

Roloff honored for Sun City service



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Sun City Home Owners Association’s latest Hometown Hero Honor was presented to long-time Sun City resident Ben Roloff, a local historian. The surprise tribute was presented to Roloff at an event focused appropriately on history, the 125th birthday bash for Del Webb at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Roloff has served the Sun Cities community in many ways, aside from dedicating countless hours researching and preserving history. In 2015, he began making trips to the Arizona State Archives and compiled five large binders of detailed and extensive research of Sun City’s formative history. On tiny microfiche, he reviewed every Sun City newspaper published from 1958 to 1985 and today leads regular history lectures through the Sun City Lifetime Learning Club.

“The history of our community – the original active adult community – has been well documented by Ben, not only for us, but for future generations,” said Lisa Gray, SCHOA general manager. “He is so deserving to be recognized and thanked for his ongoing years of service to this community that will provide memories and education for years to come.”

SCHOA’s Hometown HERO Program was created to recognize and honor Sun City residents who are making a difference in the lives of others within the community. Recipients are chosen monthly and could be an individual or group, but they must live in Sun City and serve Sun City residents. To nominate someone, visit suncityhoa.org/hometownhero on the SCHOA website.