

Historians to plan formal organization

Sun City may have a historical society and a history book in the same month.

Announcement was made Friday at a meeting of the principals of "Jubilee—A History of Sun City" that the 280-page history book will be bound and ready to distribute Thanksgiving week. The price will be \$5.

At the same meeting historian Glenn Sanberg, who chaired the Friday meeting of those involved in the history book project, signed 11 others on an ad-hoc Historical Society committee.

Those who volunteered to study the possibility of forming a real historical society are Mildred Baker, interviewed pioneers; Emil Fischer, inside line drawings; Jane Freeman, coordinator; Dorothy Koehn, volunteerism; Wesley Matthews, Devco architect in the early days; Les Merydith, self-government; Col. Paul Morrill, art Mu-

seum; Florence Otter, churches; Helen Randall, planning committee; Sanberg, coordinator; and editors Rita and Gene Wright.

There were 23 people at the meeting. Each recounted the amazement and pleasures he/she had encountered while preparing chapters of the book, which has almost 300 photos.

The printing cost is \$3,500^{35,000} which the group hopes to pay from sale of the 10,000 copies at \$5 each.

Distribution and sale will be handled by the Lions Foundation. Sam Higginbotham and Tom Cleves are co-chairmen for this activity.

Any profit will be divided between the Lions and the Sun City Library, which has offered to house the permanent collection of memorabilia now stored in the office at the Daily News-Sun which the researchers used as home base for the book project.

Historical club forms in Sun City

Society is sparked by authors of book

By VICTORIA M. STEVENS
Special for The Republic

SUN CITY — Retirees who compiled the first history of Sun City plan to form a historical society to preserve the community's 25 years of memorabilia.

A 280-page book, written, edited and illustrated by Sun City residents, is providing the catalyst.

"The photos of our centers, the original agreement from the governor of the state of Arizona — these are the kinds of things that should be preserved in a formalized way," said Glenn Sanberg, chairman of the Sun City Silver Anniversary history project and a former correspondent for *The Arizona Republic*.

Several contributors to the book will form an ad hoc committee, which will set up guidelines for the historical society. A follow-up meeting has not been scheduled.

"There's tremendous interest, and I would be very surprised if there's not an immediate response to the idea (of a historical society)" Sanberg said.

"There are enough people here who have background in the city to make preserving our memorabilia attractive."

Jane Freeman, a project coordinator, said Bell Library's board of directors approved the library as a headquarters for the historical society. There, historical material will be gathered and restored, Freeman said.

The society also hopes to display historical documents in the library.

Members of the Silver Anniversary Project Committee began gleaning information for the city's historical account in 1982.

The first 10,000 copies of the soft-cover book, selling for \$5 each, will be distributed after Thanksgiving at the Sun Dial, Fairway and Bell recreation centers, Sanberg said.

Residents unable to go to the centers can call and volunteers will deliver the book to their homes. The phone number will be released later, he said.

Revenue from the book will cover \$35,000 in printing costs and provide funding for the historical society, Sanberg said.

Area historians plan historical society for SC

Plans for a Sun City Historical Society edged forward last week when the group of historians which published "Jubilee" reviewed proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws needed to form an historical society.

The group has applied for membership in the American Association for State Local History and is also studying many of its publications.

The steering committee includes: Wes Matthews, Paul Morrill, Helen Randall, Dorothy Koehn, Les Merydith, Emil Fischer, Rita and Eugene Wright, Glenn Sanberg, Amanda Durand, Burt Davis

and Jane Freeman, temporary chairman.

Helen Randall and Dottie Koehn are acting secretaries.

The group meets at 10 a.m., third Thursday each month in Menke Sun City Room.

At the March 21 meeting, it is hoped bylaws and articles of incorporation will be ready. The group plans to apply for 501C3 tax-exempt status.

Problems of culling materials for archives to be located in Bell library also will be discussed.

Mrs. Freeman says residents interested in joining the group are welcome to attend.

History group seeks SC brochures, home plans

Home model brochures and floor plans are being sought by the Sun Cities Historical Society to complete its records of Sun City model homes.

The society is currently in the process of organizing.

Serving on the organizing committee are Loise Copes, Burton Davis, Amanda Durand, Emil Fischer, Jane Freeman, Dorothy Koehn, Wesley Matthews, Lester Merydith, Paul Morrill, Helen Randall, Glenn Sanberg and Rita Wright.

Among items being sought by the group are a brochure entitled "Active Living" and covering model homes 1-5, model home series 11-8, an original brochure of house series No. 30 introduced

in 1964, brochures of Quads-Foursomes from 1973-74, patio apartment floor plans, and a brochure of Cranbrook and Berkley models added to the 1976 Heritage series.

Also being sought by the society are materials published by the Del E. Webb Development Co.

These include price lists, newsletters, maps and promotional material.

Sun Citians able to donate these items are to call Mrs. Wright, 972-9310, or the Bell Library, 933-9619.

Sun City West residents wanting to donate model home brochures and advertising are to call Mrs. Copes, 584-1438.

Society seeks historic data

The Sun Cities Historical Society is looking for missing records and information concerning Sun City's model homes. The following are some of the items missing from their files:

- A brochure entitled "Active Living," (blue cover) describing model homes 1-5.
- Model home series 11-8.
- Original brochure house series, number 30, introduced in 1964.
- Brochures of the "Quad/Forsomes," from 1973-74.
- Patio apartment floor plans.
- Brochures showing addition of Cranbrook and Berkley

models to the 1976 Heritage Series.

Residents who have any of the above items and are willing to donate them to the Historical Society, are asked to call Rita Wright at 972-9310 or the Bell Library at 933-9619.

Any other materials published by DEVCO, such as price lists, newsletters, maps, promotional materials, etc., are also needed.

Sun City West residents having model home brochures, advertisements, etc., are asked to call Loise Copes at 584-1438.

Residents interested in working with the Historical Society, are welcome to call Glenn Sanberg, 977-9961.

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Historical group seeks help

The Sun Cities Historical Group is in need of volunteers with expertise in preserving historical documents, cataloging, storing, etc., and is asking for help from area residents.

The group will meet 9 a.m. Jan. 17 in the Sun City Room at Menke Funeral Home, on Coggins and 103rd drives. Interested volunteers are welcome to attend. Call 977-9961 or 974-5377.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a non-profit corporation under Chapter Five of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The corporation is organized and is to be operated as a non-profit corporation exclusively for civic and educational purposes and to promote the common cultural interests of the residents of the Sun Cities area comprising Sun City, Sun City West and Youngtown, and to this end shall

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have the power to further its purposes and affairs including any and all lawful affairs for which non-profit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona.

ARTICLE III - PLACE OF BUSINESS

The known place of business shall be 16828 99th Avenue, Sun City, Arizona, 85351.

ARTICLE IV - INITIAL BUSINESS

The business and purpose of this corporation shall be to collect and preserve historical data relating to the geographic area of the Sun Cities and to carry out such endeavors by educational, literary, scientific and charitable applications of its assets within its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

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1954.

ARTICLE V - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

This corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future law). No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes and powers.

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ARTICLE VI - MEMBERS
Any individual or business organization interested in the activities and purposes of the corporation shall be eligible to become a member of the corporation on such terms and conditions as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - PERPETUAL EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of this corporation, distribute any and all surplus, capital, or assets thereof to one or more domestic non-profit (as de-

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finied under the then existing Arizona Revised Statutes) corporations, societies, or organizations engaged in activities and having purposes substantially similar to those of this corporation and which are tax-exempt under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future law), or if none exists, to one or more funds, foundations, or corporations located in the State of Arizona, conducted solely and exclusively for civic, charitable or education purpose, no part of the net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any private member, trustee, officer, or individual of that entity. Any such assets not so distributed by the Board of Directors shall be distrib-

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uted by the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, in and for the County of Maricopa, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The business and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees who may exercise on behalf of the corporation all powers of a non-profit corporation. The initial number of trustees shall be twelve (12). The following individuals shall be the corporation's trustees until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Loise Copes, 12808 Castle-

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bar Drive, Sun City West, AZ
Burton Davis, 9706 Alabama Ave., Sun City, AZ
Amanda Durand, 14244 Sarabande Way, Sun City, AZ
Emil C. Fischer, 15201 Rosewood Drive, Sun City, AZ
Jane J. Freeman, 10516 Prairie Hills Circle, Sun City, AZ
Dorothy L. Koehn, 10515 Roundelay Circle, Sun City, AZ
Wesley Matthews, 11409 110th Drive, Sun City, AZ
Lester Merydith, 9915 Royal Oak Road, #1075, Sun City, AZ
Paul M. Morrill, 10901 El Capitan Circle, Sun City, AZ
Helen H. Randall, 9915 Royal Oak Road, #1061, Sun City, AZ
Glenn Sanberg, 11003 Cam-

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eo Drive, Sun City, AZ
Rita Z. Wright, 11029 Bluefield Court, Sun City, AZ
ARTICLE X - STATUTORY AGENT
The corporation hereby appoints Paul M. Morrill of 10901 El Capitan Circle, Sun City, Arizona 85351 who is now and has been for more than three (3) years past, a bonafide resident of the State of Arizona as the Statutory Agent of the Corporation. This appointment may be revoked at any time by the filing of an appointment of a successor agent.
ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATORS
The names and addresses of the incorporators are:
/s/Jane J. Freeman
Jane J. Freeman, 10516 Prairie Hills Circle, Sun City, AZ. 85351
/s/Paul M. Morrill

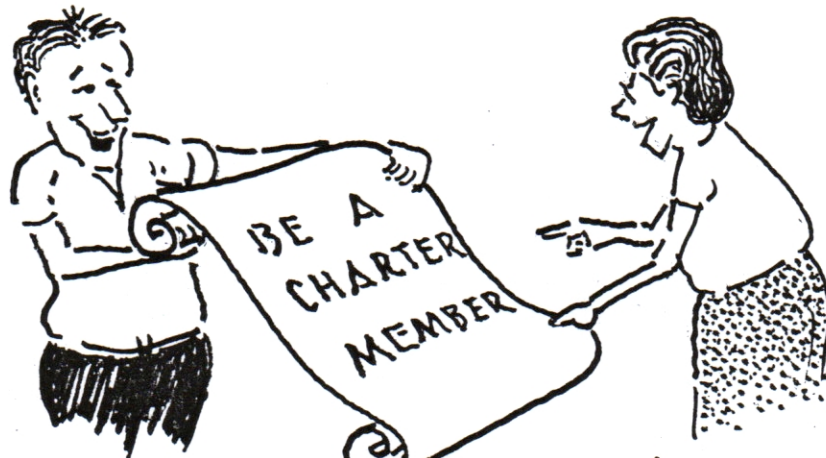
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Paul M. Morrill, 10901 El Capitan Circle, Sun City, AZ. 85351
/s/Glenn B. Sanberg
Glenn B. Sanberg, 11003 Cameo Drive, Sun City, AZ. 85351
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above signed incorporators have hereunto set their hands as of the 24th day of March, 1986.
STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of March, 1986 by
/s/Dorothy J. Madin
Notary Public
My Commission Expires June 28, 1989
SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
STATUTORY AGENT
I, Paul M. Morrill, having been designated to act as

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Statutory Agent for the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc., hereby consent to act in that capacity until removed, or resignation is submitted in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes and state that I am now and have been for the preceding three (3) years a bonafide resident of the State of Arizona.
Date: March 24, 1986.
/s/Paul M. Morrill
Paul M. Morrill
Publish: May 12, 13 and 14, 1986.

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*Charter Membership
and
First Annual Meeting*

FRIDAY NOV.14 , 12 NOON

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\$ 7.50

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SUN CITY LIBRARY : BELL REC. CENTER.

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Society formed to examine, preserve history of Sun City

Dr. Noel Stowe, chairman of the Department of History's Local History Project at Arizona State University, will be the principle speaker at the charter meeting of the newly-formed Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc., at the Suntowner Restaurant, noon Nov. 14.

The luncheon meeting is open to all area residents interested in future plans of the Society.

Formed after the publication of "Jubilee: the 25th Anniversary of Sun City," a committee of public-spirited citizens has formalized the organization as a non-profit corporation which is in the final stages of being certified by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as a tax-exempt corporation.

As a result of writing the history of Sun City, a vast storehouse of valuable information memorabilia has been accumulated, members say. For the past two years, the committee has been busy sorting, recording and preserving documents which will form the nucleus of a permanent historical record of the area.

Because of its unique nature, the Sun Cities area has become the object of interest to social scientists and researchers who come from all parts of the world to study the results of a new concept in retirement living. With a permanent society in place, anyone interested can have access to data that would not otherwise be available.

The complete story of the formation of the society and benefits of membership will be explained.

A temporary Board of Trustees of 12 presently oversees the society's operations. Officers currently serving are: Jane Freeman, president; Glenn Sanberg, vice president; Rita Wright, secretary; and Col. Paul Morrill, treasurer.

Cost of the luncheon is \$7.50 and reservations may be made at the Sun City libraries.

Historical Society to host 1st meeting Friday

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"It would be a tragedy not to preserve them," says Freeman.

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Perspective

What a historical society means

Any community that considers its past relevant to its future ought to have a way of preserving the elements of its history so that proper pride can be taken — or valuable lessons learned.

During Sun City's observance of its 25th anniversary, one of the most popular of its expressions was a bright red softback book, "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City." It is a history of the world-famous retirement community, researched, compiled and written by dedicated volunteers — and cherished by many residents of both Sun Cities.

Now, a citizens committee has formed the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Inc. as a non-profit corporation to continue the work of those volunteers.

At noon Friday, the society will have its charter meeting in the Suntowner, and everybody who has an interest in the area's history is invited.

The Jubilee committee, in researching material for the book, found stacks of information about the Sun City area, hundreds of pictures and much memorabilia. Not all of it could be used, so it was saved for sorting later.

Besides all that, stacks of material has been accumulating since the book was published in 1985. The committee has been organizing it, and continuation of that task

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is one of the purposes of the society.

The society's stated purpose is "as a vital guardian of the important and thrilling record of the past ... to collect, preserve, organize and display these historical gems in special exhibits from time to time (and) to acquire a permanent headquarters where permanent exhibits will be developed and maintained."

With so much organized data available on area history, it is obvious that sociologists studying the Sun Cities lifestyle and geo-social characteristics in the future will find valuable resources to use in their research.

On Friday, residents will be offered an opportunity to become charter members of the society in any one of several classifications. They will be explained at the luncheon and, of course, publicized later in the News-Sun.

This is an exciting venture, not only for the society's founders but for Sun Citians, who already know they live in a unique community.

And who, we believe, will welcome a chance to participate in perpetuating the story of the Sun Cities.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Sun Cities Area Historical Society

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Mr.
Mrs.
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All these efforts to tame the desert to agriculture failed to prosper and it was Del Webb who rescued the inhospitable desert from oblivion by establishing the most successful retirement community in the world — SUN CITY.

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It's a far cry from the first meager beginnings of Sun City in 1960 to the burgeoning community of 46,000 people who now call it their home and another 14,000 who turned the parched earth of area of the old cattle feeding lot called Lizard Acres into a flourishing sister community to the West — Sun City West.

No matter, the principle is the same — the unique concept of combining active retirement living with pleasant homes, excellent health and recreation facilities, churches, and business services met a growing need in America. It continued a trend that has now become an accepted lifestyle for retirees in all America.



Sun City, November 1959



Sun City West, October 1978

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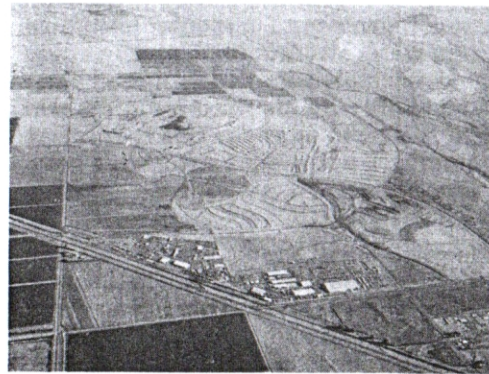
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1ST ANNUAL MEETING

SUNTOWNER Restaurant

FRIDAY NOV. 14, 1986

12 NOON

\$7.50 per person

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CHARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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INVOCATION	DOROTHY L. KOEHN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	COL. PAUL M. MORRILL
PURPOSE	GLENN B. SANBERG
RECOGNITIONS	JANE FREEMAN
TRUSTEES	RITA Z. WRIGHT

"TODAY IS TOMORROW'S HISTORY"

DR. NOEL STOWE

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

CONCLUDING REMARKS	JANE FREEMAN
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SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 1986

12 Noon

Suntowner Restaurant

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.

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.

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 ^{so} 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.

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.

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.

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 - ^{Maurice Boatman} ~~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

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~~ ^{it's nice to know} to do so. And ~~we hope~~ we can look to you for help when we send out an S O S.

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^s 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."

SUN CITIES AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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Burton Davis
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Helen Randall
Kay Williams

TWO YEAR TERM

Emil Fischer
Dorothy Koehn
Paul Morrill
MAURICE BOATMAN

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November 14, 1986

Historical Society to document Sun Cities

News-Sun staff reports

SUN CITY — What will someone need in 25 years to understand what's happening now in the Sun Cities?

Finding answers to that question will be the task of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society as it sets out to document the unfolding story of the two retirement communities, a history professor told the group at its charter membership meeting Friday.

"Your most basic, important goal is to capture a sense of today for tomorrow," said Noel J. Stowe, co-director of Arizona State University's public history program.

The society's formation has been four years in the works. Some of the founders met working on "Jubilee: The 25th Anniversary of Sun City, Arizona," published last year.

An historical society dedicated to collecting documents, photographs and other artifacts on the communities was a "natural outgrowth of that effort," said President Jane Freeman.

Although not incorporated until this year, members of the group have been collecting and storing documents in their homes since work began on the 25th anniversary book, Freeman said.

The society's ultimate goal is to have a home for the artifacts, "but that's a dream that will take many years to realize," Freeman said.

"We want this to be the one place people can go to for information about the history of Sun City and Sun City West," Freeman said. "Now, they've got to go to the (Del E.) Webb (Communities Inc.) offices, the local newspaper, the hospital and several other places to find the bits

and pieces of our history."

Officers and trustees for the fledgling group were announced at the noon membership luncheon Friday. They are President Freeman, Vice President Glenn Sanberg, Secretary Rita Wright and Treasurer Douglas Kennedy. All the officers also are serving three-year terms as trustees.

Two-year trustees are Emil Fischer, Dorothy Koehn, Paul Morrill and Maurice Boatman. One-year trustees are Burton Davis, Les Merydith, Helen Randall and Kay Williams.

Memberships in the society range from a \$15 annual family

membership to a \$250 life membership. Seventeen people joined the group at Friday's luncheon, including three life members, Freeman said.

Stowe, who addressed the meeting on "Today Is Tomorrow's History," said the group will make it easier for future generations to find out what life in the Sun Cities was really like.

"Most historians come to material by accident," Stowe said. "That is, they find the papers and photographs and other documents that someone just didn't get around to throwing out. So

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they're left with the refuse to try to decide what life was like."

He said the historical society can make an organized effort to collect "history as it occurs," but that's still not an easy task.

The group will have to be selective in choosing what to keep and what not to keep, he said. "Don't just compile statistics. Collect the stories of people living their lives."

Newly-formed group attempts to preserve Sun Cities history

By LAURIE HURD-MOORE

Although Sun City has become known as one of the most successful retirement communities in the world, few people are aware of the history of the community before it became known as Sun City.

That history begins with R.P. Davie, a business adventurer from Wisconsin, who founded Marquette, Ariz. (the original name of the location where Sun City now exists).

From there, Davie sold his land to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. which turned the area into a compound for its employees. Then, in 1936, J.G. Boswell purchased the land.

The land was used mainly for cotton farming until the late 1950s when it was purchased by a developer by the name of Del Webb. The rest, they say, is history.

But some local residents fear that history will be forgotten. A group of Sun Citians have joined together to form the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and begun collecting and preserving items from the community's past.

The Historical Society is an offshoot of the book "Jubilee," that was published in 1985 and that detailed the history of Sun City.

Jane Freeman president

of the society, says the group eventually hopes to raise the funds necessary to construct a museum, which would house various Sun City-type exhibits.

Currently, several of the members are acting as curators, storing and caring for boxes of historical documents and memorabilia within their own homes. Freeman's home contains dozens of boxes of photographs, newspapers and Del Webb publications.

Displayed on a folding cardboard backdrop, are various Sun City postcards, advertisements and a Sun City Christmas record from 1964. The presentation is used as a sampling of the group's inventory and is taken to various meeting places for public viewing.

"A lot of these items came from what was the Del Webb Co. It is now Webb Communities, Inc. They gave us full access to their files over the last two or three years since we worked on 'Jubilee,'" says Freeman.

"We cleaned out literally thousands of pictures -- some with no dates or IDs (identifications) on them," she says.

And some the the society's collection was amassed through donations made by members of the community.

"People live here and go through their things, cleaning up. We ask them if they have anything of interest to contact us," she

adds.

The organization's next move will be to create an oral history program, whereby members of the Historical Society go out into the community and interview various people that have spent many years in the Sun Cities area.

Freeman says the collection is not so much for today, but to be preserved for tomorrow.

"Unless we collect it today -- we lose it."

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc. has issued a "Search List" for items needed for their collection. They include:

- Sun City's "HERE" magazine issues from January and February, 1977.

- A picture of the railroad highway marker sign "Marquette" and "Webb."

- A picture of the "Lizard Acres" sign -- Sun City West.

- The complete 25th anniversary supplement to the *News-Sun*, three sections, Jan. 29, 1985; The 20th anniversary supplement dated Jan. 24, 1980 and the 15th anniversary supplement dated Jan. 14, 1975.

- Early Sun City West memorabilia.

- Metal shelving for storing materials.

Residents are urged to contact a member of the society if they have any materials they wish to be preserved. Telephone 974-2569.

SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1987 SPRING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 1987 2:30 P.M.

SWAIN HALL, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12225 N. 103rd Avenue
Sun City

PROGRAM

" DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?"

PANEL

James G. Boswell, II
Chairman of the Board
James G. Boswell Company

John Meeker
Former President, DEVCO

Owen Childress
Former Executive Vice President
DEVCO

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD ENTITLES YOU TO RESERVED SEATING

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SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 25, 1987

You are invited to share in reminiscing about our Sun City community by three major leaders in its creation and development on

Wednesday April 15, 1987 2:30 P.M.

Swain Hall First Presbyterian Church
12225 103rd Ave Sun City

PANEL: James G. Boswell, II
Chairman of the Board
J. G. Boswell Co.

John Meeker
Former President
DEVCO

Owen Childress
Former Executive Vice President
DEVCO

We also invite you to become a charter member of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society (SCAHS) to participate in the collection and preservation of historical data pertaining to our Sun Cities area. Inasmuch as today is tomorrow's history, it is important that we act now before important data is lost.

Please read the enclosed pamphlet and send in your membership today and mark April 15 on your calendar!

Cordially,

Jane Freeman
President

Historical group welcomes three Sun City founders

Three men who were part of the original Del Webb team that developed Sun City will get together to reminisce about the early days of the community at the next meeting of the Sun Cities Historical Society.

The meeting will be held 2:30 p.m. April 15 in Swain Hall at First United Methodist Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City.

John Meeker, former president of Del E. Webb Development Co., Owen Childress, former executive vice president of the company, and James Boswell II, chairman of the board of the James G. Boswell Co., will be the guests at the meeting.

The public is invited.

Sun City founders to address society

John Meeker, Owen Childress, and James G. Boswell Jr., three of the original developers of Sun City, will appear at an open meeting of the Sun City Historical Society on April 15.

The meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. in the First United Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City.

"The Society feels honored to be able to share this rare opportunity with other members of the community," said Jane Freeman, society president.

Meeker is the former president of the Del E. Webb Development Corp. Childress is the former executive vice president of Webb. Boswell is board chairman of the James G. Boswell Co.

The men will engage in a "remember when" discussion, society officials said.

More information is available at 977-9961.

Founders to discuss 'early days'

SUN CITY — For the first time in years, three of Sun City's founders will meet to about the early days of the community.

They'll be onstage 2:30 p.m. April 15 in Swain Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The three are John Meeker, ex-president of the former Del E. Webb Development Co.; Owen Childress, former executive vice president of the same firm; and James G. Boswell II, chairman of James G. Boswell Co.

Boswell is a member of the family for whom Boswell Hospital is named and whose land and funds helped found Sun City.

The Sun City Area Historical Society has made arrangements for the "remember when" session. The Sun Citian responsible for getting the trio together is Jane Freeman, society president.

Glenn Sanberg will moderate the program and Dorothy Koehn and Kay Williams arranged the meeting.

The historical society was formed last year as a non-profit corporation organized for education, collection and preservation of information on the area's history.

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Three Sun City founders to be reunited at meeting

Three men who were part of the original Del E. Webb team that developed Sun City back in 1960 will be reunited once again at the next meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

John Meeker, former president of the Del E. Webb Development Co., Owen Childress, former executive vice president of the company, and James G. Boswell II, chairman of the board of the James G. Boswell Co., will be present at the meeting to discuss the early days of Sun City.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held 2:30 p.m. April 15 at the First Presbyterian Church of Sun City, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City.

"This is the first time the three men have gotten together

for many years," says Jane Freeman, president of the society.

"The society feels honored to be able to share this rare opportunity with other members of the community."

Call 977-9961 for further information.



JAMES G. BOSWELL II

Historical Society program features 3 Sun City pioneers

SUN CITY — Three men instrumental in the birth of Sun City will tell how it was in those early days at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The setting will be Swain Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Two of the three were executives with the original development company, Devco, now Del E. Webb Communities Inc. They are John Meeker, former president, and Owen Childress, former executive vice president.

The third man is James G. Boswell II, chairman of the James G. Boswell Co.

They will reminisce at a program planned by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

The public may attend the free meeting, said society President Jane Freeman.



JOHN MEEKER



OWEN CHILDRESS



JAMES BOSWELL

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Meeting is in First United Presbyterian Church

SUN CITY — Reminiscences of the early days of Sun City will take place in the First United Presbyterian Church.

The meeting, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, will have the Sun Cities Area Historical Society as host. Speakers will be John Meeker, Owen Childress and James Boswell II.

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Perspective

Historic get-together

On Wednesday, there will be a reunion of three colleagues who haven't had a good get-together in years.

And, of course, as usually happens at this kind of reunion, there'll be plenty of reminiscing about the yesterdays they shared.

These three, however, will be reminiscing not over a cup of coffee but at 2:30 p.m. before a large crowd in Swain Hall of First United Presbyterian Church, at the invitation of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

John Meeker, former president of the Del E. Webb Development Co., (Devco); Owen Childress, former executive vice president of Devco; and James G. Boswell II, chairman of the James G. Boswell Co. board, will talk about the early days of Sun City when they were deeply involved in its development.

What these three men remember will add a vital chapter to the historical data of the area that the society is collecting and preserving. All area residents are invited to hear the men who remember Del E. Webb as a mentor and a friend. As they tell their

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stories, many early residents who attend will be reminded of their own experiences during the community's first few years.

Formed last year, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society had its origins in the work done by a volunteer group on the Sun City 25th anniversary publication, Jubilee. The society's expressed purpose, as a "guardian of the past," is to remind the public, through programs, special exhibits and an occasional publication, that the retirement communities of this Northwest Valley area are pioneering communities, and unique.

The "Do You Remember When" chat is one that anyone interested in the beginnings of retirement communities ought to hear. So, mark April 15 down as an important date — not just because it's income tax day but because it's a day when you can hear history relived by those who helped shape it.

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'Remember when?'

Webb: 'To hell with the contest, I like the name Sun City'

A panel of judges was trying to select the winning name for a soon-to-open retirement community northwest of Phoenix on Dec. 8, 1959.

"As I remember, Mr. (Del E.) Webb walked through and said, 'To hell with the contest, I like the name Sun City,' and that was it," James G. Boswell II said.

Boswell, John Meeker and Owen Childress — three men who were instrumental in creating and building Sun City — were speakers at a "Remember When" panel discussion at the April 15 meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Webb and Boswell, former chairman of the board of the James G. Boswell Co., jointly developed Sun City by forming a Webb Corp. subsidiary called the Del E.

Webb Development Co., or DEVCO.

DEVCO was controlled by a five-member board, three members from the Webb Corp. and two from the Boswell Co.

"It took four out of five votes to do anything, and I always called that our Russian veto," Boswell said.

The night before Sun City opened to the public on Jan. 1, 1960, is the most vivid memory for Childress, former DEVCO executive vice president.

"We finished getting everything ready the night before, on New Year's Eve, and we finished about 8 o'clock," Childress said.

Meeker, former DEVCO president, and Childress stopped at a Peoria bar before going home.

"I remember sitting there

and asking if he (Meeker) thought anyone would show up," Childress said.

Sun City opened Thursday, Jan. 1, 1960, and by Sunday, more than 100,000 people had visited the retirement community and 237 homes had been sold.

The concept of Sun City as an "active retirement" community wasn't new. DEVCO officials were determined, however, to improve on the ideas already implemented in some Florida communities, Meeker said.

"In many parts of Florida, the practice was to put up signs saying the future shopping center will be here, the future recreation center will be here and so on," Meeker said. "Our philosophy was to put the facilities in first."

Boswell said homes and

recreation-center facilities deliberately were built at the same time in sections of Sun City.

"We tried to create the small-community idea," he said.

The Sun Bowl, an open-air amphitheater, was built as a sales tool for DEVCO, and the idea was duplicated in Sun City West with the Sundome, Meeker said.

"We used it as a sales tool," he said.

DEVCO sponsored shows and entertainment, such as Lawrence Welk, to attract potential buyers into the community.

Many groups expressed a desire for a similar indoor facility, Meeker said, "and out of that evolved the Sundome."

Sun City founders reminisce

By DAN BURNETTE
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — How many acres originally were purchased for the development of Sun City?

Does the community have any custom homes, and, if so, where?

How did Sun City get its name?

These and other questions were answered Wednesday as three executives involved in the founding and early development of Sun City met to reminisce at a meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

John Meeker and Owen Childress were president and executive vice president of Del E. Webb Development Co., better known as DEVCO. James Boswell was president of J.G. Boswell Co., partner with the Webb company in the venture that eventually opened in 1960 as Sun City.

Glenn Sanberg, vice president of the Historical Society, moderated the hour-long session, attended by about 250 people at Swain Hall, First Presbyterian Church.

Childress said he vividly remembers going out for a drink with Meeker very late in the evening before opening day. While the drinks were being served, the two looked at each other and at the same moment asked, "Now that we've done all this, do you think anyone will show up?"

Sun City wasn't the first retirement community in the United States (neighboring Youngtown claims that title), but it was one of the more unusual, the three men said. After all the planning and initial construction, they still weren't positive the place was going to sell.

It wasn't just the desert environment and the relatively new concept of an "active-lifestyle" com-



Three executives who played key roles in the founding of Sun City met recently to talk over old times before the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. From left are John Meeker, former president of Del E. Webb Development Co.

community that had the developers concerned about whether Sun City

Meeker said previous retirement communities, such as those in Florida, wouldn't build the amenities like recreation centers until a number of homes were bought.

"You would walk around and see signs that would say, 'future golf course' or 'future library,' "

Meeker said. "So many other projects just never panned out. We wanted the facilities in from the would be a hit. Previous efforts in other parts of the country to sell homes to retirees left much to be desired.

beginning so people would be assured they were really going to be there. I think it was that commitment to doing it right that set

(DEVCO); James G. Boswell II, recently retired chairman of J.G. Boswell Co., and Owen Childress, former DEVCO executive vice president.

(News-Sun photo)

Webb apart from others," Meeker said.

Meeker said he felt more confident about the prospects of Sun City when one man put \$500 down on a home before the lots were even laid out.

After reminiscences from the panel, Sanberg opened the discussion to questions from the audience.

Sun City quickly surpassed dreams of originators

By Karen Kirk
The Phoenix Gazette

SUN CITY — It was New Year's Eve 1959, John Meeker and Owen Childress had worked well into the night putting the final touches on model homes in what was little more than a patch of farm land northwest of Phoenix.

The next day they would unveil developer Del E. Webb's plans to turn the 10,000 acres of cotton fields into a thriving retirement community.

Before making these plans, Webb's company had done its homework. It commissioned studies in Florida to find out what retirees want in a community and designed its facilities accordingly.

Webb then flooded the market with ads heralding the beginning of a new concept in retirement living. It even sponsored a name-the-community contest in which first prize was a house.

But the question remained: Would the concept sell?

On the way home that night Childress and Meeker stopped at a nearby watering hole to unwind.

"It was like a magic moment," Childress said. "I said, 'Now that we have done all this, do you think anyone will show up?'"

To their surprise — and most everyone else's — an estimated crowd of 10,000 attended the grand opening of what is now Sun City.

Sun City's planners did not expect such a turnout, nor did they expect their project to grow into a community of 46,000 residents that would gain international attention for the opportunities it offers senior citizens.

"It exceeded my expectations in size and in facilities. I was surprised at what evolved out of the growth — the hospitals and the recreation facilities," Meeker said during a recent visit to Sun City.

He, along with Childress and Jim Boswell, former chairman of the board of the Boswell Corp.

California; returned to the community recently for a panel discussion sponsored by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

For nearly an hour they fielded

questions about Sun City's history and shared stories of building the community's foundation.

Meeker attributed Sun City's success to the opening of Boswell

Hospital at 10401 Thunderbird Blvd.

"When we started planning the hospital, we had plans for a modest 50-bed facility. Boswell called me one day and said he had a proposition for me. They would contribute \$1.2 million if the community would match that. The community raised it, he gave us the money and the hospital was built," he said.

Since that time, Boswell Hospital has grown into a 355-bed facility, which not only offers crisis care, but preventive health programs as well. Its campus also includes a research center that has attracted nationally-known scientists who are working to discover cures for diseases affecting the elderly.



John Meeker



Owen Childress

Boswell said his company got involved with Sun City because it was intrigued by the size of Webb's project and by the success of the nearby retirement community of Youngtown, created by Elmer Johns.

"Elmer had established that you could have active retirement. I had a concern about creating a geriatric community. I thought if we could push active, active, active, Sun City could avoid the stigma that plagued some retirement places that did not succeed.

"But none of us could foresee the growth of this active retirement," Boswell said.

Before Webb and Boswell could make the Sun City dream a reality, however, they had to overcome a number of roadblocks, not the least of which was financial. Webb officials were at first concerned that they would not be able to sell retirees on a 30-year home loan.

"In those days they originally had to get an FHA mortgage which had strict requirements. For example, they considered refrigeration as a luxury, and so people who bought houses here had to make that much

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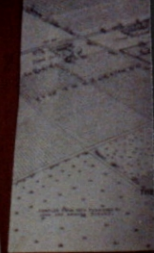
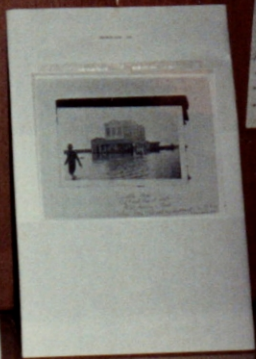
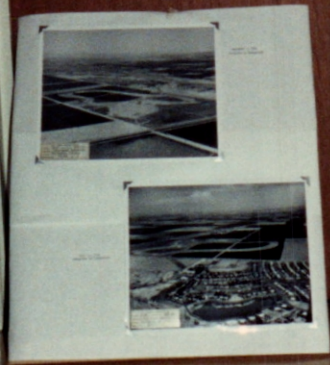
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THE SUN CITIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY's first meeting featured Jane Freeman and Glenn Sanberg presenting life memberships to Sun City legends Jim Boswell, John Meeker and Owen Childress.

Sun Cities Area Historical Society

By Jane Freeman

Ever since the publication of *Jubilee*, the chronicle of Sun City's first 25 years, a small group of dedicated residents have been busy sorting and recording documents to form the nucleus of a permanent historical collection. Out of this endeavor, the non-profit Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc. (SCAHS) was born and is now incorporated under the laws of Arizona.

Because of its unique nature, the Sun Cities have become an object of great interest on the part of social scientists and researchers. Indeed, these twin communities are now considered one of the most important gerontological laboratories in the world.

Caught up in the importance of retaining a storehouse of historical information about their place of residence, many locals contributed invaluable memorabilia such as photographs, key chains, postcards, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, etc., during the writing of *Jubilee*. Del E. Webb Communities, Inc. (formerly DEVCO) generously turned over many of its files and records as well.

Underscoring the Society's motto, "Today Is Tomorrow's History," Webb President Paul Tatz noted, "It's important that these documents be compiled now while they are still available. Every resident within the Sun Cities is a valuable part of this process and I hope they continue to provide items that are part of the communities' history."

SCAHS' next meeting is slated for November 19, at which time there will be a well-known speaker. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and SCAHS memberships will be available.

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SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL PROGRAM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1987

2:00 P.M.

SMOOT HALL LAKEVIEW UNITED-METHODIST CHURCH

103rd Ave. & Thunderbird Blvd.

PROGRAM*

"EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT - WHY WE STUDY LOCAL HISTORY"

DR. ROSS PETERSON, HISTORIAN

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

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AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME - Emil Fischer's beautifully illustrated book, THE CHURCHES OF THE SUN CITIES. \$5.00 for members; \$8:00 for non-members.

*There will be a SHORT annual meeting preceding the speaker.

*sent to persons attending 1987 meeting
but who did not join*

SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 15, 1987

GOOD NEWS!

Because you are a good friend we want you to know in advance about the program for the annual meeting of our Society to be held

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1987
1:30 P.M. - Smoot Hall
Lakeview United Methodist Church
103rd Avenue and Thunderbird

By special arrangement and at the request of hundreds of Sun Citians who have attended his summer classes at Utah State University, Dr. Ross Peterson, noted author, lecturer and historian will be the speaker. Dr. Peterson comes to Sun City because he believes we have something to offer the society in which we live. Don't miss this golden opportunity to become informed, entertained and inspired.

And an added surprise! For the first time offered - the beautifully illustrated book by Emil Fischer, THE CHURCHES OF THE SUN CITIES. An accomplished artist, Emil Fischer is well known for highly artistic pen and ink drawings and has shown interior and exterior views of each church. A limited number of copies have been printed and will be available at a very nominal price.

Mark your calendar now for this historic meeting - Tuesday, November 19th, 1:30 P.M., Smoot Hall, Lakeview United Methodist Church.

Cordially,

Jane Freeman
Jane Freeman
President

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society will be held at Smoot Hall, Lakeview United Methodist Church Thursday, November 19, 1987 at 2:00 p.m.. All members are invited to attend.

Normal business matters and election of new trustees will be the order of the day. The Nominating Committee presents the following people for election to the Board of Trustees:

Three Year Term

Joe Davisson
Lester Merydith
Helen Randall
Kay Williams
Leona Yeager

Two Year Term

Ronn Broadway

One Year Term

Burton Davis
Spencer Earnshaw

If you do not plan to attend the meeting please mail your proxy vote as indicated below.

Jane J. Freeman
Jane J. Freeman
President

PROXY

I hereby give my proxy vote at the Annual Meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, November 19, 1987 to

Rita Z. Wright, Secretary
11029 Bluefield Court
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Signature of Member

Date

Please mail proxy to the Secretary at the above address if you do not plan on attending the meeting.

SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Churches

November, 1987

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is happy to present this copy of "The Churches of the Sun Cities" to you in appreciation for your cooperation in helping to make this book a reality.

If you would like to have copies available for your members, we will offer you a 10% discount on ten or more books. The book will sell for eight dollars (\$8.00).

If you are interested, please complete and return the form below. The books will be delivered to you. Payment is due with the order, checks made out to SCAHS.

This book will make an excellent holiday gift.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Freeman
Jane Freeman, President

TO: Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc.

Enclosed is our check for \$ _____ for which
please deliver _____ books to

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ATTENTION OF _____

YOUR	10 or more	books = \$72
COST	15	books = \$108
	20	books = \$144

Dr. Ross Peterson Addresses SC Area Historical Society

A nationally prominent expert in the field of Contemporary United States History will be the principal speaker at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society open to the public at 2 p.m. November 19 at Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sun City.

Dr. F. Ross Peterson, popular Professor of History at Utah State University, Logan, Utah will discuss the background of recent critical social and economic changes taking place nationally under the subject: "Everyone is Important — Why We Study

Local History."

Well-known by residents of the Sun Cities who spend summers in Logan Peterson is a favorite lecturer whose overflow summer classes attract hundreds of Sun Citians each year. The author of three major historical books, and scores of articles in professional publications, Peterson is also in demand as a lecturer at home and abroad. This summer he was guest lecturer at Victoria University, New Zealand.

An additional feature of the meeting will be the presentation of Emil Fischer's illustrated book "The

Churches of Sun City." New churches have been added to the collection and modifications in the older ones updated by the artist. Published in book form for the first time it will be offered at a nominal price with proceeds going to the Society. The artist will be on hand to autograph copies.

A short business meeting will precede the program which will start promptly at 2 p.m. in Smoot Hall, Lakeview United Methodist Church, 103 and Thunderbird. A special invitation to new residents was issued by Jane Freeman, Society president.

Historical Society to meet

SUN CITY — The second annual meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Smoot Hall, Lakeview Methodist Church, 103rd Avenue and Thunderbird.

The featured speaker will be F. Ross Peterson, a nationally known historian from Utah State University.

The public is invited.

"The Churches of the Sun Cities," a book of pen and ink sketches by Emil Fischer, a society trustee, will be available for the first time during the meeting. Fischer will be available to autograph books. All proceeds will go to the benefit of the society.

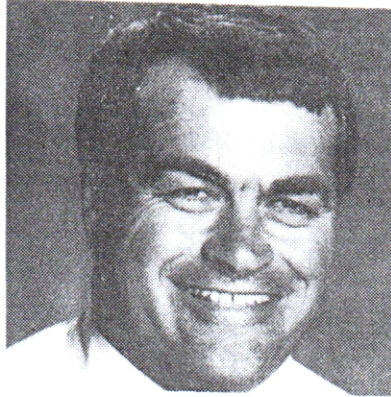
Copies of the book may also be purchased at the Bell and Fairway Center libraries.

Famed historian speaks to society

Nationally-known historian Dr. F. Ross Peterson will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Sun Cities Historical Society.

The meeting will be held 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sun City.

Dr. Peterson, a professor of history at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, will discuss the background of recent social and economic changes taking place in the United States.



Peterson is the author of three historical books.

Also during the meeting, local author and artist Emil Fisher will be on hand to autograph his book, "The Churches of Sun City."

The book will be available for sale and all proceeds will be donated to the Historical Society.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Historical society to hear from expert

Dr. F. Ross Peterson, professor of history at Utah State University in Logan, will be the principal speaker at the second annual meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at Lakeview United Methodist Church, 103rd Avenue and Thunderbird Boulevard, Sun City.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will include a presentation of *The Churches of Sun City*, a book of pen-and-ink sketches by Emil Fischer. Fischer will be available to autograph the book.

Proceeds from sales of the book go to benefit the historical society. More information is available at 977-9961.

Historians publish new book, search for permanent home

News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — It was the realization in 1986 of the uniqueness of Sun City that prompted a small group of citizens to form the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc.

While Sun City had become known as a successful retirement community, in 1985 — the year of its 25th anniversary — few people were aware of its distant past, and no one had saved any materials to preserve its recent history.

To prepare for publication of "Jubilee, The 25th Anniversary of Sun City" a small group salvaged materials being discarded by the Del E. Webb Corporation here. The News-Sun loaned the group a tiny room for an office, and with some filing cabinets and card tables, the sorting and filing began.

Today this organization has over 40 members, a board of 12, has released a second publication and hopes to acquire permanent quarters in which to display materials in a Sun City Historical Museum. It will be developed and maintained by a group of trustees.

Present officers and trustees include: Wester Maurice Boatman, president; Jane Freeman, past president; Glenn Sanberg, vice-president; Rita Wright, secretary; Doug Kennedy, treasurer; Ronn Broadway, Burton Davis, Joe Davisson, Spencer Earnshaw, Emil C. Fischer, Lester Merydith, Ellen Randall, Kay Williams and Leona Yeager.

Fischer prepared a series of pen-sketch drawings used to illustrate the group's second publication of Sun City Churches, on sale at \$8 at both Sun City Libraries. A group of about 10 historians wrote the text. An autograph session for the book will be scheduled soon.

The group's brochure de-

scribes how German mineralogist Henry Wickenburg had prospected for gold in the hills overlooking what is now Sun City.

Near the turn of the century, R.P. Davie, a business adventurer from Wisconsin, bought and leased thousands of acres between the New River and Agua Fria rivers and envisioned a city of industrious farmers and tradesmen.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company established a compound for its Southwest Cotton Company in Marinette, a settlement given its post office in 1912, the year of Arizona statehood. In 1936 Goodyear sold the 20,000-acre Marinette Ranch to the J.F. Boswell Company.

"All these efforts to tame the desert to agriculture failed to prosper, and it was Del Webb who rescued the inhospitable desert from oblivion by establishing the most successful retirement community in the world — Sun City," reads the historical group's brochure. Boswell retained 50 percent partnership with this sale in 1959.

It continues to describe how "the parched earth of an area of the old feeding lot called Lizard Acres was turned into a flourishing sister community ... Sun City West."

What makes Sun City unique has caused it to be the object of great interest by social scientists and researchers around the world. This fact motivates the Sun Cities Area Historical Society members.

Membership is open to anyone interested in collecting and preserving the historical data of the area. Tax-exempt memberships start at \$15 for a family and progress to a Life Membership at \$250.

Inquiries may be sent to the society at 16828 99th Avenue, Sun City, Ariz. 85351.

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Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1988

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz.

Literarily speaking

SUN CITY — The architecture of the area's churches is the focus of "Churches of the Sun Cities," published by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Emil Fischer, a retired architect who lives in Sun City, did the drawings for the spiral-bound, softcover book. It is available for \$8 at Bell and Fairway libraries, Boswell Hospital Gift Shop, AmRic Bookstore and some churches in the area.

Architect sketches way through Sun Cities' churches

By CAROL ANNE GAINER
View editor

SUN CITY — His pen-and-ink sketches of Sun City churches first appeared in the Daily News-Sun in 1982.

Now, noted architect-artist Emil Fischer's sketches have been incorporated into a book: "Churches of the Sun Cities."

Although the softcover, spiral-bound book was published at the end of 1987, the public will have to wait until next week to meet the author at three autograph parties. They are 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 29 at Fairway Recreation Center Library; March 1 at Bell Recreation Center Library in Sun City; and March 2 at United Bank of Arizona in Sun City West.

What first strikes the reader about this "tour" of houses of worship is Fischer's dedication: "... to the people who after retirement, dared to leave old ties, establish new homes, make new friends and build new churches, thereby demonstrating a deep-seated faith that goodness will ultimately prevail."

What prevails in the book is Fischer's talent in reproducing the unique and diverse contemporary architecture found in the 37 existing Sun Cities' churches and synagogues. Both exterior and interior views allow for an overall picture of each structure. This will satisfy the curiosity of those people who have only passed by these places and wondered what they were like inside. It will also have appeal for anyone who appreciates the beauty of architecture.

As Fischer said in his introduction, the design of these

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church interiors is much subtler than its counterparts. The main body has removed once-distinct barriers. In essence, the main body is the entire open interior of the church. The nave and sanctuary overlap or flow together, enabling the congregation to be in close proximity of the priest, minister or rabbi.

In this respect, these modern designs seem to encompass the true feeling of brotherhood. In these churches, everyone is "together" — parish and clergy.

Unlike photographs, Fischer's wide-angle perspectives also provide an undistorted view of the interior. But these are not static, empty drawings. Fischer made each one really come alive by sketching the parishioners, clergy and choir.

Fischer's illustrations also show that appearances can be deceiving. The exteriors of some of these churches belie what's within the structure.

Some churches have more elaborate structuring. An example is the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church on Del Webb Boulevard. Its dramatic pyramidal structure is reminiscent of the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colo. But looking at the exterior gives no indication of its ornate interior design.

Other churches epitomize a simpler, basic design, such as First Baptist Church on Peoria Avenue and the Salvation Army chapel on Union Hills Drive.

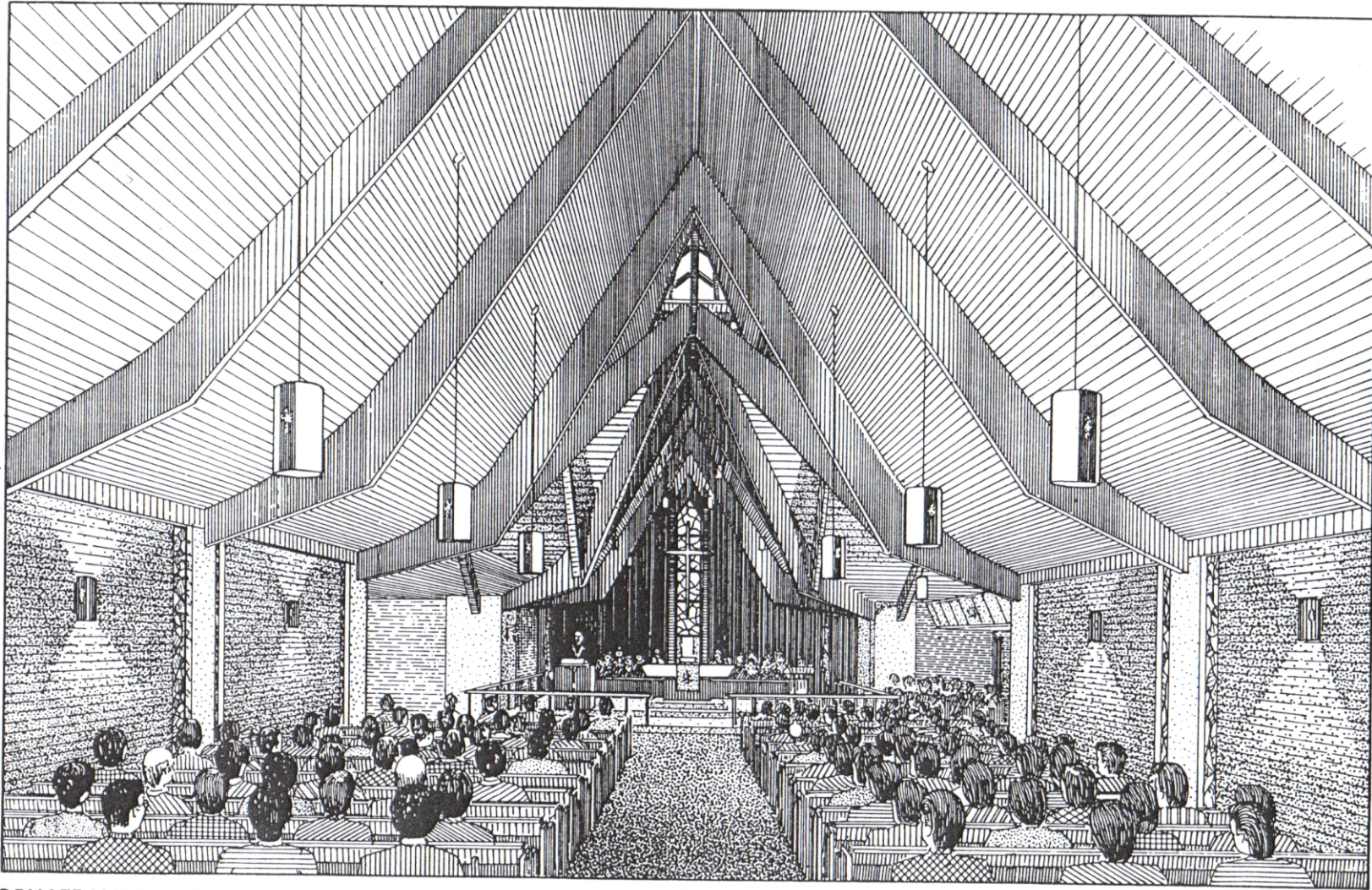
But these differences are what make each church individual. As each religion differs, so do its ways of expression. And architecture is one of those means.

This is where the accompanying text for each house of worship comes in handy. It provides

a brief history of the building and the religion represented, its activities and programs, and architectural information. Its capsulized contents — furnished by each church — keep the reader informed without being inundated with dry, technical data.

Thus, Fischer's book should have appeal for anyone interested in art, architecture, and the Sun Cities from a religious angle.

It is spiral-bound so that the Historical Society may augment its contents if and when new churches are built. The \$8 "Churches of the Sun Cities" is available at Bell and Fairway libraries, Boswell Hospital Gift Shop, AmRic Bookstore and some churches. It also will be available at the Feb. 29-March 2 "Meet the Author" autograph parties.



ORNATE NAVE — The ornate architecture of the interior of the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church has been recreated in this pen-and-ink drawing by architect-artist Emil Fischer. It is one of numerous interior and exterior

sketches he did of the 37 churches and synagogues in the Sun Cities. They are included in his book, "Churches of the Sun Cities," published by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

Author of SC church guide holds talk/autograph session

Emil Fischer, nationally known architect and author of "Churches of Sun City," will be on hand to talk to area residents and autograph copies of his book Feb. 29, March 1 and 2.

Mr. Fischer will participate in a "Meet the Author" autograph party 10 a.m.-noon at the following locations: Fairway Recreation Center on Feb. 29; at the Bell Recreation Center March 1; the United Bank of Arizona in Sun City West on March 2.

The sessions are sponsored by the Sun Cities Historical Society, publishers of "Churches of Sun City."

Mr. Fischer, former dean of the School of Architecture and Design, Kansas State University, has been sketching local churches since 1982. Copies of the book will be available during the autograph sessions.

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MEET THE ARTIST/AUTHOR

Emil C. Fischer

"Churches of the Sun Cities"

Published by

Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc.

You are invited

Monday, Feb. 29

Fairway Library

Tuesday, Mar. 1

Bell Ctr. Library

Wednesday, Mar. 2

Union Bank SCW

10:00 AM - 12 Noon

or



CHURCHES OF THE SUN CITIES

Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc.

16828 99th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351

Check enclosed for \$_____ for _____ copies at
\$8.00 per copy. PLEASE SEND TO:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1988

SPRING PROGRAM

APRIL 14, 1988

2:00 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12225 N. 103rd Ave.

PROGRAM

THE J. G. BOSWELL RANCHING OPERATION IN MARINETTE

SPEAKER: MR. "HANK" RAYMOND *

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE
EARLY HISTORY OF THE SUN CITIES AREA IS
CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

** unable to make it.*

Ken Parker, V.S. Salos, Webb was speaker

Early Sun Cities realty sales manager to speak

SUN CITY — Ken Parker, a sales manager from the early days of the Sun Cities, will be the featured speaker at the spring meeting of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society.

The meeting will be 2 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

Parker joined Devco (now Del E. Webb Communities Inc.) in 1964 in the resale division in Sun City. In 1965 he was transferred to Sun City, Fla. as sales manager and back to Sun City in 1986 as sales manager for new and resale homes. He is

currently serving as senior vice president of residential sales for Webb Communities.

Daily News-Sun, Sun City, Ariz.

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Historically speaking: *Sun City homes discussed, then and now*

People are only part of the narrative. Habitat also plays an important role in the Sun Cities story.

Ken Parker, the man who is credited with "having more to do with model home sales in Sun City and Sun City West than any other individual," will be the featured speaker at the Sun Cities Historical Society meeting, at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City.

The meeting is open to the public.

This will be an opportunity for many to hear the story behind the Sun Cities houses, from one who knows first-hand about the transformation of cotton fields and cattle feed lots, into viable communities, says Glenn Sanberg, vice president of the society.

Mr. Parker will present an overview beginning with the modest homes of the 60s, to the elegant homes of the 80s, and with it, some of the trials and tribulations of selling homes in a retirement community.

A native of Winslow, Mr. Parker graduated from Arizona State University and started with the then DEVCO organization in 1964 (resale division). In 1965, he was transferred to Sun City, Fla., as sales manager, then came back to Sun City, Ariz., in 1966, as sales manager for new and resale homes.

In 1969, Mr. Parker was promoted to vice president, and in 1972, to senior vice president. Currently, he's serving as senior vice president of residential sales, including Tucson and Las Vegas, for the Del E. Webb Communities, Inc.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society sponsors two major meetings annually.

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- l. Glenn Sarberg, V.P.
- r. Ken Parker, speaker

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SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 3, 1988

Dear Sun City Pioneer,

YOU are the reason for the Sun Cities Area Historical Society. We ask your cooperation in that you are the primary source of information re the development and history of Sun City.

Our Society is interested in preserving scrapbooks, photographs, memorabilia, anything pertaining to the "early days." Our motto "Today is tomorrow's history" speaks for itself when I remind you if we do not gather information now it will be lost. In the years to come our material will be valuable to historians and future residents.

If you think you have something that should be preserved and become a part of our archives, please call any of the people listed below so one of us may visit with you.

Enclosed is a notice of our November 17th meeting; we hope you will attend and know you will enjoy the speaker.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Freeman
Past President
974-5377

Glenn Sanberg 977-9961
Doug Kennedy 977-3107
Rita Wright 9729310
Emil Fischer 977-2070
Helen Randall 977-7691



SUN CITIES AREA



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LET'S GO!

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FALL PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 17, 1988

12:00 NOON LUNCHEON

SUN RIDGE

12221 W. Bell Road

PROGRAM

"HISTORICALLY SPEAKING.."

SPEAKER: Mr. James E. Cooke

ARIZONA REPUBLIC Columnist

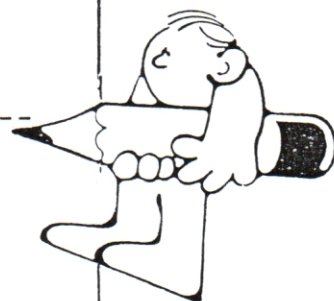
This should be a most interesting program as
Mr. Cooke is well versed in local history.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Please reserve ___ places for the luncheon at
\$7.50 each. Check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

(Make check payable to SCAHS (Sun Cities Area
Historical Society))

MAIL TO: Mr. Douglas Kennedy, Treasurer
13806 Gunstone Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351



Historical Society meets Nov. 17

SUN CITY — The Sun Cities Area Historical society, Inc. will hold its annual fall program at a noon luncheon Nov. 17 at Sun Ridge, 12221 W. Bell Road.



Cooke

Historical writer James E. Cooke will be the speaker. He writes weekly of Arizona history, chronicling its transition from a frontier to a modern society, blending history, nostalgia and humor.

Cooke has written two books: "Arizona 101," a humorous guide for newcomers and "Arizona Landmarks," published by Arizona Highways in 1985.

The historical society was organized in 1986 as a tax exempt group. Future plans call for a headquarters where items of historical interest relating to the Sun Cities can be displayed and available for research and study.

Tickets at \$7.50 each may be reserved by mail: Make checks to Sun Cities Area Historical Society and mail to Treasurer Douglas Kennedy, 13806 Gunstone Drive, Sun City, Ariz. 85351.

Information: 977-3107.

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Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1988

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Serving Sun City, Sun City West, Youngtown
El Mirage, Surprise, Waddell

35¢

SC Historical Society slates fall luncheon

The Sun Cities Historical Society, Inc. will hold its annual fall program, noon Nov. 17, at Sun Ridge, 12221 W. Bell Road.

The featured speaker will be James E. Cooke, a columnist with the *Arizona Republic*.

Mr. Cooke will present a talk on Arizona history.

The Society was organized in 1986 and future plans call for a headquarters where items of historical interest relating to the Sun Cities can be displayed and available for research.

Advance reservations for the Nov. 17 luncheon are required. Call 977-3107.

JAMES E. COOK

Columnist James E. Cook is an Arizona native (born in Phoenix Sept. 25, 1935).

He began his journalism career as a correspondent for The Arizona Republic while attending Flagstaff High School.

Cook joined the Republic staff in 1962 after a two-year tour with The Associated Press in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also edited weekly newspapers in northern Arizona.

Cook has held a variety of writing and editing jobs with The Republic, including service in the Tucson bureau and 15 years on the staff of the defunct Arizona, the newspaper's Sunday magazine.

Cook now writes three times a week about the history of Arizona, and its transition from a frontier to a modern society. His varied columns deal in history, nostalgia and humor.

In 1958 he received a bachelor's degree from Arizona State College at Flagstaff, now Northern Arizona University.

In 1981, NAU and the Associated Press presented Cook the Robert E. Eunson Alumni Achievement Award in Journalism. Eunson was a graduate of the college, a World War II combat correspondent for AP, and later an AP executive in New York.

Cook has written two books about Arizona: Arizona 101, a humorous guide for newcomers; and Arizona Landmarks, published by Arizona Highways in 1985.

Want to help Sun Cities go down in history?

By EVELYN BARBER
Editorial page editor

SUN CITY — We know about

our most ancient ancestors because they scratched pictures that told the story of their lives on walls of caves. We know about the rise and fall of a number of civilizations because of the hieroglyphs in tombs and the rude beginnings of alphabets on clay or stone tablets.

Even in the Dark Ages industrious monks in secluded monasteries drew the colorful



Barber

Double takes

manuscripts that tell us about those unenlightened days.

Finally, when Johann Gutenberg invented printing we had the means to tell our story far and wide in endless repetition.

This is a roundabout way of arriving at the point I wish to make. All those forms of communication would be worth little if no one had ever scratched or chiseled out or painted or typeset the history of his particular age.

That's what the Sun Cities historians believe. They are working to augment the history they presented in *Jubilee: The*

25th Anniversary of Sun City, which was published in 1985 and is highly praised by everyone who reads it.

History just doesn't stand still for its chroniclers and it's been nearly four years since Jubilee. Also, there's a large surplus of material that was gathered during the writing of the book and never used, but still must be organized and documented.

A Sun Cities Area Historical Society was officially incorporated in 1986 to collect, organize, preserve and display the historical data of these retirement communities.

Much has been done, but volunteers are needed to help catalogue archives this winter and

to work on an oral history project, taping interviews with area pioneers and people of interest who have enlivened the history of this area.

I know we have many residents who are qualified to do this fascinating work, but haven't heard about it before now.

And I know that in the Sun Cities we have people who are exceptional fund-raisers.

They are really needed because the society plans to start raising money to obtain a home for its precious memorabilia — a permanent headquarters where the work of historical preservation can be carried on.

(There's just so much space in a garage, you know, and then the stuff starts to spill over into other garages.)

History buffs who would like to get into it with both hands instead of simply reading about it have an opportunity to join with others who share their interest.

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society Inc. will meet for its annual fall luncheon at noon Nov. 17 at Sun Ridge, 12221 W. Bell Road. After lunch, historical writer James E. Cooke will speak — he won't bore you because he's extremely knowledgeable about Arizona and has a great sense of humor.

It would be a good way to meet members of the society (including Jane Freeman and Glenn Sanberg who were the prime movers of the Jubilee writing project) and perhaps think about joining the group and lending your particular abilities to the ongoing task of saving the history of this area.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and you can reserve by mail with Douglas Kennedy, 13806 Gunstone Drive, Sun City 85351; checks should be made payable to Sun Cities Areas Historical Society.

I like the society's motto: "Today is tomorrow's history," don't you?

Writer to speak to Sun City historical group

Arizona Republic columnist James E. Cook is scheduled to speak at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society Inc.'s fall luncheon Nov. 17 at noon at Sun Ridge, 12221 W. Bell Road, Sun City.

Cook's columns deal with history, nostalgia and humor as he writes about the transition of Arizona from a frontier to a modern society.

An Arizona native, Cook has written two books about Arizona, *Arizona 101*, a humorous guide for newcomers to the state, and *Arizona Landmarks*, which was published by *Arizona Highways* — See **COLUMNIST**, page C

Columnist to address society

— **COLUMNIST**, from page A

magazine in 1985.

The historical society is a group of Sun City residents who collect items related to the history of Sun City and its development, society spokeswoman Jane Freeman said.

The society was founded three years ago after the publication of *Jubilee*, a Sun City history book written for the area's 25th anniversary, Freeman said.

Freeman said that she and Glenn Sanberg, a society member, gathered information and items needed to write the book and that after the book was finished they decided to keep the historical items for display and

research.

"We had gathered these things, and we thought that they really should be preserved," she said.

The society still is looking for a place to exhibit its photos of the development by the Del E. Webb Corp., street maps, model-home information and sales film strips, telephone directories, magazine and newspaper articles about Sun City, and books written by Sun City authors.

Residents who have lived in Sun City since its development in the early 1960s donate items for preservation, Freeman said.

Reservations for the luncheon and more information are available at 977-3107.

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SURPRISE — Historical writer James B. Cook, who was reared in Peoria and on the Mongollon Rim, regaled 115 members and guests of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society at the annual meeting recently. The event was a luncheon and talk held at the Ridge Club of Sun Ridge.

Cook's father drove a cotton truck in Peoria at 30 cents an hour and worked during the summers as a firefighter on the Rim.

Cook said "only a fool goes into an area and talks about the history of that area. That's like taking a rope to a hanging."

Members fanned themselves with souvenir bright yellow and red Sun City Saints Fans resurrected by Alice Messick, who also has most of the Saints trophies.

Vice President Glenn Sanberg described the growing collection the group has of documents, photos and tapes.

"We must be about our business of establishing a permanent headquarters for this society," he said asking for "the faith, help and encouragement with this enterprise."

Other officers for the group are President Maurice Boatman, Secretary Rita Wright and Treasurer Douglas Kennedy. Board members also include Emil Fischer, Jane Freeman, Lester Merydith and Helen Randall.

Elected to three-year terms are Joseph Keenan, Lester Simpson, Jeann Woodford and Jay Woods; two-year terms: Kingman Eberhart and Evelyn Parry.

Officers will be elected the second Thursday of December by the board members.
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Newly-formed group attempts to preserve Sun Cities history

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Although Sun City has become known as one of the most successful retirement communities in the world, few people are aware of the history of the community before it became known as Sun City.

That history begins with R.P. Davie, a business adventurer from Wisconsin, who founded Marinette, Ariz. (the original name of the location where Sun City now exists).

From there, Davie sold his land to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. which turned the area into a compound for its employees. Then, in 1936, J.G. Boswell purchased the land.

The land was used mainly for cotton farming until the late 1950s when it was purchased by a developer by the name of Del Webb. The rest, they say, is history.

But some local residents fear that history will be forgotten. A group of Sun Citians have joined together to form the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and begun collecting and preserving items from the community's past.

The Historical Society is an offshoot of the book "Jubilee," that was published in 1985 and that detailed the history of Sun City.

Jane Freeman president of the society, says the group eventually hopes to raise the funds necessary to construct a museum, which would house various Sun City-type exhibits.

Currently, several of the members are acting as curators, storing and caring for boxes of historical documents and memorabilia within their own homes. Freeman's home contains dozens of boxes of photographs, newspapers and Del Webb publications.

Displayed on a folding cardboard backdrop, are various Sun City postcards, advertisements and a Sun City Christmas record from 1964. The presentation is used as a sampling of the group's inventory and is taken to various meeting places for public viewing.

"A lot of these items came from what was the Del Webb Co. It is now Webb Communities, Inc. They gave us full access to their files over the last two or three years since we worked on 'Jubilee,'" says Freeman.

"We cleaned out literally thousands of pictures -- some with no dates or IDs (identifications) on them," she says.

And some the the society's collection was amassed through donations made by members of the community.

"People live here and go through their things, cleaning up. We ask them if they have anything of interest to contact us," she adds.

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The organization's next move will be to create an oral history program, whereby members of the Historical Society go out into the community and interview various people that have spent many years in the Sun Cities area.

Freeman says the collection is not so much for today, but to be preserved for tomorrow.

"Unless we collect it today -- we lose it."

The Sun Cities Area Historical Society, Inc. has issued a "Search List" for items needed for their collection. They include:

- Sun City's "HERE" magazine issues from January and February, 1977.
- A picture of the railroad highway marker sign "Marinette" and "Webb."
- A picture of the "Lizard Acres" sign -- Sun City West.
- The complete 25th anniversary supplement to the *News-Sun*, three sections, Jan. 29, 1985; The 20th anniversary supplement dated Jan. 24, 1980 and the 15th anniversary supplement dated Jan. 14, 1975.
- Early Sun City West memorabilia.

- Metal shelving for storing materials.

Residents are urged to contact a member of the society if they have any materials they wish to be preserved. Telephone 974-2569.