



Memo to Members

*Latest happenings at your museum from
Ed Allen, president of the Board of Trustees*



Docent/Volunteer Appreciation Tea was a Successful Event ...



April 12 was a warm balmy day – perfect for a tea party on the McMillin Terrace! All docents and volunteers were invited along with some special guests. Tables had been set with china furnished by Priscilla Fenner, Yasmina Snider, and Toni Ashby. The kitchen was a buzz of activity as delicacies were prepared for the tea.



Scones were brought over from the oven at Oakmont. Board members Arlene Sampson and Heidi Speed prepared them for serving along with sandwiches and pastries.



Event chair, Pris Fenner, gave instructions to yours truly. AJ Kojac and I served as waiters.

Guests began to arrive, some adding a touch of class to the tea.

Among the special guests were:

Tanya Griffith and Dr. Bill; Ida Eisert from the SCRC Board (between Jane Quitney and Betsy Harris) and three Questers from Yucca Chapter – see other side.



Questers bring a gift to the Tea Party ... and a big surprise!

Kenlyn Boyd, president of the Yucca Chapter of Arizona Questers, presented SCAHS with a check for \$621.19 to pay for the historic designation plaque that we have mounted on the front of our house. Shown with the plaque are Sandy Jordan, Kenlyn Boyd, and Pat Forsythe. Kenlyn also told the group that Arizona Questers had agreed to help pay for a new roof when it is needed in a couple of years. Questers paid for the present roof 20 years ago. Thank you, Questers!!



Last day to visit the museum this season: May 13.

With many of our docents leaving for the summer, we are unable to continue to be open three days a week. The museum will, however, open for groups of six or more who wish a tour during the summer months. Call Julie Glass at the museum office, 623-974-2568, to make arrangements.

JUBILEE back in stock at the museum - only \$15 per copy.

Thanks to a generous gift from long-time museum supporter Connie McMillin, JUBILEE - the story of Sun City's first 25 years -- is available once again. Connie is also seeing to the reprinting of the Del Webb biography, and copies are expected to be available in early May.

Was Circle City the genesis for the circular street layouts in Sun City?

According to docents, the one, frequently asked question for which they lack a definitive answer is the reason for the circular street layouts. Unfortunately, none of those who planned them are around to answer. Our best guess has been that it was strictly a matter of design - something that set Sun City apart from other communities. The circular street layout was accompanied by the round Lakeview rec center. But here's another possibility...

Heidi Speed, one of our trustees, manages the library and museum in Youngtown. She pointed out that Ben Schlieffer developed Youngtown, and in the late 1950s moved further west along U.S. Route 60 to begin a new retirement community near Morristown. This was built as a retirement community for aging members of the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish fraternal and mutual aid society. Hence the name "Circle City," and a circular street layout. Could the Webb people been influenced by this unusual street layout? Guess it will remain another "mystery of history."

On a personal note, Loretta and I return to our Minnesota home on May 4. While the museum may be closed, work continues inside. Volunteers will be readying a new exhibit for the fall, and cleaning the interior. We are fortunate to have a strong core of dedicated volunteers and invite you to join them. It's really a great place to serve and to learn. Have a great summer!