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Sun Cities Area Historical Society

# Routine home upkeep is sound investment

GINGER SCOTT-EIDEN DAILY NEWS-SUN

Most new homeowners are bombarded with tips on ways to keep their house in near tip-top condition through the years. But as time passes, the some maintenance rituals begin to slip.

However, trade officials warn that keeping up with things like simple filter replacements and hot water heater draining can save them from many of the high-priced repair bills in the future.

Jim Hawks, vice president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, said the maintenance of Sun City's oldest home, which houses the society, has been pretty easy.

The original air-conditioning compressor for the home, which is located at 10801 Oakmont Avenue, held up for about 36 years, Hawks said. The house gets a good coat of paint once every six or seven years and the washers in the faucets are replaced every five years or so.

"These masonry houses are pretty amazing," Hawks said.

The house has had a few problems over the years, such as a water pipe break under the kitchen that required the installation of a new pipe into the wall. The home was also built with electrical sockets that cannot service three-pronged plugs. Many of those have been updated, Hawks said.

But Historical Society volunteers have been able to handle most of the upkeep on their own, Hawks said.

"Many people wait until there's a problem," said Trent Woods of Sunland Plumbing in Peoria.

Woods said some of the common things in plumbing maintenance includes changing washers and keeping pipes clean, especially at homes surrounded by deep-rooted trees and bushes.

Woods recommended that home owners have their drains cleaned out once every few years to prevent them from being overrun with roots. A basic maintenance cleaning for drains runs about \$70, Woods said.

The sediment should also be cleaned out of a hot water heater annually.

Air conditioning experts urge homeowners to have their units checked at least yearly, and units with heat pumps should be checked every six months. A maintenance visit to the Sun Cities runs about \$40, said Gerald Sandoz, service manager for Canyon State Air Conditioning and Heating in Sun City.

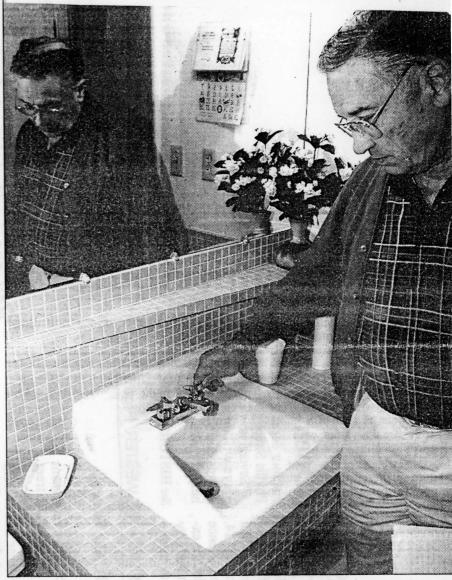
The average life of an air conditioning unit is about 15 years, Sandoz said. But taking simple steps in maintenance and upkeep can extend that life by a few years, he said.

"Routine maintenance is probably the most important thing," Sandoz said. "By doing this, you'll definitely prolong the life of your unit."

He recommends people change their air-conditioning filters monthly as well as oil the motors on their unit. People should also make routine checks on their electrical connections and keep the coils on the unit clean.

One of the biggest upkeep investments for a homeowner is the purchase of a new roof. The National Roofing Contractors Association recommends people do plenty of research before settling on a roofer to be sure that they are getting the highest quality for the most

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STEVE CHERNEK/DAIL

Jim Hawks turns the bathroom faucet at the Sun Cities Historical Society whin one of the 40-year-old original model homes in Sun City. The old fixture washers that need to be replaced.

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Association officials recommend that homeowners look for well-established businesses and always ask for a written proposal outlining a project's details. People should also ask about warra and references for a roofing compar

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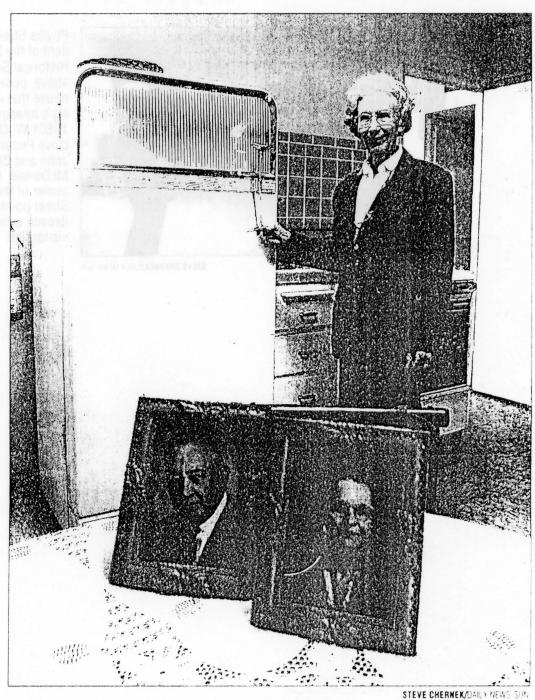
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#### Business Association gets Historical Society facts

By Marie Scotti

The SCW Business & Professional Association learned all about the Sun Cities Area Historical Society at its January membership meeting held at The Madison in Sun City West.

Constance McMillin, Sun Cities Area Historical Society vice president was the guest speaker. "The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is organized as a non-profit corporation exclusively for civic and educational purposes. Its task is to collect and preserve the historical data of the Sun cities area," she said.

To carry out its endeavors, the Society was incorporated in 1986 and is a tax-exempt corporate corporation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. This qualifies contributions and membership support for tax exempt status.

Through the generous support of the J.G. Boswell Foundation, Del Webb Corporation and other groups and individuals, the Society purchased Sun City's first model home as its headquarters. The home is located at 10801 Oakmont Avenue in Sun City. It opened to the public on Jan. 1,



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1960, the beginning day for the unique active retirement community. This site serves as museum, exhibition space and multi-faceted resource center for residents of the Sun Cities and visitors from throughout the United States and overseas.

It is open to visitors September through May, Tuesday through Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. During June, July, August, Friday & Saturday 10 to 12 noon. Group tours are welcome by appointment.

There is Sun City and Sun City West memorabilia on display,

including early maps, model home site plans, photos, and data which are part of extensive archival records. Current exhibits on view are: The Old Vulture Road (now Grand Avenue)—hidden treasures along the trail; Town of

Marinette-unusual photos and news articles-the area before the Sun Cities and The Sun City Saints, championship ladies softball team, and the Pro teams who trained in Sun City.

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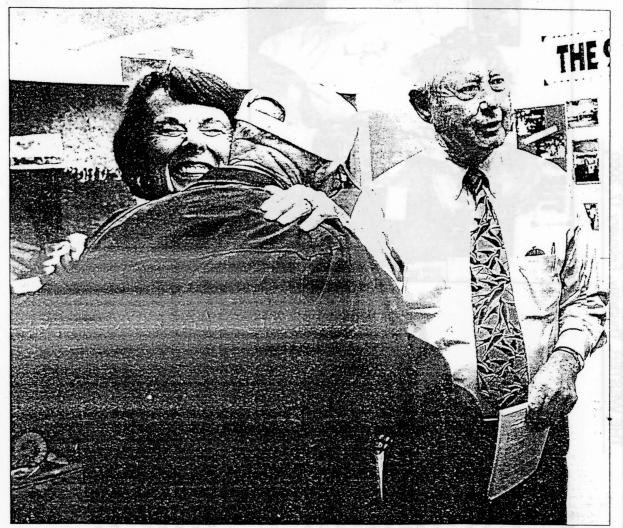
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For more information, contact

#### THE WESTER Thursday, February 17, 2000

### Historical Society invites public to anniversary fete

By Chet Lacy

In a three-way anniversary, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society is celebrating its 10th "birthday" as an organization in the 22nd year of Sun City West, and the 40th year of Sun City.

The public is invited to this year-long celebration which the Area Historical Society located in the first Sun City model home features many unusual displays, pictorial montages, and historic artifacts from the beginning of Del Webb's Sun Cities.

Phyllis Street, of SCW, president of the Historical Society, urges area residents to visit the original home at 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, the Society's headquarters called "This Old"

"The displays tell an exciting story of the evolution of active

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House" which opened Jan. 1,

Sun Cities Area
Historical Society
leaders extending
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public are (top, I.r.) Phyllis Street,
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Although the headquarters was open daily for the public celebration the first week in January, it is still open Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For further information call 974-2568 or 584-0323 or 923-2979.

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# **Badgers banter at luncheon meeting**

The early days of Sun City and Sun City West will be the topic at the Tuesday's luncheon meeting of the Wisconsin Badger Club of Arizona.

The group will be meeting at Nancy's Cupboard restaurant on 99th avenue and Greenway in Sun City.

Advance registration is necessary by Friday at noon, with Milt Schroeter.

The speaker is Phyllis Street, president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, which has been playing a key role in the 40th anniversary activities in Sun City and the 10th anniversary of Sun City West.

The Badger Men's group will gather starting at 10:30 a.m., with the program preceding the luncheon at 11.

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#### THE SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### JAY CRAVATH

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Demonstrations of a number of Native flutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Time: 12 noon

Sun City West Community Center 14465 R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West

Deluxe Buffet \$13.75

Choice of Entrees, salad, vegetables, beverages and dessert

Reservations required by April 6.

Send check for \$13.75 per person Payable to SCAHS, 10801 Oakmont Dr. Sun City, AZ 85351

(623) 974-2568

#### **Historical Society** sets summer hours

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is changing its hours for summer. Beginning June 1 the Historical Society, located at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, will be open from 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday.

Regular hours -1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — resume Sept. 1. For information, call 974-2245. New-Sny 5-13.00

#### 'Historical Society to resume regular hours

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will resume its September through May schedule immediately following Labor Day. The Society's headquarters and museum will be open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Fri-

day.

Located at 10801 Oakmont Drive, in Sun City, just west of the Oakmont Recreation Center, the house has the distinction of being the first model home built by Del Webb Corp. Along with four others it was first shown on Jan. 1, 1960. Although not furnished as a 1960's model now, the kitchen and bath are still as they were originally. Other rooms hold memorabilia and displays featuring the four decades of Sun City history and early years of Sun City West.

A new display includes the recent trophies won by the Sun City Poms in July at the International Dance Challenge in Las

Vegas, Nev.

For information call, 623-974-2568.

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Invites the Public to

#### Our Fall Luncheon Meeting

Date: Thurs., November 9, 2000

Time: 11:30 Social Hour, 12 Noon Lunch

Place: Lakes Club Banquet Certer

10484 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City

Speaker: Alan Dart, Archaeologist

**Subject:** A visual look at history, origins, religious practices and eventual demise of the Hohokam

For Reservations:

Mail check for \$14 per person to:

SC Area Historical Society, 10801 Oakmont Dr.

Sun City, AZ 85351

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FRIDÂY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000

#### SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

OCTOBER 11-17, 2000

Historical Society plans annual lunch

The Sun Cities Historical Society will hold its annual fall membership luncheon Nov. 9 at the Lakes Club, 10484 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City.

Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon.

Allen Dart, founder of Old Pueblo Archaelogy Center in Tucson, is the guest speaker. He will discuss the history of the Hohokam Indians in Arizona.

The meeting also includes the election of new members to the board of trustees. The public is invited

Cost is \$14. Send reservations, by Nov. 3, to the Historical Society, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, 85351.

Call 974-2568 or 584-0323.

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#### Area Historical Society to hear Hohokam history

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Allen Dart, founder of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center in Tucson, will be the featured speaker, presenting a visual history of the Hohokam Indians who occupied Southern Arizona from 650 A.D. to 1450 A.D. There will be displays of artifacts, rock art and other cultural features. The program is made possible by a grant from the Arizona Humanities Council.

Election of new members to the Board of Trustees will be included in a brief business meeting.

Social our at 11:30, Luncheon at Noon. To make reservations, send check for \$14 per person to: SCAHS, 10801 Oakmont Dr., Sun City, AZ 85381. Deadline: Nov. 3

# **Happy Birthday Del E. Webb!!**

Join the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum as we celebrate the 123rd birthday of Del E. Webb, the founder of Sun City!



Join us for ice cream, cake, special displays and other activities throughout the day!



**Entertainment by Larry's Ukuladies** 

11 a.m.-noon in the carport area.

Admission is FREE all day (although donations welcome!). Visit the museum's website for updates.



#### Del E. Webb **Birthday Party!**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17 10801 W. Oakmont Drive

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Admission: \$5 Members: Free

The event is funded, supported, or made possible by a grant from Arizona Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities





#### History researchers needed

February 15, 2003 will mark the 25th anniversary of groundbreaking for Sun City West. Since then, "Lizard Acres" has blossomed into a complete community of more than 17,000 homes, stores, banks, offices, places of worship, hospital and more.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is looking for individuals interested in helping to document the first 25 years of Sun City West history. This group will have access to the extensive archives of the SCAHS, and will contact clubs, churches, businesses and other local organizations to encourage them to contribute to a community-wide history. Many of the early residents still live here and offer a rich lode of personal anecdotes about SCW's earliest days. The history would not be complete without summaries of the various issues that Sun City West faced during its growth...and faces in the future. The final product of the committee's effort will be to publish a booklet for distribution during 2003—Sun City West's 25th Anniversary Year.

The committee needs a wide variety of skills to be successful. For example, people willing to interview others...to make mailings to, and to contact clubs and organizations...to review archives for significant historical items...to write sections of the history...to edit written material...to double-check accuracy...and more. In so doing, participants will learn many interesting, little-known facts about their community.

If you would like to be involved in this research activity, contact SCAHS Board members, Phyllis Street at 584-0323, or Ed Allen at 975-1815.

Webb official speaks at SCAHS meeting

John Waldron, director of public and community relations for Del Webb, will speak on "The Sun Cities: From Boom to Boomers" at the April 4 meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Mr. Waldron will share lessons learned from the past, as well as, the results of research on baby boomers expectations for the future.

Light refreshments will be available at 1 p.m. with the program beginning at 1:30 at the Sun City West Community Service Center, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Public is welcome but seating is limited. Reservations must be made by April 1. Call 975-1815 or 584-0323 and leave a name, phone and number attending.

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#### Historical Society to feature Webb exec

'The Sun Cities: From Boom to Boomers" will be the featured presentation at the annual Spring meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical society on Wednesday, April 4. John Waldron, director of public and community relations for the Del Webb Corporation, will reveal how lessons learned during the development of Sun City impacted Sun City West, and how its growth affected planning for Sun City Grand. He will also share the results of a major survey recently conducted by Del Webb Corp. to determine the "baby boomers" expectations for retirement and their impact on our future.

The meeting will be held at the Community Services Center, 14465 R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun

City West, across from the Kuentz Rec. Center. There will be light refreshments at 1 p.m., followed by the program at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is free. Donations, however, will be appreciated.

The public is invited, but seating is limited. Call in your reservation by April 1 at 975-1815 or 584-0323. Leave your name, phone number, and number attending.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a non-profit, educational organization which seeks to collect, preserve, and present the history of our area. Membership is open to all. For further information, contact Ed Allen 975-1815.



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#### **ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

#### "THE SUN CITIES: FROM BOOM TO BOOMERS"

How experience and expectations have shaped the Sun Cities

Speaker: John Waldron
Director of Public & Community Relations, Del Webb Corp.

The Del Webb Corp. is not only the nation's leading developer of adult communities, but a leading researcher of future retirees. Mr. Waldron will share lessons learned from the past, as well as, the results of research on "baby boomers" expectations for the future.

Light Refreshments at 1:00 pm, Program at 1:30 pm.
Donations Appreciated
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# SCW man seeks book help

#### SILVER ANNIVERSARY:

Group wants to publish community history in time for celebration

**BRUCE ELLISON** DAILY NEWS-SUN

When Sun City West turns 25 on Feb. 19, 2003, residents hope to note the silver anniversary with a book detailing the community's first quarter of a century.

That's what happened in Sun City back in 1985 with the publication of the 272page paperback titled "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City, Arizona."

Jane Freeman and Glenn Sanberg were the principal authors of the Sun City book.

"It was a hell of a lot of work," Freeman recalled this week. "But if they have this much of a head start on the Sun City West effort, and can get people interested in the project, they can do it."

Ed Allen knows that: "Before there can be a book, considerable historical research needs to be completed."

Allen, a board member at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, is one one of those spearheading the search for Sun City West information.

"While we don't yet know what a committee might be planning to celebrate the



MOLLIE J. HOPPES/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Ed Allen is looking for help gathering Sun City West history for a book the Sun Cities Historical Society wants to publish.

25th anniversary, we do know that we'd like to get the book out" that year. Allen said. "We'd like to document the community's history, and we'll need help from residents, from the Pioneers, from those who have records and memories."

Ground was broken for Sun City West Feb. 19, 1978. It was to be a continuation of the highly successful and then almost-complete Sun

Pioneers are those who moved into Sun City West in its first two vears, 1978 and 1979.

"It's club that once had a thousand members," Allen said. "But with deaths and people moving away, they're down to about 300. It's somewhat amazing that although they have good documentation of their own meetings, they have very little background t h e o n community.

"We want to contact all the clubs, all the community organizations, the churches, the service groups, and ask them to start thinking about their history so they can make a contribution to us that will be included in the bigger book."

The book group, which doesn't yet have a name, also is seeking an endorsement for its effort from both the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association, two early organizations.

Del Webb Corp. built both Sun City, with about 25,000 dwelling units, and Sun City West, with about 18,000. The company now is developing Sun City Grand in Surprise, as well as other Sun City active-adult retirement communities in several states.

People interested in helping need not be historians or researchers, Allen said, "just interested folks, maybe who can write. What's best are the contacts, the idea that they may know where to go or who to ask" about some early developments.

Freeman said the Sun City book, "Jubilee," was written with a lot of informal help from Del Webb Corp.

"They were under orders to clean out the junk in the main office, and they literally emptied Sun City's history into the trash bins," she said. "We grabbed that stuff up, and it took almost a year to sort it all out and make sense

That situation isn't likely to recur, so the Sun City West effort will be more work,

Allen is a part-time resident of Sun City West, he said. His family still lives in Wisconsin seven months of the year. But interested residents can reach him now at 975-1815, or his colleague Phyllis Street, also a Historical Society board member, at 584-0323, for details or to volunteer.

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# Webb adjusts to market

#### CHANGES AFOOT:

Regional director of public relations details poll, plans to Historical Society members

JEANNE WINOGRAD DAILY NEWS-SUN

Del Webb Corp.'s recent findings about Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, may reveal as much about the company's strategic direction as it does about the needs and wants of that generation.

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name; Waldron said Webb has had to contend with stereotypes that the Sun Cities are "too old, too hot and too regimented." He said people change their mind on this stereotype when they visit Sun City Grand — traditionally while on vacation.

Operations are changing as well, with Del Webb planning to charge service fees up front when people purchase a home. And although voluntarism is still important in Sun City Grand — as it is in the first two Sun Cities, the volunteers are changing.

"The face of (voluntarism)

The nationally conducted survey compares housing needs and other views of 500 potential homebuyers aged 55 and older — Webb calls them "Zoomers" — and 500 aged 37, the tail end of the Boomer pack.

"Del Webb Corp. is planning more joint ventures with other builders, not continuing to build 4,000- to 7,000-acre properties (such as Sun City and Sun City West) in the future, which doesn't bring back a return to shareholders," said John Waldron, regional director of public relations for Del Webb Corp.

Waldron spoke Wednesday to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. He later qualified his remark that the company intends to tweak its concepts, as it has with changes made to the Sun City concept as it transitioned into Sun City West and Sun City Grand — and now Anthem in North Phoenix.

"Anthem country-club communities are growing; the Bodine property (being considered in the West Valley) would be a country-club model," Waldron said.

Anthem is a \$100 million investment, the fastest-growing division for the company, and an example of future smaller communities

 many of them housing families rather than seniors.

Joint ventures and standalone properties also are on the company's radar screen. Coventry Homes, purchased by Webb, is an example.

And while the Sun City name is recognized as a national brand in housing, Waldron said Webb's recent findings are pushing the company to consider transitioning its famous brand to another name, such as Anthem or Terravita.

The possible change is related to negative connotations with the Sun City

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is changing," Waldron said.
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in) Sun City Grand are not
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Among other findings, the survey revealed Boomers are:

- The largest segment of the population — currently 76.7 million, with the highest annual disposable income averaging \$22,250.
- Technologically savvy, retiring earlier, refusing to quit and demanding challenges in their retirement years.

Similarities between older and younger Boomers are that they:

• Redefine retirement by perceiving it as a mid-life

event

- Will not think of themselves as old for another 20 years.
- Long for no debt and an empty nest.
- Are concerned about the breakdown of the family.
- Will not engage in cosmetic surgery.
- Want more religious and spiritual devotion in their lives.

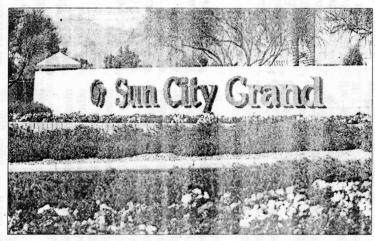
• Want simplicity and are willing to downsize for it.

Waldron said 62 percent of "Zoomers" will continue to work 20 hours a week, 25 percent will go back to school, 90 percent will be happy in retirement, and 85

percent are more financially prepared for retirement than were their parents — many of whom may not have had a retirement.

Del Webb originated the active-retirement concept with Sun City in 1960, followed by Sun City West in 1978 and Sun City Grand in 1997. The company now has 11 active-living communities, two country-club communities and two family-oriented communities. It has developed in eight major markets in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas, Illinois, Florida and South Carolina.

Jeanne Winograd can be reached at jwinograd @aztrib.com or 876-2532.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Bell Road entrance to Sun City Grand in this file photo may bear a nationally recognized name, but Del Webb Corp. is ready to replace it with something like "Anthem" or "Terravita." John Waldron, regional director of public relations, said the company has had to contend with stereotypes that the Sun Cities are "too old, too hot and too regimented."

## Group works to compile Sun City West's history

Compilation expected in time for community's 25th anniversary celebration

By JEREMY PEARLMAN Independent Newspapers

Although the celebration of Sun City West's 25th anniversary is still nearly two years away, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society has already begun the process of creating a book to document the history of the community. A book that Ed Allen hopes will be ready the silver jubilee.

"The 25th Anniversary is less than two years away and we need to find people in Sun City West to start the project now. It will be difficult to start in 2003," said Mr. Allen, board member of the historical society and project leader for the creation of the book.

The historical society is seeking volunteers to help in all aspects of

the book's creation. "We need volunteers of different types," Mr. Allen said. "We need volunteers who like to interview. We need others who will transcribe or type up notes ... and we need writers."

The book, sponsored by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, will trace the community's evolution from before its groundbreaking on Feb. 13, 1978, through current issues that may have a far-reaching affect on the community's future.

"Roughly 1,000 residents moved in during the first two years and formed an organization called the Pioneers. As they leave us, some history is leaving as well," said Mr. Allen, who estimates there are slightly more than 300 pioneers still

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living in Sun City West.

Jane Freeman co-authored a similar project for Sun City's 25th Anniversary. The Sun City resident has been recruited to assist this project. "We were fools who walked where angels feared to tread," said Ms. Freeman about the Sun City history.

One of the ways Ms. Freeman will help in this project will be to, "explain some of the things that happened to us and some of the problems we encountered." She will also try to locate and to talk to people originally involved in the behind-the-scenes creation of the community.

Once completed, the history will be available for residents to purchase from the historical society.

For more information about the project, to submit any early photographs of the creation of Sun City West or to volunteer, call Ed Allen at 975-1815 or Phyllis Street at 584-0323.

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#### **Historical Society reopens**

The Sun Cities Historical Society, 10801 Oakmont, has resumed its open hours for the fall.

Hours are now 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The museum is in a house that has the distinction of being the first model home built by Del Webb Corp. Along with four others, it was first shown on Jan. 1, 1960.

The rooms hold memorabilia and displays featuring the four decades of Sun City history and the early years of Sun City West.

Special tours can be arranged by appointment. For information, call 974-2568.

# Sun City historian speaks to society

The keynote address of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's fall membership meeting on Nov. 14 will be "The Early History and Growth of Sun City Merchants." The luncheon meeting, open to the public, begins at 11:30 a.m. at the West Valley Art Museum, 17420 Avenue of the Arts, Surprise.

Jane Freeman, community leader and co-author of "Jubilee," a history of the original Sun City from its inception in 1960 to 1985, will be the guest speaker. A limited number of the newly revised and illustrated edition of "Del Webb: A Man, A Company," will be for sale at \$25 per book.

Reservations are required by Friday. Tickets are \$15, made payable to SCAHS, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City AZ 85351. Call 584-0323 or 974-2565 for information.

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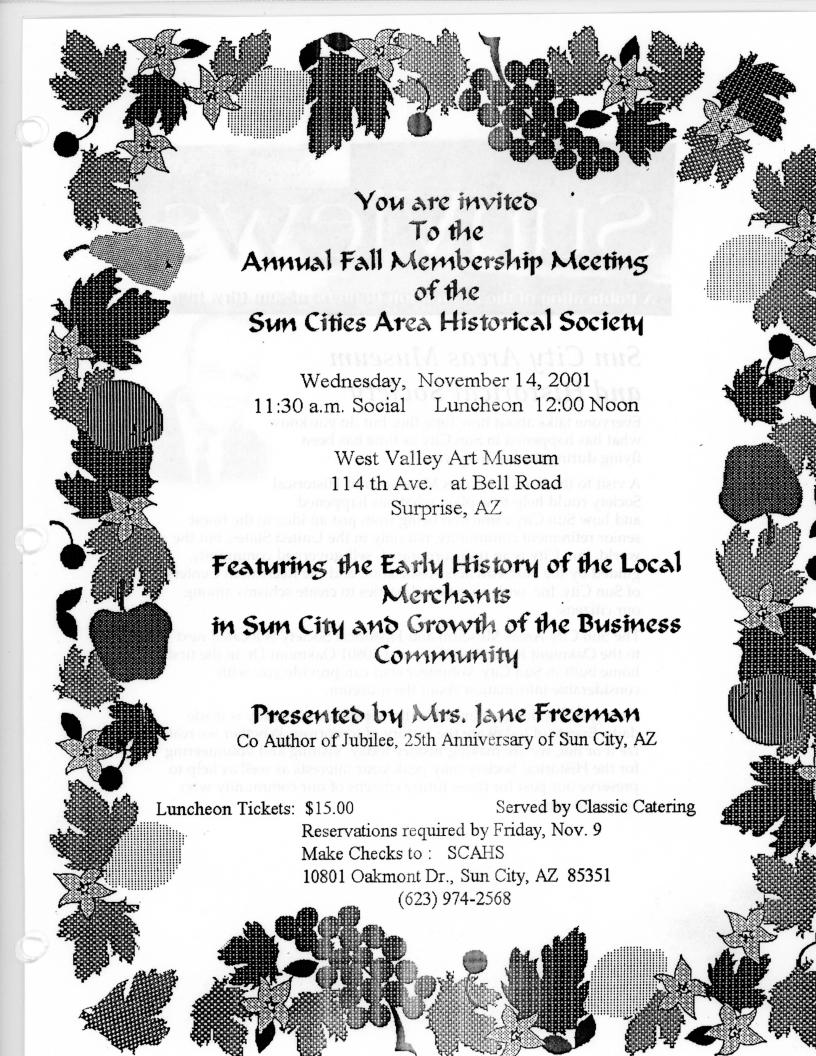
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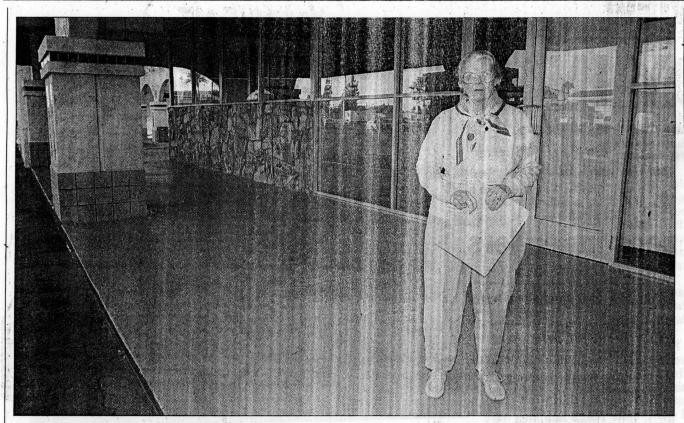
# Sun City Areas Museum and Historical Society

Everyone talks about how time flies but do you know what has happened in Sun City as time has been flying during the last forty years?

A visit to the Sun City Areas Museum and Historical Society could help to explain what has happened and how Sun City came into being from just an idea to the finest senior retirement community, not only in the United States, but the world. Sun City is an unincorporated, self-governed community, guided by the Homeowners Association and the Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. with no political parties to create schisms among our citizens.

The Sun City Areas Museum and Historical Society is located next to the Oakmont Recreation Center at 10801 Oakmont Dr. in the first home built in Sun City. Volunteer staff can provide you with considerable information about the museum.

Time goes by, things change like the seasons and history is made daily. Events of today are the history of tomorrow. Whether we realize it or not, we are making history today. Visiting and volunteering for the Historical Society may peak your interests as well as help to preserve our past for those future citizens of our community who are yet to come.



JOY LAMBERT/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Jane Freeman stands outside the old Safeway building on the southwest corner of 107th and Grand Avenues in Sun City. The building in Grand Center has been remodeled into Freed's Furniture for All, opening soon.

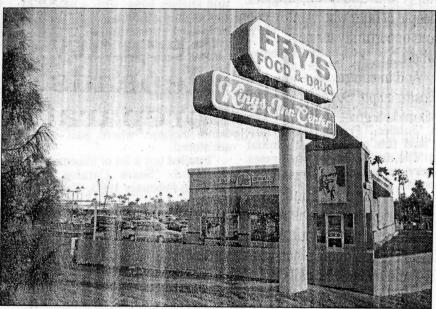
# LOOKING BACK

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Volunteer historian offers pictorial 'then and now' Wednesday

JEANNE WINOGRAD DAILY NEWS-SUN

With a steady flow of newcomers calling Sun City home, there are few residents here who remember what the community looked like 40 years ago.

But an opportunity to learn about the community's past is coming soon. Jane Freeman, who recently completed research into Sun City's past, will present her findings Wednesday at the West Valley Art Museum in Surprise during the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's annual fall membership meeting.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

All that remains of Del Webb's Kings Inn, seen below in a file photo, is the name of the shopping center at 107th and Grand avenues, now occupied by fast-food restaurants, shops and a supermarket.

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In her presentation, Freeman points to old ads such as those touting a one-pound can of Butternut coffee for 49 cents and packages of hot dogs for 10 cents.

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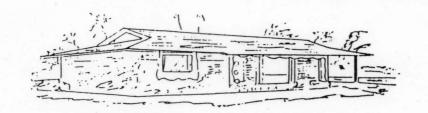
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# SC Historical Society opens door to past

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will host a free open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 30.

.The Historical Society is housed in the first home that Del Webb built, at 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

The community is invited to the open house.

Special presentations are planned to tell visitors about the early stories of the Sun Cities. Drawings will be held for the books "Del Webb: A Man, A Company," and "Along the Old Vulture Road" by local author Al Tudor.

Souvenirs of the past will be on display; some will be for sale while others will be free.

For information, call 974-2568 or 584-0323.

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#### **Community News**

Historical Society slates open house

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will conduct an open house 9 a.m.-2 p.m. March 30.

The society's headquarters are located in the very first home built in Sun City by the Del Webb, Corp., at 10801 Oakmont Drive.

Souvenirs of the past will be on display. Presentations that will tell the story of the Sun Cities are planned throughout the event.

Call 974-2568 or 584-0323.

# Historical society provides perspective

#### FUN FAIR: Open house coincided with Oakmont Rec Center event

**JOHN SOKOLICH** DAILY NEWS-SUN

When Sun City was first started, the house that is home to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society cost \$8.500.

The house on Oakmont Drive was the first model home Del Webb Corp. showed potential buyers considering moving to the first-of-its-kind retirement community. Saturday afternoon, the house was shown to any resident wishing to look inside.

"We've had a modest but steady stream of people coming through here today.' said Connie McMillin, president of the society. "We're open four days a week and by appointment, and we've had people from all over the world call us for information about Sun City."

The historical society opened its doors Saturday to coincide with the Oakmont Recreation Center's Fun Fair taking place down the street. The steady stream of visitors could look through archived articles written about the Sun Cities as well as oral histories of some of Sun City's first residents.

"We were lucky to get some of the oral histories." said the society's Jane Freeman. "We have a lot of records and displays dating back to when Sun City was first started."

For Ken Potter of Sun City, the historical society plots a road map of his time in the community.

"I've been living here for the past 31 years," he said. "The changes happen so slowly that you don't really see it until you look back at some of these things."

Potter said when he first moved to Sun City, the area was sparsely populated, with the surrounding communities nothing more than small towns.

"Cotton fields." he said. "that's what was around here. I remember seeing them go a little at a time."

The society, though, provides a lot more than just stirring memories for



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Sun City's Harold Bryan peruses exhibits about the community's past at Saturday's Sun Cities Area Historical Society open house.

residents.

McMillin said the Sun Cities were founded based upon an active lifestyle, something unheard of across the country that remains unheard of in other countries still.

"The government didn't tell people to come here, they just did," she said. "They came down here for an active lifestyle and based their work on the help of volunteers."

Del Webb was once quoted as saving he could build houses, but the people make the community. McMillin said.

"And the Sun Cities proved that," she said. "With everything from the PRIDES to the volunteers at the hospitals and schools, volunteers are doing things that in other countries are ordered by their government."

McMillin said Asian countries are the most prominent to call the society for jsokolich@aztrib.com.

research on Sun City, and she attributed the interest to the centuries of respect those countries have for their elders.

"The community is so different than what they have in the other countries," she said. "The community is not the older person sitting in a rocking chair dispensing their wisdom, it's retired people getting out and staying active."

For those who missed Saturday's open house, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society is open 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Its annual spring meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. April 10 at the Sun City West Community Services Building, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West. The meeting will feature Melanie Sturgeon, an Arizona archivist who will present "Oral History and Archives: Windows to the Past."

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by Sunday by calling 584-0323 or 974-2568.

John Sokolich can be reached at 876-2526 or



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Public Welcome! Reservations by April 7 Call (623) 584-0323 or (623) 974-2568 Please leave name, phone no., and number attending

#### Historical Society sets summer hours

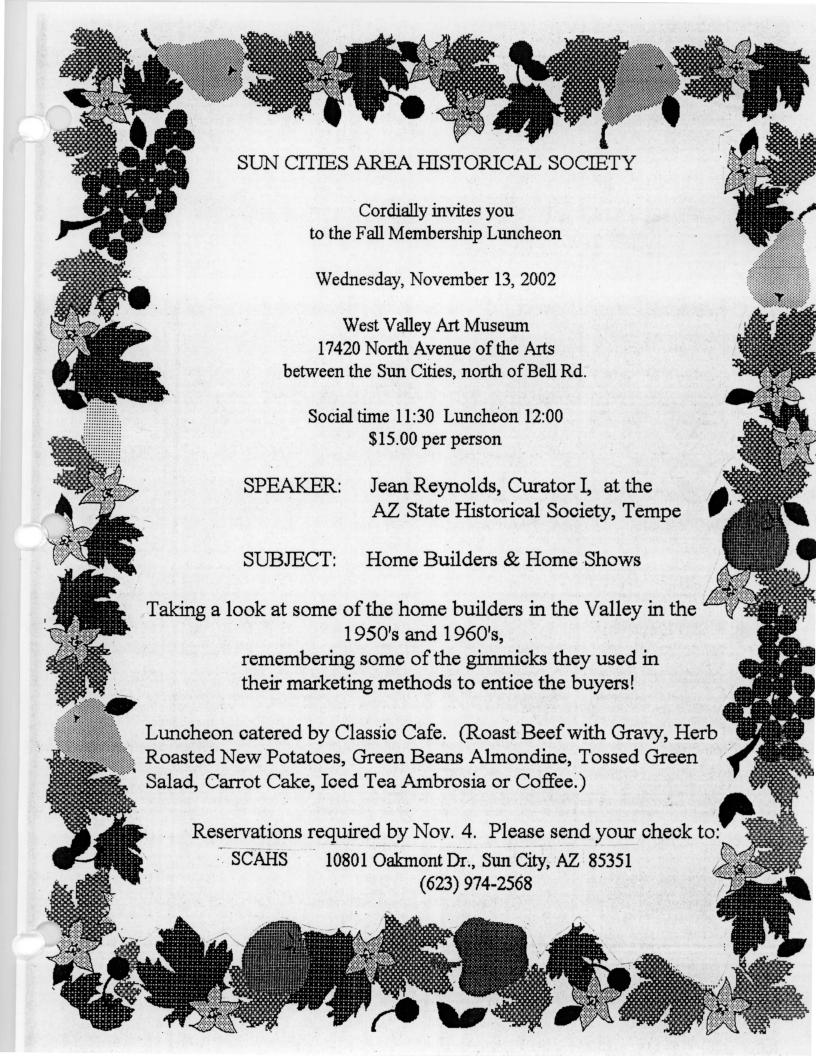
The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, has announced summer hours.

Beginning Saturday, the society will be open from 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. The schedule will continue through August.

Regular hours — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday — will resume Sept. 1.

The historical society is housed in the first model home built by Del Webb Corp. in 1959. It was open for viewing, along with four other model homes, at the grand opening of Sun City on Jan. 1, 1960. It now houses the museum, which has exhibits on the history of Sun City and Sun City West. Records from the communities are being preserved as a repository for research on the retirement communities.

For information, call 974-2568 or 584-0323.



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PHOTO COURTESY OF BARBARA BROZMAN

Members of the Sun City Grand PEO chapter enjoy a guided tour of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society in Sun City. From left are, back row, Sandy Miller, Barbara Kappas, Louisa Taylor, Mary Schmitt, Martha Henley and Kata, Beach, middle, Liz Molina, Kathy Rumpeltes and Judy Schmidtke; and front, Margie Staggs.

The Sun City Grand PEO chapter enjoyed a private guided tour of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society recently learning about the history of Sun City and Sun City West.

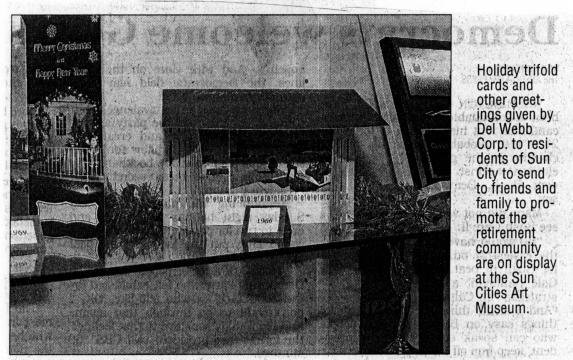
To arrange a private tour of the society for your club or group, call 974-2568 or 584-0323. The society is open to the public from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at 10801 Oakmont Ave., which is the first model home built by Del Webb.

• The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is featuring a display of Sun City Christmas cards for the holidays: 10 The Heldself

The cards, many of which unfold into 3D displays, were given by Del Webb to early residents to send to family and friends. Cards from 1960, the first year, to 1969, the last year they were issued, can be viewed at the society, 10801 Oakmont Drive. Extras of some of the later cards are available for sale.

Also available for sale are copies of "Del Webb: A Man," A Company," by Margaret
Finnerty, and "Along the Old
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CHARLES WADE/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Holiday trifold cards and other greetings given by Del Webb Corp. to residents of Sun City to send to friends and family to promote the retirement community are on display at the Sun Cities Art Museum.

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#### Historical Sun City Xmas Card display

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#### XMAS: Card display,

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holiday gifts for that "history buff" on your gift list.

So put a little history in your holiday and come to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society at 10801 Oakmont Drive, the first model home built by Del Webb. View the early Xmas card display, hear the stories of the Sun Cites and purchase some souvenirs.

The Society is open to the public 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Or you can schedule a private tour if you like: 974-2568 or 584-0323.

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### Early Christmas cards on display

#### Historical Society features cards for the 1960s

For Sun City residents and friends.

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#### Sun Cities Area Historical Society

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Oakmont Community Center - Circa 1960 Photo Courtesy of Sun Cities Area Historical Society

collecting, preserving, and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. The society is housed in the first model home built by the Del Webb Corporation.

Visit the carefully designed exhibits, and

chronicle the history of the "sister cities" — Sun City and Sun City West. The exhibits trace more than 40 years of history and feature many of Sun City's well-known clubs and organizations. This year the society also will feature an exhibit for the 25th anniversary of Sun City West.

Sun City-related books also are for sale at the Society. Available books include:

- Jubilee, a book celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Sun City
- · Along the Old Vulture Road, by local author Al Tudor
- Del Webb, the Man, the Company, by Margaret Finnerty
- Sun City West Silver Celebration: The First Twenty-Five Years, the newly published 25-year history of Sun City West

For a peek into the past, and for a greater appreciation of Del Webb's innovative concept of "active retirement communities," come visit the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. The Society is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 623 974-2568.

#### Mark Your Calendar ...

On April 9, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society will hold the Annual Spring Meeting at 1 p.m. at the Community Services Building in Sun City West. The guest speaker for the event will be Don Tuffs, former Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations at DEVCO (The Del E. Webb Development Company). Tuffs made arrangements for many celebrities at the Sundome over the years. His talk will take you on a behind the scenes adventure and enlighten you on everything you ever wanted to know about the Sundome.



#### **Preserving history**

The new 2003 officers of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society are, from left, Virginia Simmons, secretary; Jane Freeman, president; Paul Graff, vice president; Don Seigel, treasurer; and David Verble, assistant treasurer. The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. It is located at 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, in the first model home built by Del Webb. Open hours are 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Free admission, donations welcome. Call 974-2568.

#### Sun Cities Historical Society to Host Annual Open House

The Sun Cities Historical Society will host their annual Open House Saturday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's Open House will include stories and exhibits of the sister cities: Sun City and Sun City West. Sun City West's 25th Anniversary officially begins on February 15, so special exhibits at the Society will chronicle Sun City West from its inception in 1978 to the present.

Early residents, many of whom are members of the Pioneers Club of Sun City West, will be on hand to recall their first days in the community and regale you with accounts of some of their more memorable adventures.

Of special note at the Open House, will be the sale of the newly published SUN CITY WEST Silver Celebration The First 25 Years, which is a history book about the community. Several Society board members are on the history book committee that worked for the past two years to complete the book. Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Society.

Also available for sale, will be the books; *Del Webb, A Man, A Company* by Margaret Finnerty and *Along the Old Vulture Road* by local author Al Tudor. Both books recount the rich history of the area and are nice gifts for "history buffs" or as coffee table conversation pieces.

So mark your calendar for February 22 — the birthday of our first president — and a day for you to come to the Sun Cities Historical Society's Open House. Come out and learn the history of Del Webb's fabulous Sun Cities.

The Open House will be on the same day as the Oakmont Recreation Center Fun Fair, located next door to the Historical Society. The Fun Fair will be the first of the 2003 Spring Fun Fair series.

#### **Documenting 25 years of SCW**



On February 15, 1978, ground was officially broken for the new community of Sun City West. Twenty-four years have sped by, and the Sun Cities Area Historical Society is sponsoring a committee to document the history of Sun City West. Committee members at a recent meeting are (top, l. to r.) Chair. Ed Allen, Larry Carlino, Don Schmidt, Eleanor Anderson, Jo Ruck and John Larson. Front (I. to r.) are Judy Schoeberle, Phyllis Street, Barbara Brozman, Dee Balaker and Betty Stoneking. Other members not shown are: Louie Coor, Jane Freeman, Dee Hjermstad, Barbara Griggs, Elaine McCraith-Anderson, Maxine Riffil, Jan Schmidt and Mary Silvis.

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### Historical society opens house

STAFF REPORT

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will host its annual open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at the society, 10801 Oakmont Ave.

Oakmont Recreation Center will have its annual Fun Fair the same day, and both events are free and open to the community.

The open house, as always, will include stories

and exhibits of Sun City and Sun City West. Sun City West's 25th anniversary officially begins Feb. 15, so special exhibits at the society will chronicle that community from its beginning in 1978 to the present.

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# Open House

Date: February 22, 2003

Time: 9am-2pm

10801 Oakmont Drive

Sun City, Arizona



Meet the Authors of the History of Sun City West

Souvenirs of the Past

Meet the Pioneers of Sun City West

Historical Books for Sale

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Information: 623/974-2568

SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Historical Society features SCW**

# at upcoming open house

he Sun Cities Area Historical Society elected officers for 2003.
They are: Jane Freeman, president; Paul Graff, vice president; Don Seigel, treasurer; David Verble, assistant treasurer; and Virginia Simmons, secretary.

The society, at 10801 Oakmont Ave., is featuring Sun City West as

part of the community's 25th anniversary celebration, but also features a realm of historical material for Sun City, and the area's early settlements as well.

The organization also is having an open house

Corp.'s first Sun
City home, is open
to the public from
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday through
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a private tour of the
society for your
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974-2568 or 5840323.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society officers for 2003 are: back row from left, Virginia Simmons, secretary and Jane Freeman, president; front from left, Paul Graff, vice president; Don Seigel, treasurer and David Verble, assistant treasurer.

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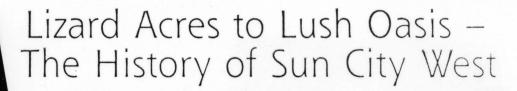
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**A8** MONDAY, FEB. 24, 2003



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Jane Freeman of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, and Beverly Sherman of Sun City discuss the society's headquarters in Sun City's first model home during an open house Saturday. Sherman said her home is the same model as the society office.



history project begun two years ago under the auspices of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society has resulted in an informative new book: Sun City West Silver Celebration-The First 25 Years. Twenty-four chapters span the quarter century in which Sun City West has grown from "Lizard Acres" to lush oasis. Historical facts are interspersed with personal anecdotes to liven the story. Early residents will find much that will remind them of their "pioneering" years. Recent residents will find a helpful and entertaining basis for understanding all that has gone into making Sun City West what it is today. In 2000, two Historical Society board members, Ed Allen and Phyllis Street, initiated the project to document the 25-year history of Sun City West. Volunteers were sought to help research, conduct interviews and to write portions of the history. More than two dozen people have worked on various stages of this project over the past two years. Many others in the community have contributed and have double-checked the material presented.

With more than 300 pages, the book contains 140 illustrations and a detailed index to help readers quickly locate subjects or persons of interest to them. Typeface, type size and spacing, and margins were carefully selected to make this as easy to read as possible. While many history works of similar scope and size sell for \$19.95 or more, this book is priced at only \$12. For the convenience of residents, the book will be on sale at the various events planned by the Sun City West Anniversary Committee.

The First fiventy-Five Year

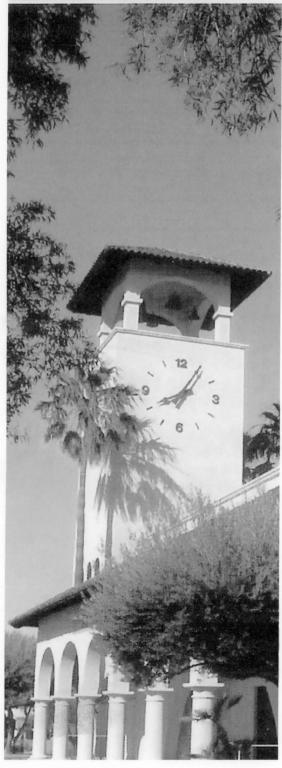
The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to collecting, organizing, preserving and displaying the history of the nation's first truly successful adult communities the Sun Cities of Arizona. The Society is located at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City and occupies the first of the model homes introduced in 1960.

For more info, contact: Ed Allen 623-975-1815.



JANE FREEMAN, president of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Board, and Ed Allen, chair of the SCW History Committee, hold a copy of the "Sun City West Silver Celebration" book that has been under development for the past two years.







#### SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNOUNCES SALES OF

SUN CITY WEST *Silver Celebration*The First Twenty-five Years

\$12 each
Cash or check, payable to:

SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Available at:

SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. 10801 Oakmont Dr. Sun City, Arizona 85351 623/974-2568

SUN CITY WEST VISITORS CENTER 13823 Camino del Sol Sun City West, Arizona 85375 623/214-8629

# Historical Society plans spring meeting

STAFF REPORT

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The society also is featuring a special Sun City West exhibit for the community's 25th anniversary this year. The public is welcome to view the exhibit from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in the society's head-quarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

Exhibits about Sun City also can be seen, and historical books about both communities can be purchased at the society.

Some of Sun City West's pioneering residents include, from left, Dee Balaker, Frances Decker, Mary and Bill Silvis and Theo Graham, shown in the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, which is featuring a special Sun City West exhibit to celebrate the community's 25th anniversary.



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## Historical Society springs to meet

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Daily News-Sun,

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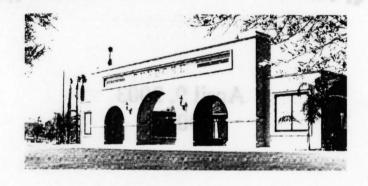
Phyllis Street, Past President

Introduction of Speaker

Edson Allen, Editor of SCW History book

Don Tuffs

Former DEVCO Senior Vice President Marketing "The Sundome: Behind the Scenes"



Recognitions

Song: "Sun City West"

Music by
Frances Decker
Bob Bennett, Soloist

They came from all over Our glorious nation. These diverse men and women Of the same generation. From Nebraska, New York, South Carolina, too: New Jersey and Texas To name but a few. They came not for gold, These pioneers, But to bask in the sun In their retirement years. To swim and to golf To explore the Southwest, To enjoy each other That was their quest. So here's to the folks Who unlike the miners. Found the gold in their lives... The 79ers.

Mrs. Sylvia Lustig
Sun City West

#### "SUN CITY WEST"

Words and Music By Bob Callaghan, 1985

Under a brilliant sky of blue, I have found my rendezvous, In the desert in Sun City West, Neath the Arizona moon, And the giant saguaro bloom, in the desert in Sun City West.

#### Chorus:

I never thought I'd live in Arizona
Where the jackrabbit and roadrunner play,
But I think I've found
A little piece of heaven here on earth,
Near the dry bed Agua Fria.
Hear me say, .
It's the place I like the best
Sun City West, Sun City West.

As a town, we are still small,
But as people we stand tall,
And we're growing,
Yes, we're growing every day.
And I never more will roam,
From my Arizona home,
And the place I like the best,
Sun City West, Sun City West.

Chorus Repeat:
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#### SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



# ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

April 9, 2003 1:00 pm



"Quail Room"
Community Services Building
14465 R. H. Johnson Blvd
Sun City West

# Former manager charts

# history of Sundome

MICHAEL MARESH

DAILY NEWS-SUN

When Sun City West was just a blip on the radar screen, developers knew it needed something that would

set it apart from the already established Sun City.

Donald Tuffs, former and first general manager of the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, gave residents a look behind the scenes of the center as it opened in 1980.

Tuffs was the guest speaker at the 17th-annual

spring meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. He said the Sundome originated partly because Sun City West needed a jewel to attract residents to the retirement community.

"When you talk about the Sundome, you must talk about Sun City," Tuffs said. "We had to figure out how to beat our competition, and that competition was Sun City."

Developer Del Webb realized the challenge and started to embrace it by building R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, which turned out to be the largest rec center in the Sun Cities. Webb then built Hillcrest Golf Course before undertaking the construction of the Sundome.

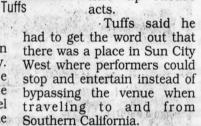
Tuffs said Webb officials looked at the Sun Bowl, located at 107th and Olive

avenues in Sun City, as a model of what was to come in Sun City West.

When designing the Sundome, Webb thought of building an amphitheater

> similar to the Sun Bowl with an inflatable roof. A permanent roof structure replaced the inflatable concept because it was more feasible, Tuffs said.

> But even before construction of the center started, Tuffs was working behind the scenes in an attempt to line up future acts.



In the Sundome's first year of existence, 110 events were held in an attempt to offer residents a variety of choices.

"A lot of work went into it," he said. "It was just a tremendous amount of work. We needed 110 performances every year."

A lot of entertainers, he said, have come and gone, and added his favorite entertainer without question is Red Skelton.

The entertainer performed at the Sundome several times and always came out to the community several days in advance to meet and talk to residents.

Tuffs said Skelton never asked for anything out of the

ordinary. Other performers requested some ludicrous things, but he declined to say what some of those requests entailed.

Twenty years ago, Tuffs said, Arizona State University was considered a big player in the performing arts, with its Gammage Auditorium already up and running.

At the time, ASU was ready to kick off a \$100 million fund-raising campaign.

Tuffs said he thought it would be good synergy for Webb to donate the \$14 million Sundome to ASU to kick off the fund-raiser, and the developer agreed.

Tuffs said the Sundome was and is still expensive to maintain, and ASU is better equipped to handle and schedule shows for the

Listening to Tuffs Wednesday afternoon were the seven original members of the Sun City West Variety Show. The variety shows were some of the first performances at the Sundome in 1980.

Since 1980, variety performances have raised more than \$1 million for Sun Health.

Variety performer Bess Porterfield said it is good to see residents are still visiting the Sundome after 23 years.

"It is amazing," she said, adding that the cooperation of the residents made the

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Betsy Bennet listens to the guest speaker at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society meeting in Sun City West Wednesday.

Sundome and her group's performances a smashing success.

Marilyn Friebolin, also a variety performer, said Sun City West can boast of having something other communities do not have.

"I think it was the greatest thing we have ever had," she said. "I could not believe how large and beautiful it was "

large and beautiful it was."

Michael Maresh can be reached at 876-2513 or mmaresh@aztrib.com.



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Dick Elton and Theda
Vickers take a Sun City
West history quiz at the
spring meeting of the Sun
Cities Area Historical
Society in Sun City West
Wednesday.





SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### presents

#### MULE TEAMS—COTTON GINS—TENT CITIES LIFE BEFORE SUN CITY

YOU ARE INVITED -- DO COME!

**WHAT:** "Growing Up in Marinette"

**WHO:** Amanda Durand, who grew up in Marinette

Nancy Watson O'Neal, who was born in Marinette

Recall their early childhood in Marinette, before it became Sun City

WHERE: SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

10801 Oakmont Drive

Sun City, AZ 85351

623/974-2568

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2003 2:00 pm

Refreshments



### Historical society reviews Marinette

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society invites the public to a special program about growing up in Marinette, the area that became Sun City.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. May 31, in the society's headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

Presenters will be Amanda Durand, who grew up in Marinette, and Nancy Watson O'Neal, who was born in Marinette. They will discuss mule teams, cotton gins and tent cities in life before Sun City.

For information, call the society at 974-2568.

#### SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

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#### Marinette explored in May 31 program The Sun Cities Historical

The Sun Cities Historical Society invites area residents to a special upcoming program about growing up in Marinette, Ariz., the area that became Sun City.

Presenters will be Armanda Durand, who grew up in Marinette, and Nancy Watson O'Neal, who was born in Marinette.

The program is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 31 at the society's headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City.

For more information, call 974-2568.

# **Historical Society** remembers Marinette

**ERIN REEP** DAILY NEWS-SUN

Although she was only a baby at the time, Nancy Watson O'Neal still recalls moments of her early childhood in Marinette, the town once located on land that is now part of Sun City.

"I was lying on a cotton sack, and my mother was picking cotton," O'Neal said. "And my brother was playing in the cotton rows."

O'Neal estimates she was just a year old at the time, but recalls the vivid blue of the sky. The memory is distinctive in her mind, she said.

O'Neal and another native of Marinette, Amanda Durand, shared their memories of the days before Del Webb at a special presentation Saturday at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

"Growing up in Marinette" featured the two women sharing their memories with residents, in addition to photo displays. The event was meant to reach out to the community, allowing people to get a glimpse inside the Historical Society and to learn the history of the area, said board member Phyllis Street.

"We just wanted some special events that show people the histo-

ry," she said.

O'Neal sat in the front room, pointing out black and white photographs on a display, while Durand shared her memories in a larger back room filled with guests.

O'Neal was born in Marinette in 1932. She pointed to photos of her original home and her family's car.

This is my family. We came here from Louisiana in 1917," she said. O'Neal was one of nine cousins born in Marinette.

O'Neal's father — Elzer "Slim" Watson - was a mechanic, who later worked as a foreman on the Marinette Cotton Ranch. O'Neal pointed to photographs of large tractors and construction equipment used in clearing the land.

Photos of O'Neal's family home showed heavy canvas hanging over the windows, which could be rolled up to let light in: "This is how they kept cool," she said.

Marinette was located south of Santa Fe Railroad.

approximately halfway between 99th and 107th avenues, according to Historical Society research. R.P. Davie, a businessman from Marinette, Wis., bought and leased thousands of acres between New River and the Agua Fria River, according to the society. The town was named after Davie's native town in the Midwest.

Durand, whose family moved to Marinette from Phoenix in 1928, recalled how people kept cool despite the lack of air conditioning: They wrapped themselves in wet sheets and slept outside.

"We slept on canvas, cotton cots,

or on Army cots," she said.

The wet sheets also caused pneumonia, she recalled. "August was known for pneumonia — on account of wrapping ourselves in the sheets, with the moisture," Durand said.

It wasn't as hot in those days as it is now, and cotton fields were irrigated, she said. Flooding happened occasionally, but the houses were built on stilts and the water didn't get into the houses.

Davie developed deep wellpumping systems to irrigate the crops, according to the Historical Society. He took a risk by trying growth of sugar beets in the area, but the soil was not suited for it. Davie sold his holdings to Southwest Cotton Co. in 1920 and the town became a company compound, the information said.

In 1936, the Marinette Ranch was sold to the J.G. Boswell Co., cotton farmers from Georgia, according to the society. By the late 1950s, Del E. Webb Development Co. was beginning to develop its first master-planned retirement community, Sun City, and Marinette began to die.

Durand now lives in Sun City, which she moved into as it was being built. She has worked as a real estate agent in the area. O'Neal lived in California and Oregon before returning the the Northwest Valley in 2001. She is a licensed psychiatric nurse and lives in Glendale. As one of few in the area with memories of the early days in Marinette, O'Neal feels close ties to the society.

"I've kind of adopted Sun Cities Area Historical Society as my own," she said.



### Historical Society reduces hours

The Sun Cities Historical Society will change its hours for June, July and August beginning June 6. Summer hours will be 10 a.m. to noon Fridays and Saturdays. Private tours can be arranged by appointment.

The society is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the histories of Sun City and Sun City West. The society is located in Del Webb's first model home, at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City. For information, call 974-2568.

May 28, 2003

# Historical Society sets summer hours

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will observe its summer hours beginning June 6.

During June, July and August, the Historical Society's open hours will be from 10 a.m. to noon Fridays and Saturdays.

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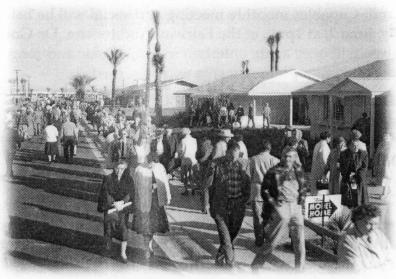


Photo Courtesy of Sun Cities Area Historical Society

#### Where were you on January 1,1960?

More than 100,000 people were right here in Sun City, Arizona for the opening of Del Webb's first model home at 10801 Oakmont Drive. Along with four other model homes on display that New Year's weekend, the first model home was part of a community built for "active retirement living" — an innovative concept in 1960.

Today, that first model home is headquarters for the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities.

Carefully designed exhibits at the Society not only chronicle the more than 40-year history of Sun City, but also feature the wellknown Sun City Saints, Sun City Poms and Sun City Prides. For Sun City West's Silver Celebration this year, the Society has put up a special 25th anniversary exhibit that will be in place all year. Resources are another interesting feature the Society offers its visitors. You can browse through model home info, maps, memorabilia, oral histories, photos, an obituary, a vertical file and homeowners telephone directories from 1961.

History buffs will enjoy reading the Society's historical pamphlets and books, which include stories about Del Webb, Sun City, Sun City West and Vulture Road (today's Grand Avenue). For a peek into the past and for a greater appreciation of Del Webb's innovative concept of "active retirement living," come visit the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

The Society's summer hours (June, July and August) are 10 a.m. to noon, Friday and Saturday. You also may schedule a private tour or have someone from the Society's Speakers Bureau give a presentation before your club, group or organization. For more information call 623 974-2568.



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#### Time to unpack

Sun Cities Area Historical Society President Jane Freeman, left, and board member Ruth Morton unpact copies of the Sun City West history book. The book, which recounts the 25-year history of Sun City West, can be purchased at the society's headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, or at the Sun City West Visitors Center, 13823 Camino del Sol. The society also has a special exhibit celebrating Sun City West's silver anniversary, which may be viewed during the society's summer hours, 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays and Saturdays. Call 974-2568.

### Historical Society needs hosts

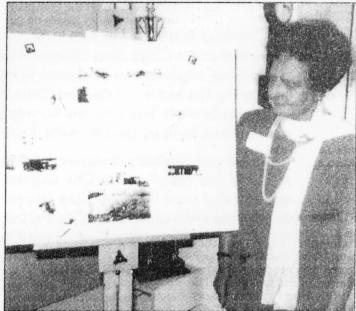
The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is seeking hosts and hostesses.

Training will be provided. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday. Winter hours are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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For information, call the society at 974-2568.





Submitted photos

#### **Memories of Marinette**

Nancy Watson O'Neil, at left, and Amanda Durand share their memories of Marinette, the town that preceded Sun City, in a special May 31 presentation at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society called, "Growing Up In Marinette". The pair recalled cotton fields, cotton gins, mule teams and tent cities. Marinette displays can be viewed at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday or by appointment.



Photo Courtesy of Sun Cities Area Historical Society

#### Sun Cities Area Historical Society

Ever wonder just how Del Webb's Sun Cities all began? Then come to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. Located at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, the Society is housed in the first model home built by the Del Webb Corporation.

Come see the carefully designed exhibits that chronicle the history of the "sister cities" — Sun City and Sun City West. See the exhibits that trace the more than 40-year history of Sun City and feature the well-known Sun City Prides, the Sun City Poms and the Sun City Saints (an all girl championship softball team from the past). See, too, the special exhibit that will be in place all year commemorating the 25th anniversary of Sun City West in 2003.

After your tour, you may want to take home one of the following books for further study. All are available for sale at the Society:

- *Jubilee*, a book commemorating the 25th anniversary of Sun City
- Along the Old Vulture Road, by local author Al Tudor
- Del Webb, A Man, A Company, by Margaret Finnerty
- SUN CITY WEST Silver Celebration, The First Twenty-five Years, the newly published 25-year history of Sun City West

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On July 4, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society will continue the tradition of decorating the Freedom Shrine kiosk at the Bell Recreation Center for the annual "Ring that Bell" celebration. Since 1999, the Society has maintained the historical documents on display in the six-sided kiosk and has decorated it each year for the Fourth of July festivities. This year's decorations, which will include patriotic flags, ribbons and streamers, once again will remind all Sun Citians of their freedoms.

Sun City's Liberty Bell was "born" in September 1975, when the Bicentennial Committees met to plan some of the many Sun City celebrations for our national birthday party. One of the objectives was to find a single event or project that would have permanence and significance long after the bicentennial year festivities were

About 120 Sun Citians, representing many organizations, convened and were divided into 13 "brainstorming" groups. The suggestion of a Liberty Bell appeared on every list submitted by the groups, and later, put to the test of a newspaper poll; the Liberty Bell led all the other projects the Bicentennial Committees proposed.

The DEL WEBB Company offered to underwrite the cost of the bell, and one of our residents came up with the idea of a metal drive, which would enable all Sun Citians to be a part of the project. On January 15, 1976, an estimated 1,500 residents contributed to the metal drive, creating a mountain of family treasures, precious personal mementos, wedding rings and jewelry, bric-a-brac, statuary, souvenirs from our country's wars, and musical instruments, to mention just a few of the varied items that totaled some 7,000 pounds. It was explained to the donors that any metal not compatible with the casting process would be used in the base of the bell.

THEN the artists, the craftsmen, and the foundry workers took over. The metal was processed by a Pennsylvania foundry and sent to Asten, Holland, where the bell was cast, an exact replica in size and design of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. The original, however, was made by a sand cast process, which gives it a mottled surface. The Sun City Liberty Bell has a smoother finish because it was made by a lost wax and plaster casting method, treated with a sulfuric liquid to give it the same color as the original.

THE LIBERTY BELL arrived in Sun City on July 5, 1976, and it was unveiled at the Sun Bowl on July 8<sup>th</sup>. On November 15<sup>th</sup> it was officially dedicated and the time capsule in its base, containing memorabilia and messages of love from our generation to future generations, was sealed.

WHEN you visit the Sun City Liberty Bell, ring it. It has a fine, strong, and free

WE, THE PEOPLE OF SUN CITY, ARIZONA, IN 1976, THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION DEDICATE THIS BELL TO THE FUTURE. MAY WE WITH THE WISDOM OF THOSE WHO WROTE OUR CONSTITUTION, WITH THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO PRESSED WESTWARD IN COVERED WAGONS, WITH THE COURAGE OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR CUR FREEDOM, BE VIGILANT THAT WE MAY PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE. MAY OUR LIBERTY BELL RING OUT FOR FREEDOM IN ALL TIME TO COME.

(Plaque on the front of the bell)

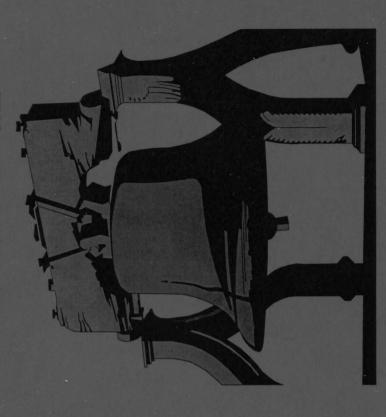
THIS LIBERTY BELL COMMEMORATES THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL. SUNCITIAN DONATED THE METAL. THE BELL WAS CAST IN ASTEN, HOLLAND, BY SCHULMERICH CARILLIONS, INC. THE COST WAS UNDERWRITTEN BY THE DEL E. WEBB DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, AS A GIFT TO SUN CITY. THE TIME CAPSULE SEALED UNDER THIS PLAQUE IS TO BE OPENED IN THE YEAR 2026.

(Plague on the back of the beil)

# THE RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Presents .....

THE 25th ANNUAL



# "RING THAT BELL"

Friday, July 4, 2003

8am

Bell Recreation Center
DEL WEBB MEMORIAL GARDEN

# "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANC"

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Of the United States of America

And to the Republic for which it stands

One Nation, under God, indivisible

With liberty and justice for all!

# "SPECIAL THANKS" TO:

- Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge –
   Ray & Betty Mills
- Russell Dix
- Reverend Blase Meyer
- Sun City Sheriff's Posse Honor Guard
- Lucy Hays
- Jane Freeman
- Jerry Houston
- Mike Mahoney
- Dick Stout, Sound Engineer
- Bell Center Staff

# "RING THAT BELL" PROGRAM

"God Bless America"Lucy Hays, Vocalist Audience Participation
Retire the Colors Sun City Posse
BenedictionSt. Clement of Rome Catholic Church
Keynote SpeakerMike Mahoney Past Commander, Military Order of Purple Heart The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War The Northwest Valley Veterans Association
Introduction of Speaker Jerry Houston, Commander Military Order of Purple Heart, Sun Cities Chapter 691
"America, The Beautiful" Lucy Hays, Vocalist
"Freedom Shrine" Jane Freeman Sun Cities Historical Society
"The National Anthem" Lucy Hays, Vocalist Audience Participation
"Pledge of Allegiance" Uncle Sam Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Invocation
Honor Guard The Sun City Sheriff's Posse
Master of CeremoniesRussell Dix, Commander American Legion Post #101
GreetersUncle Sam & Betsy Ross Ray & Betty Mills, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

Ring That Bell - Everyone Participating

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#### Where is the Sun Cities Historical Society?

It is in the first model home built by Del Webb at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City.

Have a question? Call Dan McCarthy at 876-2534 or e-mail him at dmccarthy@az trib.com.

**Notebook** 

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Historical Society needs volunteers

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society needs hosts and hostesses. Training is provided. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to noon Fridays and Saturdays. Winter hours are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The society, 10801 Oakmont Drive, is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of Sun City and Sun City West. It is housed in Del Webb's first model home.

For information, call the society at 974-2568.

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#### Historical hosts, hostesses needed

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• Sun Cities Area Historical Society President Jane Freeman hosted a Roundtable Exchange July 9 for area historical societies.

Youngtown, Peoria, Glendale and Sunnyslope societies participated. Discussion centered on increasing membership and fundraising.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is located in the first model home Del Webb built, at 10801 Oakmont Ave. Admission is free but donations are welcome. For information, hours or volunteer opportunities, call the society at 974-2568.

The Daily News-Sun welcomes readers' submissions for Your Turn. Submit items to Katy O'Grady at the Daily News-Sun, 10102 Santa Fe Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351. For information about the column, call O'Grady at 876-2514 or e-mail her at kogrady@aztrib.com.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HAROLD MCKISSON/PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Attending a Roundtable Exchange July 9 for area historical society leaders are from left, standing, Jane Freeman, Sun Cities Area Historical Society; Phyllis Street, Sun Cities; Rosina Bria, Sunnyslope Historical Society; Lee Turner, Peoria Historical Society; Connie McMillin, Sun Cities; Carol St. Clair, Glendale Historical Society; Lucille Retheford, Youngtown Historical Society, and seated, Barbara Krauer, Sunnyslope; Mary Hawthorne, Sun Cities; and Connie Kreamer, Sunnyslope.

#### wn Club Calendar



Photo by Harold McKisson/Peoria Historical Society

#### **Sharing ideas**

Representatives of various area historical societies meet to discuss ideas for increasing membership and fundraising at a roundtable exchange hosted by Sun Cities Area Historical Society President Jane Freeman on July 9. Pictured standing, from left, are Ms. Freeman; Phyllis Street, Sun Cities Area Historical Society; Rosina Bria, Sunnyslope Historical Society; Lee Turner, Peoria Historical Society; Connie McMillin, Sun Cities Area Historical Society; Carol St. Clair, Glendale Historical Society; and Lucille Retheford, Youngtown Historical Society. Seated are, from left, Barbara Krauer, Sunnyslope Historical Society; Mary Hawthorne, Sun Cities Area Historical Society; and Connie Kreamer, Sunnyslope Historical Society.

#### Sun Cities Area Historical Society

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Ever wonder just how Del Webb's Sun Cities all began? Then come to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. Located at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, the Society is housed in the first model home built by the Del Webb Corporation.

Come see the carefully designed exhibits that chronicle the history of the "sister cities" — Sun City and Sun City West. See the exhibits that trace the more than 40-year history of Sun City and feature the well-known Sun City Prides, the Sun City Poms and

the Sun City Saints (an all girl championship softball team from the past). See, too, the special exhibit that will be in place all year commemorating the 25th anniversary of Sun City West in 2003.

After your tour, you may want to take home one of the following books for further study. All are available for sale at the Society:

- Jubilee

  Commemorates the 25th anniversary of Sun City
- Along the Old Vulture Road By local author Al Tudor
- Del Webb, A Man, A Company By Margaret Finnerty
- Sun City West Silver Celebration, The First Twenty-five Years
   Recently published 25-year history of Sun City West

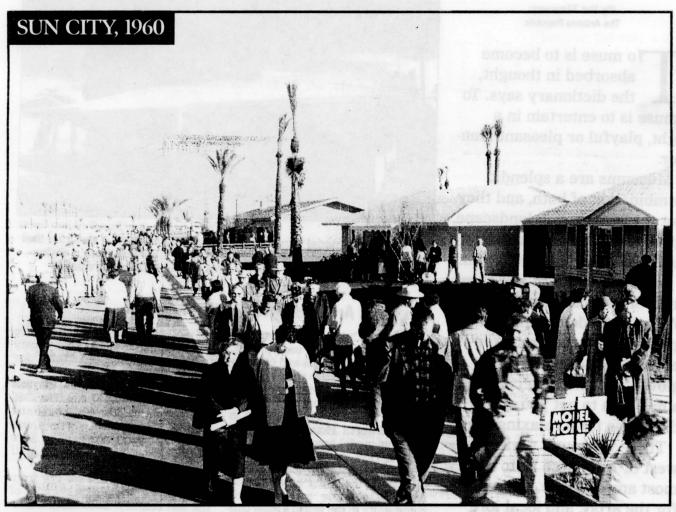
For a peak into the past, and for a greater appreciation of Del Webb's innovative concept of "active retirement communities," come visit the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. The Society's summer hours (June, July and August) are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Private tours can be arranged. For more information call 623 974-2568.



Photo Courtesy of Sun Cities Area Historical Society

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society has received certification for 2003 awarded by the Arizona Historical Society. This is the second year the Society has received this recognition.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society also is part of of a long-term exhibit at the Arizona Historical Society called "Desert Cities". The exhibit can be viewed from 10 a.m to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m., on Sundays, at the Arizona Historical Society's headquarters located at 1300 N. College Avenue, in Tempe. Admission is \$4 for seniors and \$5 for adults. For more information call 480 929-0292.



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# Museums bring life, light to dusty history

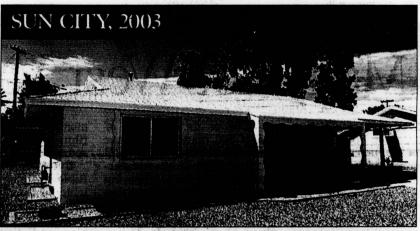
By Pat Flannery The Arizona Republic

o muse is to become absorbed in thought, the dictionary says. To amuse is to entertain in a light, playful or pleasant manner.

Museums are a splendid combination of both, and they dot the West Valley landscape, giving local residents plenty of choices for thoughtful fun.

In the dog days of late summer, or especially when the Valley's 115-degree heat starts giving way to gentler afternoons and the soft orange glow of fall, nothing can beat a museum to get you out of the house for a relaxing jaunt.

There is enough variety west of Interstate 17 to sate most any appetite. There's art for the artsy, and local lore for those interested in the past. There's also a spicy sprinkling of unique specialties ranging from bugs to beads, from petroglyphs to plants.



Cheryl Evans/The Arizona Republic

One of the first model homes in Sun City now serves as a museum that documents the transformation of the town of Marinette from a cotton-farming community to the world's most copied retirement village.

#### **Sun Cities Area Historical Society Museum**

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, for example, uses photos, old real estate records and 43-year-old sales brochures to show how Del Webb's pioneering vision of an active retirement community was brought to life in 1960. Housed in the Kentworth House, one of the first five model homes built by Del Webb in 1959, the Historical Society museum documents the transformation of the town of Marinette from an old-time cotton-farming community to the world's most copied leisure retirement village.

To emphasize how novel the concept was when homes went on sale in 1960, society President Jane Freeman noted that the model homes attracted more than 100,000 people during their grand opening weekend. At the time, a recreation center and golf course surrounded

the models — but beyond that there was not much more than dusty fields and desert mountains for miles.

A two-bedroom home of 858 square feet, with an extra 306 square feet of storage rooms and carport, sold for \$8,500 in those days. Air-conditioning added \$600 to the price. To live on the golf course: another \$1,250.

The area today is a far cry from what it was in the early decades of the last century. Back then, a general store just north of Grand Avenue, where Boswell Hospital now stands, was the focal point of activity in the tiny agricultural village. Photos on display show what life was like when passing trains were the only regular visitors.

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Exhibits from more recent years graphically depict Sun City's popularity as a haven for seniors: Visitors ranging from Liberace to President Ronald Reagan graced the Sun Bowl stage, while a new community of Sun City West sprouted up to the north.

While the museum offers a quick lesson to those of casual interest, Freeman said it also houses local obituary files and area historic records, offering a good reference point for researchers.

#### 。"文**州**"是"农力和"为州**城**的第三时间 Historical Society resumes operations

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will resume regular hours Tuesday, From September through May, operating hours are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Private tours may be arranged.

The society is at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, in the first model home built by Del Webb. It is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of Sun City and Sun City West. The facility houses exhibits, photos, memorabilia, brochures and pamphlets about the two communities. To the too For information, call 974-2568.

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#### **Community News**

#### **Historical Society** changes hours

The Sun Cities Historical Society will resume its regular hours beginning Sept. 2.

The regular open hours are 1:30 p.m., to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Private tours may also be arranged.

The society is located in the first model home built by Del Webb at 10801 Oakmont

Drive, Sun City.

A non-profit and educational organization, the society is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. For more information, 

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history of the Sun Cities. The Society houses exhibits, photos, memorabilia, brochures and pamphlets about Sun City and its "sister city" Sun City West. For more information, call the Society at 623-974-2568.

#### Sun Cities Area Historical Society

Until 1989, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society had been an organization working out of members' homes or rented office space. By October of that year, however, the Society, with help from the J.G. Boswell Foundation, purchased the first model home built by Del Webb, and remodeled it with help from the Del Webb Corporation.

On moving day, October 10, 1989, Society members eagerly unpacked boxes of collected books, photos, and memorabilia, and set out about preparing their new headquarters for what they hoped would be a multitude of curious visitors.

In the 14 years since, thousands of curious visitors have indeed toured Del Webb's fist model home, and even more books, photos and memorabilia have been added to the Society's collections.

Exhibits at the Society chronicle the the almost 44-year history of Sun City. A photo exhibit of Marinette with its cotton fields, mule teams, and tent cities tells the story of a town that preceded Sun City. Memorabilia of Sun City's famous Prides, Saints and Poms all are on display. Sun City West, Sun City's sister city, now has its own Silver Celebration Exhibit as Sun City West marked its 25th anniversary in 2003.

The 14 years of collecting has increased the Society's resources so that today the model home info, maps, old photos, oral histories, a vertical file, an obituary, and homeowner telephone directories from 1961, all are waiting for the curious visitor's perusal.

In addition to the history buffs, or those simply stopping by, on occasion the Society also receives requests from authors and graduate students to use the Society's resources for their research. Many newspaper reporters also have used our archives just to "check the facts."

So, if you would like to "check the facts," do some research, or just learn more about the history of Del Webb's Sun Cities, come visit the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

The Society's winter hours (September - May) are 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The Society is located at 10801 Oakmont Drive.

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# Favorite Community Places ....

Favorite Local Landmark
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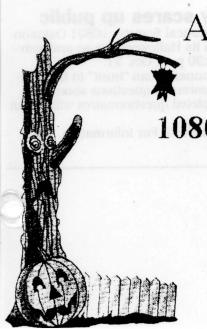
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31,2003
1:30-3:30 PM
TOUR THE HOUSE
USE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE
GO ON A "HUNT" TO FIND
ANSWERS
ABOUT THE SUN CITIES

WIN A PRIZE!!

10801 OAKMONT DR. SUN CITY



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#### **Notebook**

#### **Historical Society** plans scary Friday

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is having a Halloween House and Scavenger Hunt from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The event will be in the society's headquarters at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City.

Admission is free, and donations are welcome. For details, call the society at 974-2568.

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Barbara Bozeman of the Historical Society of the Sun Cities shows Jim Fitzsimmons some Sun City Saints memorabilia during the society's scavenger hunt Friday.

#### SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

October 29, 2003

#### **Community News**

#### **Historical Society** hosts history hunt

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society dares residents to attend its Halloween House and Scavenger Hunt planned from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

The "spooktacular" event will be held at the society's headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City, in the first model home built by Del Webb.

Those who attend may tour the model home, view the exhibits then use a questionnaire to take part in a scavenger hunt in the model home, looking for answers to questions about the Sun Cities.

Those who deposit their completed questionnaire with correct answers in a Halloween box by 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31 will be eligible to win a prize.

Admission is free. Call 974-2568.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 24, 2003

### Historical Society scares up public

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, 10801 Oakmon Drive, invites the public to its Halloween house and scavenger hunt from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

Visitors, using a questionnaire, can "hunt" in the society building looking for answers to questions about the Sun Cities. Correctly completed questionnaires will be pu in a drawing for a prize.

Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 974-2568.

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#### History Hunt winner

Pat Sheldon, right, of Sun City West, was the winner of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society's History, Hunt on Halloween. Ms. Sheldon correctly answered all 13 questions on the Society's questionnaire about the Sun Cities. She accepted her prize—a copy of the book, "Del Webb: A Man. A Company," from Society Board member Barbara Brozman. For more information, about the Society, call 974-2568.

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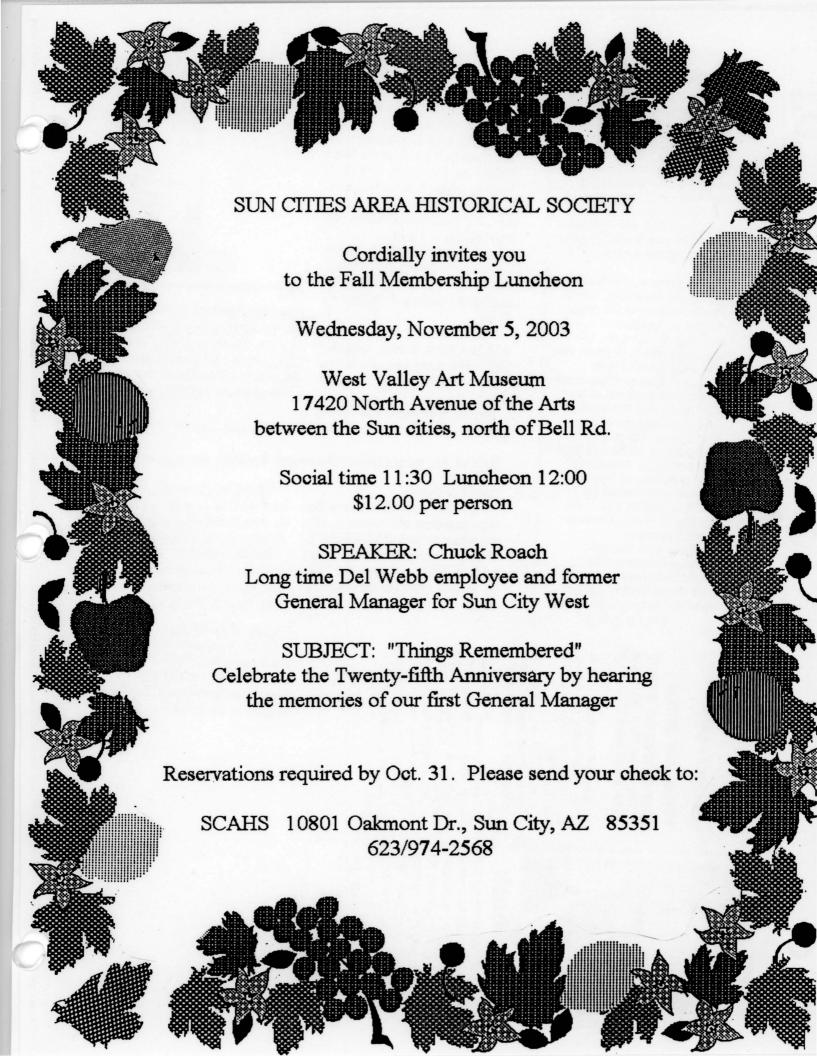
PHOTO BY JANE FREEMAN SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Pat Sheldon, right, receives a copy of "Del Webb: A Man, A Company" from Barbara Brozman for winning the society's History Hunt on Halloween.

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society board member **Barbara Brozman**. For information about the society, call 974-2568.



# October 29, 2003 ()

#### Webb stalwart speaks to society

Chuck Roach, a longtime Del Webb employee and former general manager of Sun City West, will be keynote speaker for the annual meeting and luncheon of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Nov. 5.

Cost is \$12 and reservations are required by Friday by calling the society, 974-2569.

The event at the West Valley Art Museum, 17420 North Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, begins will a social at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m.

Roach was instrumental in the development of Sun City West and the startup and development of Sun City Grand. He joined the company in 1979 and held key positions, including vice president of finance and administration for DEVCO, which was then the Del E. Webb Development Company.

Along with his talk, "Things Remembered," board members Jo Ruck and David Verble will preview the society's Web site.

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The Sun Cities Historical Society will hold its annual

meeting and luncheon Nov. 5 at the West Valley Art Museum, 17420 N. Avenue of the

plans annual event

Historical group

SUN CITIES INDEPENDENT

#### THE WESTER Thursday. October 30, 2003

#### Roach to address Historical Society

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the West Valley Art Museum, 17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, in Surprise. A social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., the luncheon at Noon, and the meeting at 1 p.m.

Luncheon cost is \$12. Reservations are needed by Friday, Oct. 31, and can be made by calling the Society at (623) 974-2568.

Guest speaker for the event will be Chuck Roach, longtime Del Webb employee and former general manager for Sun City West.

Before coming to Del Webb, Chuck worked for Peat,



Marwick, Mitchell & Co. where he was assigned to audit the various divisions of the Del Webb Corporation, including casinos, the construction division, realty management operation and the

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parent company.

In 1983, Chuck became the vice president of Finance & Administration for DEVCO (Del E. Webb Development Company) and, in 1987, took over the reins as general manager for Sun City West.

\$12. Reservations Oct. 31. Call 974-

"Things Remembered."

Chuck might well be considered a SCW pioneer himself, as he was instrumental in shaping its growth and development.

Before retiring in 2001, Chuck was the guiding light for the start-up and development for Sun City Grand. His talk is entitled

"Things Remembered."

Society board members Jo Ruck and David Verble will give a preview of the Society's new website at the meeting. The event is open to the public.



# The Sun Cities Historical

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#### Sun Cities Area Historical Society

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities. It is located at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City, and is the first model home built by the Del Webb Corporation.

For a peak into the past, come see the Society's carefully designed exhibits the chronicle the almost 44-year history of Sun City and the 25-year history of its sister city, Sun City West.

Browse through the Society's resources which include model home info, maps, memorabilia, old photos, oral histories, a vertical file, an obituary and homeowner telephone directories from 1961.

Purchase one of the Society's historical books or pamphlets and read more about Del Webb, Sun City, Sun City West, Lizard Acres or Vulture Road (today's Grand Avenue).

Group tours can be arranged. The Society's Speakers Bureau can give a presentation before your club, group or organization. The Society's winter hours (September - May) are 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Admission is free, however, donations are welcome and appreciated. For more information on the Society, or to volunteer or donate, call 623 974-2568.

# Favorite Community Places

# Favorite Local Landmark Sun Cities Historical Society 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City

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## Favorite Community Park Viewpoint Lake, Lookout Mountain Thunderbird Blvd. & Del Webb

This might be unfair, only because this award represents a combination of votes cast for both Viewpoint Lake and Lookout Mountain. Lookout Mountain contains the picnic areas, but overlooks Viewpoint Lake so it's difficult to separate.

Located next to Lakeview Recreation Center, the lake offers fishing and quiet



Viewpoint Lake in Sun City -- "Favorite Community Park."

solitude. If you're not in the mood for fishing or boating, then the adjoining picnic areas offer plenty of room for family reunions, private picnics or just slow walks through the lovely grounds that make up Lookout Mountain. Once at the top of Lookout Mountain, sit and enjoy the view. There's not better or more relaxing spot in all the Sun Cities.

#### Favorite Golf Course Hillcrest Golf Course

20002 N. Star Ridge Drive Sun City West

Originally built by the Del E. Webb Co. to attract potential buyers to Sun City West, the PGA-quality course once served as home to Senior PGA and LPGA events. The course, now privately owned, is open to the public and still plays hosts to numerous tournaments and fund-raising events throughout the year.

# Tis the Season to Be Jolly

Sun Cities Area Historical Society invites you to celebrate with us at an informal gathering of Sun City/Sun City West residents.

Wednesday, December 10, 2003 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 10801 Oakmont Drive, Sun City (623) 974-2568

Enjoy the exhibit of early Sun City Christmas Cards



In the Occasion of Second Christmas.

Preview our new Web site

Special Guests

JERRY SVENDSEN, former DEVCO Vice-President Jerry will recall the holidays in the early years of the Sun Cities.

AMANDA DURAND, one of the founders and a benefactor of SCAHS.

Come see our "New Look" . . .

Just in time for the holidays, we have "spruced-up" our headquarters with new outdoor signs, and new trim color.

## Sun City event to talk about holidays in '60s

sun city — On Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. reminisce with Jerry Svendsen, former Del Webb vice president of public relations, about how holidays were spent in the early days of Sun City and Sun City West. Cards given by Del Webb to early Sun City residents from 1960-69 will be on display. The event will be held at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive. (623) 974-2568.

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#### **Community News**

#### Society remembers Christmas

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society invites the public to a free program, "Tis the Season to be Jolly" 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Society's headquarters, 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City.

Nostalgia will be the focus as Jerry Svendsen, former Del Webb Corp. Vice President of Public Relations, reminisces with visitors about how the holidays were spent in the early days of Sun City and Sun City West.

The Society's Sun City Christmas Card Collection will be on display. These are cards given by Del Webb to early Sun City residents to send to family and friends. The collection includes cards from 1960 to 1969.

Amanda Durand, one of the Society's founders, will be on hand to help the society celebrate its "new look" with new signage and a new trim color.

Christmas carols will be played, refreshments will be served and memories from holidays past will be shared.

Call 974-2568.



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#### Reminiscing

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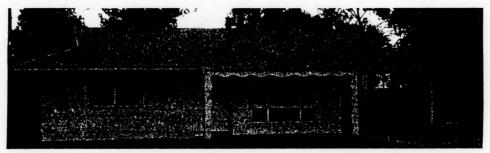
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#### Sun Cities Historical Society

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is featuring a display of Sun City Christmas cards for the holidays. The cards were given by Del Webb to early Sun City residents to send to family and friends. Cards from 1960 - the very first cards - to 1969 - the last of the series - can be viewed at the Society. Extra copies of the later cards are available for sale. The cards will be on display throughout December. Put a little nostalgia into your holidays and stop in to see them!

The Society is housed in the first model home built by the Del Webb Corporation at 10801 Oakmont Drive in Sun City. It is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of the Sun Cities - Sun City and its sister city Sun City West.

Exhibits at the Society chronicle the almost 44-year history of Sun City and the 25-year history of Sun City West. A photo exhibit of Marinette shows the cotton fields, mule teams and tent cities that were all part of a town that preceded Sun City.

History buffs will enjoy reading the Society's historical pamphlets and books. Stories about Del Webb, Marinette, Sun City, Sun City West, Lizard Acres and Vulture Road can be purchased at the Society.

The Society's other resources include model home information, maps, memorabilia, oral histories, photos, vertical files, an obituary and homeowner telephone directories from 1961.

The society is open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For more information call 623 974-2568.