

SUN CITIES AREA  HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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FRIDAY                      12 NOON                      NOVEMBER 14, 1986  
SUNTOWNER RESTAURANT                      SUN CITY, ARIZONA

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"TODAY IS TOMORROW'S HISTORY"

DR. NOEL STOWE

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

CONCLUDING REMARKS	JANE FREEMAN
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OPENING REMARKS      Introduce self

This is an exciting day and we thank you for being part of the excitement. To start the program, will you please stand for the Invocation by Dorothy Koehn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Col. Morrill.

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While we are waiting to be served please be sure everyone at each table becomes acquainted with each other and enjoy being together. This being Friday, if one wishes a fish entree please let your waitress know.

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RECOGNITIONS

We would not be here today if it were not for many people supporting our efforts for the last several years - starting with the writing of JUBILEE...and these people continue to support us.

At this time we want to recognize some of those who have been behind us all the way. With the exception of one, they have been promised they did not have to speak - just sit back and enjoy themselves. First, Paul Tatz, President of the Del E. Webb Communities, Inc. ( or as we knew it back then, DEVCO) and we have asked Paul if he would say a few words.



with the local media as well as the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette. Will those of you whom I have mentioned plus the other people representing their papers please stand <sup>so</sup> we may applaud your efforts. Thank you, and we know we can count on your continued support.

In looking around the room I see so many deserving of recognition, and actually just by being here you all should be recognized. However, we must keep our program within an hour and a half time frame. I do want to recognize some, what I call "living history" people - those who lived in the town of Marinette and who have been a great source of information - John and Amanda Durand....and Amanda, will you please introduce your guest whom I understand also lived in Marinette. If you haven't already looked at the Marinette map on display, be sure to do so as it is the result of recall on the part of John and executed by Emil Fischer.

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As a matter of interest, how many of you have been associated with another historical society somewhere? Please raise your hands. I know Paul Morrill is still active with Maine, Lola Eberhart in Ohio, Emil Fischer in Kansas and Margaret Francis a fifty year member of the Peoria AZ society! And a special thank you to her for joining us today even though it meant cutting short a therapy session.

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At this time, Glenn Sanberg, who has been serving as vice president, will give a brief background picture as to how we came into being and what SCAHS is all about.

Thank you Glenn.

All of this could not have happened without the efforts of a small group of dedicated people. To present the incorporators, is Rita Wright, who has been serving as secretary. Thank you Rita.

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Inasmuch as this is the organizational meeting under our Articles of Incorporation, I want to announce the trustees who will be serving this coming year. At the annual meeting in 1987, we will conduct a formal business meeting with membership participation. For the coming year serving a one year term (and eligible for re-election) will be Burton Davis, Lester Merydith, Helen Randall, and Kay Williams. For a two year term - <sup>Maurice Boatman</sup> ~~Loise Copes~~, Dorothy Koehn, Emil Fischer, and Paul Morrill. For a three year term and officers, Jane Freeman, President; Glenn Sanberg, Vice President; Rita Wright, Secretary, and Douglas Kennedy, Treasurer.

Three of the original incorporators have asked to go on "inactive duty" because of outside commitments and full time employment. However, Amanda Durand, Loise Copes and Wes Matthews have promised us their continued interest and support

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Introduce speaker - see separate notes

Thank you Dr. Stowe. We certainly have our work cut out for us but you have given us the encouragement ~~and hope~~ <sup>it's nice to know</sup> to do so. And ~~we hope~~ we can look to you for help when we send out an S O S.

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#### SEARCH LIST

Before bringing the meeting to a close, we have a search list on which we need help read list

We hope we have stimulated your interest in preserving today for tomorrow's history - now is the time to do it. We ask your support and that of your friends. You will be hearing more about our and your activities during the coming months and we know we can count on you.

Be a charter member - remember, today is tomorrow's history. *stop at the membership table on your way out.*

Thank you for coming and take time to look over the exhibit.

Noel J. Stowe, Biographical Sketch

Noel J. Stowe came to Arizona State University in 1967. He has taught classes on the Southwest, Latin America, and Public History. In 1979, he helped to plan and found the public history program at Arizona State. The new program prepares historians for professional careers outside the classroom. The first class was admitted in the spring of 1980 to the editing and publishing option. In 1982, he was responsible for planning and initiating the second public history emphasis on business, a program preparing historians for careers in the business sector. This year ASU is preparing to add four additional emphases including community history, historical administration, historic preservation, and the public sector. Stowe serves as codirector of the public history program and is currently in his ninth year as director of graduate studies for the Department of History. His scholarly interests encompass Southwestern history, colonial Mexican history, marketing history, and business history. He has published a book on California government (1980, 2nd edition) and has two articles forthcoming in the University of California Press journal, The Public Historian. This past year he served as Chair of the National Council on Public History, a national professional organization of public historians. Currently, he is vice president for programs for the Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona. With Beth Luey, who also directs the public history program, he is working on a history of the accounting profession in Arizona. Stowe received his bachelor and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California.

Sun Cities Area History Society      Statement of Purpose: Glenn Sanberg  
Suntowner 11/14/86      Charter Membership Meeting

When 20 people got together on October 20, 1982 at the First Federal S&L Community Room...we had no idea that we were not only launching a book celebrating Sun City's 25th birthday, but an historical society as well.

Now here we are 4 years later fully organized, ready to offer to the world a vast storehouse of invaluable historical material of one of the most important sociological developments in our nation's history.

This Society did not just happen. It was conceived and brought into being by a group of dedicated people who for the past year and a half have :

- \* Formalized the organization with a Board of Trustees
- \* Filed the necessary incorporation papers with the State

of Arizona.

\* (And thanks to the good offices of the Del Webb Communities Corporation) we are in the final stages of being certified under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as a tax-exempt corporation.

\* Hundreds of valuable documents, pictures, and other memorabilia are now coralled in one place where they are being sorted, identified and stored - most of them irreplaceable :

pictures of the cotton fields where Boswell Hospital stands - Mr. & Mrs Frazer<sup>s</sup> who won the contest naming Sun City..Del Webb talking to his friends at a 1960 get-together...Listen,,/L.C.Jacobson, Webb's first and only partner describe how he got a job as a carpenter with Del Webb - or hear Jim Boswell describe how he sold his 20,000 acres

to the Webb Corporation...Read the ads inviting people to the opening of Sun City's first models in January 1960...study the treaty between Oakmont and Fairway Rec Centers filed with the Secretary of State permitting use of each other's facilities .....

And I could go on and on.....a vast storehouse of historical data that reflects a significant period in the greening of America...and it's right here for us to preserve, protect and display.

Our society is now at a critical point in our journey as a viable community enterprise. If we are to preserve our identity as the greatest retirement community in the world, if the breakthrough of the sociological concepts of Del Webb's Sun City's is to be preserved for study, research, and enjoyment of generations yet to come, we must build a permanent structure on the historical foundations we have laid here today.

Four years ago we had a dream - a dream of a book that would tell the story of Sun City as it celebrated its 25th anniversary.....and it came true when 10,000 copies of JUBILEE was published.

We have another dream today - a dream of a permanent historical museum for the Sun Cities area.

By becoming a charter member of this Society, you will be taking a big step in making that dream come true.....I keep hearing Del Webb's voice when he said, "I can build you a city, but only you can fulfill its promise."

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