

Street parking issue to be decided on March ballot

Members, we know we just went through a tough recall, but it is already time to start looking forward to the March regular election.

The March election will include not only a vote for new Directors, but also a vote on an important parking issue. You can find more information at suncitywest.com/2024election.

To view the P-5 Ordinance visit:
<https://suncitywest.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/P-5-Residential-Parking-Ordinance.pdf>

On the ballot, Members will be asked if they want the Recreation Centers of Sun City West to continue enforcing CC&Rs related to street parking. The Rec Centers currently enforces RV, boat, trailer, util-

ity and other long-term vehicle parking on our streets. The state Legislature passed a new law this year that will remove that authority, unless residents reaffirm it.

Without a positive vote by a

quorum of members, the Rec Centers and its CC&R Department will have no jurisdiction over whether RVs and other large vehicles can remain parked on the streets indefinitely.

The current parking enforcement is overseen by the Sun City West CC&R Department. The CC&R parking policy states:

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Directors retained in recall election

Recreation Centers of Sun City West Governing Board President Tim Hurley, Treasurer Dick Rhoades and Director Jack Leary survived a Dec. 11 recall election.

A near-record 9,338 total weighted votes were cast. (Weighted votes refer to total number of votes cast, including those by members owning more than one property. It compares to total number of voters, which came in at 9,036). The turnout was about 36 percent.

Hurley was retained by a 55.9 to 44.1 percent margin of weighted votes (5,194 to 4,092).

Leary was retained by a 55.1 to 44.9 percent margin (5,114 to 4,175).

Rhoades was retained 56.6 percent to 43.4 percent (5,251 to 4,027).

With the recall's failure, the Directors will continue to finish out their terms. The Association will still have its regular Governing Board Directors Election in March. Petitions for candidates in that election must be turned in by Jan. 2.

For more information about the Dec. 11 recall, visit: suncitywest.com/2023recall.

For details about the March election be sure to check out suncitywest.com/2024election.



Kilted Spirit will perform at the St. Patrick's Day Show on March 15.

Enjoy festive tunes at St. Patrick's Show

Get ready to don some green and celebrate with a festive St. Patrick's Day Show featuring the Irish-inspired band Kilted Spirit at noon Friday, March 15, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the R.H. John-

son Box Office, 19801 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

Limited concessions will include popcorn, soda and water.

Kilted Spirit has entertained audiences around Phoenix for about 14 years with lively and

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Country roads lead to SCW for John Denver tunes

Follow those "Country Roads" to Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, as the Recreation Centers of Sun City West proudly welcomes Jim Curry's tribute to the music of John Denver on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Tickets for the two-show event – 3 and 7 p.m. – are \$30 and are on sale at the R.H. Johnson Box



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Queen of Hypnosis heads into Palm Ridge

The Rec Centers is excited to present Nadeen Manuel, the "Undisputed Queen of Hypnosis," for two shows at 3 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive. Doors open at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and are on sale at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

Award-winning comedy hypnotist Nadeen will have the crowd roaring with laughter as they witness the amazing power of the subconscious mind; featuring mesmerized audience members

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Easter in the Park returns in March to Beardsley

The Rec Centers of Sun City West invites residents with grandchildren and other special children to celebrate Easter from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 30, at Beardsley Park, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

Tickets are free, but we require one ticket per child. Tickets will be available online (suncitywest.com) and at the box office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., starting on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Join us for fun in the park with the Easter Bunny and plenty of activities, including a train, petting zoo, bouncy houses, and crafts.

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Spring Fest returns with 3 hot acts

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is happy to bring back its popular Spring Fest at Beardsley Park, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

The three-night event kicks off at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, and runs through Saturday, March 9. It will feature The Heart of Rock n' Roll; George Michael Reborn; and One of These Nights – a tribute to the Eagles. Gates open at 5 p.m.

Ticket packages for all three shows is \$54 per person, or \$22 per person for individual shows. Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

Full concessions will be available at the March 7 and 9 shows and includes hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, ice cream, popcorn, water, soda and chips.

The March 8 show will have an assortment of food trucks and partial concessions – ice cream, popcorn, and water. Non-ticket holders are welcome to visit the food trucks and grab a bite.

MARCH 7

The Heart of Rock n' Roll

The Heart of Rock & Roll is a top-tier tribute show band with a frontman who brings to life the look and sound of Huey Lewis & the News.

Made up of seven talented professionals, expandable to include a three-piece horn section, The Heart of Rock n' Roll has headlined coast to coast and brings an infectious blend of rock, pop, blues and soul to fans around the country. With unforgettable hits like, "Hip to be Square," "Stuck With You," "Workin For a Livin'," "I Want a New Drug," "The Power of Love," and "The Heart of Rock & Roll," audiences will feel transported "Back in Time" as they enjoy the full Huey Lewis & The News live concert experience.

MARCH 8

George Michael Reborn

The incredible George Michael Reborn, a WHAM! tribute to the late, great legend! Robert Bartko exudes the energy and passion of the '80s and '90s pop star, getting the crowd on the dance floor for "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" and prompting standing



The Heart of Rock n' Roll

ovations for his performance of "Careless Whisper."

Robert is a spot-on George Michael lookalike, with the vocal range, dance moves, crowd interaction, and charisma that will leave you cheering for an encore.

The following food trucks will be on hand during the March 8 concert:

Chew Philly - The only "Philly Food Truck" specializing in authentic Philly cheesesteaks in Phoenix area. Chew Philly is more than just a place to grab a sandwich, the owner is born and raised in south Philly and serves the same Philadelphia cheesesteaks he grew up on. They will also add their gourmet cheeseburgers to Spring Fest!

Johnny Dog - Johnny Dog is an Arizona family run business



serving gourmet hot dogs and live events catering since 2012. We bring you nothing but the highest quality products and exceptional fast friendly customer service.

Lobstar - With lots of love put into this old age concept with a new age fresh look, being able to provide a one-of-a-kind New England seafood lobster food truck is Lobstar's ultimate goal. What sets Lobstar aside from the rest is their

lobsters are shipped straight from Maine and the New England coast, providing the most authentic and ultimate culinary experience.

Re Di Roma - After 12 years of cooking in Rome, pizzaiolo Oualid Ferhati brings authentic wood-fired pizza napoletana, fresh pasta, salad, and dessert to the Phoenix area.

Sanchos Tacos - Sanchos Tacos is no stranger to Sun

City West and they are coming back for Spring Fest! Family operated and highly booked across the valley, Sanchos Tacos will fulfill your Mexican food cravings with their carne asada, chicken, and al pastor.

MARCH 9

One of These Nights – a tribute to The Eagles

Get transported back to the golden era of classic rock as One of These Nights takes the stage!

This extraordinary tribute band brings to life the timeless music of the Eagles, one of the most iconic and beloved rock bands in American history. Led by the talented John Waxman on lead guitar and vocals; JD Madrid on guitar and lead vocals; Clayton Birtcher on lead guitar; Justin Brotman on bass and vocals; Steve Shostak on keyboard and vocals; and Ross Brotman on drums; this exceptional ensemble pays homage to The Eagles with passion and precision.

Prepare to be swept away by the familiar melodies of timeless hits such as "Hotel California," "Take It Easy," "Desperado," "Lyn' Eyes," and many more. One of These Nights captures the spirit and essence of The Eagles, channeling their unique blend of rock, country, and folk into an unforgettable live experience.



Chew Philly



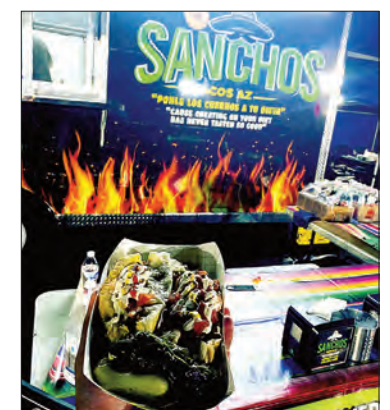
Lobstar



Johnny Dog



Re Di Roma



Sanchos Tacos

The high-energy Thaddeus Rose Band will perform at the March Dance in the Palm Ridge Summit Hall on March 22.



Thaddeus Rose to rock March Dance

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is excited to bring back the Thaddeus Rose Band from 7 to 10:30 p.m. March 22 at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person and go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online

at suncitywest.com.

Soda and water will be available for purchase. Thaddeus Rose Band is a variety band that has entertained audiences for the past 20 years. Offering the best dance and rock 'n' roll hits, Thaddeus Rose brings a high-energy performance to every show.

February Dance to feature Faded Jeans

Shake off the winter blues with one of the Valley's best cover bands – Faded Jeans – at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive.

Tickets are \$20 per person and on sale at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Soda and water will be available for purchase.

Faded Jeans is an energetic, five-piece electric band that has connected with audiences through its genre-hopping performances, keeping the crowd dancing throughout the show.

The band's song list includes



classic rock, rhythm-and-blues, pop, oldies, country, 70s funk, and rockabilly, with each song performed true to style.

Faded Jeans has something for everyone ... from classics like Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" to to dance favorites like the Commodores' "Brick House" and crowd sing-alongs like Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places."

The band is comprised of an incredible mix of musicians from across the country, all with stellar professional experience.



The Surprise Pops will perform a spring concert April 4 at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

Surprise Pops set for spring concert

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is pleased to present its Spring Concert featuring the Surprise Pops at 2 p.m. April 4 in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are free (limit two per rec card) but the band does ask audience member to donate nonperishable food items

for local food banks. Tickets will be available at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

A handful of musicians gathered 35 years ago in Clancy Wolf's garage to enjoy themselves making band music. It was recreation, fun and fellowship. Today the band has

grown to about 100 members and plays free concerts to thousands of West Valley audiences every season. The band still keeps the tradition of not charging for a concert.

The Surprise Pops will honor Veterans with a patriotic concert featuring an array of American Military and marching music.

Winter bloom at RHJ



Shout out to the Environmental Services team for the fantastic paint job on the planters in front of RH Johnson. They look fabulous.



HiFi Allstars return to Palm Ridge on Jan. 26.

HiFi Allstars come back for January show

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is excited to bring back HiFi Allstars for a night of cool tunes and dancing at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive.

Tickets are \$20 and on sale at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

Soda and water will be available for purchase.

HiFi Allstars is a "Hi" energy band covering multiple genres, including rock, pop, funk, country and rock and roll. They have performed at many SCW dances and the 2023 Cabaret Series under different show themes. Come out and enjoy the high energy tunes by HiFi Allstars.

Closures set for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West will be closing several offices on Monday, Jan. 15, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Membership, Administrative and Golf Operations offices will be closed on Jan. 15.

The R.H. Johnson Library will be closed as usual on that Monday.

The Sports Pavilion will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. while Lizard Acres Pub is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

All Sun City West golf courses will be open regular business hours.

All four recreation centers will be open for regular business hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Members are encouraged to put member credit on their accounts before the holiday. There is no expiration on these funds.



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What a tumultuous year!

The effort from a small group of residents attempting to recall me and two other Directors was unsuccessful. However, the emotions I feel now are the same whether it had passed.

It is the same feeling that I had 11 years ago when I became conscious after three weeks in a coma after a massive heart attack. First, there was surprise that I had had a heart attack with no symptoms or warning. I had fallen over dead, luckily in front of my wife. Lucky for me, she was a former surgical technician and knew CPR. She kept doing CPR until

the paramedics arrived. They shocked me back to a feeble heart beat and expedited me to the hospital. The ER staff was just doing a shift change, so I got a lot of attention very quickly. After being zapped six times, a stent was inserted in my "Widow Maker" LAD vessel, and I was stabilized. Unfortunately, all the

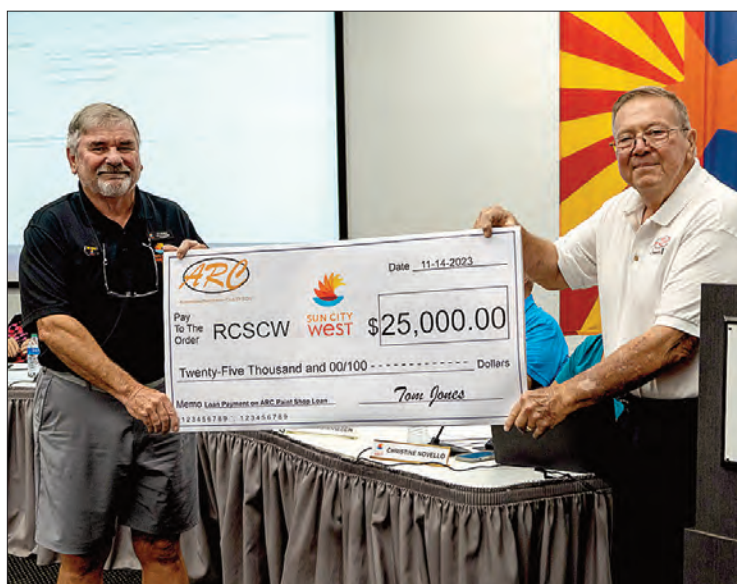


Tim Hurley
President

compressions had broken three ribs and I had aspirated my stomach contents into my lungs. The pulmonary doctor put me into an induced coma while they worked to clear my lungs. Oh, by the way, they also induced hypothermia to help protect my organs. About a week later they tried to revive me to remove the breathing tube, but I could not breathe on my own, so I was intubated again. Two weeks later, I was revived again and could now breathe on my own.

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Payback



Automotive/Restoration Club president Tom Jones presents Governing Board president Tim Hurley with ceremonial \$25,000 loan payment for the ARC Paint Shop at the Nov. 16 Regular Governing Board meeting.

Talk with the GB President

Have questions, comments or concerns for the Governing Board? GB President Tim Hurley would like to hear them!

President Hurley will have office hours once a month from 10 a.m. to noon: Jan. 8; Feb. 5; March 4; April 1; May 6; and June 3. Residents may also visit with President Hurley by appointment.

For information, contact executive assistant Karen Roepken at karen.roepken@suncitywest.com or call 623-544-6115.



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MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

The next **Governing Board Workshop** will be at 9 a.m. **Jan. 12** in the **Lecture Hall**. The **GB Regular Meeting** will be at 9 a.m. **Jan. 25** in the **Lecture Hall**. The next **GM Operations meeting** will be **1:30 p.m. Jan. 8** in the **Village Meeting Room**. Meetings are available online at suncitywest.com and youtube.com/suncitywestaz. The schedule is subject to change. Call 623-544-6115 for meeting dates and other information. Visit suncitywest.com and sign up for the eNews to receive the latest information.

Talent Spotlight rocks Kuentz

Talent Spotlight rings in the New Year with its January lineup. Join the Rec Centers of Sun City West at 11 a.m. at the Kuentz Courtyard for an hour of fun.

The January lineup is:

Jan. 10 – Singer, guitarist Meyer

Jan. 17 - Old Folk with singers Ellie, Clark and Alan

Jan. 24 - Singer Bob McMann

Jan. 31 - Singer Robert Bubon

For questions, contact Robert Bubon at 623-544-6563.



Time: 4 - 6 p.m. (open house)

Location: Palm Ridge Recreation Center 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive

Please join us and learn about what the Recreation Centers have to offer in all departments as well as SCW Chartered Clubs, Board of Directors, various service groups.

January tours of rec centers set

Tour rec centers in January

Join us for tours of our Rec Centers in January. Learn where the clubs are located plus see the pools and exercise rooms. All tours start at 9 a.m.

Jan. 8, 22 – Beardsley, meet in front of the Arts/Crafts Building. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Jan. 9, 23 – Palm Ridge, meet in front of the Pool Building. Tour lasts approximately one hour.



Tim Peterson

Jan. 10, 24 – Kuentz, meet in front of the Stardust Theatre. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Jan. 11, 25 – R.H. Johnson, meet in front of the Social Hall. Tour lasts approximately two hours.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Tour Library, Metal Shop, and Agriculture Club. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and begins at the Library.

For questions? Call Tim Peterson at 623-544-6194.



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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2 Chartered Clubs Committee Meeting 1:30 pm	3 GB Candidate Petitions deadline - 3 pm	4 Properties Committee Meeting , 9 am	5 Rec Center News Submission Deadline Cabaret Series: Joe Sir "The Elvis Show" 3 & 7 pm, Palm Ridge	6
7	8 Tour Beardsley , 9 am Governing Board President Hours 10 am GM Ops , 1:30 pm TORCH , 10:30 am	9 Tour Palm Ridge , 9 am	10 Tour Kuentz , 9 am Talent Spotlight : 11 am, Kuentz Sports Pavilion Comm. 1:30 pm Newcomers Orientaton 4 pm, Palm Ridge Music on the Green: Priscilla Rose Band, 6 pm	11 Tour RH Johnson , 9 am Golf Committee Meeting , 1:30 pm Top Hat Series: Idol Through the Years , 3 & 7pm, Palm Ridge	12 GB Workshop , 9 am	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Admin & Membership Offices Closed	16 Tour Library, Metal, & Ag. Club , 9 am Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am John Denver Tribute Show 3 & 7 pm, Palm Ridge	17 Mid-Year Meeting 9 am, PR Summit Talent Spotlight - Old Folk 11 am, Kuentz	18	19 Cabaret Series: Cary Long "Comedy Show," 3 & 7 pm	20
21	22 Tour Beardsley , 9 am	23 Tour Palm Ridge , 9 am	24 Tour Kuentz , 9 am Talent Spotlight: Bob McMann aka Elvis 11 am, Kuentz Music on the Green: Salty Dawgs , 6 pm	25 Tour RH Johnson , 9 am GB Regular Meeting 9 am Top Hat Series: 3 International Tenors 3 & 7 pm, Palm Ridge	26 January Dance: HiFi Allstars , 7 pm Palm Ridge	27
28	29	30 Election Committee Meeting , 9 am	31 Talent Spotlight: Robert Bubon , 11 am Kuentz			

To confirm Governing Board activities, call 623-544-6115.



October 2023 Financials



OPERATING REVENUES	October Actual	October Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD PY
Membership	1,213,467	1,228,365	4,816,106	4,820,061	4,560,077
Recreation	15,961	7,835	28,105	30,486	29,033
Golf Fees	623,817	630,039	1,623,727	1,635,201	1,547,685
Bowling	96,169	80,921	197,442	193,865	204,368
Special Events	21,559	11,919	37,062	15,640	12,364
Ancillary Revenue	67,247	71,922	231,378	238,223	248,414
Merchandise Sales	11,634	10,375	13,296	28,345	26,997
Food and Beverage	40,476	30,710	131,841	97,385	103,375
Interest Income - Operating	2,205	1,470	79,681	72,337	2,226
Other Income	281	90	549	228	409
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,092,816	2,073,646	7,159,187	7,131,771	6,734,948
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Wages And Benefits	1,518,045	1,509,020	5,657,019	5,767,061	5,274,629
Utilities	261,262	221,508	1,121,173	963,143	935,093
Repair and Maintenance	170,181	196,342	811,386	791,663	696,405
Landscape Maintenance	318,796	533,463	1,129,108	1,248,060	1,260,524
Supplies and Services	69,110	68,802	230,159	266,847	264,097
Equipment	20,107	14,871	81,325	99,277	82,562
Taxes and Insurance	68,742	60,836	265,466	262,934	246,307
Interest & Financial Expense	46,212	42,410	149,805	137,519	131,979
Operating Expenses	56,278	73,725	193,615	259,897	219,611
Legal and Professional	12,469	8,368	65,373	59,176	55,107
Employee Related Expenses	22,025	6,053	61,509	68,740	55,984
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2,563,227	2,735,398	9,765,938	9,924,317	9,222,298
OPERATING CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW)	(470,411)	(661,752)	(2,606,751)	(2,792,546)	(2,487,350)
CAPITAL RELATED					
Investment Income-Reserves	111,307	48,753	100,973	170,855	127,798
Unrealized Gain (Loss) Investments	(406,600)	0	(914,974)	0	(1,390,580)
Club Funded Capital	0	0	0	0	14,622
Asset Preservation Fee	392,100	345,578	1,646,060	1,536,914	1,389,000
Estimated Reserve Fund Allocation	81,584	82,367	324,568	327,375	384,127
Gain / (Loss) on Asset Disposal	11,682	0	32,332	0	37,691
Depreciation Expense	(429,190)	(449,025)	(1,686,363)	(1,684,281)	(1,477,906)
TOTAL CAPITAL RELATED	(239,117)	27,673	(497,404)	350,863	(915,248)
REVENUES OVER / (UNDER) EXPENSES	(709,528)	(634,079)	(3,104,155)	(2,441,683)	(3,402,598)
Capital Project Expenditures	762,461	1,055,000	6,196,532	3,809,000	2,538,162

Financials are preliminary until accepted by the Governing Board.
Complete financial statements are posted monthly on suncitywest.com

Fiscal Year 23-24 Capital Projects \$100K or Higher - as of 10/31/23		
Project/Equipment	Budget	Total
General/Administration		
Recreation / Sports Pavilion		
RJH Parking Lot #3 - Mill & Resurface	1,063,000	918,252
Beardsley Arts & Crafts Parking Lot Mill & Resurface	517,000	287,684
Bowling Lanes Overlay/Replacement	278,226	310,528
Bocce Courts Flooring Replacement	207,480	105,858
RHJ Pool Deck Resurface	205,516	205,530
Beardsley Cardio Equip Treadmills(6)/Crosstrainers (4)	123,600	0
Bowling Ball Returns Replacement	108,948	108,948
Golf		
Grandview Irrigation Replacement	3,093,944	2,858,312
Golf Maintenance Equipment	985,889	99,954
Golf Maintenance Equipment - Carryover	308,882	186,251
Grandview Irrigation & Turf Reduction	258,949	72,150
Stardust #14 Lake Shoreline Repair	250,403	27,878
Echo Mesa Irrigation R&R Design Work	206,000	34,558
Golf Maint Vehicles	169,593	58,215
Trail Ridge Pro Shop Parking Lot Mill & Resurface	174,000	158,990
Grandview Pro Shop Parking Lot Mill & Resurface	168,000	238,696
Golf Carts (20)	123,600	0

Includes Carryover Budget and/or savings allocated by GM



William Beardsley and son, Robert

A Walk Through History



SCW's Ghost Town

There is a ghost town in Sun City West! Identified over the years as Beardsley Station or West Beardsley, the town of Beardsley, Ariz., was once located along Grand Avenue near the intersection of Grand and the current R.H. Johnson Boulevard in an area that is now part of Sun City West.

Sources including the Peoria Historical Society, "Salt River Stories," and Google indicate that "Beardsley is a populated place situated within Sun City West." While no current population data is presented, the elevation of Beardsley is listed as 1,263 feet. According to the 1960 Census, Beardsley had a population of 12.

The town of Beardsley was developed in the 1880s from a railroad station named for William Henry Beardsley. William Beard-

sley is perhaps best known in Arizona for being a part of a group of men who wanted to dam the Agua Fria River and develop a canal system to irrigate a large area of what is now Surprise and Goodyear in the early 1900s.

Beardsley and his group formed the Agua Fria Construction Co. This company later became known as the Agua Fria Water and Land Co. and, much later, part of the Maricopa Water District. Beardsley devoted more than 40 years to this project until his death in 1925. His son Robert would finish his father's project.

William Beardsley had hoped that the town of Beardsley would become a center for the approximately 60 square miles to be irrigated by the new canal where farmers and ranchers would bring their

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Phone Numbers



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The list will be updated as necessary. Call 544-6031.</i></p>
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Palo Verde Patchers names featured quilter for biennial show

The 13th Biennial Palo Verde Patchers Quilt Show, "There's No Place Like Home," will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25, at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive. The show is co-sponsored by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West.

The show features more than 200 beautiful quilts, a boutique, and a raffle for a lovely paper pieced and custom-quilted quilt. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or from club members, and includes discount coupons to local shops.

The featured quilter this year is Nancy Kemp who exemplifies the show's theme of the show. She has lived in numerous cities in the United States, Italy, and France and has made any place she lives her home.

Nancy's mother and father met in Italy after World War II. She was born in Evansville, Ind., her father's hometown. Nancy and her five younger siblings found themselves relocating, changing schools and learning new cultures whenever the Army transferred her father. She graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Wash., having attended 12 different schools between the United States and Italy.

Her Italian-influenced upbringing became evident after high school when she chose to attend college. Nancy managed to convince her par-



Palo Verde Patchers featured quilter, Nancy Kemp, stands with her award-winning quilt "Fresh Cut." Below, Kemp displays her Sue Spargo-inspired quilt block entitled "Roots."



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Music on the Green slates winter lineup

Join the Recreation Centers of Sun City West on the R.H. Johnson Great Lawn Wednesday evenings for a handful of free great acts in January and February.

No tickets are required and shows begin at 6 p.m.

The Rec Centers would like to thank its Music on the Green sponsors STATZ Agency and Sun Canyon Bank.

The upcoming schedule includes the following shows:

JAN. 10

Priscilla Rose Band

The Priscilla Rose Band is a four-piece group, based in the West Valley, who plays a variety of classic rock and pop tunes. Keyboardist and vocalist Priscilla Pinches grew up along the east coast and has been a piano and voice teacher for more than 40 years. She has performed at the



Priscilla Rose Band

White House under two administrations. Guitarist and vocalist Rich La Rose grew up outside Syracuse, NY, and studied jazz composition and arranging in college. Bassist Fabian Cetrone hails

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Stardust Theatre

Welcome to the 2023-24 season of Stardust Theatre. Enjoy stellar entertainment for the Sun City West residents and guests this year.

THEATRE WEST PRESENTS "SEE HOW THEY RUN"

7 p.m. Jan. 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27

2 p.m. Jan. 21, 25, and 28

Come see this face-paced, mistaken-identity type of comedy for all ages! Variety says: "I've never seen an audience that consumed with laughter." Set in an old English Vicarage in the 1940s, King creates one hilarious situation after another. Who's the real Vicar? Who's the real escaped convict? Between a group of presumed clergy-men jumping over bodies and an inspector that is trying to get to the bottom of it all, King creates a fun, and maybe a little irreverent, laugh out loud comedy. You can't miss this one! Tickets available at the box office or at theatrewestscw.com or suncitywest-events.universitytickets.com. Tickets are still only \$13 for Sun City West residents.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 2 P.M.

Music Club monthly meeting

The Music Club presents their monthly meeting Jan. 10. Performance and meeting begin at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

EVERY FRIDAY, 10 A.M.

Photography West Weekly Meeting

Every Friday at 10 a.m. the Photography West Club continues to show members photos from various parts of the globe, usually accompanied by music, every Friday morning at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

EVERY THURSDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library

present Thursday night movies

Come out and enjoy first-run or classic movies. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. No tickets are necessary, but a \$3 donation is requested. Your donation supports our phenomenal R.H. Johnson Library. The movies that will be shown this month include: "A Haunting in Venice," Jan. 4; "Jules," Jan. 11; "The Miracle Club," Jan. 18; and "Gran Turismo," Jan. 25.

STARDUST THEATRE UPDATES ON KSCW 103.1

Don't miss more information about the Stardust Theatre at 1 p.m. every Friday and noon every Monday on KSCW 103.1, where certain guests will be interviewed and other pertinent information given about upcoming shows and presentations.

Tickets to paying events may be purchased at suncitywest.com, Things To Do/Events/Buy Tickets, or from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Stardust Theatre Box Office in the lobby is only open one hour before each show time. Hearing assist devices are available for every show.

For questions, contact Production Coordinator Robert Bubon at 623-544-6563.

ENEWS

Sign up for the Rec Centers' enews at suncitywest.com

Once you sign up, you will receive an email confirming you want to opt in. Be sure to complete that final step to start receiving your enews every Wednesday!

Happy Camp returns in March 2024

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West are proud to announce the return of Happy Camp in March of 2024 for the grandchildren of Sun City West residents. This program is coordinated through the Events Department and the clubs of Sun City West.

For the first time, the Rec Centers will waive the child's guest pass for all club activities. The only exceptions involve the purchase of bowling games at

the R.H. Johnson Bowling alley and child guest passes for access to the pool at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. Individual clubs may charge an activity fee (see calendar of events).

Happy Camp provides a variety of activities that enlighten and entertain children of all ages. It gives Sun City West residents an opportunity to share with their grandchildren the fun and excitement of activities such as flight simulator, broadcasting, auto restoration,

desert gardening and panning for "gold." Craft activities include artistic lettering and card design, decorative arts, sewing, as well as acquiring skills of beading, weaving, clay sculpting, ceramics and much more.

The children can also participate in a variety of physical activities such as fitness classes, Hula dancing, pickleball, softball, tennis and bocce.

Tickets are required for both free and paid activities. Tickets are available starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 9, at the R.H. Johnson Box Office. Box office hours from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program is designed for Sun City West residents and their grandchildren only.

Mark your calendars now for Happy Camp 2024!

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">2024 HAPPY CAMP</h2> <p style="text-align: right;">Tickets available at 8 am 1/9/2024 at the Box Office only Open to SCW Residents only Tickets Required for All Activities</p>				
Monday March 18	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22
<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>FITNESS – SCULPT 45 9:00 - 9:45 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>CLAY 9:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 8–14, FREE Beardsley—Clay Studio</p> <p>RIP N' SEW 10:00 - 11:30 am, Ages 5-12, FREE RHJ—Arts & Crafts Village- Rip N' Sew</p> <p>PLATFORM TENNIS 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ages 8-12, FREE RHJ—Tennis facility</p>	<p>BASKETEERS 9:30 - 11:30 am, Ages 7 +, \$5.00 Kuentz—Mesa room</p> <p>BEADERS 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 6-12, \$4.00 Kuentz—Kiva room</p> <p>BROADCASTING 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 7-14, \$1.00 RHJ—Men's Club Building - Broadcast Studio</p> <p>BOCCO 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ages 6–16, FREE RHJ—Activity Center – Bocce Courts</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8+, FREE Palm Ridge—Liberty Courts</p>	<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>FITNESS – SCULPT 45 9:00 - 9:45 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>DESERT GARDEN 9:00 - 10:15 am OR 11am - 12:15 pm, Ages 8 +, FREE Beardsley—Greenhouse</p> <p>LEARN CHESS 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Ages 5 +, FREE RHJ—Library building - Virtual Room</p> <p>LEATHER CARVERS 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 9+, \$5.00 Kuentz—Leather Crafts Studio</p> <p>CERAMICS 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 5+, \$3.00 RHJ—Ceramic Studio</p> <p>SOFTBALL 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Ages 5-12, FREE Kuentz—Liberty Field</p>	<p>FLIGHT SIMULATOR 9:00 - 10:00 am OR 10:00 - 11:00 am OR 11:00 am - 12 pm, Ages 10 +, FREE Palm Ridge—Computer West</p> <p>BEADERS 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 6-12, \$4.00 Kuentz—Kiva room</p> <p>STORY TIME with craft 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Ages 3+, FREE RHJ—Library building</p> <p>BOCCO 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ages 6–16, FREE RHJ—Activity Center – Bocce Courts</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8+, FREE Palm Ridge—Liberty Courts</p> <p>MAC-CRO-KNIT 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8-12, \$5.00 Kuentz—Pueblo room</p> <p>AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 10-18, FREE RHJ—ARC building</p>	<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>FITNESS – SCULPT 45 9:00 - 9:45 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>WEAVERS WEST 9:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 7-12, \$2.00 Kuentz—Weavers West</p> <p>SCRAPBOOKING, PAPER CRAFTS & MORE 9:30-11:00 am, Ages 8+, FREE Beardsley—Arts & Crafts - Agave</p> <p>BROADCASTING 10:00 - 11:00 am OR 11:00 am - Noon Ages 7-14, \$1.00 RHJ—Men's Club Bldg.- Broadcast Studio</p> <p>DEORATIVE ARTS 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8+, \$2.00 Kuentz—Courtyard Breezeway</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Red Hot Clowns - FREE Face Painting RHJ Pool Lobby : 3/18 & 3/19 from 10-11:30 am Purchase child's guest pass upon arrival at pool</p>				 <p style="text-align: center;">Bowling at RHJ Sat., 3/23 & Sun., 3/24 Times: 9 am - 2 pm \$2 for 2 games with shoe rental included</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Zymurgy Club presents FREE Root Beer Floats RHJ - Pool: 3/18 - 3/21 from 10 am—1 pm Purchase child's guest pass upon arrival at pool</p>				
Monday March 25	Tuesday March 26	Wednesday March 27	Thursday March 28	Friday March 29
<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>FITNESS – SCULPT 45 9:00 - 9:45 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>CLAY 9:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 8–14, FREE Beardsley—Clay Studio</p> <p>ARTISTIC HAND LETTERING, CARDS & MIXED MEDIA 10 am - 12 pm, Age 7-13, FREE Kuentz—Pueblo room</p> <p>RIP N' SEW 10:00 - 11:30 am, Ages 5-12, FREE RHJ—Arts & Crafts Village - Rip N' Sew</p> <p>TENNIS 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8-12, FREE RHJ—Tennis facility</p>	<p>WEAVERS WEST GUILD 9:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 7-12, \$2.00 Kuentz—Weavers West</p> <p>BASKETEERS 9:30 - 11:30 am, Ages 7 +, \$5.00 Kuentz—Mesa room</p> <p>BEADERS 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 6-12, \$4.00 Kuentz—Kiva room</p> <p>BROADCASTING 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 7-14, \$1.00 RHJ—Men's Club Building - Broadcast Studio</p> <p>BOCCO 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ages 6–16, FREE RHJ - Activity Ctr - Bocce Courts</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8+, FREE Palm Ridge—Liberty Courts</p> <p>HULA # 1 with craft 2:00-3:00 pm, Ages 7+, FREE Palm Ridge - Summit B</p>	<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>DESERT GARDEN 9:00 - 10:15 am OR 11am - 12:15pm, Ages 8 +, FREE Beardsley—Greenhouse</p> <p>LEATHER CARVERS 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 9+, \$5.00 Kuentz—Leather Crafts Studio</p> <p>CERAMICS 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 5+, \$3.00 RHJ—Ceramic Studio</p> <p>HULA # 2 with craft 2:00-3:00 pm, Ages 7+, FREE Palm Ridge - Summit B</p> <p>SOFTBALL 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Ages 5-12, FREE Kuentz—Liberty Field</p>	<p>ROCKHOUNDS 8:00 - 10:00 am, OR 10:00 am - Noon Ages 8+, FREE Beardsley - Ramada 2</p> <p>FLIGHT SIMULATOR 9:00 - 10:00 am OR 10:00 - 11:00 am, OR 11:00 am - 12 pm, Ages 10 +, FREE Palm Ridge—Computer West</p> <p>BEADERS 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ages 6-12, \$4.00 Kuentz—Kiva room</p> <p>STORY TIME with craft 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Ages 3+, FREE RHJ—Library building</p> <p>BOCCO 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ages 6–16, FREE RHJ - Activity Center - Bocce Courts</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Ages 8+, FREE Palm Ridge—Liberty Courts</p> <p>HULA # 3 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Ages 7+, FREE Palm Ridge - Summit A</p> <p>AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 10-18, FREE RHJ—ARC building</p>	<p>FITNESS – ZUMBA 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>FITNESS – SCULPT 45 9:00 - 9:45 am, Ages 9+, FREE Palm Ridge—Summit Hall</p> <p>SCRAPBOOKING, PAPER CRAFTS & MORE 9:30-11:00 am, Ages 8+, FREE Beardsley—Arts & Crafts - Agave</p> <p>BROADCASTING 10:00 - 11:00 am OR 11:00 am - Noon Ages 7-14, \$1.00 RHJ—Men's Club Bldg.- Broadcast Studio</p> <p>HULA # 4 with dance recital 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Ages 7+, FREE Palm Ridge - Summit A</p>

Pickleball Club, Saini Smiles donate to St. Mary's

The Pickleball Club along with Saini Smiles Dentistry, proudly announces the resounding success of their annual food drive benefiting St. Mary's Food Bank.



With more than 1,800 club members, the Pickleball Club banded together with overwhelming participation in this charitable initiative throughout the November.

The Pickleball Club presented St. Mary's Food Bank 1,301 pounds food and a donation of \$5,435. From left to right: Hope Ernst, Pickleball Club Food drive co-chair; Kelli Clark, St. Mary's representative; and Linda Pitsch, Pickleball Club Food drive co-chair.

Saini Smiles Dentistry and the Pickleball Club. Saini Smiles Dentistry pledged a generous

The initiative kicked off with the October Fest Social Play and Cookout Party, sponsored by

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Cast members receive applause during Theatre West's production of "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus"

Theatre West production delivers cheer, support to Valley View

Theatre West's recent production of "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus" radiated the true essence of the holiday spirit, not just through its heartwarming narrative but also through the tremendous support it garnered for the Valley View Community Food Bank.

"The cast, crew and the entire board at Theatre West are deeply moved and grateful for the remarkable response from our audience members," said Jamie Bubon, Outreach Chair and organizer of this event. "The outpouring of generosity from our patrons and their commitment to supporting the Valley View Community Food Bank has truly been heartwarming. It's an honor for us to contribute in such a meaningful way to our community."

Charitable audience members donated enough non-perishable food supplies to fill three barrels, while ticket sales led to an additional \$3,800 in donations that will be earmarked to aid the Valley View Food Bank's efforts in assisting local families during the festive season and beyond.

The collaboration between Theatre West and its compassionate audience showcased the power of coming together for a shared cause. This joint initiative transcends beyond the realm of theater, symbolizing the warmth and spirit of giving that characterizes the holiday season.

As the curtains drew to a close on this enchanting play directed by Tia Wooley, the collective efforts of both the theater and its patrons shone brightly in their generosity.

Join TORCH Academy!

Our seven-session TORCH Academy will open your eyes to the complexity of our multi-million dollar "corporation" (RCSCW), as well as the indispensable non-profits that make Sun City West an amazing place to live!



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GB President: Recall effort won't affect who I am

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Three days later, I WALKED out of intensive care to applause by the doctors and nurses. I had beaten the odds. But that is not the best part of the story.

When I got home there were 30 or 40 cards from my friends and co-workers wishing me well. My son had started a Facebook page that had comments from even more people. Comments from my friends, but also from the outskirts of my social and business circle. People who I thought did not even

know me. The feeling of this outreach humbled me to my core. It was a tremendous affirmation that I had truly been living the "Golden Rule." I had been treating people the way I wanted to be treated. Very humbling, and set the tone for the rest of my life. I view every day as a gift in which I can be of service to others.

A long-winded story to get to my point, just as I was touched by the outpouring of support after my heart attack, I am also humbled by the great amount of support that I have received from other residents. People I

don't even know have stopped me to tell me that I have their support. There has been a concerted effort to refute the groundless allegations and innuendos set forth against me. I am humbled by the efforts of these residents to provide support for me against those that set out to recall myself and two other directors who have been serving their community. As I said at the beginning of this story, the results of the vote will not change my emotion of gratefulness.

At this point, I'm cool either way, it won't affect who I am.

Vote yes on March parking issue

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"No mobile home, boat, recreational vehicle, trailer of any kind, remodeled bus, or other types of recreational vehicles, or commercial vehicles of any types shall be kept, placed, maintained, parked, or repaired upon any lot, common area, tract or street (public or private) within the subdivision; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to minor vehicle repairs, cleaning, loading or unloading and short term parking which shall be permitted

for a cumulative period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours in any calendar month".

If the community vote to continue our CC&R Department's parking enforcement is "NOT" passed, enforcement would fall under Maricopa County Ordinance No. P-5. Please note that the P-5 Ordinance has very limited restrictions. More importantly, it requires signage be posted on the streets before enforcement will commence. This is covered in section 302 regarding "ordinance posting."

The Association would need to request that the Maricopa

County Board of Supervisors post all streets in Sun City West so that enforcement can be done. This is a hurdle that would need to be accomplished before the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department would do any enforcement. Unfortunately, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department is most often occupied with more pressing issues, and parking will be a low priority, if it is enforced at all.

To maintain Sun City West the way you've come to expect, please vote YES on the March ballot question.

Cyclists donate bikes for kids in need, promote bike safety

Bike riders from the Cyclists Club made sure some area kids in need had a happy Christmas with the donation of 58 bikes and helmets distributed through two community organizations.

The project started in 2017 as a spin off on Toys for Tots with the donation of 10 bikes and helmets and has grown over the years. With this year's donation, the total number of bikes donated to date is 183.

The recipient organizations were the Dysart Community Center with 40 bikes and helmets. New this year was the Surprise Police Department which received 18 adult bikes and helmets for families with teenagers. The organizations will distribute them within their communities.

"These were great bikes and helmets that the cyclists donated," said John Barber who

heads up this project with his wife Karin Swanson. "For many of these kids, it might have been the only present they received. If not, it was certainly the biggest."

The bikes are new or gently used. "We get the bikes in a number of ways," Barber said. "Some are donated, found at garage sales or purchased. We make sure they are in top condition when they go to the kids."

SLOW ROLL BIKE PARADE TO EMPHASIZE SAFETY

The club has another project on March 9 - Slow Roll Bike Parade - to emphasize safety for both cyclists and drivers.



Cyclist Club members donated 58 bicycles to two local organizations to help children in need.

"Safety is first and foremost to our club members," said Rick Staeb, the event organizer. "If we prevent one bike accident through this effort, it is worthwhile."

In November, a woman was killed riding her bike in Sun City. Last February, two cyclists were killed and 11 others were seriously injured after being hit by a pickup truck on a busy highway in the West

Valley. More cyclists have been seriously injured in crashes with vehicles.

"Bike safety awareness is important with the large number of cyclists on the streets of Sun City West and we

want to raise awareness of that with the Slow Role Bike Parade," said Cary King, vice-president of the club and co-organizer of the event. "A third of bike accidents involve drivers making a right turn. When members come to a stop sign or red light, we take the whole lane if we are going straight. If there is not a separate right turn lane, it prevents drivers from turning right but it

is a safety measure for us."

These are just two community activities members participate in regarding bikes. As a club, cyclists ride weekdays in Sun City West and participate in other community projects promoting bike safety, teaching bike maintenance and engaging in social events. The club regularly sponsors off-campus rides and is doing a three-day ride in Tucson in March.

"We strive to appeal to the many interests and skill levels of our members and recently added a slower paced group (10-13 mph) on Mondays and Thursdays," Romero concludes.

For more information about the club and our rides, visit bicycle.scwclubs.com or write us at scwrider@gmail.com.



Salty Dawgs

Cool tunes hit Great Lawn

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from Motown and started his music career in the '60s. He played rhythm-and-blues bands and worked with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Drummer and percussionist Dan Seabreeze is from the Seattle area. With more than 40 years experience, Seabreeze enjoys working with jazz and concert bands, pop groups, and chorales. Follow the Priscilla Rose Band on Facebook.

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Salty Dawgs

The Salty Dawgs are a Sun City Grand folk group that has been providing high energy en-



Groove Therapy Band

tertainment for West Valley audiences for the past six years.

FEB. 7

The Groove Therapy Band

Therapy reduces stress, improves mood and self-expression. The Groove Therapy Band does all that for you with rock, country, blues and swing tunes.

FEB. 21

Many Sounds of 9 - Southwest

Winner of the Northwest Big Band competition and placing second in the Final for the United States, the Rec Centers is sure you will love the nine musicians in this big band.



Many Sounds of 9 - Southwest

Renown hypnotist visits SCW

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as the stars of the show! Her performances are celebrated as one of the most entertaining shows on land or sea - it's fun, tasteful, family friendly and outrageously funny - come see for yourself why they call Nadeen the undisputed Queen

of Comedy Hypnosis!

Nadeen Manuel has hypnotized more than 100,000 people for almost two decades. She is a well-respected authority in her field specializing in certifying and training medical professionals to become hypnotists.

Enjoy a tribute to John Denver

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Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., or online at suncitywest.com.

Join acclaimed performer - Curry - for this tribute to the music of one of the most beloved singer/songwriters ever to grace the stage.

Curry, whose voice was heard in the CBS-TV movie "Take Me

Home: The John Denver Story," has performed Denver's music in sold out shows throughout the country and has emerged as today's top performer of Denver's vast legacy of multi-platinum hits.

Jim's uncanny ability to mirror John's voice and clean-cut look takes you back to the time when "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine," "Calypso," and "Annie's Song" topped the charts.

Pickleball Club surpasses goal in charity drive

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\$1,500 donation contingent upon the club collecting a minimum of 4,000 pounds in combined food and dollar contributions. The Pickleball Club exceeded its goal, and in response Saini Smiles Dentistry

elevated its contribution to \$2,000.

Hope Ernst and Linda Pitsch, Pickleball Club Food Drive Coordinators, expressed their gratitude for the overwhelming support.

"Your club just provided 27,175 meals for food-insecure people around the valley," said

Classic Irish hits to fill Palm Ridge

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rowdy renditions of Irish and Scottish music, as well as classic and modern rock covers.

The band has performed at many Irish pubs, the Phoenix and Prescott Highland games, the Fountain Hills and Phoenix St. Patrick's Day festivals, and Desert Botanical Garden.

Led by multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Colleen Collins, the band typically consists of female vocals, acoustic and electric guitars, fiddle, Irish flute, tin whistle and bouzouki, fiddle, banjo, bass, and drums. Some of their influences include Flogging Molly, Led Zeppelin, The Who, and traditional Irish and Scottish music.

Kelli Clark, representative of St. Mary's Food Bank. "Many of the food items we get are donated, but donations like this make it possible for us to supplement buying items like meat, bread, and vegetables with bulk pricing to create a balanced food cart representing all the food groups."



Community News



Massage Therapy available at rec centers

Massage Therapy at the Rec-Centers:

Located in three of the Sun City West rec centers, Reflective Enterprises LLC is a group of dedicated professional Massage Therapists offering top-quality massage therapy services to residents and guests. With a wide range of modalities and customizable options, this team is your ultimate destination for relaxation and rejuvenation.

QUALITY SERVICES FOR EVERY NEED

One of the most appealing aspects of our Massage Team is the variety of massage modalities we offer. From Swedish and deep tissue to sports massage and reflexology, the therapists are trained and experienced in a wide range of techniques. This means you can find the perfect massage to suit your needs.

AFFORDABLE PRICING

Relaxation and pain relief should be accessible to everyone, and Reflective Enterprises LLC believes in offering quality services at reasonable prices. The pricing is competitive, with sessions starting at just \$70 for one hour. If you're seeking a more extended escape, you can indulge in a 90-minute session for only \$100. Additionally, we offer add-on services, such as Cupping, CBD, or Hot Stones, for those looking for a little extra pampering (available at an additional cost).

GET TO KNOW THE THERAPISTS

Each member of the Rec-Center Massage Team brings a unique set of skills and experiences to the table. To learn more about the individual therapists and their specializations, as well as to view availability, you can visit the website at <https://rellc.square.site>. You can also conveniently book your preferred session with the therapist of your choice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need assistance with booking, Katie, the owner of Reflective Enterprises LLC, is here to help. You can reach her at 303-502-7606 or via email at suncitywestmassage@gmail.com.



The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be Sunday, Feb. 18, at Beardsley Park.

Relay for Life prepares for February event

The American Cancer Society, with help from the Sun City West Foundation, is pleased to present its 12th annual Relay for Life of the Sun Cities on Sunday, Feb. 18, in Beardsley Park, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

There are many ways people can support this wonderful cause. A benefit concert featuring "Senior Moments" who will perform at the Foundation on Sunday, Jan. 21; Bowling for Cancer will take place at the Lakeview Lanes in Sun City on Saturday, Jan. 13; and the Grand Softball Club will have its annual Relay

Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 3. For information visit relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz. You can sign up for the event as a survivor, participant or team, make a donation, purchase a luminaria to honor someone who has lost, won or is fighting cancer and find out information about the event. Check out the beautiful queen-size quilt that was donated by Rip 'N' Sew.

The American Cancer Society seeks survivors so that we may celebrate with you. It also is looking for volunteers to

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AARP again offers tax aide appointments

The Sun City West Foundation is pleased to announce the AARP Tax-Aide Program is gearing up to serve local residents with free assistance to e-file both federal and state tax returns. SCW Foundation is donating use of its Palo Verde Room in the Foundation, 14465 W R.H. Johnson Blvd., for the exclusive use of the tax volunteers from Feb. 1 through April 14.

Tax preparation starts in February 2024 but the appointment website opens at noon Jan. 15. Visit scwfoundation.org for a link to the tax appointment website if you have trouble connecting directly.

You must have an appointment to see one of the highly trained AARP tax-aide volunteers, but you do not have to be an AARP member to use this free service.

Need help making an appointment? Ask a friend, neighbor, or even an out-of-state relative to access this website for you and make your appointment. Computers are also available for Sun City West residents at the Sun City West Library. Copies of the form linked

AARP Tax Aide Appointments

scwtaxaide.as.me

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OHOA brings back Buzz Board Fridays

The OHOA begins the New Year with the popular Buzz Board Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 12 on the Fry's Marketplace patio (on the Bakery/Starbucks' side).

This is an opportunity for HOA board members to ask OHOA Board Members specific questions about their own HOA. Other HOA board members who attend typically share their knowledge and experiences on similar issues. Join us to learn more. We suggest you bring your HOA documents with you. All are welcome.

Board Buzz Friday will also occur in February and March.

OHOA will also participate in the Newcomers' Open House from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Palm Ridge Summit Hall.

The January OHOA seminar will tackle the most important of the year: the new Condominium Insurance Law passed by

the 2023 Arizona Legislature. We will host Insurance Advisor, LeAnn Brum from LaBarre Oksnee Insurance, at 10 a.m. Jan. 11 in the R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall. She will explain the specifics about this extremely important change. Brum will also address insurance needs for Planned Communities.

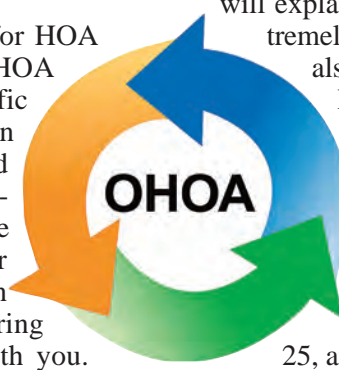
Don't forget to sign up your board members for the OHOA 2024 Leadership Academy. This year's Leadership Academy meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays – Jan. 18, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1, in the R.H. Johnson

Lecture Hall in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. The cost is \$20 for each OHOA member; \$30 for non-OHOA members. Our presenters include a community association (HOA) lawyer, the president of a local management company, and our very own Gail Olsen, a director and the treasurer of the OHOA Board of Directors. Each class we offer will help

HOA board members become more informed and knowledgeable about Arizona HOA and nonprofit corporation laws that HOAs are required to follow by state statute. The investment in both time and money will help your homeowners' association run more effectively, efficiently, and legally. Please sign up by Jan. 11. Find more information at OHOA-SCW.org under the Leadership Academies tab, call 623-214-6006, or email us at achoascw@aol.com.

Our upcoming February events include information about irrigation with Jay Ortan from Sprinkler World at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Lecture Hall; Buzz Board Friday on Feb. 16, and the OHOA Advanced Academy from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 29.

The OHOA office is open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (October through April). Our office is in the SCW Foundation Building Offices at 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West.





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Gerry, center, and Toni Van Wagenen, right, present a sponsorship gift to Statz Insurance Services.

ARC Car Show prep in full gear

The Automotive Restoration Club is putting the final touches on its 12th annual Car Show & Swap Meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the R.H. Johnson parking lot. The event is free for spectators, and everyone is welcome. More than 450 cool classic cars will be there!

All the major sponsors have been secured, and include: Statz Insurance Services, Western State Bank, Sundome Crossing Dental Care, Edward Jones (Matt McNally), Champs Family Automotive, Camino Del Sol Funeral Chapel, and The Heritage Tradition.

In addition, there will be

food and vendor area, entertainment and a great prize raffle area. Some of the prizes this year include the following: Apple iPad (\$650), Bourbon Basket with seven unique bottles of Bourbon (\$500), package of restaurant gift cards (\$300), and a \$200 gasoline gift card just to name a few.

Also, it's your last chance to buy a raffle ticket for this year's Car Show "Dream" car! The 2024 Dream Car is a "Guards Red" 2016 Mustang convertible, with only 40,000 miles on it. To learn more about the Auto Restoration Club, or to see more pictures of the 2024 Dream Car, visit arcofscw.com.



Car enthusiasts fill the R.H. Johnson parking lot during a past Automotive/Restoration Club Car Show. This year's Car Show will be Feb. 10.

Big funds raised for local food bank

Sun City West Foundation hosted an Artistic Affair fundraiser for Valley View Community Food bank in November to a sell-out crowd.

The event was the first of this kind for the Foundation, but it will not be the last based on the \$8,795 donation that was raised for Valley View. We are proud to support Valley View by providing free space from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday to set up a food pantry and give assistance to those in need of food items.

Currently, the Food Bank serves more than 200 people every week in Sun City West. Visit the Valley View Community Food Pantry at Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Boulevard in Sun City West.

The Artistic Affair started with appetizers, desserts, and a little beer and wine. Raffle tickets were sold for the Bucket Raffle, and people browsed myriad of beautiful creations, including paintings, pottery, woodworking, and jewelry, to baskets filled with goodies from local businesses and "non-art" clubs. Thirteen items were auctioned off by our very own Auctioneer/Board Member Dan Hern. Everyone loved the fast-paced banter and humor Dan brought to the auction and those items raised nearly \$3,000!

The event was a success because of the amazing support of the entire community! Special thanks go out to Kasey Huhta and Katy O'Grady of



The check was presented to Jesse Ramierz, founder of Valley View Community Food Bank, by Richard Livengood, Foundation Board President. Jesse shared that with this type of support during such a critical time of year, they won't have to turn anyone away this holiday season! Pictured from left to right, front row: Dan Hern, Sun City West Foundation Board and Auctioneer; Jesse Ramierz, founder of Valley View Community Food Bank; Richard Livengood, Sun City West Foundation President; Rosemary Dougherty; and Karen Battaglia. Back row: Joe Kowalkowski, Valley View Community Food Bank Monday Pantry lead volunteer; Mark Hochstatter; Laurie Deeg; Brian Russell; Bob Wilson; Merlin Carlson; Chuck Thompson; and Jay Anderkin.

the Recreation Center of Sun City West, and Peggy Sue Krueger, Reny Missos and the Del Sol Gallery team for helping us reach out to the community clubs and local artists to secure more than 200 items that were donated for this event. These clubs donated over 100 pieces for the event: Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media; Clay; Glass Fusing and Enameling; Palo Verde Patchers; Scrapbooking, Papercraft & More clubs; and Ron Wilson and the entire Woodworking Club. Door Prizes were also donated by several local businesses, both inside of Sun City West and the

surrounding area.

We cannot thank the members of our community and all the volunteers at the event enough for pooling their time, talent and resources to support Valley View Community Food Bank. For a complete list of all our donors, visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/scw-foundation or the Sun City West Foundation's website at scwfoundation.org.

To learn more about the Sun City West Foundation, to make a donation or to volunteer, please reach out to the Foundation office at 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Sun City West or call us at 623-584-6851.

Community Fund is ready to lend a hand

It may surprise you to learn that some of our Sun City West neighbors are struggling to pay their bills. They may have outlived their savings, many live alone, some have deteriorating health but still must face a never-ending parade of monthly bills. The Community Fund of Sun City West is here to help.

If you have lived in Sun City West for at least one year and need our assistance, call our hotline at 623-546-1122 today. All dealings with clients are strictly con-



fidential. Let us help you relieve some of the financial pressure you are experiencing.

The Community Fund of Sun City West provides a confidential financial safety net for our neighbors who are experiencing financial hardships. You can help. You can make a difference by donating to the Community Fund of Sun City West. Your donation can help someone pay for food, prescriptions, utilities, and other unexpected bills. You can donate through our website at [\[suncitywest.org\]\(http://suncitywest.org\) or send a check to 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., No. 115, PMB 613, Sun City West, AZ 85375. All funds remain here in our community. In fact, since 2001 the Fund has assisted with more than \\$2 million to Sun City West residents in financial need.](http://communityfund-</p>
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Remember: The Community Fund of Sun City West is an Arizona Qualifying Charitable Organization and as such, Arizona taxpayers can take off their tax bill a contribution to the Fund of up to \$421 for an individual and \$841 for a couple. Your support can go a long way

toward helping your neighbors that are in financial need.

Want to learn more about the Community Fund? Visit communityfundsuncitywest.org. Interested in volunteering? Training is available and schedules are flexible to fit your calendar. Just call our hotline at 623-546-1122 and leave a message. We will promptly return your call.

Don't forget – reaching us is a phone call away. Don't put off getting the help you need, or being the help that can make a difference. Thank you.



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LIBRARY GROUPS

Writers Group – meets at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Friends of the Library Board Room.

Friends of the Library Board Meetings – meets at 9:30 a.m. the second Thursday of the month.

Coloring for Adults – meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday in Main room.

Beginning Chess - free tutoring and kibitzing at noon Wednesdays in the Information Center.

ORAL HISTORY

Oral history is a powerful and important way that we can document our lives. The library is grateful to have a volunteer, Jenine, who will be available to record your oral history onto a CD. Jenine can record a story from your life, a historical event you experienced, or reading a book for a grandchild. She will be here on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon starting Jan. 18. The recording will be done in three sessions; the first two sessions will be an introduction to recording and planning, and the third will be recording. If you would like to record your history, please schedule your three session appointment in the Data Resource Center or by calling 623-544-6644.



LIBRARY CRAFT

You can register for the paper bag snowflake craft project in the Data Resource Center or by calling 623-544-6644.

The craft sessions will be at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Jan. 17 and 19. Come have fun with us.

LIBBY ONLINE RESOURCES

Thanks to the donation of the Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library we have access to streaming videos through our Libby app:

Craftsy is an online resource

for all creative crafters, where you can find everything you need – from basic instruction to advanced techniques. It's a community of enthusiastic makers - from quilters and sewers, to cake decorators and painters, who seek to create beautiful creations. Craftsy features more than 1,400 in-depth instructional video classes; covering 20 different creative passions.

INDIEFLIX streams classic and contemporary features, award-winning shorts, film festival favorites and documentaries from around the world. Explore thought-provoking, well-known and undiscovered content.

Qello Concerts streams the world's largest collection of on-demand full-length music performances, concert films, and music documentaries. Qello Concerts transforms your connected devices into the ultimate live music concert film experience.

The **Great Courses Library Collection** video streaming service is brought to you by The Great Courses - the leading global media brand for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. This collection includes more than 250 courses, led by the world's top experts, covering a broad range of subjects, such as science, mathematics, philosophy, history, literature, fine arts and music, travel, business, and personal development.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

This month's Friends of the R. H. Johnson Library lecture is "By the Time They Came – African American Men of Arizona." It will be presented by Akua Duku Anokye at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in Summit Hall A of the Palm Ridge Rec Center (13800



Dr. Akua Duku Anokye

The Library will be closed on Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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

Visit the Library's website at scwlibrary.com

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



Tracy Skousen
Library Director

W. Deer Valley Drive). The event is free and open to all, no tickets required.

In this presentation, Dr. Anokye, explores the untold stories and accomplishments of African American men in Arizona. Dr. Anokye will focus on identifying the common threads of the African American community that have enriched and given meaning to their lives – striving for education/schooling, work lives, belonging, turning points, and legacies, established by such prominent folks as Dr. Eugene Grigsby, artist and ASU professor; George Greathouse, ASU football star and local barber; Judge Cecil B. Patterson; and Pastor Warren Stewart.

This program is cohosted by Arizona Humanities and Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library.

Akua Duku Anokye is an associate professor of Africana Language, Literature, and Culture, and Director of New College International Initiatives, Office of Interdisciplinary Global Learning and Engagement. Anokye is the past chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and currently chief reader for the College Board's Advanced Placement English Language and Composition. Anokye received the 2021 Outstanding Speaker Awards from AZ Humanities. Her research focuses on African Diaspora orality and literacy practices, folklore, storytelling, and oral history, and most recently, on African Diasporic women activists as community mothers.

Stardust Movies

JAN. 4

"A Haunting in Venice"

"A Haunting in Venice" is set in post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve and is an eerie mystery featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot (Kenneth Branagh). Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. When one of the guests is murdered, the detective is thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets. (C) (2023) (1h 43m) (PG-13).



JAN. 11

"Jules"

"Jules" follows Milton (Ben Kingsley) who lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town, but finds his day upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his backyard. Before long, Milton develops a close relationship with the extra-terrestrial he calls Jules. Things become complicated when two neighbors (Harriet Sansom Harris and Jane Curtin) discover Jules and the government quickly closes in. What follows is a funny, wildly inventive ride as the three neighbors find meaning and connection later in life - thanks to this unlikely stranger. (C) (2023) (1h 30m) (PG-13)



JAN. 18

"The Miracle Club"

Set in 1967, "The Miracle Club" follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, outside Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. Just before their trip, their old friend Chrissie (Laura Linney) arrives in Ballygar for her mother's funeral. The women set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives, with Chrissie, a skeptical traveler, joining in place of her mother. Old wounds are reopened along the way, forcing the women to confront their pasts even as they travel in search of a miracle. (C) (2023) (1h 31m) (PG-13).



JAN. 25

"Gran Turismo"

"Gran Turismo" is based on the unbelievable true story of a team of unlikely underdogs – a struggling working-class gamer (Archie Madekwe), a failed former racecar driver (David Harbour), and an idealistic motorsport executive (Orlando Bloom). Together, they risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world. (C) (2023) (2h 14m) (PG-13).



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



Golf/Sports



Upcoming tournaments set

Get some practice in at the driving range and have your golf clubs ready as RCSCW Golf Operations' tournament schedule for the 2023-24 season is now available.

Saturday, Jan. 20 – “Couples Therapy” Scramble

An 18-hole two-person team scramble event. Couple's flights only based on combined team handicap. Hosted at Desert Trails Golf Course. Limited to first 92 players/46 two-person teams. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 – Las Vegas, Nevada Bowl Scramble

An 18-hole two-person team scramble event with Men's,

Women's, and Co-Ed flights. Hosted at Pebblebrook Golf Course. Limited to first 124 players/62 two-person teams. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3 – Men's Match Play/Round Robin

A match play round robin two-man team event. Flights based on combined team handicap. Three 9-hole rounds on Saturday and two 9-hole rounds on Sunday. Hosted at Trail Ridge Golf Course. Limited to first 96 players/48 two-person teams. Shotgun start both days at 8 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24 – “Sun City West Classic”

A two-day, 36-hole, two-person team event, (18-Hole Best Ball/18-Hole Scramble) with Men's and Women's flights. Hosted at Deer Valley Golf Course (March 23) and Pebblebrook Golf Course (March 24). Limited to first 120 players/60 two-person teams. Shotgun start both days at 8 a.m.

Saturday, May 4 – “Swing Into Spring” Two-Person Best Ball

An 18-hole two-person team best ball event with Men's and Women's flights only. Hosted at Trail Ridge Golf Course. Limited to first 100 players/50 two-person teams. Shotgun start at 7 a.m.

Grandview golfer named Champion of Champions

The annual Sun City West Champion of Champions Tournament was held on Dec. 9 at Trail Ridge Golf Course with Susan Boyle earning the title with a championship round of 81.

Boyle represented Grandview Golf Course.

Each year the Ladies Club Champions from each of our four regulation golf courses play each other to see who will be the Champion of Champions.

This year's participants were:
Nancy Wishard – Trail Ridge
Susan Boyle – Grandview
Lynn Adams – Deer Valley
Carrie Bullinger – Pebblebrook

The Champion's plaque will be displayed at Grandview until next year's playoff.



Ladies club champions vied for the title of Sun City West Champion of Champions on Dec. 9.

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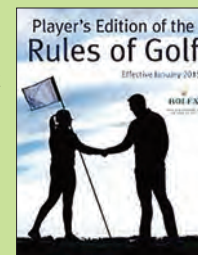
Preview Grandview and Trail Ridge before you head out to the course. An aerial flyover of both golf courses, with video and pictures, is now available for golfers. Check out the courses on suncitywest.com!

Frequently Asked Questions

Putting Green: Wind Moves Ball on Putting Green

Q: The wind moved my ball on the putting green – do I replace it?

A: If you haven't touched your ball yet (by marking and lifting it or accidentally causing it to move), then you must play from where the ball came to rest. If you have marked, lifted and replaced your ball, or you replaced it because you or someone else caused it to move, and then it later moves for any reason including by wind, you must replace your ball on its original spot before making your next stroke (see Rule 13.1d(2)).



Sun City West Green Team Golfing

“Golfing without Tears”

RELAXED, CASUAL GOLF

Saturdays. Play at Stardust, Echo Mesa, Desert Trails



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Your choice:
9 or 18 holes

Residents, Guests
Senior Residents

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greenteam@suncitywest.com



Holes in One



NAME	DATE	COURSE	HOLE	YARDS	CLUB
Paul Gonser	11/4/2023	Echo Mesa	12	135	5 Hybrid
Derrold Thoen	11/1/2023	Desert Trails	11	115	9 iron
Diana Paige	11/4/2023	Desert Trails	3	112	6 Hybrid
David Favro	11/11/2023	Desert Trails	3	151	
Dick Machacek	11/13/2023	Desert Trails	17	134	7 iron
Mary Gaynett	11/14/2023	Trail Ridge	7	110	8 iron
Jim Bosco	11/22/2023	Pebblebrook	3	157	7 Iron
Leonard Clark	11/22/2023	Echo Mesa	2	103	9 Iron
Patti Hoffert	11/25/2023	Echo Mesa	3	76	7 Iron
Glenn Joki	11/25/2023	Echo Mesa	15	109	9 Iron
Sandy Johnson	11/25/2023	Pebblebrook	8	94	PW



Bowling/Sports



Pickleball Club slates annual charity event

The eighth annual “All for Charity” 2024 Fun in the Sun Pickleball Tournament & Ball Drop is will be March 5-7 at Palm Ridge Rec Center.

The 2024 tournament will feature:

- Three days of pickleball competition that includes men’s, women’s and mixed doubles play. Age groups will range from 50 to 70 and older with skill levels from 3.0 to 5.
- Charity pickleball drop – 3,000 numbered balls will be dropped on targets worth \$6,000 in prizes
- Food truck vendors

The cost for “All for Charity” Pickleball Drop tickets is: \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The ball drop will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Liberty Courts.

The goal is to raise more than \$55,000 to support Sun City West through seven area service organizations: Sun City West Foundation - Helping Hands; PORA; Sun City West PRIDES; Sun City West Posse; Community Fund of Sun City West; Northwest Valley Connect; and the AFMA Fire Corps program.

The tournament is sponsored by PRIME Wealth Advisers.

There are several ways to support this charitable event. Everyone can purchase Charity Ball Drop entries and be eligible to win some great prizes Become a sponsor for as little as \$250;

contact Teresa Brown at teresabrownpc@hotmail.com. If you are a pickleball player and USAPA member, sign up for the event and compete. And everyone is welcome to come to the event and view the great competition, visit multiple vendor booths and participate in the fun, food and prizes!

This year, Saini Smiles Dentistry has pledged up to \$5,000 of matching donation funds for the event. This means, if you wish to make a direct donation by check, your donation will be doubled through a match. What a great year-end tax deduction! All checks are to be made out and paid to: SCW Foundation, please memo your contribution (FITS 2024 Match) and mail to: SCW Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Ball drop entries are available at PORA, the Sun City West Foundation – Helping Hands building, and other locations as well as through various Pickleball Club members. Ball drop sponsors are PRIME Wealth Advisors; PORA; Sun City West Foundation; and Saini Smiles Dentistry; plus many partner sponsors make these prize/awards possible.

For information about the event and how you may support or participate, please contact: Teresa Brown at 402-312-0565 or teresabrownpc@hotmail.com.



The annual charity event will feature pickleballs falling from the sky, competitive tournament play, money raised for charity, and \$6,000 in prizes.



Greg Holsinger, Steve Ketsdever, Gene Wojtyna, and Tony Heinen prepare for the annual Automotive Restoration Club’s Charity Golf Tournament in April 2023. This year’s tournament will be March 30.

ARC tees up annual charity golf tournament

The Automotive Restoration Club proudly announces its 4th annual Charity Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be at the Deer Valley Golf Course in Sun City West. The date is Saturday, March 30, and the cost is \$100 per person. The most fun you can have on grass!

The format is a four-person scramble with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, and everyone is welcomed - men, women and mixed teams. Hole in One contests, cash ball drop, great raf-

fle prizes, and delicious dinner at ARC Building after event. The charity selected for this tournament will be the Alzheimers Association. More details on sign up will be coming. You don’t want to miss this one, so mark it on your calendars!

For more information on ARC, visit arcofscw.com. For any other questions, or more information about the Tournament, contact Chuck Willkom at 406-652-5675, or Craig Landers at 209-769-6771.

November bowling highlights

With bowling leagues heating up, perfect games and 800 series are piling up on the score sheets. The following bowlers rolled 300 games during November league games:

- Mike Watt – 300 game, 827 series
- Clancy DeGroot – 300, 795 series, Statz Classic League

Top women bowlers of November were: Shelly Zarrick – 738 series; Brenda Burns – 757

For latest scores from the Sun City West leagues, visit leaguesecretary.com and click on “Arizona” and look for scores at Johnson Lanes.

Johnson Lanes Sports Pavilion

January 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sports Pavilion Hours Sunday - Saturday 8am to 9pm (623)544-6140	1 Open Bowling Hours Noon - 5:00pm	2 League Open Bowling	3 League Open Bowling	4 League Open Bowling	5 League Open Bowling	6 Open Bowling Helen's Red Pin No Tap 5:00 PM KARAOKE	
	7 Bowling SPECIAL Sunday 8am - 2pm League	8 League Open Bowling	9 League Open Bowling	10 League Open Bowling	11 League Open Bowling	12 League Open Bowling Live Music Senior Moments Buck Guyz	13 Open Bowling BASCW 5:00 PM
	14 Bowling SPECIAL Sunday 8am - 2pm League	15 League Open Bowling	16 League Open Bowling	17 League Open Bowling	18 League Open Bowling	19 League Open Bowling Live Music 303 West	20 Open Bowling Helen's Red Pin No Tap 5:00 PM KARAOKE
	21 Bowling SPECIAL Sunday 8am - 2pm League	22 League Open Bowling	23 League Open Bowling	24 League Open Bowling	25 League Open Bowling	26 League Open Bowling Live Music Wild & Mild	27 Open Bowling BASCW 5:00 PM
	28 Bowling SPECIAL Sunday 8am - 2pm League	29 League Open Bowling	30 League Open Bowling	31 League Open Bowling			



States Clubs



Idaho Club members re-connect over pizza at the Bonfire Grill in Surprise.

IDAHO

715-7888.

Twenty-seven Idaho state club members enjoyed getting reacquainted over pizza on November 16th at the Bonfire Grill in Surprise. They are looking forward to more opportunities to get together in the New Year. Anyone who has ties to Idaho, even if you have only eaten a potato at some time in your life, is welcome to join this friendly group. Members come from all over the West Valley. Membership dues for 2024 have been waived. Club notifications are sent via email. To sign-up for information email IdahoClubNotes@gmail.com.

ILLINOIS

On Dec. 5, approximately 60 Illinois State Club of Sun City West members attended the annual holiday get-together at Carrabba's Italian Grill.

On Jan. 3, members and their invited guests will celebrate the New Year with their monthly Breakfast at Chompies. On Jan. 16, the fun continues with an Italian pizza buffet and wine bar at Paulies Little Bite of Italy. We are in process of finalizing events for the 2024 year and a fun time should be had by all.

If you or your spouse/significant other have ever lived in Illinois, we would welcome and encourage you to join this lively, fun-loving group. For more information or a membership application, please contact Judy at 708-



Santa and his Elf made an appearance during the Illinois State Club of Sun City West's annual holiday gathering. All guests went home with a goodie from Santa.

KANSAS

The Kansas Club met at the Ocotillo Room at the Beardsley Recreation Center on Nov. 30, for a potluck appetizer dinner. Twenty five friends checked out our "Wheel of Fortune" for a fun-filled evening.

For our next meeting in 2024 we will meet on Monday, Jan. 29, to celebrate Kansas Day. Breakfast is being planned at Betty's Roost at 9 a.m. For reservations, call/text 785-224-7819 or email lifeofriley61@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendar for these future meetings:

Feb. 29 - Leap Year celebration with a catered dinner at the Ocotillo Room Beardsley Recreation Center. Make a reservation for this event.

March Madness Watch Party - Gather to watch the Big 12 Tournament at a local bar and grill, location to be announced.

April 11 - In April we will have a potluck Spring Fling picnic in the park at Beardsley at 5 p.m.

Kansas Club represents the Sun City West Kansas Club. We meet in person approximately six times a year in the West Valley/Phoenix area. Our club is open to any person who is or has been a resident of Kansas during some period of their life; employed/schooled by an organization or firm doing business in Kansas or the spouse, significant other, widow/widower of one of the eligibility requirements. The purposes of this club are to provide members with an opportunity to attend social functions, recreational activities, possible tailgating, sharing where to view college games/professional games, etc., while making new friends and renewing old friendships.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Club held their Welcome Back breakfast at Tivoli Gardens in November. Members received a warm welcome from current club President Jean Novak. This was followed by a rousing welcome from Past President Craig Johnson.

Past president Craig Johnson spoke of

upcoming events and introduced the current board members: Jean Novak, president; Jane Marconett, secretary; Jan Nelson, treasurer; Geri Skogen, catering; Theresa Fogarty, events; and Christine Krantz, communication.

The Minnesota Club will have an open house for anyone interested in joining the club. Board and committee members will be on hand to share the upcoming schedule, answer questions and hear your interests. The Open House is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in the Quail Room, Sun City West Foundation building, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Come enjoy pizza and refreshments. The Minnesota Club is open to everyone. For more information call 218-410-3345.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Club of the Sun Cities will host our annual January Bingo Night at the Sun City West Foundation Building at 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd., in Sun City West on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Doors will open at 4:45 p.m. Joy Catering is providing a wonderful dinner. BYOB and the club will provide soda and water. The cost for this event is \$18 for members at \$22 for guests. All persons with a connection to Nebraska are welcome to join our group and for more detailed information about concerning these and future events check out our website at nebraskaclubsuncities.org or call/text Jim at 703-795-3225.

NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Club enjoyed its annual Holiday Gathering on Dec. 9. We enjoyed a sandwich buffet and Christmas goodies, played trivia, and a number of members went home with beautiful Christmas tree door prizes. Best of all, we enjoyed sharing the spirit

of the season with North Dakota friends.

We have two events coming up in January. The first is the western-themed January Jamboree, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Palm Ridge. We'll have broasted chicken and all the fixins'. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction, so bring your cash or check-book. We're still looking for silent auction items. If you're an artist, crafter, quilter or someone with talent to create a themed basket, please consider donating to the silent auction. Call Judy Zimmer at 623-296-8129 or drop off your basket at her home, 14702 W. Blue Verde Drive.

After the popularity of last year's event, we'll again have a used book sale at the January Jamboree. Bring your stash of used books and purchase a few for your home library!

If you haven't already done so, you can pay your 2023-24 dues at the January Jamboree. Annual dues are \$15. What a bargain!

Our second January event is the matinee performance at Barleen's Dinner Show (AZ Opry) on Wednesday, Jan. 24. We have bus transportation this year for those who want to travel as a group. The show this year is Variety Spectacular...and it's spectacular!

Other upcoming events are North Dakota Game Night on Saturday, Feb. 10, and the ND Picnic on Thursday, March 14. This year's picnic will be held at the Kuentz Rec Center.

We hope to see you at these fun upcoming events!

For more information contact: Carol at 701-527-5827; Karen at 701-460-0495; or Bonnie at 701-880-1200.

OREGON

The Oregon Club will host its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Palm



Above, the Minnesota Club members gathered for a Welcome Back breakfast at Tivoli Gardens. Left, June Frederickson was honored for her 12 years of service to the Minnesota Club.

Submit All States Club news by the first day of each month (for the next month's Rec Center News) to: michael.melissa@suncitywest.com **All submissions for February are due by Jan. 1.** If you do not have a computer, please drop off your submission in the Membership Office. If you have questions regarding club submissions, call Michael Melissa at 623-544-6519.

Ridge Recreation Center, at 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive in Sun City West. Members, non-members, and guests are welcome to join the feast and the fun.

The cost is \$45 per person and includes one fresh Oregon Dungeness Crab (backed), salad, side dishes and dessert. Chicken is available for those who do not eat crab. Water, coffee, and tea will be provided. Bring your own crab cracking tools.

Social Hour is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. There will be a 50/50 Raffle so bring your money. Reservations and payments must be received by Jan. 13. The flyer and reservation form are available on the Oregon Club website - oregonclubaz.weebly.com under the Calendar tab. For information email oregonsocialclub@gmail.com.

WISCONSIN

The hurry scurry of the holidays is over and now we can relax in the sun and do the things we came here for.

Our spring training event is just around the corner. Tickets are limited and in great seats again. The game will feature the Milwaukee Brewers vs. the World Series champions Texas Rangers at 1:05p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29. We will again have our traditional "tailgate" lunch before the game. Call Larry at 602-330-8055 for any information.

AZ Broadway Theatre event will be Thursday, Feb. 22. Presenting "On the Town." Contact Carolyn at 623-734-3322 for more information.

Our monthly breakfast at Tivoli Gardens will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10. Make your reservations via our website the Friday before the breakfast on Wednesday. A ticket drawing for money towards your breakfast will be given out if the member is wearing their Wisconsin badge. Call Pat 623-546-0853 for cancellations.

We are looking for volunteers from our club to run the annual golfing event in spring. If no one comes forward, we will not have one. It is such a popular fun event with nice gifts for everyone. Any questions you might have regarding what is needed contact Dave at 623-975-1015.

Anyone in The Grand, Corta Bella, Sun City West, or Sun City is invited to join our great social club. For information visit wiclubscw.wordpress.com or Lana 602-330-8055.

Get Connected!

suncitywest.com

- official Association website
- primarily static info: commonly used links; hours of operation; amenities; children's hours; etc.

scwclubs.com

- clubs website with links to all the chartered clubs
- maintained by clubs with help from a Tech Advisory Group

scwlibrary.com

- links to online catalog and digital library
- iPad, Kindle & Nook instructions
- Friends of the Library movie schedule

Other Social Media:

- Youtube.com/suncitywestaz
- facebook.com/suncitywest
- twitter.com/rcscw
- instagram.com/suncitywest_az



Club Corner



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 February Rec Center News is noon Friday, Jan. 5.** 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

Make your 2024 New Year's resolution to check out the Aquacizers Club! 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. While all fitness levels are welcome, 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 social 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 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Membership is \$27 for the first year and \$25 for renewal. Come to a class to try us out for free up to three times or contact Contact Club President Debbie Etheridge at 828-773-9186. Email scwaquacizers@gmail.com with



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any questions. As our club motto says, "Come for the exercise, stay for the friendships!"

ARTHRITIS

The Arthritis Club meets at the Beardsley Pool from 7:55 to 8:40 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

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 volunteer instructors who guide you through a series of fun pool exercises that are sure to enhance joint movement while maintaining and building strength. The class is low-im-



The Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media Club contributed 249 handmade holiday cards and homemade cookies to the United States military through one of our amazing residents, Lauren Dowd-Erickson (bottom left) and the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Thanks Lauren for including us again this year! The Artistic club welcomes residents to visit on Feb. 12 for the Try Us You'll Like Us! class and make your own wine bottle wrap class and treat box.



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

Art Club plans colored pencil workshop

Be creative and enjoy the art of creating layers with colored pencil. A one-day workshop is being offered by Dyanne Locati in January for you to explore this unique art.

Enjoy the process of using colored pencil with other mediums. Explore various aspects of what happens when colored pencils are applied over watercolor or other textures and materials. Use your hand-painted materials as the first layer for your colored pencils. Then, apply your imagination, photos, sketchbook or any other items to bring your artwork alive. Demonstrations, handouts, examples and individual instruction will guide you through the process.

Critiques will provide encouragement and help you see your individual style. Creativity is contagious! The most important part of the project is to explore, be creative and enjoy.

Sign up today! Our regular classes in oil, acrylic, mixed media, drawing and pastels continue throughout the month with wonderful talented instructors. Open art is nearly everyday at some time. Visit our website at art.scwclubs.com for all classes and sign up before classes fill up!

more information, check out our website at 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 Roberta Cantella, club co-president, at 928-499-9886; or Kathy Johnson, co-president at 780-839-5665 for additional information.

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The Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards

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The Aquacizers Club elected its 2024 officers, from left to right: Secretary Lisa Capriotti, Treasurer Mary Lisowski, Vice President Grace Lamberta and President Debbie Etheridge.



Left, teacher Jean Lytle assists Betty Hoyt in weaving her spiral weave basket. Above, A spiral weave basket woven by Jill Zine.

Entertainment & Events

Cabaret series set 2024 season

Package sales open, individual tickets still available

Cabaret

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West welcomes the 2024 season in style with a handful of show-stopping Cabaret performances at Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive in Sun City West.

Each act will offer two performances at 3 and 7 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. for each show. The series is open to Sun City West residents only.

Cabaret packages are \$80 and are currently on sale. Individual tickets are \$22 and are currently on sale. All sales are through the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., and online at suncitywest.com. For information, call 623-544-6093.



Joe Sir
"Elvis"

JAN. 5
Joe Sir

"The Elvis Show"

Tickets selling fast!

Audiences agree, "This is the best Elvis Tribute Show around." The "Elvis Show"



Aragon Ping Band

exceptionally talented musicians, who individually have a stellar bio. With each member starting their musical journey at early ages, some have performed for audiences throughout the United States and internationally. Collectively, they form the all-star Aragon Ping Band, featuring: Robert Aragon, lead vocals; Doug Ping, Telecaster guitar and vocals; Scott Smith, guitar, keyboard and vocals; and Layne London, bass guitar and vocals.

Top Hat

Join the Recreation Centers of Sun City West as we present the Top Hat Series for the 2024 season to Palm Ridge Rec Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive.

Each act will feature two shows at 3 and 7 p.m. with doors opening at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. These performances are open to Sun City West residents only.

With shows spanning January through February, the 2024 series offers a variety of talent.

Packages to the Top Hat Series are \$92 and are currently

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performs the songs from the different periods of Elvis' career: the hits of the '50s, the songs from his movies, the Gospel music, the '68 TV special and finally songs from his record breaking years in Las Vegas. Audiences leave feeling like they have just experienced history for the very first time. They perform at theaters, fairs, festivals, private parties, fund raisers and church events across the Midwest. For more information, visit Joe Sir Elvis Show Facebook page. Elvis may be gone, but the legend lives on. Relive history. Experience the Elvis Show.

JAN. 19

Cary Long

"Comedy Show"

Cary Long is a fresh new face on the comedy scene. He got his start on the hit television show "Star Search" with Ed McMahon, and has since been seen on "Evening at the Improv," VH-1 Stand-up spot-



Cary Long

light with Rosie O'Donnell, as well as two recent appearances on the "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. His act is full of everyday situations that everyone can relate to. He combines accents, cultures, and nationalities, into a rib-tickling performance that will have audiences laughing at themselves. Cary's comedy is observational and he gets a lot of his routine from people he sees that day. His take on relationships between men and women will have couples pointing at each other saying "I told you

so!" In short, he is clean, funny, and a must to go see!

FEB. 2

Tom Petty Tribute

"Learning To Fly"

"Learning To Fly" – a premier Tom Petty Tribute. Celebrating 40 years of the life and music of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Scott Hallock plays Tom Petty and the band reproduces the authentic sounds of Tom's voice and the studio album arrangements using the correct instrumentation and authentic vintage instruments by Vox, Fender, Gibson and Gretsch. "Learning To Fly" has been together for six years delivering stellar performances to large sold out audiences throughout the Valley.

FEB. 16

Aragon Ping Band

Playing a range of music from country to classic rock, The Aragon Ping Band covers your favorites. The Aragon Ping Band is comprised of four



"Learning to Fly"

Call Tours to book your reservation today at 623-544-6030. Please read the "Safe and Secure" Healthy Travel Plan included as a part of your Travel Itinerary for detailed information regarding our approach to your safety.

**"LIFE COULD BE A DREAM"
at Hale Centre Theatre with
Lunch at Liberty Market
Tuesday, Jan. 23**

Come along as we head to downtown Gilbert for a delicious mid-afternoon lunch at Liberty Market. It is an award-winning restaurant in the heart of Gilbert's historic district and is located right across the street from the popular Hale Theatre. We will enjoy our lunch on their patio while we take in the beautiful Arizona weather. Then it is onto our matinee performance of "Life Could Be a Dream." Take a trip to Springfield High School and meet Denny and the Dreamers, a hopeful musical group auditioning in the Big Whopper Radio contest for their chance to make all their dreams come true and hitting the big times. You will hear favorites, "Fools Fall in Love," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," and many more! Bring your friends for a fun time in Old Town Gilbert!

Cost is \$199 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; lunch at Liberty Market; admission to the Hale Centre Theatre, 4 p.m. performance; tour guide; bottled water; taxes and gratuities.

**DOLLY STEAMBOAT CRUISE
& Dinner at Saguaro Lake Ranch
Monday, Feb. 5**

Join ALLIED Tour and Travel as we head to the Southeastern part of the Valley, where we will explore some of their most spectacular sights. From Sun City West, we will journey to Tortilla Flat, an authentic remnant of an old western 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 Canyon." You'll learn the history of the Apache Trail and Canyon Lake and 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 Canyon 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 or pulled pork along with all the fixins'. It is going to be a spectacular day ... bring your friends!

Cost is \$229 per person and includes: visit to Tortilla Flat; Dolly Steamboat cruise; cowboy cookout at Saguaro Lake Ranch; round-trip transportation; tour guide; bottled water and snacks; taxes and gratuities.



**ANNUAL TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Friday, Feb. 9**

The 65th annual Tubac Festival of the Arts, held in the historic art colony of Tubac, is Arizona's longest running arts festival. It attracts thousands of visitors each year showcasing the work of visiting artists from around the country and as far away as Canada. This trip will let you explore and enjoy unique

regional fashion, leather, crafts, antiques and jewelry. In addition to Tubac's many fine restaurants, during the Festival you'll find a food court packed with delicious treats.

Cost is \$119 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; tour guide; snacks and bottled water; taxes and gratuities.

**ROCKY POINT, MEXICO
Monday-Thursday, Feb. 19-22**

Head south of the border to Mexico with ALLIED Tour & Travel! Rocky Point is on the gorgeous Sea of Cortez, just 66 miles from the US border. Americans frequent this coastal town to enjoy the soft sandy beaches, gorgeous sunsets, and fresh ocean breezes. February is the perfect time to go whale watching in Rocky Point, where there is opportunity to catch sight of the magnificent humpback or fin whales. Come along for a fun seaside getaway!

Cost is \$985 double occupancy per person; \$1,255 single occupancy; \$909 triple occupancy per person. Tour includes: round-trip transportation with Tour West America; four days/three night stay at the Penasco Del Sol Hotel; welcome dinner at the hotel (meal choice due at time of reservation); Rocky Point city tour; dinner at La Curva; three breakfasts; free time to explore Rocky Point; tour guide; driver and guide gratuities; baggage handling (one per person); snacks and water.

**68th ANNUAL SCOTTSDALE
ARABIAN HORSE SHOW
Wednesday, Feb. 21**

Join us as we head to WestWorld in Scottsdale for the 68th annual Arabian Horse Show. This show attracts top owners, trainers, and breeders from around the world, who compete for a chance to win and potentially make a significant impact in the breeding barns. The Scottsdale show was started in 1955 by a group of Valley families with 102 horses and no prize money. It's grown to thousands of horses and more than \$2 million in prizes. You will have the opportunity to visit multiple arenas and events at any given time. One of the public's favorite events is the Mounted Native Costume event where both the rider and horse are in native Arabian attire. You will have the opportunity to see many events, dine from an array of food vendors, peruse their shopping expo, and enjoy a day among these magnificent horses!

Cost is \$109 per person and includes round-trip transportation; admission to the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show; tour guide; bottled water; all taxes and gratuities.

**BARLEENS DINNER SHOW
Thursday, March 7**

Come along with Allied Tour & Travel as we head to Barleens Dinner Show, where the food, the fun, and the fantastic entertainment get better with every season. This afternoon, you will enjoy their hearty home-cooked lunch served at your table before the entertainment begins. Your choices are their traditional roast beef dinner, savory chicken breast tenders, or their signature pork ribs. Don't forget to leave room for their famous chocolate cake! Then it is time to sit back, relax, and prepare for an unforgettable show, as you are entertained



Savannah

with No. 1 hits from the early 1950s through the early 1990s featuring a variety of musical genres. Join us for a fun afternoon at Barleens Dinner Show! Cost is \$165 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; lunch and matinee performance; tour guide; bottled water; all taxes and gratuities.

**VERDE CANYON
RAILROAD ADVENTURE
with lunch at Copper Spike Café
Thursday, March 21**

Come along as we head up to Clarkdale for a memorable day spent in the Verde Valley. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch from the Copper Spike Café at the Verde Canyon Railroad depot. Before stepping on board, we will have the opportunity for a face-to-face encounter with the area's majestic owls and wild raptors, who are all a part of the Arizona Liberty Wildlife program. Next, we'll take a train ride through the heart of Arizona aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad to experience "Arizona's longest running nature show." You will savor every moment of our four-hour round-trip wilderness adventure through this beautiful river canyon only accessible by rail. Vintage cars provide first-class comfort, while the panoramic window views transport your imagination to somewhere wild and untamed.

Cost is \$309 per person and includes round-trip transportation; first-class Verde Canyon Railroad tickets; lunch at Copper Spike Café; The Raptors at the Rails Program by Liberty Wildlife; tour guide; snacks and bottled water; all taxes and gratuities.

**SPRINGTIME IN SAVANNAH
& CHARLESTON
Sunday-Friday, March 24-29**

Head south with Allied Tour & Travel this spring to get a taste of Southern charm in beautiful Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, SC. The learn of the rich history of these cities, see the stunning



Charleston; SpiritLine Sunset Dinner Cruise; Middleton Plantation & Low Country Lunch; choice of - Fort Sumter or African American Museum; breakfast daily; three lunches; two dinners; Farewell Happy Hour Party; Sky Harbor Airport transfers; tour guide; baggage handling; snacks and bottled water; driver and guide gratuities.

**COASTAL GETAWAY
Santa Barbara, Hearst Castle,
Paso Robles, & Morro Bay
Sunday-Friday, April 7-12**

Journey to California to explore some must-see coastal gems! We have chosen some beautiful seaside escapes away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. Santa Barbara is on a pristine stretch of California's central coastline, where the sea meets the mountains. Here, you will enjoy the sights and sounds of Stearns Wharf and the Old Mission, two of Santa Barbara's most famous landmarks. Next, we are onto Cambria, a charming waterfront town known for its breathtaking beauty and relaxed, artistic atmosphere. You will enjoy a tour of the iconic Hearst Castle, where you can step back in time and catch a glimpse of the opulence and grandeur of the early 20th-century elite while also enjoying the natural beauty of the panoramic views surrounding us. You will be amazed as we visit the remote stretch of Pacific shoreline where the elephant seals reside. This unique and protected environment offers opportunity to view these massive and magnificent mammals up close - many weighing up to several tons. Join us for a coastal getaway to remember!

Cost is \$2,109 per person double occupancy; \$2,655 single occupancy; or \$1,965 triple occupancy. The tour includes: one night at Courtyard Santa Barbara downtown; three nights at Cambria Pines Lodge; one night at SpringHill Suites Lancaster; luxury motorcoach transportation; welcome dinner at Opal Restaurant; tour of Santa Barbara; Old Mission Santa Barbara; Stearns Wharf; guided tour of Hearst Castle; Elephant Seal Rookery; wine tasting at Opolo

Vineyards; explore Paso Robles and Morro Bay ~ Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum; Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve; five breakfasts; three dinners; a professional tour guide; baggage handling; snacks and bottled water; driver and guide gratuities.

**COPPER ART MUSEUM, JEROME,
& WINETASTING
at Javelina Leap Vineyards
Thursday, April 18**

Get ready for a spectacular day exploring the beautiful Verde Valley countryside! We will begin with a tour of the Arizona Copper Art Museum in Clarkdale, where you will hear some of the history of the role copper played in shaping Arizona and our country. The museum has more than 5,000 artifacts dating back as far as the 1500s. Then we are on to Jerome, where we will stop first at the Douglas Mansion, and you will hear about some of the colorful history that shaped Jerome back in the early 1900s when it was a mining boomtown and home to over 30 nationalities. You will have time for lunch (on your own) and to explore Jerome and its thriving artist community. Next, we will venture on to Javelina Leap Vineyards and Winery in the heart of the Verde Valley Wine Trail. They are a family operated boutique winery with award-winning Arizona wines. Bring your friends along for a day to savor in the Verde Valley!

Cost is \$165 per person and includes: round-trip transportation; tour of the Arizona Copper Art Museum; Douglas Mansion Ranger Talk; visit to Jerome (lunch on own); wine-tasting at Javelina Leap Vineyards; tour guide; snacks and bottled water; taxes and gratuities.

**CANYONLANDS OF THE SOUTHWEST
Monument Valley, Arches, Canyonlands,
Capitol Reef, Bryce, and Zion
Saturday-Friday April 20-26, 2024**

Visit six of the country's most awe-inspiring national parks - Monument Valley, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion with ALLIED Tour & Travel! We have lined up a spectacular itinerary with amazing scenery and memorable experiences. Take a jeep tour with a Navajo guide into the amazing beauty of the Navajo Nation's backcountry. Step aboard our jet boat tour on the Colorado River as we sip a glass of wine and listen to live music surrounded by 2,000-foot cliffs of Canyonlands. Visit the world's largest collection of hoodoos (intricately carved statues in red, orange, and white created over millions of years by the forces of erosion) at Bryce Canyon. Enjoy a tram ride through Zion, with its steep canyons, gorgeous valleys, and beautiful woodlands.



Cost is \$2,559 double occupancy per person; \$3,229 single occupancy; \$2,355 triple occupancy per person. The tour includes: round-trip transportation; one night at Hampton Inn Kayenta; two nights at Element Moab; two nights at Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel; one night at Country Inn & Suites Page; Petrified Forest National Park; welcome dinner; Monument Valley Jeep Tour and Lunch; Full-day excursion to Canyonlands and Arches National Park with a local tour guide; UnWine'd & Dine Cruise on the Colorado River; Capitol Reef National Park; Bryce Canyon National Park; Zion open air tram ride; six breakfasts; three lunches; four dinners; tour guide; baggage handling, one bag per person (not available in Page); snacks and bottled water; taxes and gratuities.

**ARRIVEDERCI CUCINA ITALIANA
& SAGUARO LAKE CRUISE ON
DESERT BELLE
Wednesday, April 3**

Come along for a fun day of dining and cruising as we head to Arrivederci Cucina Italiana, situated by the lake in beautiful Fountain Hills. We will enjoy our lunch el fresco style (weather permitting), where you will choose from one of four delicious entrees. Be sure to leave room for dessert! After our meal, it is onto Saguaro Lake, where you will board the Desert Belle, a historic, restored tour boat, for an hour-and-a-half-long scenic cruise. You can sip a glass of wine while listening to live music as you take in all that lovely fresh air and the beautiful desert landscape. You will see great views from their shaded, open-air top deck seats. Keep your camera handy as you journey around the lake while you watch for possible sightings of bald eagles soaring overhead and bobcats, coyotes, and bighorn sheep coming down to drink from the lake.

Cost is \$185 and includes: round-trip transportation; lunch at Arrivederci Cucina Italiana in Fountain Hills; Saguaro Lake Cruise on the Desert Belle (only credit cards accepted); tour guide; snacks and bottled water; all taxes and gratuities.

Entertainment & Events

Top Hat series sets 2024 season

Package sales now open, individual tickets still available

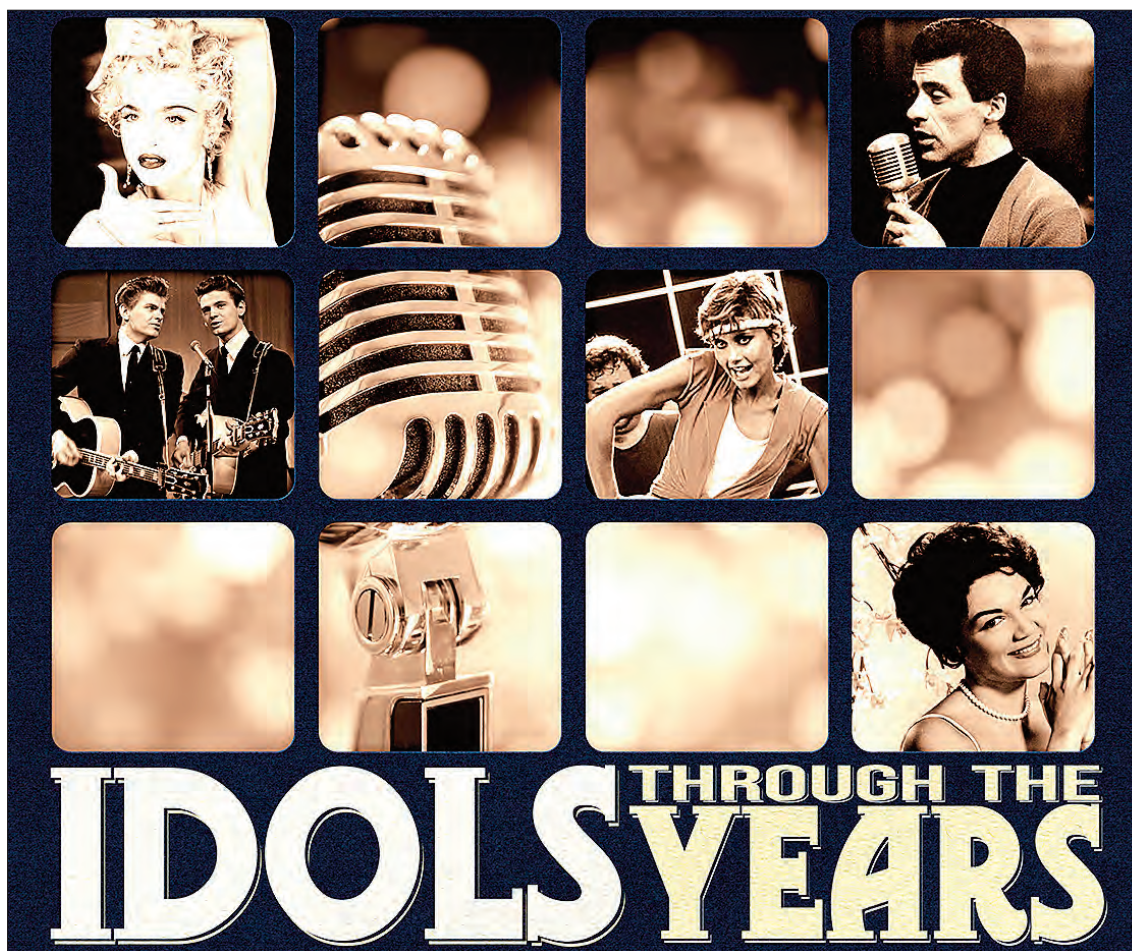
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on sale. Individual tickets are \$30 and are currently on sale. For information, call the Box Office at 623-544-6093.

JAN. 11

Idols Through the Years

“Teen idols” have traditionally been associated with the heart-throbs of the '50s, '60s, and '70s. But young, musical icons garnered huge success with dedicated fanbases of teenagers for as long as music has been a mainstream form of entertainment. *Idols Through the Years* takes you on a musical trip back through time to replay the soundtrack of your youth. Whether it was swooning to your favorite singer while spinning their 12-inch LP, singing into your hairbrush along with your favorite 8-track, or rocking out in the back seat of your parents' car while plugged into your walkman, this show brings all of the biggest dream-boats and celebrity crushes to the stage. From “American Bandstand” to MTV, relive teen idol fandom as the sights and sounds of Bobby Vee, Connie Francis, Paul Anka, Madonna, Michael Jackson and many more make your heart go pitter-patter just as they did when their voices first rang out over



the radio airwaves.

JAN. 25

The 3 International Tenors

“Live in Concert” is a tribute to some of the finest music in the world and features show stopping performances celebrating the virtuoso careers of Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, Enrico Caruso, and others. This stirring show includes

renditions of some of the most memorable songs ever written like “Time to Say Goodbye,” “Ave Maria” and “Nessun Dorma.”

FEB. 8

AOR Rock Revival –

When FM Ruled the World

Get ready to rock with Rock Revisited, the ultimate tribute to AOR (Album Oriented Rock)! This electrifying show

pays homage to the classic rock music that dominated FM radio during the 1970s and 1980s, featuring all your favorite artists and their biggest hits. You'll also hear classic tracks from bands like Boston, Foreigner, Heart, Kansas, Mr. Mister, Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Toto and Whitesnake. With high-energy performances, musicianship, and

a genuine love for the music, Rock Revisited is the perfect way to relive the glory days of AOR. So grab your air guitar and get ready to sing along to every word – this is a show you won't want to miss!

FEB. 29



The She Gees

Get ready to groove to the timeless tunes of one of the most legendary bands of all time with The She Gees! This electrifying female-fronted tribute to the Bee Gees will have you dancing and singing along to your favorite hits. With wonderful harmonies and soulful vocals, The She Gees pay homage to the Bee Gees in a way that is both authentic and fresh. From "Stayin' Alive" to "How Deep Is Your Love," they capture the essence of the Bee Gees' sound and energy. Get ready to relive the disco era and experience the music of the Bee Gees like never before. Whether you're a die-hard fan or a newcomer to their music, The She Gees are guaranteed to have you on your feet and singing along to every song. Don't miss your chance to see this unforgettable tribute to one of the greatest bands of all time.





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BEADERS

The club is located at the Keuntz Rec Center in the Kiva Room. Come join us for only \$5; membership is open to all rec card holders. The club meets on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We offer all levels of beading instruction and mentoring – from beginners to experts. 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 information about our club, contact Cynthia Trainer at 253-640-3288 or cynthiatrainer@outlook.com, or stop by during normal club hours. You can also visit beaders.scwclubs.com.

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and Mixed Media club has had an amazing year of creating beautiful pieces of art and making phenomenal friends among other club members. Our club takes pride in our ability to give back to our community and we continue to give through financial and artistic gift giving.

Speaking of our outreach program, don't forget to visit the Valley View Thrift Store on Camino del Sol by the Golf for Less store. They sell our handcrafted cards for only \$2. We have been told that for every \$2 card sold a meal is provided for someone in need. So not only do you get a beautiful handmade card you are able to put a meal on someone's table! You will be able to select from birthday, sympathy, holiday cards along with some cards that just let someone know you are thinking of them. Come give us a try and feel good about feeding someone in need.

2024 is looking exciting for our club and for the residents of Sun City West. The club invites Sun City West residents to its Try Us You'll Like Us! class from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 12. The day starts with an amazing Calligraphy Class where you will learn to write your name in calligraphy and walk away with a surprise from 11 to noon. Next, residents



The Bocce Club kicked off its season during the first week of December on the refurbished courts at R.H. Johnson Rec Center.

Keuntz Rec Center in the Mesa room. The club is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. New members are welcome. Come join the fun! For more information, contact Cynthia Trainer at 253-640-3288.

BOCCE

The Sun City West Bocce Club finally got their season off to a start the first week of December. We are all enjoying the refurbished courts.

The club will host a clinic for anyone who would like to learn more about Bocce at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. This is a perfect opportunity to see what Bocce is about. Registration forms are available on the web site, bocce.scwclubs.com, and at the courts.

The club will hold a general meeting and dinner at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in the Social Hall. Tickets will be available Jan. 1. The cost is \$10 for members and \$21 for guests.

BOOMERS

Who are the Sun City West Boomers? Most boomers are defined by being born between 1946 and 1964. Not so for the Sun City West Boomers. This large, active social club is not defined by age group but rather by their members' love of participating in events and activities that offer the opportunity to make friends and to have fun! Everything from a book club, cards and games, barbecues, potlucks, acoustic jam sessions, dances, dinners, hikes, trail rides, bowling, water volleyball, special events, and more - you name it, and the Boomers are having fun doing it. There is always something for everyone every month. Membership is open to all residents with a valid rec card, and all events are open to club members. Singles are always welcome, and events are open seating which helps everyone get to know one another. Every week is chock full of activities.

How can a club offer so many events and activities? The answer is in our dedicated and enthusiastic members. If a member or group have an idea for a new event and are willing to do the work necessary to plan and follow through, the board will assist them as hosts in getting started and in repeating the activity over time. This allows for many differing events and more than just one committee to plan and organize activities. With over 2,000 members, the main problem is keeping informed so one can register and sign up before a program is sold out. "This Week with the Boomers" e-mail message from President Pam Kiest keeps everyone informed well in advance of those fun events that are coming up. Also, all information is clearly and well presented on the Boomer website and calendar - scw-boomersclub.com.

Just take a look what's coming up at January 2024:

Bike riding five days a week; water volleyball four days a week; Boomer Bowling two Sundays a month; cards and games on Mondays and Thursdays; and Acoustic Jam Sessions every Tuesday

Jan. 5 - The Boomer Talent Showcase
Jan. 12 - A Happy Hour Dance with music by Backstage Crew

Jan. 13 - Barbecue

Jan. 18 - Lounge Night and Dance in the clubhouse with Tim Hope and Debby Wesselo

Jan. 19 - Potluck dinner
Jan. 23 - General meeting

Ceramics West aids abuse victims through Eve's Place

Eve's place is a non-profit organization located in the West Valley. It provides programs to both male and female victims of all kinds of abuse, including teens who have experienced dating abuse. They have services all over the state of Arizona and the Navajo Nation. Every year Ceramics West adopts a family who has left everything behind in order to escape abuse and start a new life. Donation information can be found on the counter of the Ceramics West club rooms, which is located next to Members Services.



CERAMICS

The Ceramics Club had great turnout for its ornament party. The club would love to thank Debbie Placher and her team for making this outreach possible. Ceramics would like to welcome all of its new members and encourage others in the community to come check out the club. The Ceramics Club is open from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday most days.



Jan. 26 - New Member Open House

Jan. 30 - Eagles and Linda Rondstadt Dance with the Big Zepher Dance Band
The Boomers Club may be just the group you are looking for to add more fun to your life.

BASCW (BOWLING)

Bowling is fun! The friendships you make along the way are great! Bowling is enjoyed by more people than any other participatory sport in the world. The Bowlers Association of Sun City West (BASCW) 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 January the BASCW No-Tap bowling events will be Jan. 13 and 27.

Please note, BASCW is a chartered club, not a bowling league. As a club member, you 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 is on the table/display desk in the center of the bowling lanes. The Lane Assignment Payment envelopes are next to the book and can be put in the BASCW Dropbox that abuts the desk.

Saturday night bowling is a handicap No-Tap format meaning nine or 10 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 between \$5 to \$10. Member bowlers

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Creative Stitches show off their Christmas time stitching.

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can also participate in the “3-6-9 pot,” “300 pot” and the 50/50 raffle events. If you want to participate in these activities, you must pay with the correct dollar amounts.

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. Good Bowling and above all else, have fun!

BRIDGE

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!

The Contract Bridge Club consists of two groups. Doors open for the Tuesday section at 11:15 a.m. 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 Monday section at 5 p.m. and sign-up begins at 5:30. You must come with a partner to play Monday evenings. You will rotate with your partner at the end of each round. We play four rounds of 35 minutes each. If 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.

The club offers beginning contract bridge lessons. Please contact Mary Vraney at 623-236-4729 for lesson information. Each section requires dues of \$5 per year plus \$1 per session and members must be rec card holders. All sessions meet at the Beardsley Recreation Center Card Rooms. 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 for Tuesday Bridge and Dianne Wuethrich at 715-556-2653 for Monday Bridge.

Interested in playing Monday evenings but don't have a partner? Please contact us and we will try to help you find a partner. Please note that the Monday sessions start on Jan. 8 and they replace previous Wednesday sessions. Please visit our website at bridge.scwclubs.com.

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 required! We meet every Wednesday night in the Chicory, Mesquite and Ocotillo rooms at Beardsley Center. The doors open at 5 p.m., sign up ends at 5:50 and Bunco play starts at 6 p.m. 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 Jeanette Rabito, President at 951-833-5572.

CLAY

If you have always wanted to dabble in pottery, the Clay Club is the club to join. You don't need to be a “potter” already as we will teach you what we know best: how to create functional and beautiful art no matter which method you love - hand-building, coiling, throwing, sculpting, glazing, and more. You don't need to be an artist, either! Actually, no experience is necessary. You will find our superb in-house member instructors provide an excellent start to your new avocation (ahem, read: addiction!). Our instructors have honed their craft for many years, and created hundreds, if not thousands, of different items. We also bring in professional artists for demonstrations and classes from time to time. The skill levels of our 368 members range from complete novice to professional artist.

Check out how to join the Clay Club at scwclayclub.com/application. Visitors are always welcome, and we are happy to give you a tour. Stop at the Monitor's Desk for a personal tour. Come, and see what we are all about!

The Clay Club is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday, Friday, and Sat-

urday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Clay Club is in the Beardsley Recreation Center at 12755 Beardsley Road. Membership in the SCW Clay Club is open to rec card holders in good standing.

CLUB 52 - POKER

Texas Hold'em & Omaha

As if you need another excuse to play poker, new research shows that poker is good for your brain.

Several Alzheimer's related organizations and websites recommend various brain games for those who have been diagnosed with the disease. But, the real question is if long and consistent earlier exposure to brain games actually decreases the chances of suffering from Alzheimer's and other mental afflictions later in life. Dr. Jeffrey Cummings, a leading researcher in the field of Alzheimer's disease, has recently released new research showing that playing poker is a great way to drastically decrease your chances of developing Alzheimer's and other brain-related diseases, typically associated with old age, by 50 percent or even more.

However, playing poker will not reverse the effects of Alzheimer's!

Constantly thinking and making strategic decisions then sweating the outcome and the intensity of completion of a poker game played for real money as opposed to just for fun, is infinitely more invigorating and stimulating to the mind.

All Sun City West men and women with a current rec card are welcome as a new member or guest. Join us on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, in the card room of the Men's Club building, located on Meeker Road just north of the Sun City West Library. The doors open at 3:45, Texas Hold'em and Omaha high/low cash games start between 4 to 4:30. The nightly Texas Hold'em tournament starts at 5, but signup before 4:50 to receive an “early bird” \$2,000 chip bonus.

For information, contact Dana Sledd at 253-670-5850 or visit our web site at fiftytwocard.scwclubs.com or visit our Facebook page.

COIN & STAMP

The Coin Club will meet for its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in Room 3 at the Kuentz Recreation Center. The club has a door prize, show-and-tell, and a coin auction. The Coin Club is open to anyone interested in U.S. and world coins.

Coin Club President Mike Hug has appointed Hal, chairman of the coin section. Those of you who collect coins are welcome to join in. Welcome 2024!

With the New Year here, get your albums out for the Jan. 9 Stamp Club meeting. President Mike Hug will answer any questions you have. Plus, experienced collectors are always on hand to help others with identifying their stamps. Mike might even delight us with a quiz, or inform us on the new postal issues.

Whether you are a long time collector, or a beginner who 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 6:30 p.m. in Room 3. Coins is always on the first Tuesday of the month, except June through August. Stamps are always



Decorative Art Club members, from left, Barb Thompson, Hollie Craig and Ann Wilber, show off their tall Christmas gnomes.

Flight Simulator helps club members soar indoors

Want to explore the world in a cockpit of your favorite plane or just be a passenger and enjoys the sights? Come fly with us!

We meet the first Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. to noon in the Palo Verde room of the Palm Ridge Recreation center. Members and guests are invited to come and have coffee and treats and share flying and aircraft experiences, demonstration flights, videos, as well as other educational and thrilling flight information. We have a variety of commercial and private pilots, controllers, and just people that had on their bucket list to learn how to fly.

PC club members can sign up for one-on-one instructional training on a simulator like what real pilots train on from 9 to 11 a.m. the second and third Thursdays. Members are able to reserve a time slot on a training simulator by calling Lana 602-330-8055.

the second Tuesday of the month, all year.

For questions, call Fred at 377-6621.

COMPUTERS WEST

Are you stumped as to where to go when your phone, computer and tablet are giving you trouble? Getting 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 up and running and help you understand how they work. Help group from 7:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Fridays. Includes one-on-one Android and tablet help. Come early to sign up. The Senior Help Group for members with any Apple device meets in Room C from noon to 2 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Computers West, at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center (623-214-1546), is the parent organization of two user groups: MacsWest and the PC Group. Room A hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Both PC and Mac computers are available for club members' use. For 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 Computers West meeting is at noon Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Summit A (note date change). 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.

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PC Group (www.pcscw.org): We continue to have classes of interest. Check website calendar for updated information. Updated computers available for your use. Questions & Answers are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Ancestry discussion is 10 a.m. the first Thursday of the month. Help available from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays. Learn about your family tree. Ancestry is available on both PC and Mac computers for members' use. Linux Help is 8 a.m. to noon Fridays. The Flight Simulator is available at 9 a.m. Thursdays. Learn to fly!

MacsWest (www.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's monthly dance will be Jan. 13 at Palm Ridge Rec Center Summit rooms A-B. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dancing starts at 6 p.m. and continues until 9. DJ Linda Benton will play great country music from the 1980s and '90s. We have plenty of room for line dancing, partner dancing and pattern dancing and welcome new dancers, long time dancers and everyone in between. The dance is \$5 for members and \$8 for invited guests.

Partner Lessons in January will be on Wednesday evenings at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall from 5:30 to 7. Our instructor is Paul Jack, a professional instructor who has been with us for many years. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for guests.

Line Dancing Lessons for January will be on the Monday. The classes are at the Palm Ridge Center in the Summit A Room. Beginner classes start at 12:15 and continue until 1. Our instructor, Tammy Mcvey, loves working with beginners and takes pride that everyone can keep up in the class. From 1 to 3 p.m. Tammy will teach one hour classes in: improver and intermediate. The cost of attending one or all the sessions is \$4 for members and \$7 for accompanied guests.

For more information check out our website at countrywestern.scwclubs.com or call Maureen Riter at 719-235-2420.

CREATIVE STITCHERS

If you are interested in joining or just curious, come check out the Creative Stitchers Club to see what the members are stitching from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays 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:



DanceSensations Beginner's Tap instructor is Traci Mann. A certified instructor, Traci has been teaching tap for 47 years.

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 at 623-533-8055 and leave a message.

CYCLISTS

The Cyclists Club rides weekdays from the Echo Mesa Golf Course at 9 a.m. in January. 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. A slower-paced group (10-13 mph) has formed with rides Mondays and Thursdays. 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 a fast-growing segment), are welcome.

The January monthly meeting will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Sagebrush Room at the Beardsley Recreation Center. A coffee hour follows at a member's home where members socialize. Last month the club held their annual Christmas party at R.H. Johnson Social Hall. For the seventh year some club members donated 58 bikes for kids in need, along with helmets, through the Dysart Community Center and Surprise Police Department. The club also did bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Off campus rides are also being planned along with a spring trip to Tucson.

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

DANCESENSATIONS

DanceSensations is happy to announce a new class in "Beginner's Tap" starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, continuing each Thursday through April 9. If you're new to tap, or want to dust off those old tap shoes, this would be a great class for you. And think of all the exercise you'll get while having fun doing it. Feel free to drop by and give it a try before making a commitment. If you're more experienced in tap, we offer "Intermediate Tap" at 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and "Beyond Basics Tap" at 8 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, which is a great class for tappers who already know the basic steps. Now is the

perfect time to start, as new choreography is currently being taught. Performance is optional. All classes are held in the dance studio at the Palm Ridge Rec Center (Activities Building). To view all the classes we have to offer, the class schedule and registration form, visit dancesensations.scwclubs.com, email dancescw@gmail.com or call 480-321-9652.

DECORATIVE ART

Hard to believe it's January already. Come join our fantastic Decorative Art Club. We meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the Pueblo Room at the Kuentz Recreation Center.

We offer two classes each week. We use acrylic paints on patterns traced onto wood, metal, or canvas. The teacher then guides the class in base coating, highlighting/shading the piece to bring it to life. We also have projects using colored pencils.

Our four-week beginners class starts Jan. 24. Please visit our classroom on Wednesday to see our upcoming projects and find out more about our fun club!

You may also contact Pat at 612-802-0440.

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 2024. If you are interested in joining this fun group of women, 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:

November Ace (Lowest Gross Score) – Mary Gaynett and Peg Wynkoop, 85
November Aces (Lowest Net Score) – Karolyn Cramer, 65

The Deer Valley ladies group is led by President Sherry Skogrand, Vice President Pam Taylor, Secretary Cathy Lowman, and Treasurer Cheryl Sherwood.



Zumba is a fitness program combining international music with dance moves creating extremely effective exercise in disguise. The routines incorporate interval training (fast and slow rhythms) designed to strengthen your heart, increase stamina, your balance, flexibility and muscle tone. Wow! Zumba's bonus is that it will help you to shed excess pounds and the energy will boost your mood. Sherry Possner instructs with high and low impact levels. Zumba is for everyone! No rhythm required. Guaranteed smiles!



GLASS FUSING & ENAMELING

The Glass Fusing and Enameling club is a very friendly group! Anyone can learn to make jewelry, ornaments, vases, night lights, wind chimes and much more. Experienced club members will teach you how to make it. In addition to glass arts, we also teach enameling and copper arts. 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 contact the club president Patti at 818-605-5565 or pburleson07@gmail.com.

DESERT GARDEN

Socials, tours and workshops in Desert Garden Club offer opportunities to learn and participate in cactus gardening, new to most of us. The club's next membership meeting is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at R.H. Johnson Social Hall East, and will feature Rick Obenshain, Water Resource Analyst, from EPCOR Water, who will speak on gardening and landscaping conservation. An informal social gathering precedes the meeting, starting at 8:30 a.m. Board members are available during that time for questions and suggestions. The new greenhouse and botanical garden are behind the meeting rooms of Beardsley Rec Center, and are great spaces for fun, exercise, and connecting with oth-

ers who love the outdoors and gardening. Volunteers and new members are always welcome to enjoy pretty, peaceful mornings there. The next plant sale is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 6. It is open to the general public.

ENCORE NEEDLE & CRAFT

Come to the most giving and versatile club in Sun City West. We are E.N.C.O.R.E. - Encouraging Neighbors in Charity and Originality with Rewarding and Enjoyable activities. The Club meets in Mesa Room 4 at Kuentz Recreation Center at the intersection of Stardust and RH Johnson boulevards. We are open 7:30 to noon every Friday. We donate our hand-crafted item to the American Cancer Society, Angel Mom's, Choice Pregnancy Center, Hospice of the Valley, Ryan House, The Lionus Project, Faith House and many other 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 stitch 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 things 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 for charity projects. For more information about our club or if you

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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

Energetic Exercise Club meets from 7:50 to 8:35 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Social Hall. There are 53 Mondays, 52 Wednesdays and 52 Fridays in 2024, and the annual dues remains only \$5 a year. That is only \$3.29 cents per session (I really gotta get a life). That's less than a nickel. And we have a great annual party included in the cost. Such a deal.

Where else are you going to find such a great bunch of people? We're like the old TV program "Cheers," sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came. And we will be glad you came, as will you.

You'll get to workout at your own level - no judgement - and loosen up those muscles, limber up your limbs, and improve your balance. You can nap later.

The first three times are free, then you gotta pay the \$5. We don't have a \$3.29



Please come by and look at the Lapidary Club's window displays which exhibit club information and member created items. The November window displays, created by a member, showcased rock slabs and stones artistically combined to form mountain scenery.

per session payment plan.

Do us, and you a favor. Don't just pay the \$5 to get your name on the roll. The club's here to help, not to just get numbers. For questions, call Gloria at 623-986-9392.

FITNESS

The Fitness Club election of 2024 officers was held on Nov. 3 and they are as follows: Marilyn Shaw, president; Marilyn Ridgeley, vice president; Cheryl Tyler, treasurer; and Patty Raftis, secretary.

Each of our six classes have at least one class representative. These great volunteers ensure that all classes run smoothly. Please let them know that you appreciate what they do for the Fitness Club when you attend one of our classes. Class representatives are:

Jazzercise Lo Dance - Claudia Olson and Dianna Hurley; Zumba - Wendy Venske and Mary

Ann Lewton; Sculpt 45 - Sherri Collings and Terry McEvoy; Deep Water Exercise - Ann Johnson and Christine Bertin; H2O Fitzi with Mitzi - Nancy Billingham and Jan Taylor; and Water Aerobics and Fitness - Karen Benson.

The 2024 Fitness Club general meetings will be held on the following dates:
Jan. 22 Agave Room at Beardsley - 11 a.m. to noon with a class reps and monitors meeting following general meeting

April 15 Agave Room at Beardsley - 11 a.m. to noon with class reps and monitors meeting following general meeting
Nov. 1 election of officers - 11 a.m. to noon, location to be determined

The Fitness Club offers a variety of classes. Our website, fitness.scwclubs.com, has additional information. Annual dues are \$5 and are payable now at any class by cash or check.

Water Aerobics and Fitness is from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Palm Ridge Indoor Walking Pool. Bill Benson is the instructor.

Jazzercise Cardio Sculpt 60 is from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Social Hall at R.H. Johnson. Susan Shewmake is the instructor.

Zumba is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge. Sherry Possner is the instructor.

Sculpt 45 is from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Summit Hall at Palm Ridge. Lisa Friedman is the instructor.

Deep Water Exercise is from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Wednesday and Friday in the R.H. Johnson pool. Maggie Delaney is the instructor.

H2O Fitzi with Mitzi is from 9:15 to



10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Palm Ridge Indoor Walking Pool. Mitzi Cereceds is the instructor.

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 are \$16; eight classes are \$24; 16 classes are \$48; and 24 classes are \$72. Please contact our President, Marilyn Shaw at 541-980-4444 or shaw.marilynn@gmail.com if you have any questions.

KARAOKE

The Karaoke Club would like everyone to save the date for their annual Variety and Dinner Show, "Sunday Night Live," on April 14, at the Palm Ridge Rec Center. The recent shows have included skits and comedy in addition to some great singing and a catered buffet.

The Karaoke Club sends cheer to neighbors in care centers and hospitals. Clubs members met weekly in November to write holiday greetings to resi-

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Above, members of the Karaoke Club helped to spread cheer holiday to Sun City West residents in care centers and those in the hospital, by writing personal greetings on more than 350 cards. At the first session of the holiday card brigade, 190 cards were written with cheerful greetings by Karaoke Club members (clockwise) Sandy Bassett, Lori Laurent, Mary White, Cindy Rickel, Pat Bostrom, Karen Devers and Julie Szafraniec. Not pictured are Lydia Boyer and Joyce Bowlby who dropped off donated cards. Below, Marsha and David Bathke are active non-singing members of the Karaoke Club, who enjoy coming to listen and to dance. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9, which happened to fall on a Thursday, the regular meeting of the club at the R.H. Social Hall. They celebrated with a dance to their special song, "Lavendar Blue", sung by club member, Joyce Bowlby.



Leather Carvers Club President Kyle Betz recently taught a sewing class on the club's Cobra 4 Industrial sewing machine. This machine is made to sew through approximately 2 inches of leather and is used to make many unique one-of-a-kind projects. During the winter season an instructional class is offered once a month on the Cobra 4 and on the Juki machine, which is designed to sew on thinner leather. The club is equipped with just about everything a member would need to create and complete any number of leather items to be sold, used as gifts, or for themselves.



Club Corner



LINE DANCERS

Start the New Year with a bang! Come and join the Line Dancers Club. Line dancing is a great way to have fun while getting exercise as well. Our instructor, Kort Kurdi, has a unique approach to teaching the basic steps and fundamentals without frustration. The five-week Beginners program starts on Wednesday, Jan. 3, and meets from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. each Wednesday in January at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. The dance fee is \$25 for the five weeks, plus the \$5 club membership. You can register online at linedancers.scwclubs.com or before class on Jan. 3. For information, contact Patti Anderson at 701-371-6392 for more information.

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dents in local hospitals and care centers. While the elves wrote the cards, they were entertained by members of the club who came to practice. Practice sessions continue Monday nights at Beardsley from 5:00 to 7:00 when members can access the club's data base more than 260,000 titles, or bring personal discs.

The Karaoke Club meets regularly on Thursday evenings at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and singing begins at 6:00 p.m. Members and invited guests are welcome to listen for free. There is a nominal nightly fee to sing. The club provides cups and ice.

Regular club meetings are on Thursdays, at the Social Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., and singing begins at 6 p.m. Look for the banner and neon sign.

Practice sessions are conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Beardsley Park Arts and Crafts building in the yoga studio, where the club's data base of over 260,000 titles may be accessed.

LAPIDARY

The Johnson Lapidary Club is a social and hobby club. Lapidary is the art of cutting, forming and polishing gemstones 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 us in the R.H. Johnson Rec Center for a tour and to get more information or visit lapidary.scwclubs.com or email us at johnsonlapidary@gmail.com or call us at 623-584-8952.

Men's Club members play cards in the Men's Club room.



LEATHER CARVERS

It's a New Year and time to learn a new craft! The Leather Club is a great club because of its great members. You can always find someone trying a new pattern or project, excited about a new process 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. But 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 and kits for sale to members, all that is required is your imagination. Handcrafted leather items make wonderful gifts for family and friends. You'll enjoy making projects you can use, give as gifts, or sell.

The leather workers meet at the

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Quilting for Causes - a Labor of Love

The Palo Verde Patchers' "Quilts for Causes" program supports several charitable causes through its 501(c)3 designation. Members provide warmth and comfort to local families and children, as well as local combat veterans. This labor of love has produced over 5,000 donated quilts since 1998.

The Palo Verde Patchers Biennial Quilt Show helps fund the Quilts for Causes program and its 13th Biennial Show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25, at Palm Ridge Rec Center in Sun City West. The Quilts for Causes program includes the following recipients:

Native American Connections was founded to "improve the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate behavioral health, affordable housing, and community development services."

Hand-tied quilts created by Palo Verde Patchers members for babies, children, and adults, provide warmth and comfort to the residents of 850 NAC housing units. Members also provide tote bags that program participants can use for shopping trips or when moving to a new location.

St. Francis Xavier School is located in central Phoenix and serves students



Palo Verde Patchers club members unveil one month's production of charity quilts.

from all income levels, cultural backgrounds, and religious affiliations. The school provides a scholarship program for students whose families do not have the resources to pay the tuition. From time to time, teachers recognize students who would benefit from a warm blanket, a need that Palo Verde Patchers members are happy to fulfill.

The Palo Verde Patchers Honor Quilts group began in 2006 as a branch of the national "Quilts of Valor" organ-

ization, a program with the goal that all combat-wounded service members receive a lap quilt for their service and sacrifice to our country. Wishing to honor local veterans, the club changed its program name to Honor Quilts. Palo Verde Patchers' talented members lovingly create patriotic-themed professionally quilted quilts and present them to two to three combat veterans during monthly presentations held October through April.

Funding for Quilts for Causes programs are raised through the Palo Verde Patchers' Biennial Quilt Show. The 13th Biennial Show theme is "There's No Place Like Home." The Show features more than 200 beautiful quilts, a boutique, and a raffle for a lovely paper pieced and custom-quilted quilt. Tickets to the show are \$5 and available at the door or from club members, and includes discount coupons to local shops.

For more information about all of Palo Verde Patchers' groups and events visit patchers.scwclubs.com or call President Kathleen McCulloch at 248-390-0990.



Club member Victoria Plesa with two quilts she created for the Honor Quilts Program.



MAC-CRO-KNIT

The Mac-Cro-Knit club stays busy, especially at this time of year. Our winter visitors are back contributing to the many projects going on in the club. Reggie Knight organized items given to St. Vincent de Paul for Christmas. They consisted of 382 pairs of socks (229 adult sizes and 153 children's sizes), 506 hats, 51 scarves, and 17 miscellaneous items. Bobbie Bagley organized Christmas items given to the Phoenix Indian Hospital and Medical Center. They consisted of 970 donated toys, 38 toy bags for children containing paper or crayons or stickers, etc., and 80 mini-bags holding a mini-animal. All the bags were crocheted by club members. If you look at the pictures you will notice the beautiful designs and color creations. Art and colors have endless combination possibilities! If you are interested in joining the club, contact President Janet Lennon at 623-687-7397. The club meets at the Kuentz Rec Center from 8 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Pueblo Room 3.



Club Corner



Melissa VanDyken gets a close-up look while Phil Marchant explains the Baby Lock Meridian embroidery machine. Rip 'N' Sew owns one of these machines.



Machine embroidery calls to MEG Members

As a collective bunch within the Rip 'N' Sew club, members call themselves MEG — Machine Embroidery Group. They use regular sewing machines but also enjoy machines that embroider far faster than a hand-held needle with floss can.

MEG members meet monthly and often have a special speaker, a class-involved demonstration, a presentation, a show-and-tell session and more.

Phil Marchant of Central Sewing in Prescott Valley recently gave a lively talk and demonstration for 25 members of the Sun City West club. He mixed humor with solid information, said Barbara Ruzic, who heads MEG.

Marchant's talk covered needles, threads, and the all-important how to keep the expensive embroidery machines clean and working at their best, Ruzic said.

Sharon Reichert enjoys her MEG membership.

"I just joined this year," she said. After taking one embroidery machine lesson at Rip 'N' Sew, she bought the same kind of machine the club has.

Machine Embroidery Group members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information about MEG, call Rip 'N' Sew at 623-546-4050 and leave a message for Barbara Ruzic.

For club information, visit its site: ripsew.scwclubs.com/about-location.



MEG members machine-embroidered individual Navajo-themed blocks and member Diana Oliver put them all together. This wall hanging was donated to a memory care facility.



Barbara Ruzic, who leads MEG for Rip 'N' Sew members, shows off her own embroidered creation.

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Kuentz Center beginning at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Leather Carvers 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 November and hope to again next March 8. 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. This can be an inspiration to others and gives them many ideas for their own projects. All Sun City West residents with a valid rec card are welcome to become members so please visit our web site at scwleathercarversclub.weebly.com for more information.

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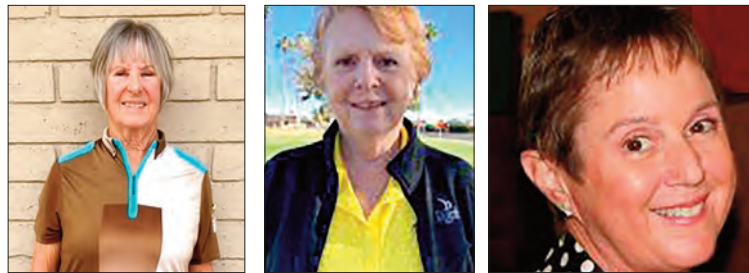
The Mah Jongg Club is opened to

Sun City West residents with a current rec card. Dues are \$10 a year.

If you want to learn to play Mah Jongg, lessons will start from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 23, and continue Jan. 25, 30



Metal Club social committee members are, from left to right, back row: Wendi Boos, Sharon Price, Tamarra Bennett, Diane Perry, and Mike Bell; front row: Xuan Wagner, Mitzi Larson, Mary Jo Montan, Georgie Haswell, and Verda Bell.



Congratulations to Pebblebrook Ladies 18 Golf Club "November Aces of the Month," from left to right: Arlys Kraft (Low Gross, 83); Jennifer Walsh (Low Net 73); Cindy Sandmaier (Putter of the Month, 26 Putts).



Pebblebrook Ladies 18 Golf Club welcomes new members, from left to right: Johanne Cedilotte, Kathy Druzianich, Becky Flannigan and Sue Jelenick.



Photography West newly elected officers are, from left to right: Cheryl Gross, secretary; Tom Richardson, vice president of operations; Ken Kvam, treasurer; Greg Swinney, president; and Eileen Arps, education director. Photography West is in the Beardsley Recreation Center and is dedicated to helping members become better photographers through classes and mentorship. Join the club at 10 a.m. Friday morning in the Stardust Theater at Kuentz for a special program. Visit photography.scw-clubs.com for further information.

and Feb. 1, followed by four more sessions at beginner tables with instructors. To sign up, call Pam Parsons at 630-351-8869 or Barbata McCart at 623-330-5708.

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday during the year, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sagebrush Room at the Beardsley Rec Center. You do not have to play both days. You must have a current rec card. Sign-in and social time is between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and games

start at 11:30. On the first Thursday of February, April, September, October, and November we have a short business meeting with members supplying treats. We also have treats on the other months except July and August.

If you already know how to play, bring your Mah card and visit us on Tuesday. It is a great day to visit since we tend to be a smaller group and it's a great way to meet the other ladies. If you do not know how to play, Mah lessons will begin in January.

For information, please call Phyllis Hibben at 414-899-9202 after 10 a.m.

MEN'S CLUB

Join the Men's Club and get poker lessons to master the most popular card games in the world! Whether you want to learn Texas hold'em, 7 card stud, or Omaha, we have a class for you every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Don't let fear or confusion stop you from enjoying the fun and excitement of poker. We will teach you the basics of the game, the rules, and the betting strategies that will help you win.

Men's Club January schedule is:

Monday: 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em Unlimited, \$25 buy-in.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Bridge group, \$2; Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em Unlimited, \$40 buy-in

Wednesday: 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. 7-card Stud Unlimited, \$25 buy-in

Thursday: 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 8 a.m. 7-card Stud Unlimited, \$10 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em Unlimited, \$40 buy-in

Friday: 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em Unlimited, \$25 buy-in

Saturday: 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em Limited, \$20 buy-in; 11:30 a.m. Omaha High/Low, \$6 buy-in; 12:30 p.m. 7-card Stud Unlimited, \$25 buy-in.

METAL

The Metal Club social committee plans fun events for members throughout the year. In November, the club welcomed members to kick-off the fall/winter season at a pizza party following the general membership meeting. A total of 160 members and guests were updated on club improvements completed over the summer. The social committee planned this event so everyone could enjoy pizza and dessert to reconnect with friends as we look forward to an exciting, new season at the Metal Club. Plans for the club's annual Chili Cook-Off Lunch in February 2024 are already in the works. On behalf of all Metal Club members, we appreciate the work and support of this committee for our club.

The Metal Club provides members with a wide variety of metal working equipment: milling machines, lathes, grinding/burning, sandblasting, knife-making, plasma cutting, powder coating, spray painting, sheet metal, welding, foundry operations, etc. New members

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Visit the Model Railroad Club at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center.



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are welcome to tour our facility to learn more about the club. No metal working experience required; numerous classes are available.

Do you need a new vacation mailbox for your home this holiday season? Popular vacation mailboxes, including mailbox flags, are available for purchase and installation. Simply visit scwmetalclub.com, follow mailbox prompts to order your choice of beige or black mailbox. You will be contacted within 24-48 hours to arrange an installation date.

The Metal Club is at 13849 W. 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 623-584-0150 or scwmetalclub.com.

MODEL RAILROAD

Welcome to the Model Railroad Club! Please come and enjoy the fun we always have at both our locations.

Our clubhouse, in the courtyard across from Member Services at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center has both an HO and N scale detailed and scenic layout. The N Scale layout is DC controlled, our HO Scale layout is DCC controlled. Both layouts always draw "ooh's" and "ahh's." We have many club trains to operate or bring your own. We have a good test and repair working area. We are open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

At our larger G Scale trains area at Beardsley Rec Center, we have a large outdoor area, walking paths, water fall with pond and many places to sit and just relax and enjoy the outdoors and the trains. During the winter months we are open and operating from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Our club holds many social events throughout the year, such as our catered Winter Dinner this January.

Many wives and ladies belong as the Choo Choo Chicks and have social events all year and help with club functions.

We would want you to visit and if you like, please join our club and join in on the fun. More information can be had by



Above, Members of Scrapbooking take classes or work on personal paper projects during the Fall Crop. Bottom left, Scrapbooking, Papercrafts & More Club member show off their rocker cards. From left to right, back row: Cecily Hart, Pat Scimonelli, Brenda Measures, Betty Keene, Bev McClendon, Ginette Olszewski, and Sondra Sothard. Front row: Bonnie Suhaysik, Denise Maleszewski, and Judi Amoroso. Bottom right, members display their Twisted Ribbon cards.



calling 623-544-6148 - Bob Rose, club president.

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 reduce 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 vs. 5,709 from the red tees.

Every Tuesday is an organized 18-hole club game. It's easy to sign-up. There is an optional Chip-In Pot and 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. For information,



Pickleball Club members Lou Stahl, left, and Ginger Blaisdell enjoy a moment on court.

visit pbwomensgolf.scwclubs.com or call Wanda Schnabel 260-312-5230.

PHOTOGRAPHY WEST

There is lots going on in this fun club. Photography West's 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 the Photography West Club. Another way to meet fellow members is to monitor. It is for only three hours, and not only will you meet 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 opportunities will help to make you a better photographer. Member photographs are displayed at the library and R.H. Johnson Rec Center.

Photography West (623-544-6520), at the Beardsley Recreation Center, is a club for Sun City West residents who enjoy photography. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through 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 meets at 10 a.m. Fridays at the Stardust at Kuentz with a special program each week. Photo exhibitions are in the Photo Lab at 2 p.m., once a month. (Jan. 5). Digital displays change every two weeks.

Watch our website for schedule of



The Jan. 10 meeting of the Music Club of SCW will feature John Peters on stage at the Stardust Theater at 2 p.m. Members and their accompanied guests are sure to enjoy an afternoon of various music genres.

Music Club presents John Peters

The Music Club would like everyone to meet John Peters, a University of Minnesota alumni who graduated with an Agriculture degree and performed as a vocalist in several theatrical productions.

His musical career includes performing as a featured wedding vocalist, and had principal roles in off Broadway production, such as "Oklahoma," "Music Man," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Kiss me Kate," "Pirates of Penzance," and "Brigadoon." John owned and operated a successful Karaoke business known as DJP Karaoke, hosting more than 2,000 private and corporate events. John was the voice in the marketing video for the Grand Casino in Hinckley, MN. John has performed at Palm Ridge Rec Center and the Kuentz Courtyard. He is eager to perform in Sun City West again this year.

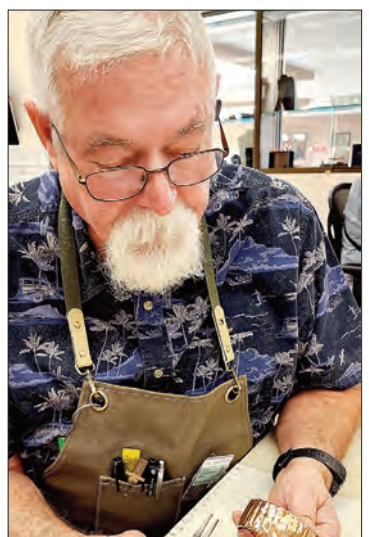
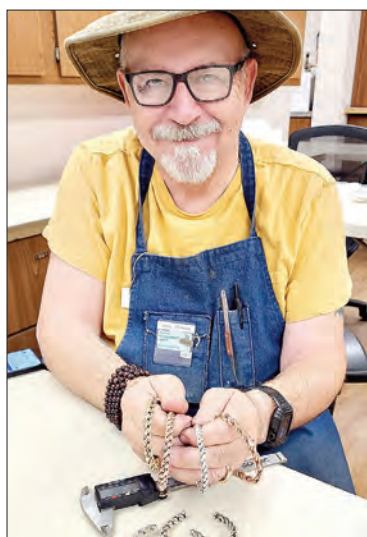
Stardust doors open at 1:30, a short business meeting begins at 2 p.m. followed by the concert. You need not be a musician yourself; just enjoy a variety of music. Club members and their accompanied guests are welcome. Residents are encouraged to become club members for an annual membership of \$5. Programs are presented the second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., in the Stardust Theater from October through April. For information, call Cameron Craig, club president, at 303-324-4787.

events, classes, pop-ups, competitions and social events. New things are added all the time.

Visit the club's website at photography.scwclubs.com. We are open to club members and their accompanied guests.

PICKLEBALL

The Pickleball Club welcomes new members to the fastest growing sport in America. Pickleball is fun and easy to learn, even for complete beginners. Our club has more than 1,800 active and en-



SILVERCRAFT

Come on over and check out the Toy-Ki Silvercraft Club. Take a tour, ask questions and check out all the beautiful jewelry on display. Find out just how easy it is to make your own unique and stunning jewelry, in sterling silver, copper, bronze and gold! We are at the R.H. Johnson Rec Center, 19803 R. H. Johnson Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. If you have questions, our President, Kathy Estes would be happy to help you. Contact her at 208-447-8520.



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The Spanish Club assisted with decorations and promotion of the Spanish Heritage Festival where event goers were entertained by the Ballet Folklorico de Santa Maria dance troupe. Numerous dances native to various regions of Mexico were performed with a cascade of colorful, flowing costumes. The energetic presentation, accompanied by the lively music of Mexico, included performances from talented young women and men. Please refer to our club website at spanish.scwclubs.com to view additional photos of the Festival and the performance, as well as an article on the Origins of Ballet Folklórico. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Happy New Year!

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thusiastic members, and offers social, recreational, and competitive activities for all skill levels. Come try it at one of our weekly intro sessions, with equipment and instruction provided at no cost.

We have 34 courts at three locations in Sun City West with a variety of group and organized play opportunities, as well as open/drop-in play. Plans are in work for additional courts to accommodate our expanding membership. Visit scwpickleballclub.com for club calendar and schedules. For questions, contact club President Coke Schaefer at 503-348-7650, or email cokeschaefer@gmail.com. You may also contact vice president Daniell Smith at 503-319-0308 or email jeffndani2016@gmail.com.

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.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Do you have a motorhome, fifth 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 morning and once on a Tuesday evening.

The upcoming general business meetings are scheduled for Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Jan. 9. 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.

sley 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

The members of Scrapbooking, Papercrafts, & More have endless opportunities to learn how to make one-of-a-kind card designs and techniques from their fellow members.

In recent weeks, member Denise Maleszewski taught a unique greeting card that easily doubles as a Christmas decoration or tree ornament. Referred to as a Rocker card, the outline of the card resembles an ornament; the center of the card was filled by overlapping different colors of shimmering ribbon to create a unique iris pattern. The iris pattern is so named because it resembles the eye of a camera lens as it opens.

Member Julie Eide taught a Twisted Ribbon card class. Using double-sided designer paper, ruler and scissors, the paper was cut into ribbon like strips and then folded in a pre-determined formation to create a lattice like design; the design is used as an eye-catching, bold border for the front of a greeting card.

With the lattice formation in place, the paper crafters then embellished their cards with stamped images and die cut greetings and added ribbon, fabric flowers or gems in complementary colors; the result was an intricate and elegant greeting card.

One of the club's most well-attended all-day "creative crops" was held last month. With the return of many snowbirds, two rooms were needed to accommodate the many paper crafters participating in the workshops offered throughout the day and potluck.

Club president Lynne Marion showed how to make a book-like gift card holder; digital scrapbookers learned new techniques and tricks during the "Once Upon an Autumn" digital class taught by Susan Lukachie; and Kathy Greene taught participants how to use scrap strips of designer paper cut with metal dies to create quilt-like Christmas ornament cards.

Join the fun and learn how to make greeting cards, papercrafts and scrapbooks (traditional or digital). SPAM

Upcoming caravan meetings are scheduled for Tuesday mornings. The next meeting will be on Jan. 23. 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.

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: Barleens Arizona Opry, Organ Stop Pizza, White Tank Mountain Campout, Navajo Nation, American History Tour, Rally to Yuma, Verde Valley Rally, Tour western North Dakota, Octoberfest, Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, and Arizona Broadway Theater.

Please join us at a meeting soon!

For information, please visit rv.scwclubs.com; or email suncitywestrvclub@gmail.com.

SATURDAY NIGHT GAMESTERS

The Saturday Night Gamesters meet from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Saturdays at Beard-



Sportsman's Club hikers cross Cave Creek while hiking through Spur Cross Park.

meets in Beardsley Rec Center's Agave Room from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays; 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 information call club president Lynne Marion at 440-666-6386.

SPANISH

The Spanish Club is beginning 2024 with a 40th anniversary warm welcome for all our new members and a celebration for all our current members whose club participation and friendship is greatly appreciated. Please refer to our club website to access any additional details for the following upcoming events:

9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5 - A new Beginning Spanish Level 1 class begins in the Chicory classroom. This class accommodates our late-comers and snowbirds who would like to begin their language learning adventure in the new year.

Monday, Jan. 8 - Winter class schedule resumes. Check our club website for class options and schedules.

4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 - RCSCW Newcomers Meeting. Spanish Club members will greet newcomers to SCW and discuss activities and classes available for new residents.

2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Book Club. Reading and discussing

"Cuba: An American History" by Ada Ferrer. Meet at host's residence.

2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 - Board of Directors monthly meeting is open to all Spanish Club members. Please refer to our website for additional information.

3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 - Movie matinee at R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall. Please refer to our club website for updated information.

9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 - Flash Class. This Spanish language class is a one-time two-hour class that gives members a chance to review and practice their current language skills.

Noon to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Spanish Club Discovery. This meeting for both newcomers and returning members celebrates the Spanish Clubs 40-year anniversary of offering Spanish language and cultural activities and classes for residents.

9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 - La Cocina. This class introduces participants to Spanish culinary dishes and related cultural and language experiences.

Membership in Spanish Club is available to Sun City West residents with a valid rec card. Annual dues of \$15 include free classes for members. Our vol-

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Team Tennis winners from the Red Team, led by captain Dave Parrish, are, from left to right: front row - Tom Davis, Pam Mays, Dee Bartels, Lynni Jaress, Gloria Kerszykowski, Angela Botz, Sandy Johnson, Joyce Eggert and Larry Plaster; back row - Mike Hoepfner, Captain Dave Parrish, Joel Piskowski, Gary Borg, Mikal Haaheim and Tom Huffman.

Tennis Club holds team tennis event

The Tennis Club had its annual "Team Tennis" event in November at the Memo's Tennis Complex. This club competition is held three times throughout the year. This one, was the last of the three. The weather was perfect and club members were ready to play!

Club members sign up to play in their respective ratings categories. Both women and men compete in doubles play. There are four teams with each one having a Captain. Captains draw names to determine the players on their team. The teams are based on colors: Red, White, Green and Blue. Players wear their respective team color clothing for the event.

The team captains for this event were: Ginny Althoff (White Team); Dave Parrish (Red Team); Rich Jacobs (Green Team); and Klaus Sanders (Blue Team). The defending champion Team Captain was Ginny Althoff.

Team Tennis has been an "institution" with the Tennis Club for 12 years. Sandy Johnson is the organizer, referee, presenter, and score keeper amongst other things. The winning team is based upon the number of games each team has won throughout the day. Each team plays all the other teams. Coaches have the daunting task of choosing who plays together against the other teams. The coveted trophy is the world famous "Charlie The Chicken."

After the event, and the winner was announced, club members socialized with snacks, music and beverages. The winning team was the Red Team and Captain Dave Parrish! For more information on the Tennis Club, and the "game for life," visit tennis.scwclubs.com.



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unteer board and teaching staff always seek additional volunteers to assist in the classroom or on our Board of Directors to fill vacancies as they occur.

Visit our detailed website for additional information on social events, class offerings and schedules, online registration and dues payment options at spanish.scwclubs.com.

SPORTSMAN'S

The Sun City West Sportsman's Club monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 in the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. Members can meet with the various group leaders from 1 to 1:30 p.m. to have their questions answered. There will be a short business meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. followed by the meeting guest speaker.

The Snowbird hiking season has weekly hikes every Thursday. Meet in area 14 of the R.H. Johnson parking lot to sign liability waivers and pair up drivers and riders. Michael Anenen is the

new hike coordinator and communicator. He will send emails each week detailing the upcoming hike. Michael and several other volunteers will lead the C and B hikes. The SCW Masters Swimmers continues to have coached workouts from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the R.H. Johnson pool.

Sportsman's Club offers Sun City West 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 Riding, 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. You will meet new people, make new friends, and participating in Sportsman's Club activities will help maintain your body and brain's health.

For club information visit sportsman.scwclubs.com.

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.

Cooler weather is now upon us, but it's still a great time to come on out and play! The course is great, come out and meet a few new friends and enjoy the game while you're at it. November Aces of the month were: Jeanine Chartier, Low Gross 79; and Peg Walen, Low Net 55. These ladies will compete during a tournament in December, with the Aces who were announced earlier in the year. Congratulations to both Jeanine and Peg.

Applications for membership are available at the Stardust Club House, 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



The 2024 election of officers for the Water Fitness Club took place at the club's meeting on Nov. 14. The newly elected officers are (from left to right): President Sandra Forsey, Vice President Jean Heinen, Treasurer Brenda Rozwod, and Secretary Char Berry.

Gail at 425-375-3552 or Rebekah at 360-789-8628, with any questions you may have. Hope to see you soon!

STARDUST MEN'S GOLF

The Winter Season is here and the Stardust Men's Golf Club has a busy schedule.

The club had its annual meeting on Nov. 29 to elect our new officers and shape the future for the start of a new and exciting year of golf.

The new 2024 Stardust Men's golf club Board of Directors are Bill Messersmith, president; Wally Laux, vice president; Dudley Gibson, secretary; Paul "Pete" Kleckner, treasurer; and Tom Bell, member at large.

We invite all of you Sun City West men whether you are new to the area and looking for a men's golf club or just looking for a change from the club you belong to now look no further than the Stardust Men's Golf Club. Stardust is a beautiful and challenging executive golf course for all levels of players. We offer staggered tee times, no shotgun starts except for special occasions. You can play with your friends or move around the groups and make new friends. We offer weekly sweeps that include low net and KPs, a monthly fun game during the busier months and an annual club championship during the March time frame.

The weather has cooled off so it's a great time to get on the course, enjoy the weather and hopefully join our league. We are the smallest golf club and are hoping to increase our membership. We are looking for new members who enjoy golf, may be looking for a change, want to play golf in a friendly competitive environment, are ready to get back in the game and/or are interested in meeting others in a friendly game of golf.

Come join us any Wednesday and try us out. We are sure after you play a couple of rounds and experience the friendship, comradery and competition you will be joining our family too. You can find more information at sdmensgolf.scwclubs.com or contact Pete Kleckner at 719-246-0371 (please leave a message if I don't answer) or email chiefkco@gmail.com.

TENNIS

The Tennis Club is pleased to announce the following individuals will comprise the club's board for 2024: Larry Plaster, president; Butch Lynd, vice president; Monique Groothuizen, Treasurer; Gail Selander, secretary; and Vinnie Taibbi, member-at-large.

The dates are set for the annual "Swing Into Spring" Senior Tennis Tournament. The Tournament will be March 20-24. This event draws players from all over the Valley and proudly shows the beautiful Memo's Tennis Complex. Additional information on the Tournament will be coming soon.

Did you know Sun City West has the only Platform Tennis Courts in the state? Platform Tennis is making a come back and combines the skills of tennis, squash and racquetball. The courts size is 44 feet by 20 feet. Looking for something new for exercise and fun, contact Mike Kosanda of the Tennis Club at 701-739-3795 for more details on how, where and when to learn Platform Tennis. Or, visit American Platform Tennis Association at platformtennis.org and watch the brief video.

THEATRE WEST

Join Theatre West for its January club meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Doors open at 1 p.m., meetings start at 1:30. The meeting will be followed by a performance. Please visit theatrewestscw.com for more information.

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. Please try us out and enjoy the beautiful Sun City West water facilities.

Our cool-weather schedule is as follows:

Johnson outdoor pool - 9 a.m. Monday through Friday

Beardsley indoor pool - 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Palm Ridge indoor pool - 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 9:15 a.m. Saturdays.

Please visit our website for exact location dates and times. Our web site is waterfitness.scwclubs.com. The website contains our exercise calendars, a description of each routine, membership application, and much more. Membership to our club 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

Theatre West cast members Robert Bubon, left, Deb King, center, and Vicky Johnsen, rehearse a scene from their upcoming comedy "See How They Run," which will run Jan. 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, and 27; 2 p.m. Jan. 21, 25, and 28 at Stardust Theatre.



Theatre West presents a hilarious comedy at the Stardust

Theatre West is thrilled to announce the upcoming production of "See How They Run" by Philip King Jan. 16-28 at the Stardust Theatre. The play promises an uproarious evening filled with laughter and intrigue.

This classic comedy, directed by Bernie Meagher, will be brought to life with a talented cast and crew, delivering an unforgettable theatrical experience. Performance dates and times are: 7 p.m. Jan. 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, and 27; 2 p.m. Jan. 21, 25, and 28.

"See How They Run" is a timeless farce that takes place in the idyllic English countryside shortly after World War II. Set in the vicarage, the play revolves around a series of mistaken identities, unexpected arrivals, and comedic chaos that ensues when several eccentrics cross paths. Audiences can expect a whirlwind of hilarious misunderstandings, quick-witted dialogue, and side-splitting scenarios that will keep them on the edge of their seats.

Theatre West, known for its commitment to delivering high-quality productions, has assembled a talented cast of local actors who are eager to bring their characters to life. Their dedication and passion for the craft promise an evening of entertainment that will leave audiences thor-

oughly entertained.

"We're excited to present 'See How They Run' to our audiences at the Stardust Theatre," said director Bernie Meagher. "This play is a delightful combination of wit and slapstick comedy that will have everyone laughing from start to finish. We've worked hard to create a production that honors the spirit of the original play while infusing it with our unique creative touch."

Tickets for "See How They Run" are available for purchase through the Theatre West website at theatrewestscw.com, by phone or at the Stardust Theatre box office. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the hilarity and charm of this beloved comedy brought to life by Theatre West.

Theatre West is composed of talented residents from the active adult community of Sun City West. With a storied history of outstanding productions and deep community engagement, our goal is to inspire, entertain, and leave indelible memories. As we celebrate our 43rd year, Theatre West continues to shine as a true testament to the artistic spirit of Sun City West.

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as a guest of a member. For more information, please contact president Sandra Forsey at scwwaterfitness@gmail.com or 623-261-7889.

WEAVERS WEST

This is a busy time of year at Weaver's West. In November we wel-

comed fall with a taco bar dinner, and on Dec. 1 we welcomed the Holiday Season with a luncheon at State 48. The Guild started November with three days of classes on Felting presented by Patti Barker.

Things are hopping around the studio with members working on beautiful items for gift giving or to enjoy in their own homes. We're an active Guild with friendly, welcoming members. Come visit us and see what we're all about! We

are located at the Kuentz Recreation Center and are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. We'd love to give you a tour of our wonderful studio. For more information, you can visit weavers.scw-clubs.com or call the club at 623-544-6515. We hope to see you soon.

WOMEN'S CLUB

It is a new year at the Women's Social Club! Do you want to have fun playing a variety of games? Meet new ladies and

make new friendships – The Women's Club is the place for you! We play Mah Jongg, Bridge, Hand and Foot games and many more. We have group lessons on card games and other games, this is a good way for you to get acquainted with club members. We host a potluck lunch on the third Monday at 11:30 a.m. each month along with additional special lunch events each month. We also have a monthly Ladies Breakfast at 9 a.m. each month at different local

restaurants. We are in the Kuentz Rec Center and are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Membership is open to Sun City West residents with a current rec card. You can visit twice as a guest prior to joining. Come and see if this is a place you would love to be a part of! For more information, please contact our President, Jan Wilson, at wilsonjan1952@gmail.com or 714-235-2752. Visit our clubs website at womensclub.scwclubs.com.



Signs for the Beardsley Canal Bridge and West Beardsley are long-forgotten reminders of the town.

Little remains from long-lost town of Beardsley

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products and livestock to be transported to Phoenix and other destinations. The Agua Fria Water and Land Company developed an appealing brochure to encourage people to move into the area to be irrigated.

Unfortunately, few people moved to William Beardsley's new community. For some years, the town of Beardsley did serve as a sheep shearing location on the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railroad.

Beardsley was also the original junction of the branch of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railroad to McMicken. This intersection was eventually relocated to better serve farmers

and Luke Air Force Base. It was moved to Ennis, 4.5 miles east of Beardsley.

Although it had a post office in 1936, only a few corrals, holding pens, and residences lasted until the 1940s at Beardsley. Then, the expansion of the right away for the railroad required that what was left of Beardsley be bulldozed out of existence. Thus, there is nothing remaining today of the town of Beardsley, AZ.

More information about the town of Beardsley and the man who founded it as well as other topics of Sun City West history can be obtained from the Sun Cities Area Historical Society at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, DelWebbSunCitiesMuseum.org.

Set an appointment for tax aid

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on the appointment website will be available for pickup outside of the Foundation's main office, starting in late January. No need to print the form if printing is limited for you.

AARP relies on local seasonal volunteers who take pride in serving their peers. New volunteers are needed and will be

trained for many different jobs. You do not need a tax or accounting background to help.

Your tax-deductible donation sustains Sun City West Foundation programs serving the community. Sun City West Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization serving the community since 1987 with community center facilities as well as the ever-popular Helping Hands service.

help make this year's Relay a success, and teams to participate and help spread the word. Lastly, the society is searching for leaders to help organize the events.

Cancer has touched just about every one of us in some way. Some have personally

fought the disease and others have seen family and friends taken away by the disease. There are more survivors now than ever before because of research. We need funds to promote this research as well as to help those individuals going through this dreaded disease. Hope keeps us going. Let's celebrate, remember, and fight back together.

For questions, contact Marilyn Shaw at 541-980-4444 or shaw.marilynn@gmail.com. Thank you to our Relay sponsors: Peoria Nissan, Sun Canyon Bank, Sardella's Pizza & Wings (providing a survivor dinner at the Relay) and our partners: SCW Foundation, SCW Recreation Centers and Bob's Variety.

Relay for Life celebrates cancer warriors

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World traveler's quilting experience highlighted in her colorful creations

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ents that attending Bates Technical Business School and taking additional classes at the Tacoma Community College would be satisfactory.

In time, Nancy worked at the Tacoma Police Department as a secretary in the patrol division. During this time Nancy married and moved to Yakima, Wash. After the birth of their daughter, Nancy landed a job with Providence Health and Services where she worked for 31 years.

Visiting friends in Sun City West eventually led her to buy a house here in 2008. After moving to Sun City West, Nancy took classes in Brazilian embroidery at a local needlework shop completing beautifully intricate pieces and perfecting her embroidery stitches.

While growing up in Italy, Nancy was always fascinated by the handwork of the ladies in the village where her maternal relatives lived. The ladies were very serious about their work, indicating that if a stitch was not correct, then it needed to be redone until it was! Nancy's beautiful stitches tell the story of just how well she learned their lessons.

While living in Tacoma, Nancy found herself in the local fabric store, purchasing embroidery kits and other craft projects. One day a quilt pamphlet caught her eye and she decided to give it a try. At the beginning of the project she sewed the patches together with her sewing machine, but found the process frustrating. So, she tore out the seams, sewed them by hand and was much happier with the results.

Her quilt interest was sparked, but when she found the book "Quilts! Quilts!! Quilts!!!: The Complete Guide to Quilting," her love of quilting was cemented. While working at Providence, Nancy offered quilting lessons to her fellow workers and what followed she describes as "magic." As a result of these quilt gatherings, several quilts were completed and raffled with the proceeds of the raffle going to various charities to help women and children.

During her quilt journey she was introduced to Sue Spargo Folk Art Designs which included wool applique patterns with heavy embroidery embellishments. Nancy was intrigued by this combination of skills and finally gave it a try. She was hooked! Her love of applique and embroidery were

fulfilled with this type of quilt making.

The lessons that Nancy learned many years ago from the women in a small Italian village are the driving force behind her handwork today, and are evident in the ribbons she has been awarded at Palo Verde Patchers Quilt Shows over the years. They include three first place ribbons, with two combined first place and a National Association of Certified Quilt Judges Award, one second place, one third place, and one honorable mention ribbon.

Nancy has been a member of Palo Verde Patchers for 12 years, serving as treasurer for six years and as coordinator for the quilts that hang in the Sun City West library. Palo Verde Patchers is a big part of her life, finding the members of the club supportive, caring, loving, and inspirational.

Join Nancy at the Palo Verde Patchers Quilt Show to celebrate her beautiful quilts. She will be available during the two-day show to chat with visitors and answer questions about her techniques and her quilt journey.

For more information about Palo Verde Patchers visit patchers.scwclubs.com.