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July 2023





Ronstadt Revival will perform at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

# **Summer closes** with '70s rock maven tribute

Sun City West is excited to welcome the Linda Ronstadt tribute band, Ronstadt Revival. who will perform on Thursday, Sept. 7, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive.

The show kicks off at 5 p.m.

The Recreation Centers of with doors opening at 4:30. Tickets are \$25 per person and go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

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### Yachtzilla! is a six-piece live band that brings stadium energy to the smooth sounds of Yacht Rock. Every show is a sing-a-long that feels like Sat-

urday night at a dueling piano bar. Get ready to rock and reminisce with Arizona's premiere yacht rock band - Yachtzilla!

# Autumn revs up with Welcome Back Dance

With cooler evening around the corner and Winter Visitors trekking back to Sun City West, it is time for the annual Welcome Back Dance featuring the Highway 85 Band on Friday, Sept. 22 at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

The dance kicks off at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com. Water and soda will be available for purchase at the Welcome Back Dance.

Founded in 2014, the Highway 85 Band is a solid six-piece classic rock, country and rhythm-and-blue variety dance



Highway 85 will perform at the Welcome Back Dance on Sept. 22.

band that knows how to bring out the energy in a crowd and pulling out all the stops with your favorite songs. With a polished look, a clean perform-

ance, and incredible sound mirroring your favorite performing artists, the band takes shows to the next level. They guarantee everyone will have fun!

# Hot tunes cookin' with Sizzling Summer Concert Series

Yachtzilla

Get some relief from the heat this summer by attending the Sizzling Summer Concert Series July 11 and Aug. 8.

The concerts will be held on Tuesdays, throughout the summer inside Palm Ridge Rec Center in the Summit Hall starting at 5 p.m.

### **Tickets are sold out!**

The Sizzling Summer Concert Series is sponsored by Sun Canyon Bank and includes:

### JULY 11 Yachtzilla!

The monsters of soft rock!



July 4 show features Come Back Buddy



Come Back Buddy will perform at the sold out Fourth of July concert at 1 p.m. at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

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# Hot tunes come to Beardsley Park

Enjoy the cool autumn weather with great music as Concerts in the Park returns in October.

The Rec Centers present Concerts in the Park. Three Thursdays in October will showcase a musical act at Beardsley Park, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

Concerts will be on Thursdays – Oct. 12, 19 and 26. Tickets are \$9 per person (four tickets per rec card) and go on sale Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Food trucks will be available at the first concert, Oct. 12, and there will be full concessions at the Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 concerts. Non-ticket holders may purchase food as well, as no ticket is required for the food trucks.

Concerts will be performed in Beardsley Park every Thursday on the following schedule:

### OCT. 12 Thaddeus Rose Band

Thaddeus Rose Band is a five- to eight-piece variety band that has mesmerized audiences for the past 20 years, entertaining large crowds in many of the Valley's best known hot spots. Most recently, Thaddeus and his band were awarded the 2016 Best Cover Band by radio-station Kool FM, 94.5; recognizing the groups distinctive influence



on the local music scene. Offering the best dance and rock hits of all times, Thaddeus Rose Band brings a high-energy performance like no other. The band continues to amaze guests and keeps them dancing all night.

OCT. 19

### Billy Shaw Jr. Band

Tucson native and Nashville recording artist Billy Shaw Jr. is Arizona's go-to, award-winning country music entertainer for classics, contemporary, southern rock and originals.

His signature black-framed glasses scream mild-mannered Clark Kent, but when he puts bow to fiddle, he transforms into a Country Music Superman. His stage persona features a unique soulful Southwestern rock country sound influenced by Charlie Daniels, Kenny Rogers, and Bob Wills. Critics have said his style reminds them of Midland, The Mavericks, Jon Pardi with a voice like Rob Thomas. Shaw's self-title debut album which was produced by Country Music Star Jamie O'Neal is available everywhere!

### OCT. 26 HiFi Allstars Band

HiFi Allstars is an energetic band covering multiple genres,



**Billy Shaw Jr. Band** 



### **HiFi Allstars Band**

including rock, pop, funk, and country. They have performed at many Sun City West dances and 2023 Cabaret series under different show themes! Come out and enjoy the high energy tunes by HiFi Allstars!

# Rec Centers announces July 4 closures

In honor of Independence Day , the Recreation Centers of Sun City West will close some offices on Tuesday, July 4.

Membership, Administrative Offices, Golf Operations and the R.H. Johnson Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

All RCSCW golf courses will be open regular business hours, with the exception of Desert Trails, which is closed for summer maintenance, and Grandview, which is closed for the current irrigation and turf reduction project.

The Sports Pavilion will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while Lizard Acres will be closed that day.

Members are encouraged to put member credit on their accounts before the holiday. There is no expiration on these funds. You can do this in these ways:

1. Call or visit Member Services, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays; 623-544-6100

2. Visit the express payment window outside Member Services, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays

3. Visit any open golf pro shop

4. Visit the R.H. Johnson Snack Bar in the lobby of the R.H. Johnson Pool

5. Pay with a credit card ONLY for 1-day use at any of the monitor stations at the four recreation centers

Rec Centers staff and Governing Board members wish our residents and guests a safe and happy holiday.

# Trio to dish up fun lunch tunes

Join the Recreation Centers of Sun City West for a Lunchtime Show featuring Scott Hallock Trio at noon Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Road. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are now on sale. Popcorn, soda and water will be available to purchase.

The Scott Hallock Trio has been together for 16 years delivering top-notch, high-energy variety professional entertainment to the masses.

The trio features: Scott Hallock - vocals, guitar, and ukulele; Suzie Kiraly - guitar, vocals and percussion; Leon Todaro - bass and vocals.

They deliver a wide variety of music from '50s to current; from rock to reggae, country, Motown, disco, classic rock, southern rock, dance music and line dance music.

The trio draws from a repertoire of over 900 songs, including "Pretty Women," "Crazy," "Stand By Me," and "Get Down Tonight."

"Lunchtime Show" says it all! Bring your favorite lunch meal and enjoy some music by Scott Hallock Trio!

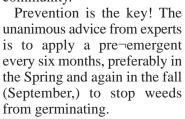


The Scott Hallock Trio will perform a lunchtime concert at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

623-544-6000

# **Use pre-emergent** to avoid a larger weed problem

The CC&R department is reminding homeowners that now is the time of year when weeds are growing. They have started to pop up in yards all around our community.



The pre-emergent should be "watered down" after applying to get down to the seeds and prevent germination from taking place.

Once you see the weeds growing, applying a preemergent will not kill them. At that point you need to apply a "post-emergent." (Please note that most weed killers must have a certain temperature to be effective - read the product label).

Also, the weeds we are seeing this year are part of the sunflower, tumbleweed, or native plant families, and some weed killers will not work on them. A special formulation may be needed to kill these weeds. Ask an exterminator.

Eliminating weeds is a threestep process:

• Step one - Apply a preemergent.

• Step two - Apply a weed killer as quickly as possible to prevent the weeds from developing and dropping seeds.

• Step three - Remove the dead weeds from your yard after they have died.



A pet-friendly option is available: Vinegar is also an effective weed killer. Unlike commercial weed killers, vinegar is ecofriendly and won't harm the environment, people or pets.

Also, add table salt to vinegar to destroy weeds forever!

Just make sure not to use salt on soil in a location you may ever want something to grow, as the solution will make sure that nothing grows in that spot again.

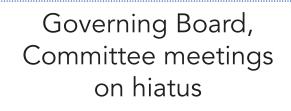
1. Pour 1 gallon of white vinegar into a bucket. Everyday 5 to 10 percent household white vinegar is fine for this weed killer.

2. Add 1 cup of table salt. Stir until all the salt dissolves completely.

3. Stir in 1 tablespoon of liquid dishwashing soap. This will act as a surface-¬active agent and will make the vinegar and salt solution adhere to the weeds more efficiently.

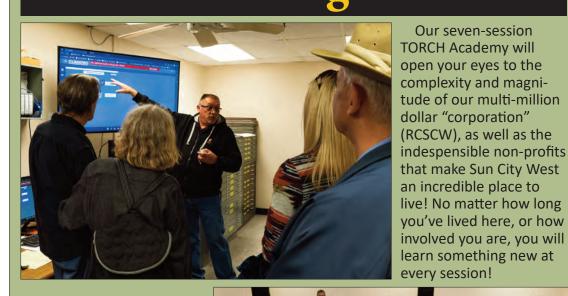
4. Funnel the weed killer into a plastic spray bottle.

5. Saturate the weeds with the solution on a dry, sunny day. Cover all the surfaces well with the solution. The plants soaked with this solution will die within a few days. Warning: They won't be back and nothing else will ever grow there.



The Governing Board and Committees will be off for the summer. Meetings will return in September.

# So you think you know everything about SCW? Think Again!



The Fall 2023 session is enrolling now. Registration is limited to the first 48 participants. Each class is about four hours long, Thursday afternoons for seven weeks (Oct. 5-Nov. 16), plus a Meet & Greet on Oct. 4.

### Generations

- General Manager
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- Putting Contest



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- GM/Board President
- Happy Hour!
- PRIDES
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- Northwest Valley Connect

Our seven-session

- Sun Health Foundation
- Community Fund
- Alliance of Business & Community
- Benevilla
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Graduation!



Visit suncitywest.com/ TORCH for a downloadable registration form and more information, or call 623-544-6110

Q&A

Governing Board

# July 2023



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# **Governing Board tackled** pressing issues this year

Here is a wrap up of some of had years the issues the Governing Board faced this past year, as well as other topics of interest.

1. Next year's budget included a semantic accounting change to provide greater transparency of how the Reserves are funded. The change is the wording at the bottom of the revenue column from "Excess Operating Cash Inflow/Outflow" to an expense line item "Reserve Fund Allocation".

Why is this important? Our Reserve needs are primarily dictated by our Repair & Replacement schedule. The Reserve Fund is the "savings account" we maintain to repair and replace the capital items that keep our facilities bright and shiny. (Reminder - Capital items cost over \$5,000 and have a useful life of five or more years.)

Historically, using "Excess Operating Cash Inflow/Outflow" was a reactive strategy to partially fund the Reserve. It meant that any leftover operating revenue would "Inflow" directly to the Reserve fund; conversely any operating revenue shortfall would "outflow" from the Reserves.

Having a reactive strategy leaves too much uncertainty in funding the reserves. We have

w h e n houses sold well, or golf rounds exceeded expectations and the "Inflow" into the Reserves was

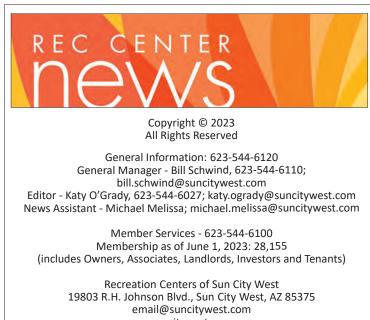


President

large. As we are seeing this year as houses are moving slower, and as golf rounds are trending down, we need a more dependable revenue stream to keep the Reserves where they should be.

Having a dedicated "Reserve Allocation" expense line item makes it easier for members to follow the money and see how their dues proactively provide funding for the Reserves, separate from the collection of APFs. By making this differentiation, RCSCW will have the flexibility to handle years with less than average operating revenues and higher than normal capital needs.

2. The Board discussed the use of an index to predict operating capital needs for the upcoming year. This goes hand in hand with separating the operating revenue from the reserve revenue. Using an index such as CPI to predict operational revenue needs, could take



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some of the guess work out of the budget process. An idea to be explored next year will be finding an appropriate index for operational revenue as we look at capital revenue separately. We do this to some extent now, but some members find the budgets to date have been a blur of operation and capital revenues and expenses.

3. This year the Governing Board re-instituted GM Ops meetings once a month. These meetings have provided a less formal, more open dialogue between the General Manager and Governing Board Directors held in a roundtable format. These meetings are open to members, with prior announced agendas and minutes that are published. These meetings are briefings on a list of topics and serve to set the agendas for Workshops and Regular meetings.

4. Water was an important topic again this year, as the ADWR finalized its Fifth Management Plan. Effective in 2025, golf courses in the Phoenix Active Management Area will be restricted to 90 acres of irrigated turf. RCSCW has been anticipating these new restrictions and has held up the Grandview irrigation project until the full level of restrictions was realized.

Grandview is the first of our irrigation rebuilds, and roughly 40 acres of out-of-play turf have been removed. The new irrigation system will be an obvious enhancement over the 40+ year old system. The new heads will be programmed much more efficiently to put just the right amount of water where it is needed.

Better irrigation isn't the only alternative to saving water. New turf varieties are being explored that are more temperature resistant and use less water. But saving water takes money. RCSCW was fortunate enough to receive four grants from the Arizona Department of Tourism to help with turf reduction to the tune of over \$400,000.

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# Visit rec centers in July

Join us for tours of our Rec Centers in July. Learn where the clubs are located plus see the pools and exercise rooms. All tours start at 8 a.m.

**July 10:** Beardsley - meet in front of the Arts/Crafts Building. Tour lasts approximately one hour.

July 11: Palm Ridge - meet in front of the Pool Building. Tour lasts approximately one hour. Tim Peterson

July 12: Kuentz - meet in front of the Star-

dust Theatre. Tour lasts approximately one hour. July 13: R.H. Johnson - meet in front of the Social Hall. Tour lasts approximately two hours.

**July 18:** Tour Library, Metal Shop, and Agriculture Club. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

For questions, call Tim Peterson at 623-544-6194.

# Sports Pavilion to reopen on Sundays this summer

The Sports Pavilion at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center will be open on Sundays this summer.

In the past, the center closed on Sundays due to low usage. However, the Pavilion has reopened on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lizard Acres Pub bar service will remain closed on Sundays, but the room is available for darts.

Monday through Saturday, the facility is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the summers.

The Sports Pavilion will be closed for its annual maintenance and cleaning regimen July 30 to Aug. 20. During this time, the lanes, approaches and ball returns are being replaced prior to re-opening the center on Monday, Aug. 21.

As a reminder, the Sports Pavilion is a private facility for our owner members and their guests. Some public play is allowed, after



members and leagues are accommodated. For information about league schedules, open play time and other questions, call 623-544-6140.

July 2022								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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2	3	4 Independence Day July 4 Concert - Come Back Buddy, 1 pm Palm Ridge	5	6	7 Rec Center News Submision Deadline	8		
9	10 Tour Beardsley, 8 am	<b>11 Tour Palm Ridge,</b> 8 am Sizzling Summer Series - Yachtzilla, 5 pm Palm Ridge	12 Tour Kuentz, 8 am	<b>13 Tour RH Johnson,</b> 8 am	14	15		
16	17	18 Tour Library, Metal Club & Ag. Club 8 am	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							
To confirm Governing Board activities, call 623-544-6115.								

# **April 2023 Financials**

OPERATING REVENUES	April	April	YTD	YTD	YTD	ARCHEIECT
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	PY	KGA JOE E WOODS BUT
Membership	1,296,839	1,279,951	12,654,204	12,615,422	12,722,018	KITTERI GARLOCK and ASSOCIATES GENERAL CONTRACTING
Recreation	5,440	6,826	103,132	55,806	94,763	
Golf Fees	1,208,123	1,174,245	8,641,300	8,573,639	8,322,148	OSTAL SERVICE SITE OF A
Bowling	46,522	26,230	691,814	562,640	640,299	
Special Events	(24,922)	2,910	264,070	278,102	243,276	NEW POSTAL
Ancillary Revenue	105,589	93,018	936,473	820,875	974,655	FACILITY
Verchandise Sales	28,615	8,933	97,611	93,092	131,746	
Food and Beverage	50,967	31,712	393,613	351,682	355,482	
nterest Income - Operating	29,350	0	80,032	0	2,537	
Other Income	872	0	3,579	0	1,687	
OTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,747,395	2,623,825	23,865,828	23,351,258	23,488,611	
DPERATING EXPENSES						
Nages And Benefits	1,362,613	1,380,072	13,711,545	13,584,071	12,362,432	
Jtilities	216,238	189,947	2,133,192	2,065,951	1,984,864	
Repair and Maintenance	170,286	165,445	1,423,312	1,396,681	1,227,472	
andscape Maintenance	82,560	108,610	1,871,493	1,783,080	1,822,776	
Supplies and Services	61,502	41,530	589,605	462,935	507,516	
Equipment	18,383	13,393	211,682	142,682	149,302	
axes and Insurance	64,024	64,270	661,622	652,750	628,914	
nterest & Financial Expense	71,587	55,477	545,114	476,493	453,658	
Operating Expenses	58,910	53,205	534,349	561,714	433,936	Post office groundbreaking ceremonies in July 1994 included, from
egal and Professional	12,892	27,815	94,522	227,850	225,686	left, Howie Wilson and Virginia Smith, co-chairs of the PORA Post
Employee Related Expenses	14,650	15,164	144,639	140,724	102,740	Office Committee, and E. Wayne Titus of the Sun City West Kiwani
OTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2,133,645	2,114,928	21,921,075	21,494,931	19,899,296	Club.
DPERATING CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW)	613,750	508,897	1,944,753	1,856,327	3,589,315	
CAPITAL RELATED						A Walk
nvestment Income-Reserves	(22,373)	37,569	427,444	375,682	1,657,018	
Jnrealized Gain (Loss) Investments	208,830	0	151,734	0	(4,331,343)	Through Sun Citics
Club Funded Capital	0	0	14,622	0	10,025	Through Sun Citics
Asset Preservation Fee	474,600	550,200	3,532,700	4,145,400	4,814,347	
Gain / (Loss) on Asset Disposal	4,104	0	51,795	(28,959)	(82,034)	
Depreciation Expense	(398,489)	(372,398)	(3,823,174)	(3,645,206)	(3,536,463)	
TOTAL CAPITAL RELATED	266,672	215,371	355,121	846,917	(1,468,450)	History
REVENUES OVER / (UNDER) EXPENSES	880,422	724,268	2,299,874	2,703,244	2,120,865	
Capital Project Expenditures	2,493,493	1,684,000	6,957,255	8,982,000	4,441,367	<b>Tenacious SCWesters</b>
Financials a	re preliminary	until accepted by	, the Governing Boa	rd.		
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Vear 22-23 Capital Projects \$100K or Higher - as of 1/30/2

Fiscal Year 22-23 Capital Projects \$100K or Higher - as of 4/30/23						
Project/Equipment	Budget	Total				
eneral/Administration						
Recreation / Sports Pavilion						
RHJ Parking Lot #2 - Mill & Resurface	915,000	989,933				
RHJ Interior Lighting - Convert to LED	370,000	302,773				
RHJ Arts & Crafts Flat Roof Restore	156,000	141,008				
RHJ Mini Golf Lighting Project	120,000	80,000				
Golf						
Grandview Irrigation Replacement	6,601,190	2,457,405				
Golf Maintenance Equipment	1,021,538	708,457				
Grandview Irrigation & Turf Reduction	551,604	201,040				
Golf Maintenance Equipment - Carryover	331,417	250,366				
Golf Maintenance Vehicles	234,193	176,793				
Grand View Shoreline Project #14	177,000	92,032				
Rental Cart Fleet	123,064	115,643				
Rental Cart Fleet - Carry Over	101,846	115,643				
Deer Valley Pro Shop Parking Lot - Mill & Resurface	114,000	135,405				

### A Walk Del Webb Sun Citics Through MUSEUM History

# **Tenacious SCWesters** get their post office

The next time you visit the nity – but those routes were Sun City West Post Office to mail a letter or package, you might want to stop and appreciate the tremendous effort and energy that went into creating the local facility nearly 30 years ago.

The story of the Sun City West Post Office is, indeed, a story of the incredible perseverance by a small group of Sun City West residents in the face of what many at the time considered to be insurmountable odds.

Sun City West opened to residents in 1978 and by 1985 the population had reached nearly 12,000. The United State Post Office maintained 12 delivery routes in the new commugrowing by nearly 200 homes each month!

To make things more difficult, those routes and all mail emanated from the post office in Sun City. The community had a contract station in operation at the Sundome Shopping Center, but the lack of a full-service postal station was becoming a point of frustration for residents of a growing community.

In the late 1980s, PORA officials took it upon themselves to take action - and urged residents to contact their state senators (Barry Goldwater and Dennis DeConcini) and request a solution.

\*\*Includes Carryover Budget and/or savings allocated by GM

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MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER: 623-544-6000 (All numbers have 623 area code unless otherwise noted)

RH JOHNSON REC CENTER: 544-6000 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Fitness Center: 544-6107 Swimming Pool: 544-6106 Tennis Reservations: 544-6151 Mini Golf, Table Tennis, Racquetball, Bocce: 544-6108 Auto Restoration: 518-3226 Broadcast: 602-538-1031 Ceramics: 546-0975 Lapidary: 584-8952 Lawn Bowls: 584-0617 or

544-6147 Men's Club: 544-6150 Metal Club: 584-0150 Model Railroad: 544-6148 Rip 'N' Sew: 546-4050 Silvercraft: 584-8153

**RH JOHNSON LIBRARY:** 544-6130 Data Resource Center: 544-6644

SPORTS PAVILION (Bowling): 544-6140 Lizard Acres: 544-6097 Memo's Bistro: 544-6116

**BEARDSLEY REC CENTER: 544-6525** 

# Phone Numbers

12755 Beardsley Road at Stardust Boulevard Pool/Fitness/Mini Golf: 544-6525 Bridge Club: 544-6529 Clay Club: 544-6530 Glass Fusing & Enameling: 544-6532 Horseshoe: 215-5807 Photography: 544-6520 Porcelain Painters: 544-6521

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### PALM RIDGE REC CENTER: 544-6581

13800 W. Deer Valley Drive Swimming Pool/Fitness: 544-6581 Computers West: 214-1546 Stained Glass: 544-6586

**GOLF OPERATIONS:** Tee Time Reservations: scw.totalegolf.com DEER VALLEY: 544-6016 DESERT TRAILS: 544-6017 ECHO MESA: 544-6014

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### ADMINISTRATION

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Betz: 480-341-2057 Mac-Cro-Knit, Janet

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623-308-9344 • Palo Verde Patchers, Kathleen McCulloch: 248-

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• Silvercraft, Kathy Estes: 208-447-8520

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• Bunco, Annie Heerup: 602-628-9255

• Card Players of Sun City West, Darrell Stachler 513-433-8230. Includes: Bid Euchre: Darrell Stachler 513-433-8230; Euchre, Diana Ringsmuth: 602-908-3425; Five Hundred, Dan & Karen Luska: 815-919-4742; Pan, Sheryl Cohen: 562-713-2367; Sheepshead, Rodney Schwarzhuber: 262-352-3810; Scott Hennecke: 623-243-9512

• Club 52 Card Club, Dana Sledd: 253-670-5850 • Cribbage, Arlin Bates:

605-939-5757 • Mah Jongg, Barb

McCart: 623-330-5708

### **Club Contacts** • Investment Club, Jamie • Men's Club, Jack Huff: 360-609-7899

• Pinochle, Louis Bonar:

847-404-9835

701-729-1572

2420

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9392

901-7969

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• Saturday Night

Gamesters, Larry Bosma:

DANCE

• Line Dancers, Patricia

Anderson, 701-371-6392

• Rock 'n' Roll Dance,

**HEALTH & FITNESS** 

• Aquacizers, Debra

Etheridge: 828-773-9186

Monten: 623-975-6671

ria Schroeder: 623-986-

Shaw: 541-980-4444

Forsey: 623-261-7889

• Arthritis Club, Mary Jo

• Energetic Exercise, Glo-

• Fitness Club, Marilynn

• Water Fitness, Sandra

• Yoga, Teri Huff: 360-

HOBBIES

Ruskowsky: 623-440-5557

• Automotive Restora-

tion, Tom Jones: 503-887-

tianson: 847-533-6958

• Computers West,

Norm Falcone: 360-250-

• Desert Garden Club,

David Wiegand: 715-370-

• Broadcast, John Chris-

• Agriculture, Jesse

Debbie Gould: 602-376-

• Country Western,

Maureen Riter: 719-235-

Gunyuz: 623-293-0238; includes Coin & Stamp • Model Railroad, Bob Rose: 623-826-3448 • Recreational Vehicle, Don Lothrop: 623-414-2940

• Rockhounds West, Joseph Toce: 608-797-1151

### **MUSIC &** PERFORMANCE DanceSensations, Jan

Capperauld: 623-236-8526. Includes: Barre/Ballet, Hula, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Tap, Clogging, Jazzy Poms, Tai Chi and Pilates

• Karaoke, Byron Brothers: 719-291-0379 • Music Club of Sun City

West, Cameron Craig: 303-324-4787 • Stardust Theatre Coun-

cil, Aletha Dellamo: 623-363-6612

• Theatre West, Frances DeWell: 623-680-1605 Westernaires Chorus Ken Kunze: 402-366-7377

### SOCIAL

• Boomers, Pam Kiest: 815-228-8585 • Canine Companions,

Peggy Hunter: 623-734-2209

• LGBT Club, Patty Book: 970-556-3745

Men's Social, Jack Huff: 544-6150 • Singles Club, Carol

Sarna: 602-422-0361 • Spanish, David Hodnik:

320-492-0725

• Sunshine Animal Club, Diane Cloud: 425-409-1365

For more information visit scwclubs.com

• Women's Social Club, Julie Koehn: 480-235-2400 • Zymurgy, Jacquelyn

Ryg: 815-218-1002

### **SPORTS - GOLF**

• Deer Valley Men, Ray Passarella: 920-579-0651 • Deer Valley Women, Teresa Pirkl: 608-220-7404 • Desert Trails Men. Dean Jaacks: 712-899-0575 • Desert Trails Women, Jane Heydt, 701-391-8526 Echo Mesa Men, Curtis Cooper: 253-397-7702 Echo Mesa Women,

Janis Nesper: 920-323-3117

- Golf Council SCW, Jim Anderson: 425-750-9258 • Grandview Men, John
- Lundien: 503-947-4344 • Grandview Women,
- Tina Walker: 602-620-2127 Ladv Putters SCW.

Tracy Anderson: 503-559-0361

• Men's Niners, Tim Flvnn: 480-334-2237 • Men's Putters, Carl

Kempf: 574-360-1526 Pebblebrook Men, Jay Nimens: 218-289-2695

• Pebblebrook Women,

Shay Eikner: 970-420-1177 Pebblebrook Lady Niners, Sue Bromley: 225-326-

3628 • Stardust Men's, Bill

Messersmith: 818-219-8202

• Stardust Ladies, Rebekah Minton: 360-789-

to access each club's website west 8628; Gail Selander: 425-

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375-3552 • Trail Ridge Men,

Richard Coon: 623-223-6179

• Trail Ridge Women, Terri Stauffer-Schmidt: 217-685-5763

### **SPORTS**

• Bocce, Carol Card: 207-951-3831

• Bowlers Association, lim Maley: 708-254-0236

• Cyclists, Kerrie Johnson: 480-427-7754

• Horseshoe Club, Arlin Bates: 605-939-5757

• Johnson Lawn Bowls, Chris Bangsund: 360-842-9536

• Mini Golf, Harry Abramowski: 623-374-2993

• Pickleball, Coleen Schaefer: 503-348-7650 • Racquetball/Whisper-

ball, Greg Steger: 563-271-3053

• Softball, Nicholas Missos<sup>.</sup> 574-551-4969 • Sportsman's, Audrey

Graff: 623-238-3499; in-

Diane Heisner: 248-703-

• Tennis Club, Bruce

cludes: Platform Tennis,

Dougan: 763-370-9795; in-

Butch Lynd: 618-581-0729;

Chartered Clubs leader-

ship is subject to change.

The list will be updated as

necessary. Call 544-6031.

Table Tennis, Debra Ross:

602-330-6224

8242

cludes Master Swimmers,

623-544-6000

# **Massage Therapy** available at rec centers

Meet the Rec Center Massage Team at R.H. Johnson, Kuentz and Beadrsley rec centers and receive quality massage therapy services with a large range of modalities to residents and guests here in Sun City West.



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Prices start at \$70 for a one-hour session, and \$100 for a 90-minute session with the possibility to add on

Cupping, CBD or Hot Stones at an additional cost. For more information about the massage therapists, prices and online booking, visit https://rellc.square.site. You may contact the owner, Katie, at 303-502-7606 or send her an email at suncitywestmassage@gmail.com.

# A colorful gathering



Join these lovely ladies for open coloring every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Men and women are welcome. The library provides the adult coloring books and colored pencils. A perfect way to relax and escape the heat!



# **Rontstadt Revival** to rock Palm Ridge

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The show is sponsored by Sun Canyon Bank.

Ronstadt Revival is the premier tribute band to singer Linda Ronstadt, performing the hits from this legendary artist.

From Linda's 1967 beginnings with The Stone Poneys to her amazing renditions songs by beloved



songwriters like Smokey Robinson, Warren Zevon, Lowell George, The Eagles and The Rolling Stones to her '80s smash album "Mad Love" with it's New Wave vibe. Ronstadt Revival will take you on a timeless journey of all of your favorites, including "You're No "Blue

Good," Bayou," "When Will I Be Loved," "Tracks of My Tears" and so much more.

# Happy birthday to SCW founding father

Alan Schlemmer, a docent for the Sun Cities Museum, gives a lesson on the founding of Sun City West on the anniversary of Del Webb's birthday. Approximately 100 people attended the birthday celebration.

RadioFace closes out Sizzling Summer Series

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**AUG. 8 RadioFace** Bringing the party to Sun City West is the RadioFace Band. One of the best cover bands in the Valley! From old classics to todays hits, they sure will end the Sizzling Summer Series on a high note. RadioFace is a Phoenix cover



multiple genres, from rock to pop to country, spanning many decades. The band aims to bring the party and get

band that plays songs from people dancing!

# Board continues water discussions

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As further water restrictions come down from the state and federal governments, our other large turf sporting surfaces such as lawn bowling and the softball outfield may come under pressure to convert to synthetic sport surfaces. While there will be water savings, the conversion costs would be several hundred thousand dollars each. Maybe there also will be grants available for this down the line.

5. Earlier in the year, a member alerted RCSCW that Maricopa County Flood Control Department was installing chain-link barriers and gates at the crossings of the flood control canals that run through the community. The Board held a meeting with the Maricopa County Ombudsman to discuss our dislike for chain-link fencing in a community where residents have CC&Rs prohibiting the use of chainlink fencing on their properties. The Ombudsman took our concerns back and Maricopa County reconsidered. As a result, the chain-link fencing was removed and corral type fencing was installed and painted.

6. Topics to be carried into next fiscal year include expanded video surveillance, credit card fees and abuse of Associate Member cards.

a. This year has seen continued golf cart thefts and thefts of catalytic converters outside of Membership at the R.H. Johnson campus. Video camera surveillance has been installed overlooking the parking lot with signage that warns would-be thieves as to their use. Expansion of video surveillance in other locations will be discussed.

b. Credit Card fees were a big topic discussed during this budget cycle; however, no consensus could be reached as to whether to continue to treat them as a cost of doing business or developing a policy to pass on the cost of using a credit card to the users. Over the years the fees have increased despite negotiations with credit card processors for better rates. As our revenues increase, the fees paid to processors will continue to increase. The amount paid for credit card fees will become a larger portion of our budget. Next year, the Budget & Finance Committee will be doing a deep dive into credit card fees, and avenues of potential mitigation.

c. The position of the Governing Board is that RCSCW facilities are paid for by RCSCW Cardholders and for the exclusive use of RCSCW card holders and their guests. It is alarming that some Owner-Members are circumventing our procedures to enable non-residents to obtain Associate Member cards. Our CC&R department is actively pursuing these cases.

If you have other Governing Board topics that you would like me to address, please email me at tim.hurley@suncitvwest.com.



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# Be among the BES

# The Rec Centers of Sun City West — consistently ranked among the nation's top active-adult communities is HIRING for several positions!

# Full-Time openings include

- Financial Accountant, Administration
- 5 Greenskeepers, various locations
- Facilities Maintenance Tech 2, Facilities

Benefits for full-time employees meeting eligibility requirements includes Medical, 401K, Paid Sick & Vacation, Legal Aid and Golf Privileges





### Part-Time openings include

- Safety Coordinator, Administration
- 7 Facility Assistants, various locations

• Bowling Desk Attendant, Sports Pavilion

Benefits for part-time employees meeting eligibility requirements include Golf Privileges, Paid Sick Leave, as well as Employee Paid Vision, Dental and Legal Aid



Join our Team of nearly 500 full- and part-time employees! suncitywest.com/employment

# Community News

# **Calling all witches**

It's time to dust off your Witches Ride 2023" for more witches hats, locate those brooms, practice your scary witches cackling and get your caldrons bubbling. Make sure those brooms are all in excellent flying condition and mark your calendar for the 2023 Sun City West Witches Ride Parade on Oct. 24.

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Committee members have begun to prepare for the October event. In the meantime, all "witches," residing in Sun City West are urged to join the "SCW Facebook group

exciting witchy information or any questions.

The Planning Committee is pleased to announce this year's fundraising beneficiary is Benevilla.

We would like to send out a very special thank you to the Recreation Centers of Sun City West for their generous assistance in this year's Witches Ride and also to the various Sun City West clubs that once again are helping make this ride a success.



The 2023 Sun City West Witches Ride will be Tuesday, Oct. 24.

# **OHOA: Educating HOA Boards in Sun City West**

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The OHOA office and board Surely you had not only state have heard HOA board members state many times that they don't need any HOA training because they have previously served on a board or perhaps several. Granted, many of us came from the corporate world and, even, perhaps served on a board. However, conducting a board meeting is very different from running a homeowner association.

All homeowner associations in Sun City West are small nonprofit businesses - some with several million dollars in assets. If you owned your own business with a net worth of a million dollars, you most likely had a board of directors or key personnel to help you run your business.

(and federal) laws that needed to be followed but also established industry standards. Homeowner associations are no different. Arizona HOAs

have legal responsibilities that must be adhered to. These include not only the Sun City West CC&Rs, your own HOA's CC&Rs (which most likely have not been updated in 20 or more years), but more importantly the Arizona Revised State Statutes (aka the state laws governing HOAs in Arizona) and federal laws. HOA laws have changed a tremendous amount in the last 10 years and are becoming stricter on how an HOA is run.

In addition to specific laws that must be followed, homeowner association boards accept a fiduciary (both financial and legal) responsibility to those who elected

them to office to run it as a non-profit business and to make good decisions after careful consideration.

In Sun City West, OHOA assists our HOAs on all HOA issues, including CC&Rs. We help find answers to your questions concerning Arizona State HOA Laws, Bylaws and CC&Rs, and the HOA Bylaws and CC&Rs as they pertain to your own HOA. If you are newly elected to an

HOA board or an experienced HOA board member who has not "kept up with the times" or eager to learn more about running an effective and legal HOA, or you want to create an efficient and legal HOA board, get the information you need to put all the pieces together by attending these OHOA events this fall: the HOA Board 101, the 2024 HOA Board Leadership Academy, and the 2024 HOA Board Advanced Leadership Academy.

Serving on an HOA Board is not just another business board, it is a financial and legal responsibility to your homeowners.

Visit ohoa-scw.org or call the OHOA Office at 623-214-6006 for more information.

# **Posse offers** vacation watch program

If you are here or have already left Sun City West for the summer and wish to register with us for the



Vacation Watch program, go to SCWPosse.org. Click on the Vacation Watch tab then fill out the simple form.

Residents are using the Posse's website (scwposse.org) to sign up for the Vacation Watch program. However, the system does not recognize special characters such as "forward slash" or "back slash" ( / or  $\setminus$  ). When typing, for example two names, the "slashes" are not needed.

Posse Members patrolling at night who notice an open garage door (345 last month alone) radio our Dispatch center at the Posse building in Sun City West. For your safety and information, Dispatch then calls the resident to let them know while the patrol car waits outside. If you don't want Posse to call about open garage doors, let us know by email at commander@spscw.net or call us at 623-584-5808.

Fraud is probably the most frequent and expensive crime occurring in Sun City West. Fraud is the wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. Fraud is reported to Maricopa County Sheriff's Office about once every two days on average.

Scammers try to trick you. They say they are from the government, a familiar organization, or perhaps a relative. They ask you to act quickly and not tell anyone. If they ask for "gift cards" or cash for payment it is almost always a scam. They convince you to respond to an email. Then they enter your computer to capture your passwords and empty you bank account.

If you suspect you or someone you know are being or have been scammed you are probably right. Call MCSO non- emergency line at 602-876-1011.

# delSOL Arts & Crafts Gallery

# del Sol Gallery sets new summer hours

The del Sol Gallery temporary summer hours (July, August):

Monday through Friday - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed.

# Community Fund is here to help make ends meet

### Having trouble making ends meet? Have a sudden financial emergency? COMMUNITY FUND assist you.

The Community Fund of Sun City West is here to help. Whether it be money for groceries, medical bills, rent/mortgage, electricity or other expenses, the Community Fund volunteers are ready to

take your calls. Don't hesitate to ask OF SUN CITY WEST for help when you need it.

The Community Fund of Sun City West is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is volunteer run and exists solely to assist Sun City West residents when they need financial assistance. If you have been a resident of Sun City West for over one year and need help, call our hotline at 623-546-1122 and leave a message. One of our caring volunteers will return your call and get you started on your way.

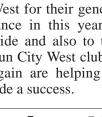
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Our tax deductible funds are available to take the pressure off. Please call us to see if you will become a new client. We are here to help. All information given is strictly confidential.

Want to help a neighbor? You can donate through our website at communityfundsuncitywest.org or mail your check to 13940 W Meeker Blvd. #115. All funds re-

main here in our community. Perhaps you would rather volunteer. Give us a call or go to our website to let us know that you wish to help. New members are always welcome, and we look forward to hearing from you! Why not volunteer your time to a very worthy cause. Contact us today.

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Scrapbooking, Papercraft & More – July 26 and Aug. 16, Card and papercraft and digital scrapbooking demo Christmas in July (celebrated July 26)

Sun West Art – July 21 and Aug. 18, Zentangle water coloring

Weavers West-Aug. 2, Hoop weaving

### FRIENDS **LECTURE SERIES**

This month's Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library lecture will be a partnership with Banner Alzheimer's Institute & Sun Health Research Institute titled Cultivating Positivity in Caregiving presented by Janice Greeno.

It will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, in the R. H. Johnson Rec Center Lecture Hall (19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd. next to the Sports Pavilion). It is a free event open to all. Free tickets are available in the R. H. Johnson Library.

Research reveals that happiness not only lifts spirits, but it can also improve overall quality of life and well-being. Learn evidence-based tips to improve coping skills and emotional well-being throughout the journev.

Janice Greeno is the Senior Outreach Program Manager at Banner Sun Health Research Institute and Banner Alzheimer's Institute, where she is honored to promote outstanding clinical care and revolutionary research. She has been with Banner Health over 17 years. Since 2020, she has served as the Dementia Friendly Arizona State Lead and supported Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, Glendale, Pima County, Goodyear, and Sun Lakes in joining Tempe and Surprise, making a total of nine Dementia Friendly communities in Arizona. Janice leads the City of Surprise Dementia Friendly Action Team and Memory Café as well as facilitating Dementia Friends Information Sessions and Dementia Friends Champion trainings, building an understanding of dementia, reducing stigma, promoting empathy and sharing resources. She is also a co-host of the podcast, Dementia Untangled, helping caregivers navigate the dementia journey.

# **Stardust Movies**

### JULY 6 "Captain America: The First Avenger"

At the outset of World War II, Steve Rogers wants nothing more than to join the army. The only problem is that he can't pass the physical. He's tried several times under different names without success. Dr. Abraham Erskine notes his eagerness and recruits him for an experimental project. Rogers is soon transformed, both mentally and physically, into a super soldier where



he eventually faces off against the Nazi organization Hydra and its head, known as Red Skull. Starring Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones. (2hr 3m) (PG-13).

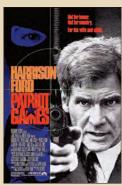
### **JULY 13** "The Hunt For Red October"

Based on Tom Clancy's bestseller, "The Hunt for Red October" seethes with the tension of men who hold Doomsday in their hands. A new, technologically superior Soviet nuclear sub, the Red October, is heading for the U.S. coast under the command of Captain Marko Ramius. The American government thinks Ramius is planning to attack. A lone CIA analyst has a different idea: he thinks Ramius is planning to defect, but he has only a few

hours to find him and prove it. Starring Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Scott Glenn. (1hr 48m) (PG-13).

### **JULY 20** "Patriot Games"

When former CIA agent Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford) hampers an IRA terrorist attack in London, he kills one of the terrorists. The dead man's brother, another member of the group named Sean Miller (Sean Bean), is arrested but quickly escapes. Vowing revenge against Ryan, Miller travels to the United States, where he forces Ryan's wife (Anne Archer) and daughter (Thora Birch) into a car accident that badly injures them. This convinces



Ryan to rejoin the CIA in order to track down Miller. (1hr 57m) (R).



### **JULY 27** "Top Gun"

"Top Gun" takes a look at the danger and excitement that awaits every pilot at the Navy's prestigious fighter weapons school. Tom Cruise is superb as Lt. Pete 'Maverick" Mitchell, a daring young flyer who's out to become the best. And Kelly McGillis sizzles as the civilian instructor who teaches Maverick a few things you can't learn in a classroom. (1hr 48m) (PG).

### **STARDUST THEATRE**

Kuentz Rec Center (R.H. Johnson Blvd. at Stardust Blvd.) Friends of the Library movies are open to Sun City West residents and their invited guests. \$3/person donation. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Please, no saving seats. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. or when all seats filled. (Hearing assisted devices are now available for your use) Please no food or drink in the theater

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday valid rec card is

> Tracy Skousen Library Director

use the Data Resource Center. Your own rec card is required to check out library materials.

Visit the Library's website at scwlibrarv.com

For Library information email: scwlibrary@suncitywest.com or call 623-544-6130.

### LIBRARY GROUPS

Coloring for Adults: 1 to 3 p.m. Friday in main room.

Beginning Chess: Free tutoring & kibitzing at noon Wednesdays in the Information Center. Writer's Group: Second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Scrabble: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays

### LIBRARY CLOSURE JULY 4

The library will close on Tuesday, July 4, to honor Independence Day.

### **TRAVELING WITH R. H. JOHNSON DIGITAL LIBRARY**

As people increasingly read and listen to books on their smartphone or tablet, they're discovering one of the best resources is their library. Libraries give free access to ebooks and audiobooks. Sun City West residents can access a wide selection of popular digital ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines free from the R.H. Johnson Library.

The summer months are a good time to catch up on your reading list. The R.H. Johnson library has a collection of more than 15,000 ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines that can be accessed from anywhere. One benefit of using digital resources while traveling is that they will return automatically and will never have late fees. Listen to audiobooks in your car by syncing your phone to your radio. Have your ebooks on your tablet or send them to your Kindle to read.

This summer you can also use the Libby app to gain access to a new variety of content that entertains, educates, and provides unique digital experiences in addition to the library's ebooks and

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**CRAFT CLASSES** 

teaching classes in the library

again this July and August. You

can sign up for the classes in the

Data Resource Center or by call-

ing 623-544-6644. Class sizes

Thank you to our amazing

craft clubs for providing the sup-

plies and instruction to Sun City

All classes are 10 a.m. to

Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards

& Mixed Media – July 12 and

Aug. 9, one card and one mixed

media project; Christmas in

Beaders – July 14 and Aug. 4,

Creative Silk Flowers - Aug.

The Artistic Hand Lettering Club

will have a Christmas in July crafts

class in the Library.

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Bracelets and earrings

noon. The class schedule is:

are limited to 8 people.

West residents.

A few of the craft clubs will be

wine magazine section alone!

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Look for the Golf

Lab's service menu and grip display at each of

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courses. The grip display is a small sample of our most popular and

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Green Team golfing is for golfers of all experience levels who want to play in a relaxed atmosphere.

No golf handicap? No worries!

Keep score? Optional!

Pay only for green fees and golf cart. Play most Saturdays

year-round and players rotate between Stardust, Echo Mesa, and Desert Trails.

For information go to "suncitywest.com," "GOLF," "Green Team" or send an email to greenteam@suncitywest.com and come join the fun!

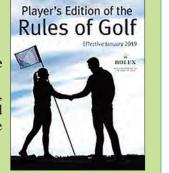
# **Frequently Asked Questions**

Putting: Kneeling or Lying on Putting Green to Read Putt

Q: May I kneel or lie on the green to read a putt?

A: Although not recommended, yes. If the putting green is damaged because of this, the damage may be repaired

( see Rule 13.1c(2)).



extended inventory. Most gripping can be done the same day and sometimes on the spot.

As a reminder, the GolfLAB remains open during the Grandview Golf Course irrigation

project. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Please visit dagolflab.com to view and keep up to date with our special events calendar. Call us at 623-544-6577.

# SCW Golf implements USGA's 'Best Tees' initiative

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West's Golf Operations Department, in conjunction with the USGA, have implemented the "Best Tees" initiative this summer with the hopes to match golfers with their "Best Tees."

The USGA has studied distance in relation to the golfer's experience for many years. Although industry professionals agree that golfers would have a better experience playing tees that match their ability, most golfers do not. This is confirmed by surveying golfers and through USGA research. When golfers play the Best Tees for their game, their pace of play and satisfaction improves, which results in happier golfers. dustry associations (LPGA; PGA of America; American Society of Golf Course Architects; National Golf Course Owners Association; Golf Course Superintendents Association of America; and the Golf Course Builders Association of America), the USGA has developed and is recom-

In cooperation with six in-

Saturdays. Play at Stardust,

Echo Mesa, Desert Trails

Your choice:

9 or 18 holes

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# Holes in One

NAME	DATE	COURSE	HOLE	YARDS	<u>CLUB</u>
Steve Wolf	5/3/2023	Pebblebrook	8	121	GW
John Dawson	5/3/2023	Echo Mesa	3	110	GW
Van W. Briggs Jr.	5/5/2023	Echo Mesa	17	147	6 iron
Mike Hurd	5/9/2023	Trail Ridge	5	170	4 Rescue
Lorraine Snider	5/1/2023	Desert Trails	17	86	8 iron
Tom Nugent	5/11/2023	Echo Mesa	8	135	6 hybrid
David Pfliiger	5/14/2023	Echo Mesa	11	105	GW
Linda K Pfingsten	5/14/2023	Echo Mesa	11	82	5 wood
Gary Schroer	5/15/2023	Desert Trails	7	195	Driver
Kim Gould	5/15/2023	Echo Mesa	16	107	9 iron
Cindy Ribble	5/18/2023	Grandview	8	100	9 iron
Vern Urich	5/22/2023	Echo Mesa	6	130	9 iron
Mary Jo Coughlin	5/25/2023	Desert Trails	7	106	5 wood
Connie Searcy	5/31/2023	Desert Trails	16	88	PW
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# **Bird watchers**



Recently, four golfers from the Trail Ridge Men's Golf Club all birdied the sixth hole at Falcon Dunes Golf Course. After researching the odds of an occurrence such as this, we found out that it was a 1 in 1.68 million feat! The four golfers from left to right are Turk White, Mike Watt, Gary Giebelhaus, and Casey Dodson - all Sun City West residents! Congrats on the birdies!

# 'Best Tees' help with golf performance

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mending this Best Tee system based on golfer preferences, the expert opinions of industry professionals, and extensive research into golfer performance characteristics across the full spectrum of players.

To implement a Best Tee profacility gram, managers should:

• Rate all tees for all players • Avoid setup and presentation elements that discourage golfers from using certain tees

• Encourage golfers to accurately measure their average 7iron hitting distance

• Make tee recommendations part of their course's culture Essentially, golfers play Best

Tees when, if they hit a good shot on most holes, they are in the vicinity of the putting green and do not have to constantly use longer clubs on approach shots. This gives more opportunities for pars and some chances for a birdie.

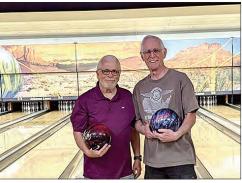
Going forward, Sun City West Golf Operations will not require golfers to play from a certain tee box. Instead, staff will educate golfers that there may be a better tee box from which to play. For a guide of which tees at Sun City West golf courses are right for you, visit suncitywest.com/besttees.

For additional information, contact Golf Operations Manager Patrick O'Hara at patrick.ohara@suncitywest.com.

### Summer tourney winners Recent tourna-



ment winners were Mark Mazzulla, Singles; Jeff and Richard and Walls, Jerry Doubles. Not pictured, Price Mcelroy fired a perfect game in the Summer Trios League.



# **Sports Pavilion to reopen** on Sundays this summer

The Sports Pavilion at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center will be open on Sundays this summer.

In the past, the center closed on Sundays due to low usage.

The Pavilion will now be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Lizard Acres Pub bar service will remain closed on Sundays, but the room is available for darts.

Monday through Saturday, the facility is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the summers.

The Sports Pavilion will be closed for its annual maintenance and cleaning regimen July 30 to Aug. 20. During this time, the lanes, approaches and ball returns are being replaced prior to re-opening the center on Monday, Aug. 21.

As a reminder, the Sports Pavilion is a private facility for our owner members and their guests. Some public play is allowed, after members and leagues are accommodated. For information about league schedules, open play time and other questions, call 623-544-6140.

# Lizard Acres upcoming music slate

Live music at Lizard Acres is on Friday nights, 5 to 8 p.m. Check out the list of upcoming performers down below. We hope to see you there, enjoying a night of great music!

• Friday, July 7 - Lips & Lashes

• Friday, July 14 - Wild & Mild

• Friday, July 21 - BuckGuyz

• Friday, July 28 - John Gamber Trivia Tuesday at Lizard Acres Pub is on hiatus

for the summer and will resume in September. Lizard Acres Pub is inside of the R.H. Johnson

Sports Pavilion, 19803 N R.H. Johnson Blvd.



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Sun City West "Racqueteers" are, from left to right, back row, standing:

Dave Parrish, Lindsay Davidson, Melissa Dell'Erario, Babette Montgomery, Monique Groothuizen, Dennis Irby, Pete Kosky, and Jeff Bailey. Front row, sitting: Ron Wambach, Joel Piaskowski, Jolene Piaskowski, Bob Dvorak, Tom Davis, Christine Revolinski, and Frank Seaberg.

# Tennis Club performs in Las Vegas

The Sun City West Tennis Club recently sent 15 members to Las Vegas in May to compete in the 2023 Impact Team Tennis (ITT) Regional Championships.

The team was called the "Racqueteers." A total of 69 teams from around the country attended to compete at different levels.

ITT tennis is has a fast-paced, high-energy format that features coed teams competing with noad scoring, substitution, and coaching. ITT crosses all ages of playing from junior, high school and college levels to super senior.

The Championships were held at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Fertitta Tennis Complex, and The Darling Tennis Center. Play consisted of one set each of mens and womens doubles followed by mens and womens singles, ending with two sets of mixed doubles. The Tennis Club fielded groups to compete at the senior and super senior levels, with the Senior 3.5 Group captained by Monique Groothuizen, and the Super Senior 3.5 Group captained by Pete Kosky. The 3.5 Senior Team finished in second place out of six teams in the division. The 3.5 Super Senior Team finished in second place out of four teams in the division.

Pate Kosky, who heads up ITT within the Tennis Club stated, "The weather was great, and the event was very well run and organized. All the folks who came had a great time, and we really built some longstanding relationships. Our club was represented in the most professional and courteous manner, and on top of it, we played the game we love for three days."

To learn how to play tennis, or for further information, go to www.tennis.scwclubs.com Should you have an interest in financially supporting the club, contact Joel Piaskowski at 402-850-6639.

# ARC 2024 "Dream Car" unveiled

The Automotive/Restoration Club (ARC) is pleased to announce the early acquisition of their 2024 Car Show Raffle Car. The selection committee of Dave Meyers, Lee Schwartz and Mike Liberatore found another real beauty! Next year will be the 12th anniversary of the show, and will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024.

The winner of the 2023 Car Show Dream Car, a red 2011 Camaro RS, was Mr. Fred Cox of Sun City West. Someone has to win, and it could be you in 2024!

The 2024 Dream Car is a "Guards Red" 2016 Mustang convertible, with only 40,000 miles. It is an automatic, black top and interior, with a 3.7 liter, V6, 300 horsepower engine. Power everything, including keyless entry and push button start, along with custom rims.

"The Dream Car Raffle is a major fundraiser for us," said Car Show Chairman, Gary



Masik. "The fact that we have the car early, will only allow us more time, with a goal of increasing sales of raffle tickets."

The Mustang is on display in front of the ARC building under the canopy. Stop by and check this beauty out! Raffle tickets are on sale now in the ARC building. Tickets are \$20 each or

six for \$100.

To learn more about the Auto Restoration Club, or to see more pictures of the 2024 Dream Car, visit www.arcofscw.com. ARC is a non-profit 501(c)3 and donates to area charities including American Cancer Society, Alzheimers Association, and Make A Wish Foundation.

# Broadcast Club, Lizard Acres plan free dance parties

The Sun City West Broadcast Club and 103.1 KSCW have partnered with Lizard Acres and the Rec Centers of Sun City West, to bring you a free dance party. On three Saturday's in July, Lizard Acres will play the newest specialty show on KSCW. The show is titled "Saturday Night Dance Party" and features 100 percent dance music from the '60s, '70s, '80s and beyond.

You and your friends can

dance to your heart's content while enjoying a cool beverage at Lizard Acres from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday night, July 1, 15, and 29. Lizard Acres is inside the Sports Pavilion at the R.H. Johnson

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Recreation Center. For those of you that stay here over the Summer, here's another great event for you, your friends, and the community to enjoy. So, get on your boogie shoes and have some fun!

# Watch your step





Our crews have completed repairs to the area of our conduit that was crushed, allowing water to leak in and causing our electrical issues. It's unclear when the conduit was broken, but it appears the crack allowed water to leak in when the large water line burst a while back in the R.H. Johnson parking lot. Thank you!



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### **HOW TO SUBMIT CLUB NEWS:**

The deadline for Club Corner submissions is the first Friday of each month for the following month's publication. Deadline for the August Rec Center News is noon Friday, July 7. Club news must be submitted every month. Please email club news to michael.melissa@ suncitywest.com. In the subject line, show your club name and the month. Submissions should be 200 words or less.

### **AQUACIZERS**

The Aquacizers are using their noodles!

The Aquacizers Club does low-impact aerobic exercises designed by a licensed physical therapist. Balance, coordination, stamina and fall prevention are key areas of focus. People with mobility issues such as arthritis, back pain, joint replacement, post fractures, neuropathy, and other neurological conditions can be helped with water exercises. Noodles are used for core and focused strengthening as part of the class. Noodles are available for members, or they can bring their own. Club members choosing not to do the noodle exercises can still use the pool for walking or continued exercises. The physical therapist is available for consultation when she leads the class on Saturdays. Classes are led by club members on Mondays and Wednesdays.

First-time guests are welcomed by a Club Aqua Buddy to assist them during the first few visits or as requested. The Aquacizers Social Committee is planning for a gathering each month.

The Aquacizers Club is open to any Sun City West resident and their guests wanting to do low impact water exercises. The Aquacizers Club meets at the Beardsley Pool, which features steps and a ramp for easy access from 9 to 10a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The annual membership dues are \$25. Contact Club President Debbie Etheridge at 828-773-9186 or email scwaquacizers@gmail.com with any questions. As our club motto says, 'Come for the exercise, stay for the friendships!'

### **ART CLUB**

It's heating up outside, so come on in to the Art Club and cool off with classes or open art. Classes offered are:

1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday - Fundamentals of Drawing and Composition 9 a.m. to noon Thursday - Oil Paint-

ing

9 a.m. to noon Friday - Oil/Acrylic Studio

Sign up for all the classes can be found on our website at art.scwclubs.com. Click on the class for registration and fees.

9 a.m. to noon Monday - Open Art 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - Mixed Media and Wednesday, Tuesday

Open Art is free to all members of the Art Club. Several workshops have already been scheduled for the fall. They fill up quickly, so be sure to get signed up early and reserve your spot. Stay cool and happy painting!

### **ARTHRITIS CLUB**

The Arthritis Club meets at the Beardsley Pool every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7:55-8:40 a.m. Many of the members come earlier and enjoy walking laps before class. Others walk laps after class or enjoy the spa.

The class is led by a volunteer instructor who guides you through a series of fun pool exercises sure to enhance joint movement while maintaining and building strength. The class is low-impact and perfect for anyone who has arthritis, has had a joint replacement, or has been inactive for a while.

In addition to our weekly classes, we also have social events scheduled throughout the year. We are a friendly, fun-loving group waiting to greet you. Club dues are just \$10 per year.

For more information, visit arthritis.scwclubs.com and be sure to check out the "Albums" page for a peek at some of our previous social events. You may also call Mary Jo Monten, Club President, at 623-975-6671 for additional information.

### ARTISTIC HAND LETTERING, **CARDS & MIXED MEDIA**

What is the Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards and Mixed Media club all about?

The purpose of our club is to provide members a variety of opportunities to explore, learn, practice and apply all forms of hand lettering to handcrafted cards and mixed media items. We offer formal class instruction, demonstrations, discussions, exchanges of ideas and exploration of current trends via social media platforms and internet sites.

A great opportunity for you to see what we are all about is coming to the R.H. Johnson Library on July 12 and/or Aug. 9.

Get started on holiday card with the club's "Christmas in July" project from 10 a.m. to noon July 12. Each participant will make one card and one mixed media project. Our club provides all the supplies to create each project. Sign up at the library (max of eight participants



Top photos, one of the Artistic Hander Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media's June projects was spending a day dedicated to the Red, White and Blue! A beautiful décor board, top left, and a Tussie Mussie decorative vase, top right, were some of the highlights. These projects were done out of respect for Memorial Day and in appreciation for those that fit into the saying "all gave some, some gave all." Above, "Christmas in July" will be the theme for the Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media's July 12 event.

and pre-registration required). You're also invited to join our designers from Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards and Mixed Media to make a Christmas pop up gift card holder. It will be lots of fun and you'll learn about what our club is about. You'll even get a quick lesson in Brush Lettering. All supplies will be provided for you to make this holiday gift card holder.

### **BEADERS**

Stay cool and come join the Beaders for only \$5 for the rest of the year! Membership is open to all rec card holders. The club meets at the Beardsley Rec Center, Sagebrush Room, on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We offer all levels of beading instruction and mentoring from beginners to expert. We have lots of parties too! You will be inspired by the work our members do, whether your interest is bead stringing, bead weaving, bead embroidery, or Kumihimo. For further information about our club, contact Allie Raven at 651-269-5739. or allie.raven@gmail.com. Or, stop by during normal club hours. You also may visit beaders.scwclubs.com.



The purpose of the Contract Bridge Club is to bring together members interested in playing social bridge on a regular and ongoing basis. Come and join the fun! Contract Bridge Club consists of two sessions, based on two previously independent chartered clubs that merged into one chartered club on Jan. 1. Doors open for the Tuesday session at 11:15 and sign-up begins at 11:30. You do not need a partner to play on Tuesday and you will rotate to a new partner at the

end of each round. Doors open for the Wednesday session at 5 p.m. and signup begins at 5:30. You must come with a partner to play Wednesday evenings. You will rotate with your partner at the end of each round. We play four rounds of 35 minutes each. In the event there is no table remaining to make a final foursome, you will not play that day, but will be guaranteed to play the following week. Each section requires dues of \$5 per year plus \$1 per session and members must be rec card holders. Both secmeet at the beautiful, tions air-conditioned Beardsley card rooms

and all skill levels are welcome, but a basic knowledge of contract bridge is required. For more information, please contact Sharon Holmes at 360-441-1909 Tuesday Bridge and Diane Wuethrich at 715-556-2653 for Wednesday Bridge. Interested in playing Wednesday evenings but don't have a partner? Please contact us and we will try to help you find a partner. Please visit bridge.scwclubs.com.

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# Boomers water volleyball still going strong

Cool news for all you summer survivors! Boomer water volleyball is still going strong, four days a week, at the Palm Ridge indoor pool. This exciting and cooling activity is open for Boomer members on from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday every week. What could be more fun on a hot summer evening! Join the fun and get some exercise. Three levels of play: A "kinder, gentler" game with a bigger ball for beginners, a "recreational" group for more skilled play, and a "competitive" group for the most advanced play. Please contact the host for an introduction and group placement. As numbers are limited to 36 per session, it is suggested you email Maryalyce Skree, who hosts this fun activity. For information, contact maryalyces@gmail.com.



Club monitor Kathy highlights her latest creation at a recent "Show and Tell."

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Call Tours & Scheduling to book your reservation today at 623-544-6030. View their video at the top of our Tours and Scheduling page (suncitywest.com/trips-and-tours). Allied Tour and Fravel, along with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West are following state mandates concerning the wearing of masks on board the motorcoaches. Please read the "Safe and Secure" Healthy Travel Plan ncluded as a part of your Travel Itinerary for detailed information regarding our approach to your safety. Masks may be required for your trip dependent upon restrictions or mandates at the time of your departure.

### ALASKA CRUISE & DENALI EXPLORER W/PRINCESS CRUISE LINES Saturday-Wednesday (12 Days/11 Nights) July 15-July 26

It's the perfect time of year to get away from the summer heat! There is no better way to do it than with Allied Tour & Travel as we embark on our adventure with Princess Tours and Cruise Lines exploring the gorgeous state of Alaska by both land and sea. You will enjoy a four-night land tour exploring Fairbanks, Alaska, and Denali, Alaska, followed by a seven-night southbound cruise on the Sapphire Princess. Alaska is a place of epic drama, with soaring mountains, giant glaciers and dazzling wildlife! You will travel in comfort and style as we cruise on the Sapphire Princess. This lovely contemporary ship features comfortable accommodations, plenty to do with an array of activities and entertainment while at sea plus a great variety of optional tours while in port, numerous dining options, and the wonderful service Princess is known for. This is a fly-in tour so anyone is welcome from any part of the country.

Cost is \$3,949 inside, double occupancy per person; \$4,999 balcony, double occupancy per person. Ocean view rooms, mini suites, and single or triple rates are available upon request. Tour includes: two nights in Fairbanks at a Princess Hotel; Sternwheeler Riverboat Cruise – Gold Dredge #8 Tour; two nights at Princess Denali Lodge; Denali Park Natural History Tour; seven nights on the Sapphire Princess, including port taxes and fees; plus all meals and entertainment aboard ship; Glacier Bay National Park cruising; Alaskan ports -Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan; airport transfers in Phoenix, Fairbanks, and Vancouver, Canada; a professional tour guide with minimum of 16 passengers.

### THE MIM **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM** with Lunch at Cafe Allegro Saturday, Sept. 2

Let's head to the Musical Instrument Museum for a fun time! We will be on hand for one of the signature event weekends at MIM, where it will highlight Brazil. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Brazilian culture and music while enjoying vibrant performances, workshops, and more. The MIM has been voted the number one Phoenix attraction for



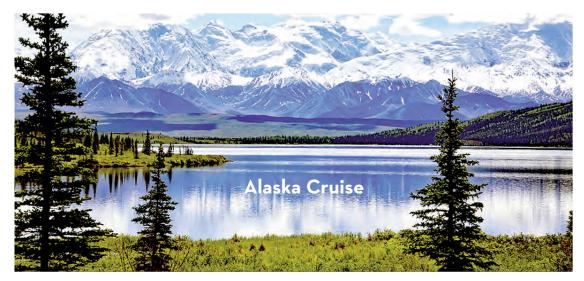
two years in a row! You will enjoy their many exhibits featuring music heritage, cultures, and instruments from more than 200 countries. There will be a guided tour upon our arrival, with free time after to explore and enjoy a delicious lunch at their Café Allegro. You will get to choose from their menu an entrée, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun-filled day of music and culture!

Cost is \$175 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; The MIM (Musical Instrument Museum); lunch (on site) at the Café Allegro; tour guide; bottled water; all taxes and gratuities.

### **CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR ADVENTURE** Sunday-Saturday, Sept. 17-23

Come along with Allied Tour & Travel for a fall adventure that will include planes, trains, and paddle wheelers! We will fly into Denver and from there will catch the famous California Zephyr. This will be an incredible day as we journey through the Rocky Mountains. Sit back as we cross the Continental Divide through the 6.2-mile Moffat tunnel that was opened in 1927 and follow the Colorado River through all this gorgeous Colorado scenery. We will travel through Colorado, Utah, and Nevada, before we disembark in Reno. Nev., and carry on with the rest of our tour via luxury motorcoach. Next, we'll journey onto Lake Tahoe where vou will be enjoying our evening out on the M.S. Dixie II for our sunset dinner cruise which will include live entertainment while you soak in the view of their crystal blue waters and towering peaks. Then onto California for more exciting excursions including winetasting in Napa Valley, touring the coastal Redwoods via their narrow-gauge steam locomotive, and all the sights and sounds of San Francisco while we stay at our hotel for our fourday/three-night stay situated in the heart of Fisherman's Wharf. Join us for a fun-filled week making new friends and memories! This is a fly in tour so anyone is welcome from any part of the country. Government issued photo ID is required.

Cost is \$3,599 double roomette per person; \$4,079 double bedroom per person; or \$4,279 single roomette. Tour includes: one night Drury Inn Denver Central Park; one night on the California Zephyr; one Night Bally's Hotel South Lake Tahoe; three nights Holiday Inn Express Fisherman's Wharf; airport transfers in Phoenix, Denver, and San Francisco: non-stop air to Denver with return out of San Francisco; airport baggage fees; Denver Botanical Gardens transportation; private compart-





handling; snacks and bottled water; driver and guide gratuities.

### **ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA 2023** Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 10-13 This tour is popular and sells out early!

Each fall, pilots, crews, and spectators from all over the world come to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, known as the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest hot air ballooning event. For nine days, during the first full week of October, hundreds of colorful balloons float above the city each morning as dawn breaks over the Sandia Mountains. It's no wonder this visual feast is said to be the world's most photographed event. The Year 2023 marks the 51st year of this spectacular fiesta, a must-see event! Come along for a memory of a lifetime!

Cost is \$1,325 double occupancy per person; \$1,729 single occupancy; or \$1,209 triple per person. Tour includes: round-

trip transportation: three nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Albuqueraue Uptown: 2023 Balloon Festival - two special events: Morning Mass Ascension and Evening Special Shape Glowdeo; self-guided tour of the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum: visit to Historic Santa Fe; three breakfasts; dinner at High Noon Restaurant; lunch at Seasons Grill; tour guide; driver and guide gratuities; baggage handling; snacks and water.

Come along as we head to the Southeast corner of beautiful Arizona for a three-day adventure exploring some of the state's treasures. A few of the must-see sites include Tombstone, one of the last boomtowns in the American frontier, where the famous fight at the OK Corral occurred in 1881. Another destination will be the awe-inspiring Kartchner Caverns, where we will explore the incredible underground world and learn about its delicate ecosystem. A newer and must-see destination is the Mescal Movie Set. Many famous movies have been filmed here, including "Tombstone," "The Quick and the Dead," and more than 80 other westerns. Come along with Allied and explore this beautiful and fascinating region of Arizona!

Cost is \$825 double occupancy, \$1,015 single occupancy, or \$765 triple occupancy. Tour includes: round-trip transportation: two nights at the Fairfield Inn Sierra Vista; Saguaro National Park East; visit to Tombstone w/dinner at the Longhorn Restaurant; Queen Mine Tour in Bisbee; Kartchner







Caverns; Mescal Movie Set; Pima Air & Space Museum including lunch two breakfasts; tour guide; bottled water and snacks; all taxes and gratu-

### DOLLY STEAMBOAT CRUISE & Dinner at Saguaro Lake Ranch Monday, Oct. 30

Explore some of their most spectacular sights in the Southeastern area of the Valley as we journey to Tortilla Flat, an authentic remnant of an old west ern town nestled in the Superstition Mountains. There will be time for a light lunch (on own), as you want to leave room for our cowboy cookout dinner. Next, we are off to catch the Dolly Steamboat,

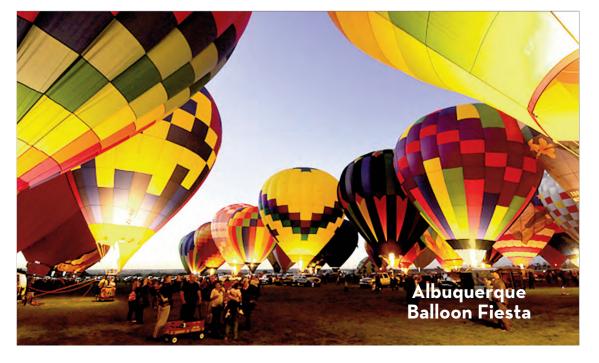
where we will cruise the inner waterway of the "Junior Grand Canvon." You'll learn the history of the Apache Trail, Canyon Lake and the lore of the Superstition Mountains. You may even see some bighorn sheep on this 90-minute cruise. Please note only cash or checks are accepted at the snack bar. After enjoying our time at Canvon Lake, we are off to Saguaro Lake Ranch and should be in time for a beautiful desert sunset. The ranch is on the banks of the Salt River, in the shadow of the Bulldog Cliffs - the perfect setting for our dinner. The hearty menu includes steaks hot off the grill and Chef's Choice of either barbecue chicken

to offer, such as Queen Esther at the top-rated Sight & Sound Theatre. The production includes magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals. Please see below for a list of all shows. We will stay at the Hilton Branson Convention Center, a four-star property in the heart of Historic Downtown Branson. The new Branson Landing entertainment district is situated on Lake Taneycomo, just steps away from our door. Join us for some holiday magic in the gorgeous Ozark Mountains!

Cost is \$2,705 double occupancy per person; \$3,069 single occupancy; or \$2,635 triple occupancy. The tour includes: one night at Embassy Suites, Kansas City airport; three nights at the Hilton Branson Convention Center; non-stop round-trip air to Kansas City; baggage fees (one per person);

Gowan claimed squatter's rights, and in 1898 persuaded his nephew, David Gowan Goodfellow, to bring his family from Scotland and settle the land permanently. The Goodfellows lowered their possessions down the 500-foot slopes into the valley by ropes and burros. This 183-foot bridge is beautiful from every angle, so don't forget your camera. Next, we are off to Fargo's Steakhouse in Payson for a delicious alfresco lunch on their beautiful patio. Join us for a fun day in the Tonto National Forest!

Cost is \$165 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; entrance fee to Tonto Natural Bridge State Park: lunch at Fargo's Steakhouse: tour guide; snacks and bottled water; driver and guide gratuities.



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### BOOMERS

Summer is here, although lots of activities have slowed down, there are still plenty of fun things to do as a member of the Boomer's Club. Many of our regular weekly activities are still going strong -Acoustic Jam Sessions every Tuesday, a book club, Euchre, Rummikub, Hand and Foot, Wicked Witch, Poker's Wild, and more games are offered in the clubhouse. Water Volleyball, which is very popular in this hot weather, is offered four days a week in the Palm Ridge indoor pool, from 5 to 7 p.m

There will be a potluck dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. July 14, in the clubhouse. BYOB. Bring a dish that serves 10 to 12. To RSVP, and for information about what to bring, please contact Teresa at teresastreed@yahoo.com. Maximum 100

Our Lakeside Bar and Grill Happy Hour will be at 4 p.m. Monday, July 17, a 70-person maximum, guests welcome. Contact Barb and Bob Murray at bb@bbmurray.com by July 14 to attend. This is always a fun event.

Our monthly Happy Hour Dance will be held from 6:30 to 8:55 p.m. July 21, at Palm Ridge, with music by DJ & the Midnight Suns. BYOB, food, dishes etc. Ice provided. Guests are allowed.

To end the month there will be a Boomers Talent Showcase from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 28. Come out and enjoy live music performed by fellow Boomers. Bring a guest for an evening of fun and music in the clubhouse. BYOB, containers and snacks. Ice provided.

In this active club more events keep appearing every week. It's important to have a membership so you will receive the "This Week With the Boomers" email that will keep you up to date. Our activities have a tendency to fill up fast, so you need to be alert! Be sure to review details on how to join the club and to sign up for all events, info easily found on our website calendar scwboomersclub.com. Discover what other neat things are in the works and how you can help make our club even more special. Where else, but as a member of the Boomers Club, can you be part of so many great activities. Just remember to sign up early!

### **BASCW (BOWLING)**

The Bowlers Association of Sun City West promotes bowling, creating an environment designed to sustain a high level of fellowship, sportsmanship and friendly individual competition.

The BASCW Bowling Club is in full swing! In July, the BASCW No-Tap bowling events will be on July 1, 15, and the 29. In addition to our Saturday night no-tap bowling events, the Summer Red Pin Bowling (No-Tap) runs through July 25. There are various combinations to win quarters on each frame and BASCW never runs out of quarters. Please sign up in the BASCW Summer Red Pin binder to assure your slot and pay when you play or pay the day you bowl. Cost is \$12.

The Summer Tuesday's Red Pen (No-Tap) event offers a variety of ways to win quarters. For example: knock down all pins when red pin is in the head position. Win an additional quarter for two consecutive strikes and another quarter for each consecutive strike thereafter; convert a two pin standing sleeper; clean game through the seventh frame; clean game; leave only red pins standing on the 1st ball; leave any split (head pin must be down) and convert any split. We never run out of quarters! Cost to play is \$12.

Please note, BASCW is a Chartered Club, not a bowling league. Club members can choose to bowl or not. There is no firm time commitment. Bowl as your time and schedule work for you and the best part is prize money is allotted based on your efforts, not as a team, which means the stress of competition is eliminated, bowl and have fun!

The BASCW sign up books for Saturday bowling and Summer Red Pin bowling are on the table/display desk in the center of the bowling lanes. Payment envelopes are next to the book and can be put in the BASCW Dropbox that abuts the desk. Summer Red Pin Bowling is paid the day of bowling at the desk in the center of the Lane. Just look for the volunteers in the red shirts.

Saturday night bowling is a handicap No-Tap format meaning nine or ten pins down on the first ball is a strike. The cost to bowl is \$12 per member and \$13 for Sun City West resident guests. The fee covers the lineage and the payout to participating members. About half of the member bowlers will receive a payout of \$5 to \$10. Member bowlers can also participate in the "3-6-9 pot," the "300 pot" and the 50/50 raffle. If you want to participate in these activities, you must pay with the correct change.

BASCW invites all residents with a current rec card, no matter your bowling skill, to join us for an evening of fun every other Saturday. If you have not bowled for some time and want to get back in the game, this is a perfect opportunity. Handicapping levels the playing field and gives all participants a chance to win some prize money. Membership is \$10 per year. Membership forms are at the counter in the center of the bowling lanes. If you would like more information, please visit bascw.net or call Donna (Boom) at 480-652-7614 to join.

### **BUNCO**

Looking for a way to make new friends or looking for something to do on Wednesday nights? Join us for two hours of fun and comradery. Bunco is a dice game which originated in England more than 200 years ago. If you can roll dice, you can play this game. No skill is required! We meet every Wednesday night in the Sagebrush Room at Beardsley Center. The doors open at 5 p.m., sign-up ends at 5:50 p.m. and Bunco play starts at 6. New players should arrive by 5:30. Membership is \$10 annually. Guests are \$2 per night. The entry to play is \$1 per night. All entries are returned as prize money nightly. Open to rec card holders and their guests. For additional questions, please contact Annie Heerup, president, at 602-628-9255.

### CLAY

Need a place to be cool? Stop in and tour the Clay Club to see the coolest art pottery! Learn how to create both beautiful and useful items. Many of our members had never worked with clay in the past but with the help of our fantastic instructors they have become accomplished potters!

Our beginning hand-building class instructors will guide each new member through the process to create several finished items from raw clay to final glazing in no time at all. Then, explore other clay methods such as coiling, throwing, carving, and sculpting clay. Please note that the Clay Club will be closed all day on Monday, July 10.

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The best place to learn more about the Clay Club is to stop in and tour our wonderful facilities in the Beardsley Recreation Center at 12755 Beardsley Road during our club hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Friday, and Saturday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. To reach the Clay Club monitor's desk, call 623-544-6530.

All residents are welcome to "Make Masterpieces out of Mud" in our friendly and supportive environment!

### **CLUB 52 - POKER**

Poker - Club 52 plays Texas Hold'em and Omaha high/low on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, doors open at 3:45 p.m., cash games start from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The nightly tournament starts at 5 but register early to earn bonus chips.

We meet in the card room of the Men's Club building, on Meeker Road just north of the Library. All men and women with a current rec card are welcome as a new member or guest.

The Texas Hold'em and Omaha high/low cash games played are: 25 cent small and big blind; 25 cents and 50 cents small and big blind; \$1 small and big blind; and \$1-\$3 spread limit.

The nightly tournament starts at 5, but signup before 4:50 to receive "early bird" \$2,000 chip bonus added to your \$17,000 starting stack.

The Tuesday tournament is a bounty tournament with a \$20 buy-in plus \$5 bounty. A \$40 buy-in tournament is offered on Thursday but without a bounty chip. A "Big Stack" tournament is on the third Wednesday of each month. All tournaments always return 100 percent of buy-in as prize money to participants.

Please sign up before start time for your desired cash games or tournament. Annual membership dues are \$10 and nightly play fee is member \$1, guests are \$2. For information, call Dana Sledd 253-670-5850 at or visit fiftytwocards.scwclubs.com or visit our club Facebook page.

### **COIN & STAMP**

As of press time, there is no information as to further coin meetings. For information, contact Fred at 623-377-6621

July 11 Stamps meeting chairman will be Mike Beck. Other members may give a talk on their collection. Members like to trade their duplicates with others, or to help others with identifying their stamps. Mike Hug will be back next month. Whether you are a longtime collector, or a beginner that would be interested in starting a collection, please feel free to stop by. You are always welcome. We meet at the Kuentz Rec Center at



Join the Country Western Dance Club when it returns this fall.



Club 52 member Dave Vandever holds the \$1,000 chip that led him to be the eventual chip leader in a recent tournament.

# Chip and a chair

At a recent Club 52 no-limit poker tournament, Dave Vandever found himself on the losing side of an all-in encounter. When the dust settled, it was found that although Dave had not been eliminated from the tournament, he was left with just one poker chip. When in this seemingly impossible position, optimistic players will repeat the well-known poker phrase that all I need is a "chip and a chair." This is similar to the expression "it's not over until it's over.

All Dave needed was a chip and a chair (along with some skill, a string of good cards, and a little luck). Well, all of these factors did come into alignment for Dave and he went on to not only finish as one of the tournament winners but as the chip leader.

To realize what an incredible accomplishment this was, consider that each player in this three-table tournament started with \$19,000 in tournament chips putting a total of \$570,000 chips in play. When Dave had only one \$1,000 Chip, his chances of winning were way less than 1 percent (.17 percent to be exact).

Congratulations Dave!

6:30 p.m. in Room 3. Stamps meet on the second Tuesday of the month all year.

For questions, call Fred at 377-6621.

### **COMPUTERS WEST**

Where do you go when your phone, computer and tablet give you trouble? Help is right here at Palm Ridge in Sun City West. As a member of Computers West, you have access to members who will help you get your devices running

and help you understand how they work. Help group is Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to noon and includes one-onone Android and Tablet help. Come early to sign up. Mondays (noon to 2 p.m.) and Wednesdays (10 a.m. to noon) are the Senior Help Group for members with any Apple device in Room C.

Computers West, at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center (623-214-1546), is the parent organization of two user groups: MacsWest and the PC Group. Summer hours (June, July, August) of Room A are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Both PC and Mac computers are available for club members' use. For club information, visit computerswest.org. We are open to club members and their accompanied guests. Sign up to monitor and make some new friends. Monitor training available. The next meeting is noon Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Summit A. Light lunch served at 11:30 a.m. for members only.

We need your old cell phones for "Cell Phones for Soldiers!" Collection boxes are at Computers West and around Sun City West. More than 20,000 lub Corner

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phones have been collected to date!

PC Group: (pcscw.org) We continue to have classes of interest. Check the website calendar for updated information on classes and presentations. Updated computers available for your use. Ancestry classes are the first Thursdays at 10 a.m. Help is available on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Ancestry is available on both PC and Mac computers for members' use. Linux Help is available from 8 a.m. to noon Fridays.

MacsWest: (macswest.org) Our loyal members are in Room C most days to help you to expand your "Apple" knowledge. Join our Friday meetings with a short presentation at 1 p.m. in Room D. This is your chance to share your successes and bring up topics that have you stumped. Come in any time to use our updated Mac computers. Our subscription to "The Mac U" has tutorials on any Mac, iPad and iPhone lesson you are interested in.

### COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

The Country Western Dance Club will be back this fall. Join us for Country Western Dances, Country Western Partner Dance Lesson and Line Dancing Lessons. Great Instructors, music and people equals a great time. Details coming this fall.

### **CREATIVE STITCHERS**

If you are interested in joining or just curious, come check out the Creative Stitchers Club (CSC) to see what the members are stitching on Mondays 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Kuentz Recreation Center, Room Kiva.

CSC has classes for Hardanger, Blackwork, and Counted Cross Stitch. Periodically CSC has Needlepoint 101 class. These classes are available to all members of CSC, whether you are a beginner or anyone who would like advanced instructions.

We share our skills, ideas, and projects while socializing. Check out our website photo gallery to see more completed members needlework: stitchers.scwclubs.com.

Everyone enjoys the time to socialize and catch up on ideas. New members are always welcome. Annual dues are \$10. For more information on the club or needlework donations, please contact Debra Senelly, 623-533-8055, leave message.

### CYCLISTS

The club rides weekdays from the Echo Mesa Golf Course at 6:30 a.m. in



Precision dancers from left to right: Terri Carey, Kathy Appleton, instructor JoAnn Denson, Patty Rosebery, Linda Thordsen, Suzanne kindler, Kathy Lorenz, and Roselyn Woodward. Kaye Prokosch is seated in front.

July and August. Ride times change monthly so consult our website below. Riders go in groups matching their speed and skill level and ride for an hour, including a rest stop. Rides finish at the start with social time on the patio. Some riders go longer, and new riders are welcome. Road bikes are the most popular and all bikes, including e-bikes (which is are fastest growing segment), are welcome.

The club meetings are suspended until September, but the club continues their weekday rides and has social gatherings during the summer months. July activities include a social dinner as well as an off-campus ride. For safety, members wear helmets and brightly colored clothing and promote courtesy to motorists.

Visit bicycle.scwclubs.com for more information or contact Peggy Campbell at 248-417-5710.

### DANCESENSATIONS

DanceSensations classes continuing throughout Summer in the Dance Room at Palm Ridge on Mondays and Wednesdays are Grace in Motion, a basic classical ballet class aimed at producing greater balance and ease of movement. 11 a.m. to noon; Pilates, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., plus Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m.; and Precision Tap, a mixture of Tap and Clogging, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., plus Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon. Coming very soon, likely Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., is Jingle Tap, an entry level class for both those wanting to learn a fun dance form and those hoping to progress to the Precision Tap performance team. Club membership is required for all classes. Registration forms are available in the Dance Room or online at dancesensations.scwclubs.com. Call 623-236-8526.

### **DECORATIVE ART** The Decorative Art Club meets every

Wednesday in the Pueblo Room in the Kuentz Recreation Center. During the months of July and August we will offer one class from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each club meeting day. We offer classes in what is commonly called Tole Painting. We use acrylic paint and paint on wood, tin and canvas. The process of using patterns and step by step instruction make this an ideal hobby for anyone who likes to paint but needs guidance. We also offer classes in colored pencil art. In the summer we like to branch out and will offer a paint pouring class and an epoxy class. We will again be participating in the craft classes offered at the Library this summer. These one-time classes are a great way to sample this art form. For more information, please stop by to see us on Wednesdays or call Rhonda at 317-435-9456.

### DEER VALLEY WOMEN'S GOLF

Come join the ladies at Deer Valley Golf Club and play our lovely course, see what the fun is all about. The Deer Valley course is in immaculate shape and the women's league plays on Tuesdays with a variety of games throughout the year. Please check out our website at dvwomensgolf.scwclubs.com for information concerning our play schedule and the officers for 2023. If you are interested in joining this fun group of women please contact Janice Runnels at jlr765@gmail.com. We welcome golfers of all abilities, and you compete within your individual handicap groups so there is no pressure to play to a specific level. We look forward to seeing you on the course.

The following ladies qualified for our upcoming Ace and Aces tournament as follows:

May Ace (Lowest Gross Score) – Ruth Smalldon, 80

May Aces (Lowest Net Score, Tie) – Cheryl Sherwood and Marlys Stannebein, 65

The Deer Valley ladies group is led by President Teresa Pirkl; Vice President Sherry Skogrand; Secretary Cathy Lowman; and Treasurer Cheryl Sherwood.

### ENCORE NEEDLE & CRAFT

Come to the most giving and versatile club in Sun City West. We are E.N.C.O.R.E. which stands for Encouraging Neighbors in Charity and Originality with Rewarding and Enjoyable activities. Our meeting location is the Mesa Room 4 at Kuentz Recreational Center at the intersection of Stardust and RH Johnson boulevards. We are open 7:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday. We donate our hand-crafted item to the American Cancer Society, Choice Pregnancy Center, Hospice of the Valley, Veterans' Organizations other and many organizations. Charity items created include hats, scarves, afghans, slippers, chemo caps, dementia blankets, baby items and more. Many of us crochet, knit, use looms, quilt, needle point, cross stich and sew.

Check our display window at Craft Room 4 to see examples of our work. We welcome those wanting to learn new crafts as well as seasoned experts. If you enjoy making thing that will be donated and bring joy to others, we are the club for you. Come with any problems you may have with needles, hooks or patterns; we can help. We gratefully accept any donations of yarn, fabric and craft items four charity projects. For more information about our club or if you would like to make a donation, please check out our web site at needlecraft.scwclubs.com or call Sue Williams at 623-337-4558.

### **ENERGETIC EXERCISE**

"Hot Don't Hurt" when you're inside the R.H. Johnson Social Hall from 7:50 to 8:35 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. That's when a great group of folks gather for Energetic Exercise Club, a shared video experience of stretching and modified calisthenics to keep limbs limber and joints joined.

You can try it out free up to three times to see if it fits for you. We believe it will fit, as this is a one-size-fits-allkind of thing. It's your body, so you only do what works for you - no judgment.

We were the third club chartered at Sun City West, way back when, and hundreds of people have enjoyed each other, as well as the 45-minute workout over the years. Just think ... you could be one of them.

Will you lose weight? Nah. Will you get bulging muscles? Nope. Will you be able to run a four-minute mile after doing this? Why would you want to do that?

But you will feel better, and there's no better way to share your smile with a bunch of other folks during that hour than with us.

For questions, call Gloria at 623-986-9392. Or just drop in. Whatever you do, keep on moving.

### **FITNESS**

All residents holding a valid rec card are eligible to join the Fitness Club. Annual membership dues are \$5 and a current annual card is purchased through the individual class representatives. Class cards are purchased through each class and are not interchangeable between classes. One day class is \$5; four Classes (30-day expiration) are \$16; eight classes (45-day expiration) are \$24; and 16 classes (60-day expiration) are \$48.

The Fitness Club offers three land

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Above, Join in on the fun while improving your health. Sculpt-45 is a year-round exercise class that meets at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge Rec Center. Exercises to enhance your balance are incorporated into each class. Below, The instructor and personal trainer Lisa Friedman targets all areas of the body. Sculpt 45 is a popular class that we know you will love.





Creative Stitchers Club members Judith Reagan and Sue Lacy show-case their stitchings.

Library this summer. classes are a great way form. For more inform by to see us on Wer Rhonda at 317-435-94 **DEER VA**  Club Corner

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The Karaoke Club enjoys special themed evenings about once a month, which often include food. Members celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a potluck on May 4. Above, members and guests were greeted at the sign-in table and enjoyed a taco bar, chaired by Kristi and David Bibbee. Top right, members brought a variety of side dishes and desserts. The festive evening included a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Right, the 50/50 drawing was won by Judith Chizmas, left, a guest of one of the members. She is shown with Brenda Scicchitano, one of the organizers for the raffle and auction.









On May 18, the Karaoke Club celebrated its most senior member, Ernest Brothers, on his 99th birthday. Mr. Brothers is an active member of the club and still enjoys singing on stage on a regular basis. He was honored by the members and is shown with several of his sons. Pictured left to right: Greg, Ernest (Ernie), Jeff and Byron. Byron, who is the president of the Karaoke Club, and Greg both live in Sun City West and Jeff flew in from Denver. Mr. Brothers sang, "You Make Me Feel So Young" and was joined by Karen Devers in a duet, "As Time Goes By."

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classes and three water classes. Instructors and the classes they teach are as follows:

Sculpt 45 - Lisa Friedman; 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge. Summer maintenance will close the Summit Hall from July 24 through Aug. 7. No classes will be held during this period.

Zumba and Zumba Gold - Sherry Possner; from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge. This class moved to the Agave Room at Beardsley Rec Center on Aug. 4, 7.

Jazzercise Cardio Sculpt (low impact) - Susan Shewmake; from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. Due to summer maintenance in the Social Hall, this class will not be held during the month of July.

Water Aerobics and Fitness - Bill Benson; 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Palm Ridge Indoor October. H2O Fitzi with Mitzi - Mitzi Cerecedes; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; a high-intensity, low impact shallow water exercise program including warmup and cool down periods with a com-

Walking Pool. This class will resume in

plete aerobic segment. Deep Water - Maggie Delaney; 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Wednesday and Friday in the R.H. Johnson pool.

If you have questions or need more information about the Fitness Club, contact Club President Marilynn Shaw at 541-980-4444 or sende her an email at shaw.marilynn@gmail.com or visit the club's website - fitness.scwclubs.com.

### GLASS FUSING & ENAMELING

The Glass Fusing & Enameling Club recently held a big glass sale for it's members. There were beautiful pieces of all different colored glass for \$5 and \$10 a piece!

We are a small, friendly club. Anyone can learn to make jewelry, ornaments,

vases, night lights, wind chimes and much more. Get creative! Experienced club members will teach you how to make it. There are many new classes and workshops being taught once you learn so you can build on the basics and keep creating new, beautiful pieces.

The club is at Beardsley Rec Center. Pop in and check us out 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The club phone number is 623 544-6532 or con-



Glass Fusing & Enameling Club members gather for a meeting in the club room at Beardsley Rec Center.

tact the club president Patti at 818 605-5565 or pburleson07@gmail.com.

### KARAOKE

The Karaoke Club plans to be open this summer on a modified schedule in their "Kool Karaoke Kabaret," Thursdays at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center Social Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. Singing begins at 6. Look for the banner and neon sign. Because of scheduled maintenance in the Social Hall during the month of July, the club will be on hiatus until the facility reopens opens, hopefully in August. Members will be updated via email.

Monday practice sessions are suspended for the summer. The club just purchased a new sound system, and they are anxious to get back to their regular schedule in late summer. You may check the 'calendar of events' on the website to see the schedule. Look for a Luau in early September.

You don't need to sing to enjoy the music and camaraderie of this friendly group. The club is open to members and their accompanied guests. Annual membership is \$10 and the nightly singing fee for members is \$2 and \$3 for singing guests. Listening is free! Cups and ice provided. Membership forms are available Thursday evenings, or on the club's website: karaoke.scwclubs.com.

### LAPIDARY

The Johnson Lapidary Club is a social and hobby club. Lapidary is the art of cutting, forming and polishing gem-stones and precious materials. Club members use modern cutting, shaping and polishing equipment to create their "works of art" as jewelry, such as bolos, belt buckles, pendants, and earrings. The club also has dichroic glass, metal clay, and faceting equipment. Members can purchase rocks, materials, settings, findings, tools, etc. from the club at competitive prices. We provide beginner to advanced classes and we also have fun social events. Visit the club room at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center for a tour and information or visit the Lapidary Club's website at lapidary.scwclubs.com, email us at johnsonlapidary@gmail.com or call us at 623-584-8952. It's fun, easy, and very rewarding.

### **LEATHER CARVERS**

It's cool inside! Many have gone north for their summer travels but members continue to work on their leather projects throughout the hot summer months.

Structured classes are typically not on the summer schedule but the club is open at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday all summer. Open hours are somewhat shortened during the off season so anyone interested in stopping by should plan on coming by during the morning hours.

The Leather club is a great club because of the great members. You can always find someone trying a new pattern or project, excited about a new process they have learned and wanting to share or offering their assistance to another member to help them with their project. There is an updated library full of ideas and inspiration just waiting for members to create. It's not just carving, they are braiding, burning, painting, sewing and anything else you can imagine. Instructional classes have been held on lacing, braiding, air brushing, staining, wet dipping and a variety of other skills. Whether you are a beginner who wants to get started or an experienced carver who wants to learn a new skill, you will find what you are looking for. You will receive fundamental instruction and learn how to use the seven basic tools of the craft.

The club is a great place to meet others who love the craft of leather working. Members create projects such as handbags, wallets, phone cases, guitar straps, and much more. Everything from the simplest belts to the most detailed saddles and jewelry. Club tools, supplies and equipment are available for use. The club has purchased two different industrial sewing machines to meet the needs of any project. Current members offer years of experience and are always happy and available to exchange ideas, answer questions and assist with projects.

The club has a variety of items for sale to members. Handcrafted leather items make wonderful gifts for family and friends. You'll enjoy making projects you can use, give as gifts, or sell.

Leather workers meet at the Kuentz Center beginning at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Leather Carvers have always taken part in the Fall and Spring Craft Fairs at R.H. Johnson and hope to continue selling at some local area craft sales and the del Sol Arts & Crafts Gallery. Several crafters sold their items on their own at the Sundome Plaza Arts & Crafts Show hosted by the Sundome Merchants in March and hope to again in November. This is a great opportunity for members to come out and see the variety of items they do not see in the club since those selling make most of their items in their own homes. All Sun City West residents with a valid rec card are welcome to become members. Visit scwleathercarversclub.weebly.com or call 480-341-2057 for more information.

### LINE DANCERS

Summer is here and the outside temperatures have risen, but you can have some fun, learn to dance and get some exercise in the cooler temperatures of our ballroom where it's a nice 76 degrees. Line dancing requires no dance partner and is a fun and enjoyable social activity. For those with line dancing experience, we offer a variety of teaching and non-teaching classes. We use many types of music, so you won't be bored hearing the same beat for the hour. There will be something for you regardless of your musical tastes from Rock 'n' Roll, Country Western, Latin, Disco, Big Band, show tunes, etc. Our line dances also incorporate a variety of dance styles from East and West Coast Swing, Samba, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2step and so on. Learning these steps will also help you if you decide to do some couples dancing.

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We also offer a four-week Beginners program where you will learn the fundamentals and basic steps of line dance. However, due to some ballroom closures in July, our regular schedule must be modified. Please contact Patti Anderson at 701-371-6392 for the July schedule for all of our classes.

All classes are taught by Kort Kurdi and are for club members and their invited guests. Membership is open to Sun Čity West residents with valid recreation cards. Club membership is \$5 per calendar year. All classes are \$5 except for Beginners, which is \$20 for a four-week session. Guest fees are slightly higher. Resident and non-resident guests may only attend club activities three times in a calendar year and non-resident guests must be accompanied by a club member. You can view club information at linedancers.scwclubs.com or contact Patti at the above number.

### MAC-CRO-KNIT

What's going on at Mac-Cro-Knit? Find out at the next monthly business meeting which will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 13, in Room 3/Pueblo Room at Kuentz Rec Center. Guests are always welcome to come and learn about the Club and its projects.

It pays to belong to Mac-Cro-Knit. Your \$5 annual dues entitle you to meet some friendly ladies who will help you learn or re-learn crocheting, knitting, or other similar skills. There are good bargains at the frequent yarn sales. There is a well-organized library of patterns and books. There are crochet needles and knitting needles aplenty on hand. When at least 100 treasure bags are completed, members line up to fill them with toiletries and personal items for abused women and the homeless. Given the friendly ladies you get to spend time with, this could be the best \$5 you spend.

Summer monitors are needed for both Tuesday and Thursday mornings. No monitor equals no workshop. Non-use of our room could mean we lose use of the room. Monitoring is an easy job. You get to greet those arriving and make some coffee. Bringing snacks are optional. Club hours are 8 to 11 a.m. Members can sign up to monitor online through the club website's "Signup Genius" at knit.scwclubs.com.

"Fix' those projects! Members are happy to help "fix" projects for nonmembers but would appreciate a donation to the club in exchange for their



Ask the Metal Club about its vacation mailboxes at the club room or online at scwmetalclub.com.

volunteer time or just join our friendly Club. Annual dues are \$5.

Weekly workshops are held twice each week. Lively and energetic club workshops are held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. in Room 3/Pueblo Room, Kuentz Rec Center on the corner of R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards. Members share their knitting and crocheting projects, skills and patterns during "show and tell." Learn more about the club by checking the club website knit.scwclubs.com, or call Janet Lennon 623-687-7397. The club's Facebook page is "Mac-Cro-Knit Sun City West."

### METAL

The Sun City West Metal Club provides members with a wide variety of metal working equipment: milling machines, lathes, grinding/burning, sandblasting, knifemaking, plasma cutting, powder coating, spray painting, sheet metal, welding, foundry operations, etc. New members are welcome to tour our facility to learn more about the club. No metal working experience required; numerous classes are available.

The Metal Club also provides popular vacation mailboxes available for purchase and installation. Simply visit scwmetalclub.com and follow mailbox prompts to order your choice of beige or black mailbox. You will be contacted within 24 to 48 hours to arrange an installation date.

The Metal Club is at 13849 W.

The outdoor G-scale layout at Beardsley Rec Center.

Camino Del Sol (next to the Visitor's Center/PORA office/Del Sol Gallery). Club hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the club at 623-

### MODEL RAILROAD

584-0150 or scwmetalclub.com.

Welcome to the world of model railroading! If you are new to the hobby or have enjoyed it for years, please come and visit us at our club at R.H. Johnson Rec Center in the Member Services Courtyard or at Beardsley Rec Center off 128th Avenue.

Our days and hours for the HO-Nscale are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 9AM to noon during the summer months. Trains run most days during the summer months except for short maintenance projects. You may come and view anytime we are open.

Trains on our G-scale outdoor layout at Bearsley Rec Center will be shut down for during June, July and August. Our opening in September will be posted. When open, join us from 5 to 8 p.m. the first Friday of every month for our Night Run. Relax and enjoy the trains at night!

We also have a great group of wives and ladies in our club, our Choo-Choo Chicks, who enjoy the trains and social events.

We love to show off our trains and scenery. Always happy to share our knowledge and experience. Come join the fun. For more information, call our club at 623-544-6148 or President Bob Rose at 623-826-3448.

### PEBBLEBROOK LADIES 18 GOLF

Pebblebrook is the only ladies club offering three tee options (red, combo and green) for players of all abilities. The combo tees reduces the Red Tee length on holes 4, 6, 10, and 16 by a total of 357 yards, bringing the total playable length to 5,352 yards vs 5,709 yards from the red tees.

Every Tuesday is an organized 18hole club game. It's easy to sign-up. There is an optional "Chip-In Pot" & "Blind Draw" each week. After the round, we gather on the patio for a fun time.

Our annual Tournament of Champions recognizes our Club Champion (Low Gross), President's Cup (Low Net) and "Flight" Champions. We also have several "Fun Day" mixers and participate in team play with the other regulation course Ladies 18 groups.

Join us any Tuesday to try us out. Though not eligible for prizes, you may play three times with us before making a commitment to join. Please check us out on our website at pbwomensgolf.scwclubs.com or call Wanda Schnabel at 260-312-5230 for more information.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY WEST**

There is lots going on in this fun club. Our pop-up get-togethers have been very popular. They combine education with a social twist which results in learning something new and making new friends. It's a great way to get to know members of our club. Another way to meet fellow members is to monitor. It is for only three hours, and not only will you meet some friendly people, you will learn what is going on in our club. We also have club "Ambassadors" who team up with our new members to help them with their photographic needs. Carpool trips and other travel opportu-



Top left, Carrie Bullinger finished as the May Low Gross leader with an 88. Top right, Nina Paris notched a Low Net 64. Bottom left, Donna Richmond was the May Putter Ace with 29 putts. Bottom right, the Pebblebrook Ladies 18 Club welcomes new member Sandy Briggs.



nities will help to make you a better photographer. Member photographs are displayed at the library and R.H. Johnson Rec Center.

Photography West, at the Beardsley Recreation Center, is a club for Sun City West residents who enjoy photography. Contact the club at 623-544-6520. Summer hours are noon to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You may mount and matt pictures, get information and pay dues. You can also make movies, transfer slides and pictures to a flash drive, VHS to flash drive or DVD, work with Elements, and transfer records or cassettes to flash drives. Check out our Still Life and Portrait Studio. Computers are available for members' use.

Photography West will resume regular Friday meetings at 10 a.m. at the Stardust at Kuentz in September. In the meantime, we will have special programs at 10 a.m. Friday, July 21 and Aug. 18, at in the Stardust Theatre. Watch our website for schedule of events, classes, pop-ups, competitions and social events. New things are added all the time.

Visit photography.scwclubs.com. We are open to club members and their accompanied guests.

### **PINOCHLE**

The Monday Pinochle Club meets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays at Beardsley Rec Center. The club plays single deck partners with no pass. We are a very friendly, helpful group who have a lot of fun playing Pinochle. Call Lou at 847-404-9835.

### **PORCELAIN PAINTERS**

The Porcelain Painters Club is beginner friendly – no experience is necessary, just a desire.

As a new member, you'll receive free lessons, a piece of porcelain for your first project, and the use of brushes and paints. Instruction is also available using fiberglass, decals, and more. Classes in the art of Ukrainian egg painting are available, as well as classes in the art of sloughing glass and painting on glass.

Membership includes the free use of



kilns. Membership fee is only \$10 per year!

The first and third Monday afternoons are Paint 'n' Sip, at the Club room. The club provides a light snack and members are encouraged to bring snacks, too, if they choose.

snacks, too, if they choose. Our members enjoy "Field Trips," which can include the Phoenix Art Museum, The Pink Door Tea House, Desert Botanical Gardens, and the Zoo, to name a few.

Club hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Stop by for a visit. We'd love to meet you, show you around, and answer any questions you may have. Porcelain Painters is in the Beardsley Recreation Center, 12755 W. Beardsley Rd., Sun City West, 623-544-6521.

### RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Do you have a motorhome, 5th wheel, travel trailer, or camper? If so, we invite you to join us at an RV Club meeting at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center. Guests are welcome at all meetings. The RV Club is a social and traveling club, made up of RVers and former RVers. We meet at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, usually twice a month, once on a Tuesday day morning and once on a Tuesday evening.

The upcoming general business meetings are scheduled for Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Oct. 3. Meetings begin at 5 p.m. with a social time. You are invited to participate in a potluck or not dinner. You may bring a dish that serves 10 to share or bring your own dinner/snack. Please bring your own table service. As always, coffee will be provided, and entertainment will follow the business meeting.

Upcoming Caravan Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday mornings. The next meetings will be on Sept. 26 and Oct. 24. Meetings begin at 8 a.m. with a social time, during which donuts and coffee are provided. At Caravan Meetings, you may sign up for trips and learn about past and future trips. **Club** Corner

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Above, Lynne Marion teaches three different types of Easel Cards: the single, angled and double angled styles to enthusiastic members. Right, Lynne Marion, club president, is shown here with three styles of easel cards. Below, members hold the cards they made during the ribbon card class; Linda Stratton is third from the right side.







Members show off examples of the delightful Drapery Fold card taught by Sharon Chesney.

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Traveling with the RV Club is great fun! Not only do the travelers get to experience new and exciting places, but they have a wonderful time traveling and exploring together. Here are some of our recent trips: Cottonwood Survival Rally, Barleens Arizona Opry, Organ Stop Pizza, White Tank Mountains Campout, Navajo Nation, American History Tour, Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, Rally to Yuma, Broadway Theater. Please join us at a meeting soon!

For further information, please see rv.scwclubs.com; or email: suncity-westrvclub@gmail.com.

### SATURDAY NIGHT GAMESTERS

The Saturday Night Gamesters meet from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Saturdays at Beardsley Rec Center. Join us as we have many different games that are being played, such as Poker, Double Deck Pinochle, Mah Jongg, and Hand and Foot. You are welcome to bring your friends and start any game you like or join an existing group. Call Larry Bosma at 701-729-1572 for details.

### SCRAPBOOKING, PAPERCRAFTS & MORE

Members of Scrapbooking, Papercrafts & More are all about sharing ideas and techniques and the club hasn't





Left photo, Evelyn Simek shows off a quilt top she completed. Someone donated the 16-patch portions already sewn together. Simek added fabric of her own for sashing and a blue border. Right, April Sliva watches Terese Farrar unfold a quilt top that Darlene Mullen pieced from donated fabric squares. In the background is a rust, cream and green triple-decker quilt top pieced by Joyce Sapik.

# Quilters give new life to scraps, leftovers

The Rip 'N' Sew club in Sun City West depends on the kindness of others. If it weren't for others' fabric donations, far fewer quilts would go from the Quilting for a Cause subgroup and into the hands of hospitals, fire and rescue squads, hospices, police and sheriff personnel, the Navajo Nation, the unhoused, dialysis units and more.

Terese Farrar, who co-chairs Quilts for a Cause with Darlene Mullen, said, "Evelyn Simek is great for taking home donations that are started but not finished, or combinations of fabrics that are not sufficient, but with adding more from her stash, comes up with a beautiful (quilt) top."

Simek showed off one of her 16-patch quilt tops at a recent Quilts for a Cause meeting.

"The 16-patch is one of four that I made," Simek said, "with the 50-plus donated blocks from a friend of Cindy Stedman, (a Rip 'N' Sew member)."

And so far, Mullen has made eight quilt tops from the 100 12-inch squares donated by a friend of Sue Truax, another Rip 'N' Sew member. Truax kept the hundreds of 5inch-by-5-inch squares in the same donation to make other tops for Quilts for a Cause.

Louise Howden has made six to eight quilt tops with the fabric Lynn Craig gave her. Both women sew several times a week at Rip 'N' Sew.

Howden said she was getting bored with the things she was sewing. So Craig opened her rolling tote packed with fabric and pulled out bundles of fabric strips.

Howden has converted those strips into several variations of rail fence-patterned quilt tops.

If you have quilt pieces or fabric to donate, please call Rip 'N' Sew at 623-546-4050 and ask for Cindy Stedman, who is in charge of club donations.

slowed down despite snowbirds heading home to cooler regions.

A technique to create colorful marbleized patterns on cardstock using ink and shaving cream was taught by Kathy Greene. An intricate Tri-fold shutter taught by Lynne Marion, SPAM's President, entailed making a dimensional card that opens in multiple directions and features several panels that may be decorated and embellished befitting the recipient.

Member Sharon Chesney taught a Drapery Fold card using double-sided designer paper. By folding pleats into the paper and making a few specific cuts with scissors, a pattern is created that reveals both sides of the decorative paper. Instead of using paper, Linda Stratton

Instead of using paper, Linda Stratton taught a Ribbon Card class using decorative woven ribbon to create a bright, modern background for cards. The cards were then embellished with die cut sentiments and shapes such as balloons, flowers and more.

Donning her instructor's hat again, Lynne Marion gave a workshop for three different styles of Easel Cards; Lynne initially taught the basic single easel card in either a horizontal or vertical layout and then showed the enthusiastic participants how to make the side-angled easel and a double easel cards. The crafting industry continually introduces new equipment to achieve techniques previously available only in the industry sector. Frequently, members who purchase a specialized machine will provide a demonstration to the delight of fellow members.

Last month, Lynne Marion demonstrated how the Glimmer hot foil system can be used to make fancy greeting cards featuring sentiments or designs printed in shimmery foil metallics.

Want to learn the art of stamping, paper crafting, make greeting cards or a



the fabric Lynn Craig gave her.

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scrapbook filled with family photos? Drop by SPAM's clubroom, meet members, and check out the club's vast crafting inventory.

SPAM meets in Beardsley's Agave Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For info call club president, Lynne Marion at 440-666-6386.

### **SILVER CRAFT**

We provide beginner and advanced classes. Members can purchase materials (silver, rose gold and copper) from the club at competitive prices for your next project. Most tools are available for members to use. The club has many machines for cutting, grinding and polishing

Come check us out at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center for a tour of our facility and sign up for your future class. Our email is toyki.silvercraft@gmail.com or call 623-584-8153.

### SOFTBALL

Welcome to July in Sun City West! Many people think it is too hot now for outdoor activities!

July is actually a good time to play softball. We have summer sessions that start around 8 a.m. and games are finished around 11. The softball club is nearing the end of the second summer session with a third session set for the end of July and finish in early September

When you join the club, you will go through what we call the "Green Team." Evaluators will determine which of our leagues best matches your skills. We have three primary leagues that play ball from late October until the end of March. Some leagues play against teams from Sun City. We also have other special leagues based on age and gender. If you want to become more familiar with the club without a commitment, come to Liberty Field around 7:30 a.m. Sundays to participate in a practice. For information regarding practices and the Green Team, call Gary Scapito at 623-451-7837. Prior to participating in the Green



The Sportsman's Easy Riders group to a trip to Constellation Mine.

Team we will have bats for you to use plus enable you to make a better determination of what bats and gloves to buy.

For additional information call Nick Missos our club president at 574-551-4969, Kay Peterson at 623-760-7367 or Dave Ryg at 815-978-0712. The initiation cost is \$100 which gets you a pair of shorts, long pants, cap/visor and a belt. Annual dues are \$50. Join us for exercise, to meet new friends and play recreational softball.

### **SPANISH**

The Mission of the Sun City West Spanish Club is to learn the language and celebrate the Hispanic culture through classes, cultural events, fiestas and travel.

Our weekly spring/summer "flash" classes and activities each Monday will continue through September. Kathy Mc-Farland offers "Cocina Latinoamericana" cooking classes on the first Monday monthly. This is a hands-on class and each participant will learn about chiles, salads and dressings and Pollo Loco. Prior classes prepared homemade tortillas and dulces (sweets). Please contact Kathy to reserve your spot in any or all of her classes.

Other Monday "flash" classes include greetings, numbers, alphabet, nouns, adjectives, common expressions, games, listening skills and more. A conversation class on "Time, Money, Distance" is scheduled for July, and another on "Shopping/Bargaining" in August. Classes are free to club members. Complete details and contact information are on our website

The Spanish Club is very active. In addition to our learning classes members enjoy our fiestas, travel opportunities, as well as Spanish themed board games and Spanish themed movies, all of which will resume in the fall.

Our volunteer teaching staff is always seeking additional teachers and teacher's assistants. In addition, the club is seeking individuals to fill board vacancies as they occur.

For more information on classes. events, volunteer opportunities and membership please visit spanish.scwclubs.com. Or you may contact our membership/publicity chair Jan Taylor 815-369-2783, at or garyjan65@yahoo.com.

### **SPORTSMANS**

The Sportsman's Club monthly meetings will resume again in September. Some activities continue through the summer months and are detailed in the following text. For other activities please visit sportsman.scwclubs.com.

The Firebird C Hiking season began in May and has weekly C hikes every Thursday during the summer months. Meet in area 14 of the R.H. Johnson parking lot at 5:45 a.m. to sign liability waivers and pair up drivers and riders. Hikers will leave the parking lot at 6 a.m. Snowbird hiking will resume in September.

623-544-6000

The Sun City West Masters Swimmers continues to have coached workouts through the Summer months from 7-8:30 AM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the R. H. Johnson pool.

Sportsman's Club offers SCW men and women a multitude of other outdoor Arizona activities. These include ATV/UTV riders, Big Wheels, Easy Riders, Birding, Boat Fishing, Shore Fishing, GEOcaching, Horseback Rid-ing, Clay and Target Shooting, Hiking, Darts, Walking/Jogging, and Masters Swimming. Participation in these activities will make you feel more connected to Sun City West and Arizona as you learn about area history, geology, geography, flora, and fauna. These activities are also a way to help maintain your body and brain's health.

Visit the club's website for details on Sportsman activities and membership information.

### **STARDUST** LADIES GOLF

Sun City West Lady Golfers are invited to join us on Tuesdays. You can elect to play nine holes or 18 holes. A handicap is established for you, once a member, and there are weekly games and a few fun tournaments and scrambles throughout the year.

Our April Ace's of the month were announced earlier. They are as follows: Jean Gallagher, low gross 78, and Jill Payne, Low Net 53. These ladies will compete in early December, along with other Aces of the Month, for Ace of the Year. Congratulations ladies!

Summer is upon us, but it's still a great time to come on out and play early! The weather is great and so is the course! Meet a few new friends and enjoy the game while you're at it.

Membership applications are available at the Stardust clubhouse, in the outdoor display case at Stardust or on our website sdladiesgolf.scwclubs.com. If you are not sure league play is for you, you can play as a guest and try it out. Please call Gail at 425-375-3552 or Rebekah 360-789-8628, with any questions you may have. Hope to see you soon!

### WATER FITNESS

The Water Fitness Club does gentle stretches to cardio exercises set to recorded music and instruction in the shallow end of the pool. The exercise sessions are self-directed. There are no instructors, but a new member may approach any experienced member for guidance. We alternate between four routines. The pools are very pleasant in the mornings even during the hottest days of summer. Please try us out and enjoy the beautiful Sun City West water facilities. Our schedule is as follows: Johnson outdoor pool, all year, 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; Beardsley indoor pool, all year, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and Palm Ridge indoor pool, all year, 9:15 a.m. Saturdays. Visit waterfitness.scwclubs.com. The web site contains our exercise calendars, a description of each routine, membership application, and much more. Club membership is open to anyone with a valid rec card. Membership dues are \$15 per year. Anyone with a rec card may attend five sessions before membership is required. Non-Sun City West residents may attend five times per year as a guest of a member. For more information, please contact president Sandra Forsev at scwwaterfitness@gmail.com or 623-261-7889



Svlvia Collins will return to direct this year's Westernaires holiday show - "Let the Lights Shine."

### **WESTERNAIRES**

The Westernaires Chorus of Sun City West will conduct its first rehearsal of the fall season in the "Back 40" of the Stardust Theater at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

Having balanced her health concerns, Sylvia Collins will return to direct four holiday shows, "Let the Lights Shine," in the Stardust Theater on Dec. 8-11. Collins earned a bachelor's degree in choral music at the University of Wisconsin and previously directed the Westernaires Chorus for six years. Tickets may be purchased at the Rec Center box office and via the club web page starting on Oct. 23.

Residents wishing to attend or audition to perform with the Westernaires Chorus are invited to attend the first rehearsal.

For information, contact President Ken Kunze at 402-366-7377, or visit westernaires.scwclubs.com.

### WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club offers a variety of social activities and monthly events. Many games are played at the club, including Mah Jongg, Bridge, Hand and





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Foot, Canasta, and many more. The third Monday the club has pot lucks and monthly birthday cake celebrations are big hits!

Mondays are busy days at the club, as the Fun and Games Committee hosts Hand and Foot variations open play with mentors, and open hosted Mah Jongg games. Hosted Bridge games can be found on Wednesdays and hosted Mah Jongg With a Kick games are on Thursdays. Hosted games are a great way to meet people and a way to start new game groups. Please refer to our web site for exact dates and times

The club's room is at the Kuentz Rec Center, directly across from the Stardust Theater. Hours are 11 am. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Members can come with their Women's Club friends and play any game of their choice any time the clubroom is open. Membership is open to Sun City West residents with a current rec card. Resident guests may come twice before

needing to join the club. Come and give the club a try! For more information, please contact president Julie Koehn at scwwomensclub@gmail.com or 480-235-2400 or visit womensclub.scwclubs.com.

### **ZYMURGY**

The Zymurgy Club has grown this past year and so many new events are The word Zymurgy forthcoming. means "The Art and Science of Fermentation." But we do offer so much more. Of course, we offer winemaking classes

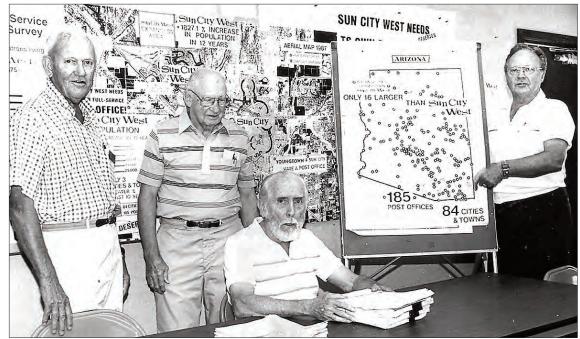
(all types) and beer making classes (all flavors) and we also have many other classes, including coffee roasting, beef jerky, Italian sausage and other fun events. We have monthly "One of Z's Night," which is a social event, with a band or other entertainment.

We also have other events, such as a chili cook-off, karaoke and lip syncing, and we celebrate monthly birthdays parties for our members.

Every year, in the early fall, the club hosts a free member only appreciation picnic, with all drinks (crafted beer and wine) provided by club members. We serve crafted Italian sausage and hamburgers, and all attendees bring a dish, and we have live entertainment too!

We do encourage people to stop in the Club anytime to see what we do and maybe you could enjoy watching a few people learning or tending to their crafted wines and beers. We have membership applications in the club and if you want more information on the Zymurgy Club, contact Jackie Ryg at 815-218-1002 or Charles Johnson at 623-764-2848.

# PORA video helped land Sun City West Post Office



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The U.S. Postal Service, however, was faced with the same financial problems facing all government agencies at the time and funds were not available for new projects. In addition, the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act required the postal service to cover all costs of building and maintenance, as well as the cost of delivering mail.

The odds of Sun City West securing its own post office seemed at this point to be slim or even nonexistent.

To complicate matters, the Sun City postmaster in 1991 felt Sun City West postal needs were being adequately met by the Sun City facility and wouldn't support a separate facility in Sun City West.

The issue would have ended right there and then if it were not for a group of diligent and committed residents who refused to take no for an answer. PORA created a committee, and that committee was led by Co-Chairs Howie Wilson and Virginia Smith.

The committee circulated a petition and collected over 11,000 signatures and it was Ms. Smith – a former congresswoman from Nebraska - who traveled to Washington, D.C., and personally hand-delivered the petitions to Postmaster General Anthony Franks.

According to Ms. Smith, Mr. Franks was "surprised to see so many signatures and indicated he had no idea there was so much concern out here."

The petition convinced the postmaster general to personally visit Sun City West in September 1991. At the time, Sun City West was the 16th largest community in Arizona – yet there were 115 post offices throughout the state serving smaller communities.

To help support their cause, PORA created a video to show to the postmaster general – a video that among other things, showed crowded lines and long waits at the Sun City Post Office counters!

Despite the Del Webb Development Co. offering to donate land and construct the building, the postmaster general still resisted approving a full-standing



From left, PORA President Bob Emmons, Post Office Committee Member Wayne Titus, Committee Co-Chair Howie Wilson and video cameraman Jack Lewis review the gathered petitions. Above, The Sun City West Post Office shortly before its official opening in February 1995.

post office for Sun City West.

It was then that Virginia Smith and the committee launched one more letter-writing campaign that persuaded Sen. DeConcini to act on his own. He would use his position as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to insert a line item in a general appropriations bill for \$1.1 million for a post office in Sun City West.

Oddly enough, a new postmaster general appointed by a new president, asked the Senate to increase the amount to \$5 million! With the help of Arizona's senators and representatives, the bill passed both houses and was signed by President George Bush.

The community's long road to a post office was finally nearing its end.

Initially, a 4.79-acre parcel on the corner of Camino del Sol and Meeker boulevards was chosen for a 21,000-square-foot building. PORA and others favored a five-acre site in the commercial

core at Sandridge Drive and 139th Avenue, a site that would eventually win out as the final location.

Construction began in July 1994 and the Sun City West Post Office officially opened its doors in February 1995. The post office today is located on Wilson Way, named after Co-Chair Howie Wilson.

A local newspaper published a letter by Co-Chair Howie Wilson where he thanked all those involved in the effort to secure a community post office. He finished his letter by saying the community effort "just shows what can be accomplished when we set our minds to it and work together!'

Note: Historical information for this column gathered from "Sun City West Silver Celebration," a history of Sun City West by Edson F. Allen. The book may be purchased at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, or at delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org.

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