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED: Senior Golf Classic

of Events the ilver Celebration

MAY

3: Reception for members of the Posse & PRIDES
10: Silver Celebration Golf Tournament
15: High Tea at Briarwood Country Club, \$30 per person

JUNE

2: Kiva West Championship Bridge Tournament 28: Bowling Tournament

SEPTEMBER

20: Silver Celebration Stardust Revue at the Stardust Theatre - FREE

OCTOBER

25: Parade with bands, horses & decorated golf cars
 25: Lawrence Welk Personalities at the Sundome (drawing for Holland America cruise and Bromm Buick Le Sabre at intermission)

NOVEMBER

13-15: "Celebration," Sun City West annual Variety Show at the Sundome

Please note: No Recreation Center funds are being used for the 25th Silver Celebration events or activities. All monies are donated by sponsors or are being raised through the sale of the bells and car/cruise drawing tickets.

Important Sun City West phone numbers

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W.O. Boswell Memorial Hospital, 977-7211
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PORA: working for Sun City West residents since 1980

The idea for the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association originally sparked in February 1979 so future residents could officially oppose a \$27.5 million bond program passed in the Dysart Unified School District June 1978 election.

The organization successfully rescinded the bond program in Oct. 1980 after officially forming in January 1980. Committees also formed to review utility rates, add traffic control signs, begin Friday Night Bingo, and to separate Sun City West from the Dysart Unified School District. It was

through the election of four Sun City West residents to the district board and a vote in May of 1981 that separated Phase I of Sun City West from the school district.

PORA also has proposed the formation of a community fire district and opposed a county landfill location off El Mirage Road north of Deer Valley Road.

Since then, anything proposed by government organizations has had an alternative proposal. PORA initiatives have been realized through the creation of such organizations as Community Fund, Meals on Wheels, the



Photo by Diana Shaughnessy/Independent Newspapers

Millie Auxter has been a PORA volunteer since 1986.

Sun City West Foundation and Lending Hands.

PORA continues to support all Sun City West residents by working together with responsible public and private organizations. Over the years, PORA has been active in maintaining compatible zoning and development adjacent to Sun City West and establishing single family home deed restrictions within the community.

Those wishing to join PORA's e-mail list for regular updated information may send a letter to opora@suncitywest.org. The Web site is located at www.porascw.org.

Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital

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More than 10 years were invested in the planning of Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital prior to it opening in January 1988. Sun Health, the community-based, nonprofit parent company that also operates Boswell Memorial Hospital in Sun City, formulated the plan with the realization that patientcare demands eventually would surpass Boswell Hospital's capacity to serve the entire northwest Valley area. The vision was that together, these non-profit healthcare facilities would serve the healthcare needs of the entire area.

Sun Health representatives took their case before the Central Arizona Health Systems Agency in 1984. Although there was overwhelming evidence that Boswell Hospital's capacity would be exceeded even before completion of a new hospital in Sun City West and despite endorsements such as the unanimous support of the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association — the CAHSA hearing board voted to deny the project by a narrow 5-4 vote.

Undaunted, Sun Health continued efforts to bring the needed hospital to the area. The Arizona



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Children from the Dysart school district took part in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health.

Legislature permitted the state's certificate-of-need law to expire in 1985. That also ended CAHSA authority to limit ready access to hospital care that was needed by Sun City Westers and other west Valley residents.

The necessary permits at last were obtained. On Oct. 7, 1985, a colorful groundbreaking ceremony launched construction of the \$42 million hospital. Among those taking part in the event was baseball Hall of Fame slugger Mickey Mantle, a member of the powerhouse New York Yankees during the dynasty years when Mr. Webb was part owner of the American League team. The ceremony also was the setting for a special announcement by

William A. Chapman, vice chairman of the hospital's volunteer board of directors: In consideration of a \$3 million grant from the Del E. Webb Foundation, the new, five-story healthcare center in Sun City West would be named the Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

On January 4, 1988, the doors of Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital opened, thanks to generous community support totaling over \$9 million that helped to fund construction. Community support, from volunteers and donors alike has continued through the years during each phase of development, and it is as vitally necessary today as ever.

In recognition of spe-

cial community needs, planning for Del E. Webb Hospital also included the introduction of an inpatient, medical/psychiatric program. The SAGE (Support, Adaptation, Growth and Enrichment) Program provides medical management of the cognitively impaired patient, including assessing and treatment.

In 1996, a demonstrated need for a cardiac catheterization service was recognized at Del E. Webb Hospital. Today, the cardiac catheterization service complements existing heart services available at the Sun Health Heart Center at Boswell Hospital.

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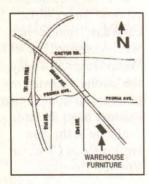
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Metamorphosis of a lizard From cattle ranch to retirement community

By Diana Shaughnessy Independent Newspapers

In early 1940, cattle ranchers E.S. Spurlock and J.C. "Charlie" Wetzler drove through an area several miles north of Peoria.

"Jumpin"
Jehosaphat," Mr.
Spurlock is rumored to have said. "This country is not fit for raising anything but lizards."

Tradition says that is how Lizard Acres, the nickname of Circle One Livestock Company. came into being. Lizard Acres was one of the lots purchased to create Sun City West. It was purchased by the Del Webb Corporation in late 1971 and became what is now the southeast corner of the retirement community celebrating its silver anniversary this year.

Lizard Acres was an 1,800-acre cattle feedlot, owned by Messieurs Spurlock and Wetzler, and employing Mark Gemmill as foreman. Mr. Gemmill, his wife, Gloria, and their infant son moved to the ranch and built their home at Lizard Acres,



Photo supplied by Sun Cities Area Historical Society

This is the sign that greeted visitors to the original Lizard Acres, which eventually became part of Sun City West. The Sun Cities Area Historical Society has information about this early Arizona feedlot.

one of three main houses and a dozen trailers that housed the 45 employees working there at the ranch's peak.

Cattle were fed out on 800 acres, while corn, alfalfa, wheat, vegetables and fruit were grown on the remaining 1,000 acres. Grain sorghum, also grown on the property, became silage to further fatten the cattle before selling them to local grocery stores for butcher and sale. In its 30 years of operation, Lizard Acres housed up

to 25,000 head at a time.

Dick Mastin, who worked for Del Webb Corporation, had fond memories of his dealings with the Lizard Acres ranchers. He recalled Mr. Wetzler climbing out of his brand-new car with boots covered in cow manure. He also spoke of moving dirt with "... over 30 scrapers working to move 45,000 cubic yards of dirt, some generated from the demolition of Lizard Acres."

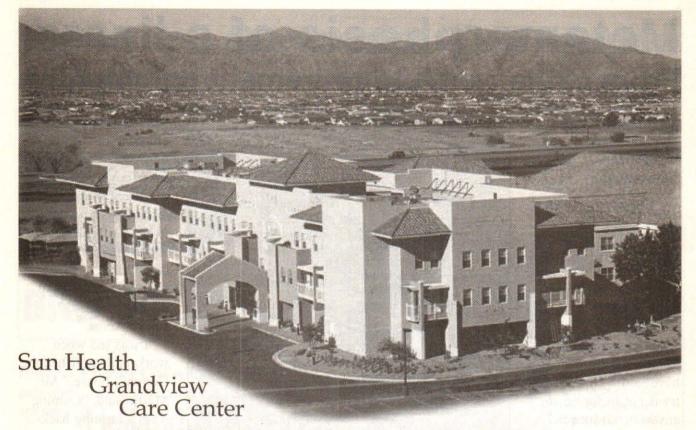
"I was sad when workers demolished the Gemmill house," Mr. Mastin said. "Coming from a farming background, I knew how much work it was."

The Gemmill family had lived in the Lizard Acres house for 30 years before moving to make room for the new retirement community of Sun City West.

The legacy remains: three irrigation and two domestic wells still provide water for the community.

Man of the Year, 1959

Charlie Wetzler, one of the owners of Lizard Acres, came from a pioneering Arizona family. His grandfather, I.E. Solomon, founded the Gila Valley Bank in 1899. The bank was a forerunner of Valley National Bank, which eventually became Bank One. Mr. Wetzler, who worked cattle since 1920, was selected Man of the Year in Arizona Agriculture in 1959 for his innovative farm design at Lizard Acres.



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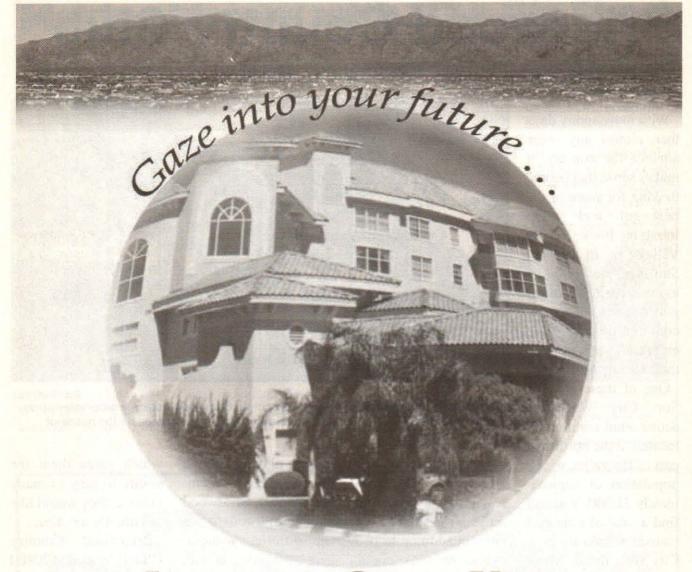
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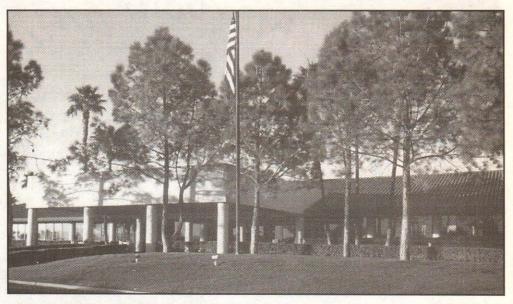
Briarwood Country Club

The jewel of Sun City West's golfing and social community

With more sunny days than almost any other area of the country, it makes sense that people looking for some of the best golf and active lifestyle flock to the Valley of the Sun. The area is home to hundreds of beautiful golf courses, and many communities have embraced the sport as their social centers.

One of these areas is Sun City West, an active adult community located in the northwest part of the valley with a population of approximately 31,000. You will find a total of nine golf courses within the Sun City West limits. Many would agree that the jewel of the community is Briarwood Country Club, a friendly, adult, member-owned private country club.

Briarwood is a progressive club and is continually enhancing the facility. The clubhouse was recently enhanced with a 2,000 square-foot glass-enclosed multi-purpose room. The Cactus Grill is Briarwood's clubhouse restaurant, where casual fare rivals any



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A friendly, member-owned private country club, Briarwood boasts a nine-hole course, The Cactus Grill restaurant and several rooms that can accomodate the needs of groups from 10 to 500.

highly successful bar and grill-type chain restaurant. It boasts an outstanding executive chef, in addition to two executive sous chefs. Daily specials and holiday menus, as well as food and beverage for special events are created to delight the palates of members and their guests. The Grand Canyon Room and several smaller rooms can be reserved for special occasions meeting the needs of groups from 10 to 500.

Golfing at Briarwood Country Club is something of a dream. The club does about 36,000 rounds of golf per year, making playing a round of golf simple for members. In fact, Briarwood plays only foursomes and proprietary members have access at will. Most members have their own golf carts, which gives them the ability to play as many holes as they would like at virtually any time.

Briarwood Country Club is located at 20800 N. 135th Ave. in Sun City West.



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Elegant dining is the norm at Briarwood's Cactus Grill.

Flying the colors

When American Legion Post 94 member Lloyd Kilmer moved to Sun City West from Omaha, Neb. in 1986, he was told the city "... had anything anyone would want." So when the first national holiday arrived, he told his wife he was going to take a walk to look at the flags.

"I went up and down R.H. Johnson Boulevard and didn't see a single one," he said.

That walk started a plan in Mr. Kilmer's mind, a plan with a vision of flags flying all along Sun City West's main thoroughfare.

The plan came to

fruition in 1987. After discussing it with his American Legion Post and being asked to organize the project, Mr. Kilmer contacted Arizona Public Service to gain permission to install flag brackets onto Sun City West lightpoles.

"APS had never received such a request," Mr. Kilmer recalled. "There was quite a discussion, but it was allowed."

Funds to purchase the original 100 flags were received from individuals and businesses. The flags came from Sen. John McCain, who made sure they were flown over the



Sun City West, Flag City U.S.A as proclaimed by Governor Rose Mofford.

Photo by Bret McKean Independent Newspapers

nation's capitol before heading out to Sun City West.

The original Boulevard of Flags became a reality on President's Day, 1988. Five additional holidays, including Flag Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day, also were designated as flag-flying occasions. Gov. Rose Mofford recognized Sun City West as a Flag City U.S.A., and for awhile

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Dee Hjermstad, right, accepts cruise tickets from the Holland American Line ship captain for the Silver Celebration drawing.

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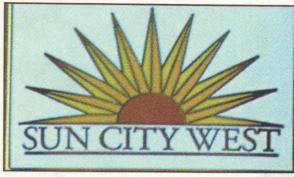


Silver Bells

A beautiful engraved silver commemorative bell designed for Sun City West's 25th Anniversary stands 5 inches high and is 3.2 inches at the base. It boasts a lovely golden bow and a silvery cord for hanging.

The bells will be available for sale at the Feb.
15 Birthday Parties and at most Silver Celebration events throughout the year. But hurry, as quantities are limited. The cost of each bell (including tax) is \$11 and all proceeds go to the R. H. Johnson Library.

Please note: No Recreation Center funds are being used for the 25th Silver Celebration events or activities. All monies are donated by sponsors or are being raised through the sale of the bells and car/cruise drawing tickets.



Lapel Pins

A lovely enameled lapel pin celebrating Sun City West's 25th anniversary is now available. The pins will be sold at all Silver Celebration Events and may be purchased by calling the Pin Chair Sallie Dykman at (623) 975-3479. Pins are \$3 each.

Silver Celebration Cookbooks



Hundreds of Sun City West residents submitted their favorite recipes for inclusion in a beautiful cookbook for the 25th Anniversary of our community. Copies will be available for sale at the Feb. 15 Birthday Parties at Palm Ridge and the Social Hall. The books are \$10 each.

Commerative cachet

The stamp section of the Sun City West Coin and Stamp Club, in concert with the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Sun City West, has made available commemorative



envelopes with a cachet. The multi-colored cachet envelopes go on sale Feb. 15 for \$2 at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, and R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. It will be specially cancelled dated Feb. 15 to coincide with the kick-off celebration.

High Tea at Briarwood

Reserve your seat or table now for the May 15 High Tea at Briarwood Country Club. This elegant event in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Sun City. West is limited to 240 guests.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of eight. Please make checks payable to SCW 25th Anniversary and send them to: 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 115-182, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Call the Event Chair Dee Hjermstad at (623) 584-5591.

History Book of Sun City West

By Feb. 15, copies of a new 320-page history book, "The Sun City West Silver Celebration. 1978-2003" will be available. This history project was initiated by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and written by a number of long-time residents and history buffs. The book details the inception and development of the community by the Del Webb Corp. and its visionaries.

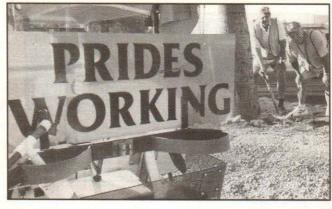
It will be sold for \$12 at the Birthday Parties, or by calling Ed Allen at (623) 975-1815.

Taking PRIDE in Sun City West

By D.H. Horton

Sun City West was established in 1978, and residents started moving in to the development in 1979. The streets were not even finished when a handful of residents decided the main boulevards needed some attention.

Sun City West PRIDES Particular Residents Involved Doing Environmental Services was established with the express purpose of aiding the public and, to be more specific, the Maricopa County Highway Department, in the maintenance of public areas of county streets and high-



Submitted photo

Over 300 volunteers make up PRIDES.

ways within Sun City West.

A preliminary meeting was held Feb. 24, 1982. Representatives from the Property Owners and Residents Association and a representative from the Recreation Centers, plus interested volunteers, were in attendance. This resulted in an organizational meeting held March 8, 1982, at which Joan Barnett was elected president. Articles of Incorporation were adoptand officially approved May 5, 1982.

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Corporation donated a 1978 Ford van and agreed to pay for the first six months of insurance. The corporation also donated miscellaneous tools. Originally, 50 volunteers cleaned 11.2 miles of streets. The equipment swelled to two Ford vans. one safety golf cart, one spray wagon, two utility cars and two golf cars. MCHD donated safety vests, trash bags, gloves, and additional tools. Eight patrolling sections were established.

PRIDES now patrol 15 sections and cover over 22 miles of county roads in Sun City West with

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From golf carts to patrol cars

SCW Posse has come a long way in 24 years

By Jeremy Pearlman **Independent Newspapers**

The Sheriff's Posse of Sun City West has come a long way since its inception in 1979.

While the organization now totes a small fleet of patrol cars, a brick and mortar headquarters and a state of the art communication system, things were not always this way.

During the early days, the organization's headquarters was a living room or a garage until the Del Webb Corp. gave the Posse a trailer to work out of - located just outside the community's border. In 1987, the group got its current digs at the Sun City West Foundation Building, but after many years of hard work.

In the organization's formative years, Posse members wore yellow jumpsuits while patrolling the community in their own cars or golf carts.

"We used (citizen band) radios in the beginning to communicate with one another," said **Duty Officer Neal** Coffman. A former Posse commander, Mr. Coffman has been volunteering with the Posse since its formation.

"What we did in the early days was to establish four duty officers



Photo by Bill Flocks/Sun City West Posse

Posse members salute their community in this group photo taken during the summer of 2002.

that each individually took one week and was on duty 24 hours a day for seven days," Mr. Coffman added.

If the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office needed assistance, they would call the duty officer at

"When the duty officer was on patrol, they would leave the CB radio at home so that if we got a call from MCSO, our wives could call us," Mr. Coffman said, "I would receive calls at 1 or 2 a.m. sometimes."

Although many things have changed over the years for the Posse, its main purpose has not waned, according to Mr. Coffman.

"We protect and we serve the community,"

Mr. Coffman said. "Our primary function at the beginning was crime prevention. We've grown from (that) and added so many different services. like block watch and traffic control."

Working under the auspices of the MCSO, the Posse patrols the community, acting as the "eyes and ears" of the MCSO.

In addition, the Posse conducts traffic control. checks homes for vacationing residents, watches homes for individuals rushed to the hospital, helps locate lost residents and provides other assistance to the MCSO and the community.

Today the Posse has some 40 duty officers in charge of individual

shifts and numerous other volunteers helping the Posse patrol Sun City West's streets 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Operated completely by volunteers, the Posse is funded through community-based donations and money earned by providing traffic control at local events.

The Posse provides an invaluable service to the community, according to Zoe Schreibman, the Posse's public information officer.

"Because of the Posse, people feel safe ... to walk at night and feel comfortable in their homes," Mrs. Schreibman said. "

For more information about the Posse, call 584-5808.



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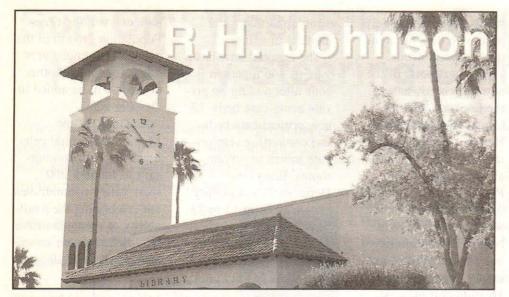
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(OPAC) and traditional card catalog make finding just the right reading material easy.

The library is a part of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and the building, staff, and utilities are paid by the Recreation Division. Librarian Marcia Lea has provided leadership to her staff and the many library volunteers for more than 16 years.

The library is also supported by a char-

tered club known as Friends of the Library. The Friends' fund-raising programs include Thursday Nite Movies at Stardust Theatre, an annual fund drive, and book sales held throughout the year. These help to defray

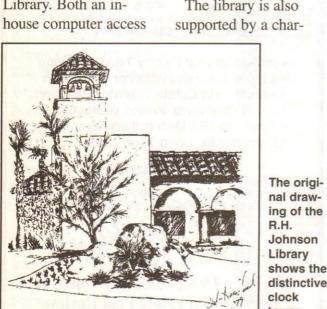
Library

The R.H. Johnson Library, with its clock tower and chimes, is the most recognized building in Sun City West. Located at the corner of R.H. Johnson and Meeker boulevards, the facility is open year-round, Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4

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> the cost of purchasing new materials for the Library.

During summer and school-vacation periods, the library offers Story Time sessions for visiting grandchildren on designated Thursdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m.



shows the distinctive tower.



Photo by Diana Shaughnessy/Independent Newspapers A Sun City West resident chooses a book from the library's extensive collection.

Hospital

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Cardiac services were further enhanced at Del E. Webb Hospital in 2001 with the addition of percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) and stenting services that open blocked heart arteries.

Original plans for Del E. Webb Hospital called for the introduction of obstetrical care as soon as the service was warranted and feasible. A decade later, it became apparent that it was time to introduce this care; it was added as part of the \$46.5 million expansion that began in 2000. The entire area was experiencing rapid growth, and it was necessary to keep pace with the communities' growing needs.

The focal point of the new patient tower was the Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health, offering specialized care for women of all ages. The Nesting Place Obstetrical Suites opened on Feb. 2, 2002 with the birth of twin boys. The continuing baby boom made it necessary to put the entire 16-suite unit into use ahead of schedule in the fall of 2002.

In addition to new acute-care beds, the expansion enlarged the Emergency Department, added Urgent Care and enlarged other vital services such as clinical laboratory, pharmacy and medical imaging.

The hospital now has a total of 246 inpatient beds after adding 80 private acute-care beds, 12 new critical-care beds and converting semiprivate rooms to private rooms. Emergency Department availability expanded from 15 to 23 beds including a dedicated urgent-care area to reduce non-emergency

patients' waiting times. Population growth in the area has continued at such a rate that another 40 beds will be added in October 2003.

As Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital celebrates its 15th anniversary in January 2003, west Valley communities are celebrating the availability of comprehensive, quality healthcare services for people of all ages.



This view of the hospital shows the Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health. which opened Feb. 2, 2002.



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Flags

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this sign stood at the entrance of Sun City West.

"The program met with great success," Mr. Kilmer said. "As Sun City West continued to develop, we thought it might be a good idea to continue the flag row by adding a Memorial Boulevard of Flags, made up entirely of casket flags."

Casket flags are given to families losing a loved one during a war. "We were hoping to receive 35 or 40 flags," he said. "We ended up with over 200 people volunteering casket

flags from the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II. the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Some of the flags only had 48 stars."

A year or two later, Sun City West had five miles of flags flown on each of the six mentioned holidays. Since that time, Pearl Harbor Day and 9-11 have been added to the list.

"It is quite a significant job," Mr. Kilmer said. "It takes four teams of men to raise and lower the flags on those days."

Those interested in donating a flag may contact Post Commander Harold E. Stern, 546-8165.

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approximately 300 volunteers. MCHD still furnishes safety vests, trash bags, gloves, cones and tools. The inventory shows 22 utility carts, power tools, computers and miscellaneous tools. Financial assistance comes from donations by residents, businesses and clubs.

The Sun City Foundation Cameron Center houses two garages full of PRIDES equipment needed for their work, which includes landscape trimming, painting of citrus tree trunks, picking up trash within the work area, taking care of irrigation systems and other incidental work. PRIDES works under the Maricopa County Adopt a Highway Program.

Regular business meetings are held the third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. in the winter and 8 a.m. in the summer, in the Del Webb room at the Sun City West Foundation Cameron Center, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Approximately 160 volunteers attend and enjoy the coffee and donuts furnished by the Sundome Merchants Association.

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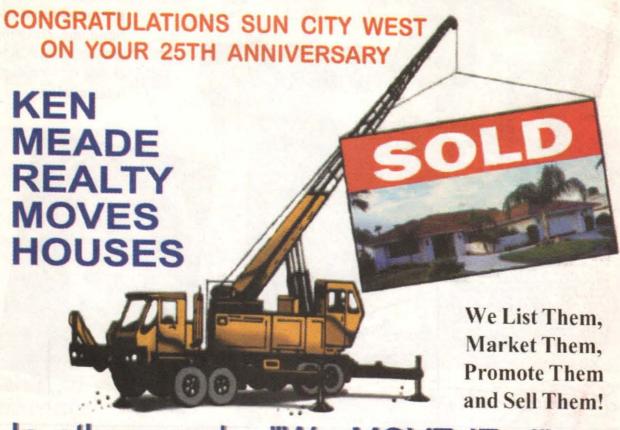
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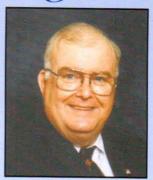
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