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*Sun City Summerlin Celebrates*

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*From the Office of  
Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman*

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUN CITY SUMMERLIN

Dear Friends:

OCTOBER 1, 2014  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

As the Mayor of the great City of Las Vegas, it is my distinct pleasure to extend congratulations and best wishes to the residents of Sun City Summerlin as you celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

For a quarter of a century now, Sun City Summerlin has been a shining example of community. Since 1989, the growth in Sun City has been extraordinary, and the leadership and engagement of its residents have created a wonderful quality of life in northwest Las Vegas.

The success of Sun City Summerlin has been realized due to the unwavering vision and commitment of developers, elected leaders and, most importantly, the residents who take such pride in this community. Your dedication to service and advocacy are nothing short of outstanding, and I salute each and every one of you for your efforts.

Again, congratulations on 25 magnificent years! Please accept my best wishes for a joyful and memorable celebration and every success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Carolyn G. Goodman  
Mayor, City of Las Vegas

## City of Las Vegas

**Stavros S. Anthony**  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilman, Ward 4



October 1, 2014

Dear Friends:

As Mayor Pro Tem for the great City of Las Vegas, it is my distinct pleasure to wish a Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Sun City Summerlin, one of the most vibrant and active communities in Ward 4 and the City of Las Vegas! Please join me at City Hall on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. as I proclaim that day to be Sun City Summerlin Day in the City of Las Vegas.

Sun City Summerlin has been the backbone of the city's northwest community for decades and has experienced dynamic growth and prosperity since 1989. Since that time, Sun City Summerlin has grown along with the City of Las Vegas and now has more than 14,000 residents and nearly 8,000 homes.

In recent years, Sun City Summerlin has partnered closely with the City of Las Vegas and we have made many improvements including the most important addition of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, Station 107. It is my commitment to keep your community safe and sound and I look forward to a continued partnership with future opportunities to accomplish these objectives.

Again, Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sun City Summerlin and congratulations to all of its residents for being part of one of the best communities in the City of Las Vegas!

Sincerely,

Stavros S. Anthony  
City of Las Vegas Councilman  
Ward 4





# SUN CITY SUMMERLIN CELEBRATES SILVER

By Herb Jaffe

It was an iconic setting. Lots of tumbleweed. Lots of rocks. Some scattered desert plants. A few cactus. The typical haven for scorpions and rattlesnakes. And not much else. That was what the huge wasteland looked like just over a quarter of a century ago.

Today it's called Sun City Summerlin (originally named Sun City Las Vegas at Summerlin), and it has since developed into one of the most desirable senior residential sectors in all of Nevada.

It's a community that was built upon a foundation of purpose, neatness and attractiveness, and one that elicits pride. Moreover, it has maintained those principles since day one of its 25-year existence.

"I'm very proud of Sun City, of the way it has grown," said David Steinman, president of the Sun City Summerlin Board of Directors. "I'm especially proud of all who have contributed to it. The residents, who themselves take pride in keeping their property well maintained. Our employees. Do you know we have some employees who have been with us for more than 20 years?" Steinman has been a resident of Sun City for 15 years and spent nine of them as a member of the board.

Of course in such a setting there's always the question of where was the first house built and who was the first family to move into the community. The way Gerry Lethbridge tells it, her home on what is now Golf Links Drive was the first to be completed by the Del Webb Construction Co., which developed Sun City.

But it was her friends the Wilsons, Sally and Bill, who were the first to move in. "They were living in a hotel at



the time and couldn't afford the cost, so my late husband Burt and I yielded. And they became the first residents of Sun City. We were the second," Lethbridge explained.

"At the time, our houses were literally in the midst of nowhere. There was a trailer somewhere in the middle of the desert that served as the sales office, and other than our house and the Wilsons' house, which was two lots away from ours, there was nothing else," she added.

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*"We had no streetlights, no garbage pickup, no mail delivery. Neighbors took turns going to the post office to pick up the mail. The nearest grocery store was an Albertson's that was about eight miles away," said Gerry Lethbridge.*







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That was in February, 1989. It was also several years after entrepreneur and famed recluse Howard Hughes sold the 1,050 acres that now comprise Sun City Summerlin to his old friend Del Webb.

What began as Sun City Las Vegas at Summerlin, a Del Webb Community, in the middle of that desert, was formally opened in late 1989 with a rush on the sale of homes, although some houses in isolated areas, such as those of the Lethbridges and Wilsons, had been completed earlier.

Almost 7,800 housing units later, the oasis that was designed specifically for those age 55 and older has matured into a thriving national model for ideal senior living and retirement activity.

While homes of all sizes were being built and the community was expanding in all directions, the trimmings that make for ideal retirement also were being built.

The three golf courses and four community centers—including fitness centers, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and clubrooms—didn’t just happen. They were well planned by the Del Webb developers and were opened as the entire Sun City project progressed.

Mountain Shadows Community Center and its outdoor pool, tennis courts, ballroom and labyrinth of club rooms was the first to open. That was soon followed by Sun Shadows, which provided the first indoor pool—a facility for all seasons—in addition to club rooms and the popular bocci court.

Desert Vista Community Center was built as the community spread in a northwest direction, providing indoor and outdoor pools, tennis and badminton courts, a ballroom to seat several hundred, a vast outdoor barbecue area and a permanent home for the Sun City Security Patrol. The patrol had been shifted from one storefront to another along the small strip mall located at the corner of Del Webb and Rampart Boulevards before moving into its permanent home.

Pinnacle was the last community center to open, in 1997, following home construction on the other side of Lake Mead Boulevard. It provided the final court of club rooms, including complete facilities for



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the ever-popular Computer Club. It also provided the Starbright Theatre, one of the most popular facilities of its kind in the city, another outdoor pool and the third fitness center.

Sun City golf courses are among the finest and best maintained in Southern Nevada. Palm Valley was the first to open, followed by Highland Falls and finally Eagle Crest, the executive course. At each of the golf courses there are restaurants and snack bars that serve outstanding food at prices designed for seniors' pocketbooks.

In all, Sun City provides facilities to accommodate all 81 chartered clubs and community organizations approved by the board of directors.

A little over two years ago Las Vegas Fire and

Rescue Station No. 107 was completed at the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Sundial Drive, making the community complete.

The only thing missing might be a snowplow.

For those who think it snows only on Mount Charleston, snow does fall on occasions in Sun City—very rare occasions. About six years ago Sun City residents awoke one morning to find a few inches of snow on their driveways. Then the sun came out, and that was the best snowplow of all. By noontime there wasn't even a trace of the white stuff.

This month, Sun City Summerlin will celebrate its silver anniversary with a big bash and a series of celebratory events that encourage residents to turn out and be a part of the festivities. Beginning on Wednesday, October 1, all of Las Vegas will join in commemorating the senior community's milestone. That's the day Mayor Carolyn Goodman and the Las Vegas City Council will formally proclaim Sun City Summerlin Day in a ceremony at City Hall. Later in the month, the Clark County Commission will follow suit with a similar proclamation, and at the state level, Sun City Summerlin will be lauded by Nevada's elected representatives for its local impact as the largest homeowners' association in the state.



*Original sales kit materials, circa 1989.*







Original brochures with floor plans and elevations.

## IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME ... IN DROVES

Karen Newkirk, who owns and operates Newkirk Realty in Sun City Summerlin, along with her husband Hugh, has been a fixture in Sun City from the beginning when she moved to Las Vegas to sell Sun City Summerlin. Before heading to Las Vegas, Karen sold houses for Del Webb in Phoenix and Tucson.

"They had been advertising Sun City (Las Vegas) for about a year before it opened," said Karen, recalling the crowds her office welcomed the morning Del Webb opened its sales trailer in what is now the Smith's parking lot at the corner of Lake Mead and Rampart boulevards.

"Del Webb was not prepared for the response. It was huge," Karen said. "We opened with 10 sales people and hired more immediately. We knew we didn't have enough agents on the first day.

"The second day, I told people to come in at 5 a.m. We had to head out on dirt roads and come back to the trailer. There were TV crews and reporters. Shortly after we had to make a rule that we couldn't come in to show a property before 5 a.m. because it was dark and there were open trenches."

In the first 40 days of selling, Karen said Del Webb closed 300 sales from November 20 to December 31. The first houses, she said, were priced at \$79,900, and most buyers came from Las Vegas and California.

"Along the Palm Valley Golf Course, Del Webb released lots that started at \$28,000 to \$30,000 and within days the prices rose to \$48,000. The demand was overwhelming." ~ J. Carrillo/Link



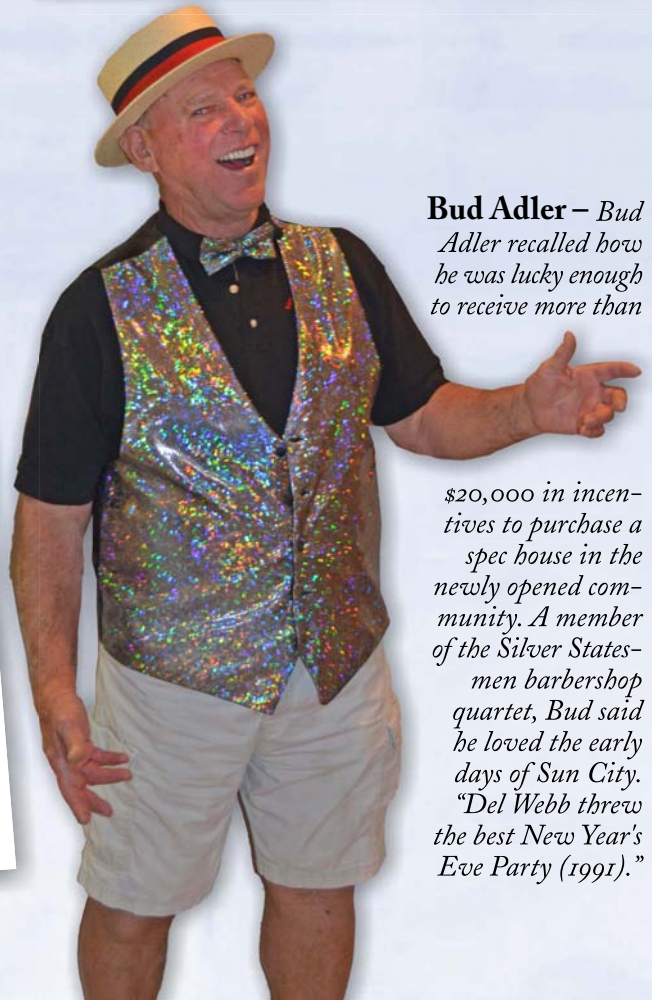
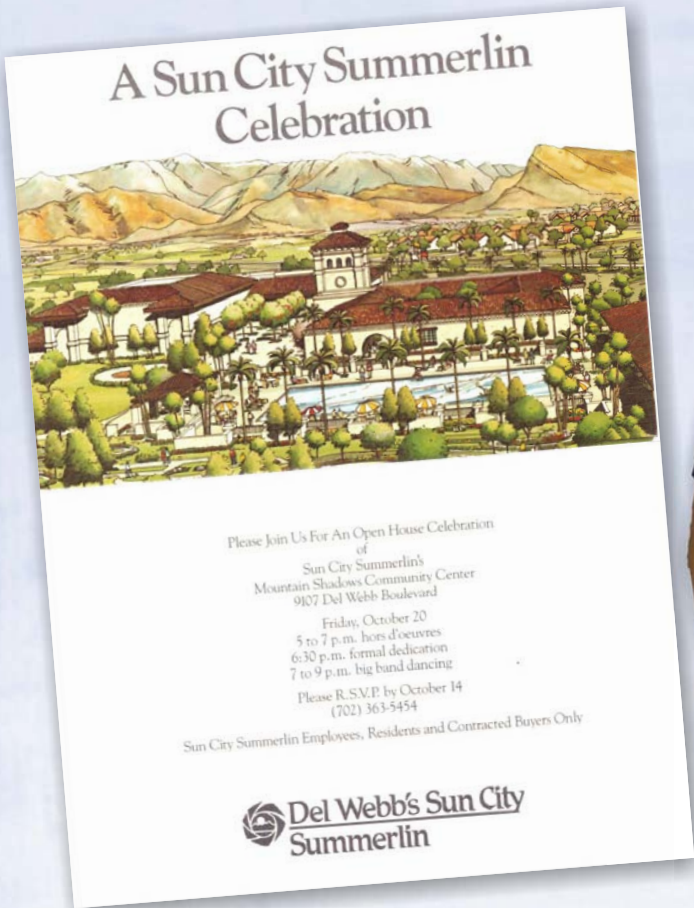
The original sales trailer.





**Pearl Roth and Doris Geiger**

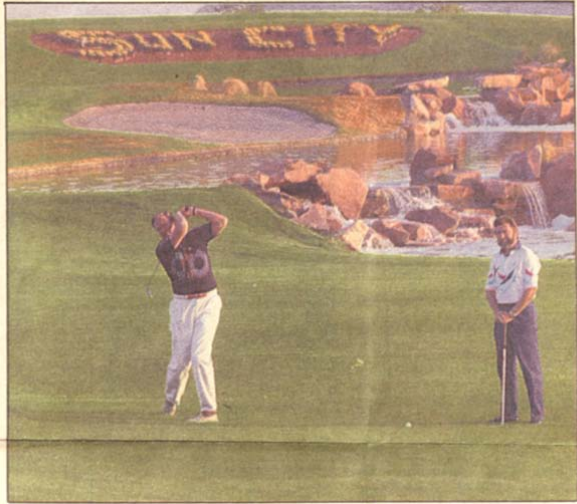
Friends Pearl Roth, left, and Doris Geiger are happy to live in Sun City. Without a doubt, Pearl said, "It's the best investment my husband ever made!" Doris agrees and recalled her son's reaction when he accompanied her on a tour of the early community: "My son was with me and immediately called his wife to bring a check for \$5000!" Doris said.



**Bud Adler** – Bud Adler recalled how he was lucky enough to receive more than

*\$20,000 in incentives to purchase a spec house in the newly opened community. A member of the Silver Statesmen barbershop quartet, Bud said he loved the early days of Sun City. "Del Webb threw the best New Year's Eve Party (1991)."*





Jon Donnell, left, vice president of finance and administration for Sun City Las Vegas, and LeRoy Hanneman Jr., vice president and general manager, try out the community's second golf course, set to open in November.

## Sun City expands, opens second phase

Special to the Review-Journal  
It's been four years since the Del Webb Corp. started selling homes at Sun City Las Vegas area of 1,050 homes

the land is situated at an elevation of 3,000 feet, the model and marketing area and new golf course boast a good view of the city lights and surrounding mountains.

## Webb closes deal for Las Vegas Sun City project

By Tom Dye  
Review-Journal Business Editor

Del Webb Corp. closed escrow Monday on 1,050 acres of land in northwest Las Vegas and plans to begin building its new Sun City retirement community.

The corporation purchased the land from Howard Hughes Properties.

Las Vegas between Cheyenne Avenue and Lake Mead Boulevard, two miles west of U.S. Highway 95.

Paul Tatz, president of Del Webb Communities Inc., builder of the Sun City projects in Arizona, said that development of the Las Vegas community will begin immediately.

## Sun City filmed for television documentary

Special to the Review-Journal  
A crew from WQED-TV in Pittsburgh recently brought its cameras to Sun City Las Vegas and plans to film the senior citizens in a community for active adults in a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) two-hour documentary, "Web of Life: The Biodiversity Special." The Webb Corp., the developer of Sun City, is being showcased in the documentary as a company that has adapted development to nature.

"Del Webb was recommended to us with much enthusiasm by the Desert Research Institute as a company that is 'doing things right,'" said David Elicson, producer of the documentary. "Las Vegas is a desert. We were interested in filming Sun City as one of the ways we have found to live cleverly in a desert environment." Elicson said "Web of Life" will air either this fall or in early 1988.



A television camera crew films its way through Del Webb's Sun City Las Vegas for a two-hour Public TV special scheduled to air later this year.

Conservation Center, a 220-acre habitat to protect the endangered species. The company had halted construction at Sun City while biologists selected more than 800 tortoises to the habitat. Sun City residents require about half the per-dwelling water demand in the Las Vegas area, according to the company spokesman. The company designs housing to complement the desert environment, use desert landscaping in common areas and encourage residents to conserve water usage, the spokesman said. The neighborhood is home to 8,000 residents, more than 14,000 upon



## Marge Saffron, Firebird and Crown Ridge

"US-95 was a two-lane road," said Marge Saffron, remembering the day she and her husband, Walter, headed out with their belongings to the home they had just purchased in Sun City Las Vegas at Summerlin.

"You headed out and made a left at Lake Mead Boulevard. Lake Mead was all dirt. We had no streetlights. We had nothing. You had to go to Rainbow and Westcliffe to buy groceries. We were camping out here."

"But it was wonderful. I had the 19th house that was built at the corner of Firebird and Crown Ridge drives," said Marge, pointing to a photo of an under-construction Mountain Shadows community center that she said she saw go up from the ground to the clock tower.

"I knew about Sun City before anybody," she said. "We were looking for a place to retire, my husband and I, in 1987. I had read about a Sun City built near Tucson. They wanted you to go down there and stay, so we went and I had terrible headaches."

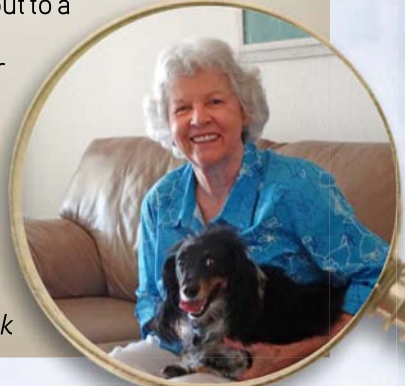
For whatever reason that desert's air didn't agree with her, Las Vegas' certainly did and the couple was quickly placed on a priority list for Sun City Summerlin. That was in 1988.

"There were no model homes, nothing," Marge said. "Two weeks before Thanksgiving we came out and picked our model from a sketch. We wanted a big lot because we had an RV. Then they took us out to a bunch of dirt."

When Marge and her husband returned to California they put their house on the market and it sold in five days.

Welcome to fabulous Las Vegas.

~ J. Carrillo/Link







# DEL WEBB'S SUN CITY Summerlin Profile

Summer 1989

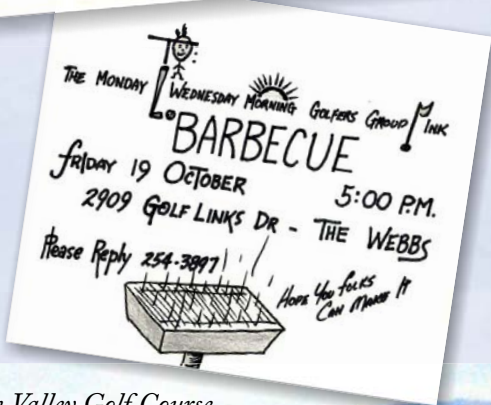
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### SALES PAVILION FIRST STOP FOR HOMEBUYERS

Thousands of homebuyers have visited Sun City Summerlin's Sales Pavilion and 13 model homes. The active adult community will feature a 36,000-square-foot recreation center (background) which is currently under construction.

Now you can sample the lifestyle of Sun City Summerlin through our Vacation Special program. See page 3 for Vacation Special details.



**Linda & Ted Skelley** – Linda helped form the original Women's 18-Hole Golf Club, while Ted helped establish the original Couples Golf Club. "Every day here feels like we're on a vacation," agreed the couple.

*Palm Valley Golf Course,  
No. 9 tee, circa 1989.*







**Aileen & Bill Zsenyuk**

“Every day is a great day in Sun City,” said Aileen Zsenyuk, who served Sun City Summerlin as a former member of the Board of Directors. Aileen founded the Irish Club. The group continues to meet at monthly luncheons, although no longer an official community chartered club. Bill is a past president of the Irish Club, the Men’s Softball Club and the Men’s Niners golf club. He currently serves as an umpire for the Men’s Softball Club.

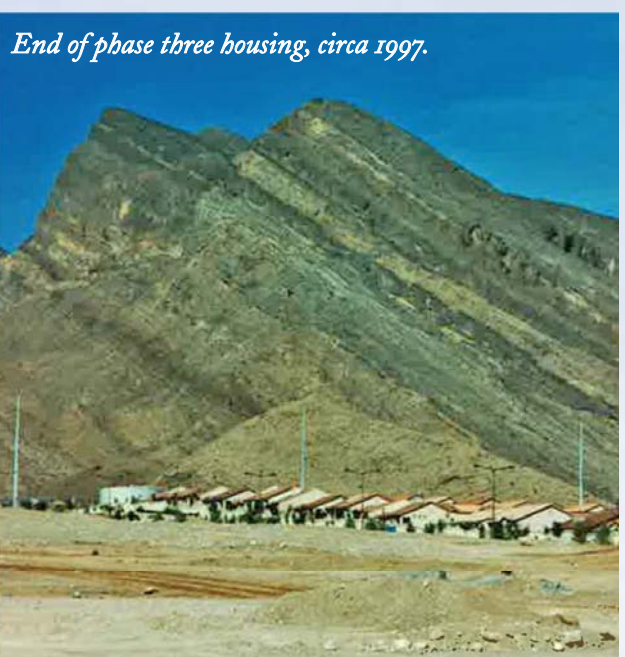


**Mary Ruth Webb** – *Mary was one of the original members of the Nevada State Troupers (The Sun City Dance Company) and the Silvertones. She also helped found the Women’s Club and was active in the original Women’s Niners Golf Club. “I’ve been alone since 1995, but I’m so glad that my husband had six years of playing golf (four times each week) and enjoying these beautiful western sunsets. I love Sun City. It’s a great place to be even if you’re alone. There are so many activities and things offered for us to do.”*



**Jack & Sheila Spargo –**

*At the far end of Golf Links Drive, on the golf course side, former pilot Jack Spargo and his wife, Sheila, who loves to paint, purchased their lot and Jack came to watch his house being built on a regular basis. Jack said he had purchased an optional door to his garage and each time he visited the site, he reminded the workers that, “A door goes here!” Much to his chagrin, when his home was completed, the construction crew forgot to install the door and it had to be put in after the house was finished.*



*End of phase three housing, circa 1997.*

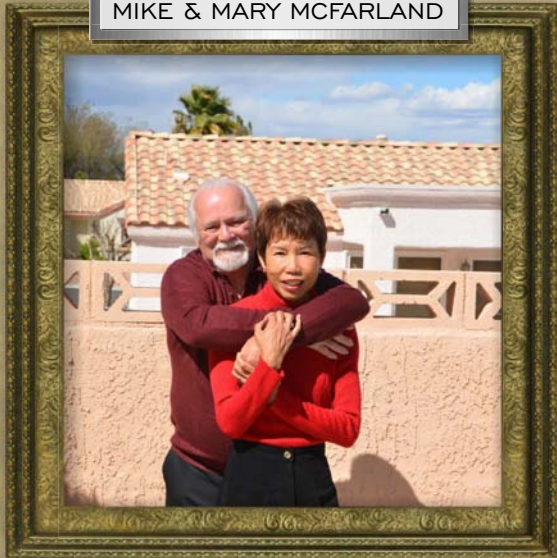


# COMMUNITY

*"Concrete, steel and lumber make the buildings, but people make the community." ~ Del E. Webb, 1899 to 1974*

The following residents responded to the Link's request for memories from homeowners who moved into Sun City in 1989. While most are 25-year residents, a few have lived in Sun City for at least 20 years and wanted to share their story.

MIKE & MARY MCFARLAND



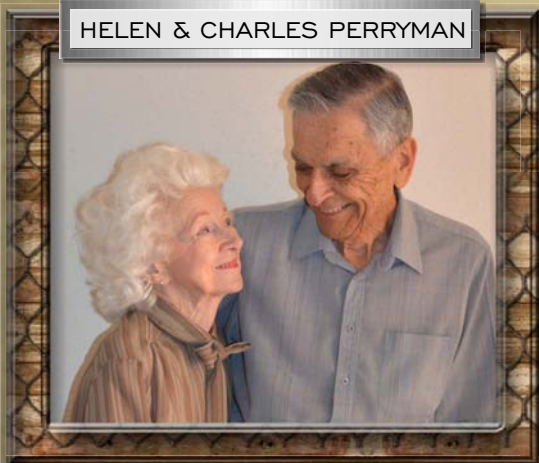
"Why take a vacation, we already live in paradise!" said Mike and Mary McFarland, who've made a home in Sun City for 25 years. Mike is a former president of the Men's Golf Club, and Mary is a fitness monitor, who enjoys playing golf with the Women's 18-holer's Golf Club.

SELMA & VICTOR SORIANO



Ninety-years old and still going strong, Selma Soriano and her husband, Victor, 88, remain very involved in veterans' and community organizations.

HELEN & CHARLES PERRYMAN



Original members of the Sewing and Computer club, the couple agrees, "There's no other place we'd rather live than here!" Helen helped form the Sewing Club when Del Webb built the club rooms at Mountain Shadows. The room came equipped with sewing machines and other materials.

ELWOOD LODLE



Elwood remembers how he loved to take his wife to the dances hosted by Sun City. Today, while he says he misses his wife very much, he can be found playing the occasional game of bocci. Over the years, Elwood has belonged to the Couples Bridge Club and the Bocci Club. He also used to play lots of golf and was a member of a barbershop Quartet. "For the past 25 years, the caring neighbors and enjoyable local activities have made it a joy to retire to Sun City!"



SHIRLEY CELESTINE



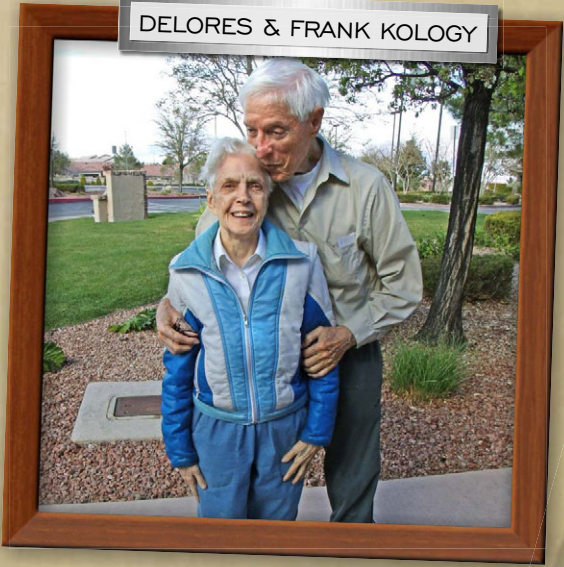
As one of the first president's of the Stained Glass Club, Shirley said, "My retirement has been wonderfully fulfilled by living in Sun City because there are so many things to do!" Shirley also was part of Sun City's first Architectural Review Committee.

BEA LIEBERMAN



Bea said she bought her home sight unseen from New York. Her son lived in The Lakes area of Las Vegas and liked the fact of the community being new and Bea's chance of meeting new people and making friends. That, plus the golf courses were a draw for Bea, who recalled, "The greens fees were only \$4 because Del Webb subsidized the golf course. He wanted us to play golf!"

DELORES & FRANK KOLOGY



Rain or shine, Frank and Delores walk. Sun City residents will recognize the couple who walk 1.5 miles every day around their neighborhood. "Living here, in this beautiful Sun City Community, with our own age group, the responsive management staff, the facilities, the clubs, the Security Patrol, and being located in this safe and peaceful part of town makes this definitely an ideal place to enjoy and experience retirement at its best and fullest," said Frank, who has been married to Delores for 70 years. The two were high school sweethearts. They moved to Las Vegas from Montana in 1963 when Frank was offered a position as principal in the Clark County School System 40 years ago.

MARY BERKOWITZ



Who says social media is a modern day invention? Mary Berkowitz, who has been active in community theater and the Silvertones chorus, has been using her kitchen cabinets to show off her favorite photos of family and friends: "This is my Facebook," she said.



PAT & AMON ATKINSON



The Atkinsons lived next to the golf course and the game was truly their first love. They played (and still play) golf as much as they can. Pat loved Arnold Palmer and belonged to Arnie's Army. For their 50th anniversary, Pat bought Amon a gold putter.

Most longtime residents will recognize Regina Hauck and her classic custom golf cart. Regina and her husband purchased their home along Sun City's original street, Crown Ridge Drive. Her home bears her monogram on the chimney. Regina says her husband had the cart custom built. She gets around the community in the classic ride that features four seats and a Rolls Royce grille.

REGINA HAUCK



EVELYN FIORILLO



Evelyn was living in Malibu, Calif., when she saw an ad in a local magazine advertising the up-and-coming adult community. After comparing model homes she had seen in Sun City Summerlin and across town near Lake Mead, she said the decision was easy: "I didn't want to live out in the boonocks, even though there wasn't much here, it was closer to the city," she said. And so she settled into her home with a huge back yard. "I paid (a lot) to have it landscaped and then the trees and bushes started to die. It was a really big yard." A large yard for someone who didn't particularly like to do yard work turned out to be a great thing when Evelyn met

Louis Fiorillo, who just so happened loved to garden. "He lived here and we met and got involved in bowling. We were both avid bowlers. We bowled in three leagues and when we weren't bowling in a league, we bowled for fun. Then we got married and he moved in and took care of the yard. He loved to garden, planted all the lantanas and palm trees that are here today."

GLADYS HANDWERKER



Gladys and her husband, Bernie, moved into Sun City when it first opened. The streets were not yet paved, and there were no streetlights. Bernie was related to Nathan Handwerker of Nathan's hot dog fame. When Bernie passed, Gladys started working with fine arts. She had taken an interest in them because her husband was very involved with the Stained Glass Club. Gladys went on to become an artist and a sculptor.

JUDY & DICK SHELLBARGER



Active in many clubs throughout the years, Judy and Dick loved to go to the monthly dances that were held at the newly opened Mountain Shadows community center. Some of the clubs they've enjoyed being a part of include WateRobics for Judy and the Stained Glass Club for Dick, where he worked hard to learn the skill of glass craftsmanship.



ALBERTA MARTIN



Alberta and her husband, Albert, moved to Sun City in May 1989 from their home in Las Vegas. The couple had relocated to the valley some years earlier from Nebraska when, "Our snow shovelers grew up and dad was looking to move someplace else," Alberta said. Alberta recalled seeing ads about Sun City Las Vegas and the two had visited Sun City Phoenix and liked what they saw. "We were the 90th house that closed," Alberta said, recalling how she and Albert signed with a Realtor named Karen (now Karen Newkirk) whom they met in the original sales trailer. "Karen said that when it was finished, 'Sun City will be a city in itself,' and it is," said Alberta. In the beginning, Alberta remembered how Karen arranged for a quilting teacher that helped her and a few others start the first Quilting Club. Twenty-five years later, Alberta is still a member of the club. In addition to the Quilting Club, Alberta has belonged to the Computer Club.

JEAN YELLEN



Flo has lived in Sun City Summerlin for 25 years and has enjoyed membership in several clubs, including the Sun City Dance Company and Silver Foxes, an exercise group that works out to video tapes of Richard Simmons.

Jean has lived in Sun City for 25 years. When her first husband, Gene, died after five years, she reluctantly joined a bereavement group, which had four other women in it. After a few meetings, David Silver joined the group. One day, only Jean and David showed up for the meeting, so he asked her out to dinner. After a time, Jean and David got married. He died a year ago, after almost 20 years of marriage.

FLORENCE GRADY



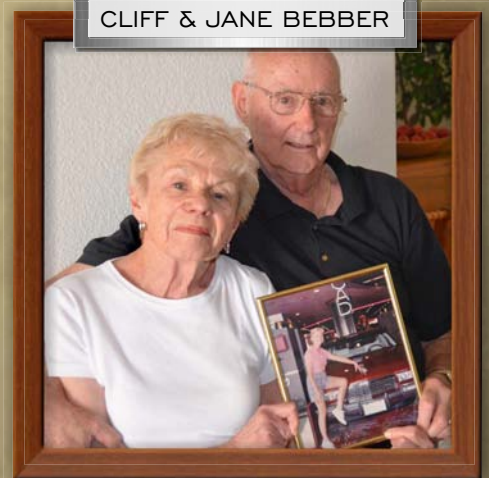
ROSE BRUHN



"I saw it all go up," said Ruth Bruhn, who has been involved with the Italian and Women's clubs for years. "I'm very active, even if I have some years on me. My kids say, 'Mom, you're happy up there. Stay up there until you're ready to come to us.'"

Little did Jane Bebber know that the first neighbor she'd meet when closing on her home was Lady Luck. While waiting for paperwork to come through on their new Sun City home, Jane and her husband, Cliff, headed downtown. "We parked the RV at a casino and Jane said, 'I think I'll play that machine,'" Cliff said. Next thing he knew, he saw people running past him. When he looked, he saw people gathering around his wife, who had just won a brand new Cadillac. The couple opted for the cash option. Welcome to Las Vegas.

CLIFF & JANE BEBBER





## CHARTERED CLUBS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**S**un City Summerlin welcomed the following 16 clubs in 1991, the first year the association began keeping club records. Over the next 23 years, Sun City Summerlin would add another 65 clubs to its original list, totaling 81 clubs and community organizations. Through club membership, residents enjoy activities from Art, Beading, Euchre, Fishing and Pickleball to Poker, Softball, Tai Chi, Yoga and more. Without a doubt, residents agree that their involvement in Sun City Summerlin's clubs keeps the community a vibrant place to call home.

The following clubs chartered in 1991:

- ◆ Aquacize
- ◆ Bocci Ball
- ◆ Book
- ◆ Bridge, Rubber
- ◆ Ceramics
- ◆ Computer
- ◆ Golf, Ladies 18 Hole  
*(Formerly Women's Golf Club)*
- ◆ Golf, Ladies Executive  
*(Formerly 9'ers Women's Golf Club)*
- ◆ Golf, Men's Hole  
*(Formerly Men's Golf Club)*
- ◆ Investment
- ◆ Pan Games
- ◆ Quilting
- ◆ Security Patrol
- ◆ Silvertones
- ◆ Stained Glass
- ◆ Sunshine Service



### BOOK CLUB

Like Attracts Like-minded Bibliophiles

The Book Club was among the first Sun City clubs chartered in 1991. Its first president and founding mother was Elinor Holcomb, a retired journalist who moved to Las Vegas in 1989. Elinor loved current events and she brought this interest with her to Sun City. As club leadership and membership evolved over the years, so did book choices and presentation styles. For a time, members read a wide variety of popular best-sellers. Later, an added goal was to promote local authors. One such guest was Deborah Coonts, creator of the Las Vegas "Lucky O'Toole" mystery series. Last year, former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman came with his book, "Being Oscar." This year, the Club hosted the authors of "Disenchanted: One Woman's Journey for Freedom From Saudi Arabia" by Victoria Kilbury and Nabila.

When we don't have speakers, the members themselves share reading experiences. Ideas for discussion books and programs come from the members. We try to include a variety of topics, both fiction and non-fiction.

Twenty-three years later, we are still here. Some things never change. We may not all like the same books. In fact, we don't. But we all delight in finding like-minded others. Interested? We would love to meet you.

~ Judy Hirni, Book Club president



## SUN CITY DANCE COMPANY: TAP AND DRILL TEAM

### Popular Performances Build on Club's Legacy

In 1989, 10 Sun City ladies wanting to tap dance joined a chapter of the Nevada State Troupers, a senior tap dancing group that practiced twice a week at a church center near the Strip in downtown Las Vegas. The group danced at nursing homes, veterans' reunions, schools and charity events. In May 1991, those ladies formed their own club – The Sun City Dance Company of Las Vegas. They practiced at Mountain Shadows and soon other ladies joined them. By the end of that year there were 45 tappers and 13 formed the first drill team. Tap teachers, who had danced professionally in their early careers moved here. They joined the company, taught classes and the group continued to grow and perform. A show in Sun City was scheduled for every other year.

In 2000, a men's tap group began practice. They would go on to perform in three bi-annual shows. Currently, men have stopped appearing on stage, but these husbands and friends of the dancers have continued to encourage and help behind the scenes with photography, building props, playing beautiful music at show openings, forming flashlight brigades to get the ladies from the dressing rooms to backstage and a stage manager, who coordinates the seamless performance that occurs at each show.

Now, 25 years later, the tap and drill teams continue to perform. Our tappers, from ages 50s to 90s still dance! Social members sponsor our charitable activities and become ushers at shows. When members face bereavement, classmates surround them with compassion, caring and comfort, and encourage them to continue dancing. Members say: "We know the importance of keeping active, accepting change and maintaining our friendships. The camaraderie we share with each other and performing to bring joy to others are rewards beyond measure!" Current club membership is 108.

~ Betty Johnson

*The Sun City Dance Company of Las Vegas*



*From right, Gerry Lethbridge, Winnie Campbell, Jackie Conville, Ann McDonald and Midge Howell are original members of the Nevada State Troupers, which evolved into the Sun City Dance Company.*



## STAINED GLASS CLUB

### Glass Artists at Work

The Stained Glass Club was one of the first chartered clubs that Del Webb started in Sun City in 1991. When people began to move into the community, no one joined the Club because there were no instructors. At that point, Del Webb hired outside teachers to help attract students. The original studio, located in the Mountain Shadows crafts courtyard, was set up by Del Webb with a few tables, large lockers and two grinders in one room adjacent to the computer room. The Club had to have 25 members to become an official club for the community. John Creedon was elected to be the Club's first president, and Wayne Wolf and Walter Medla were our first instructors.

As the club began to grow, it soon became overcrowded and members had to choose between morning and afternoon class times.

The original tables that Del Webb provided were not well-suited for stained glass, so with the money collected from dues, the Club paid for, built and arranged the studio into more suitable work space. The width of the tables were changed to 36 inches wide so people could reach the plugs for the soldering irons, and two extra strong shelves were added under the tables for the storage of large projects (windows). We installed shelves around the room to store smaller projects and one high table was designed for a tall person to be able to work. People



*Above: Dale Kavula. Bottom: Walt Medla.*

became more enthusiastic as they saw the changes and the beautiful results of the projects crafted by our members under the tutelage of our instructors.

As luck would have it, the Computer Club gave up the adjacent room to move into the new building at the Pinnacle. This opened up more space and, again, with our own monies from the club, we built additional tables and bought more grinders and equipment. The large lockers were then cut in half to accommodate more members.

So many people have crossed our threshold to begin a new adventure. Many of the Sun City homes display club members' art work. Over the years, we have had people make many items, including Tiffany-inspired lamp shades, duplicate designs of Frank Lloyd Wright and master paintings along with Southwest art, sun catchers, and garden fixtures. Instructors Wayne Wolf and Walter Medla created the beautiful design on our door of the peacock.

We all started not knowing how to hold a soldering iron. But, 23 years later, seeing our achievements you would think we were professionals. Credit for this is due to our fabulous instructors and our equipment, which we are proud to offer to our members.

The Stained Glass Club holds classes throughout the year. We invite anyone who would like to try their skill at becoming a stained glass artist to give us a try.



*~ Dale Kavula, Stained Glass Club President*





## THE WOMEN'S CLUB

### Encouraging Friendships and Camaraderie

The Sun City Women's Club is one of the oldest organizations in our community, having been established more than 20 years ago. From its initial small beginnings in Mountain Shadows, the club has grown to occupy the ballroom at Desert Vista and to include a membership of more than 200.

The focus of the Women's Club is to encourage friendships and camaraderie among its members, while providing them with an enjoyable afternoon with programs featuring entertainers and/or informative speakers. Our members are treated to special events,

such as an elegant, catered high tea, a fashion show, special luncheons provided by local businesses and excursions to some of Las Vegas' major attractions

Some examples of the trips Club members have taken include High Tea at the British Pub, the Mob attraction at the Tropicana, and the CSI Experience and Television City at the MGM Grand.

To acknowledge our members and to encourage their participation, the Club's agenda features an incentive program for bringing in new members, as well as themed meetings with prizes for the best outfit at these monthly gatherings;

**March:** Wearing of the Green; **April:** Best Spring Bonnet; **May:** Most Creative Floral Ensemble; **June:** Unique Patriotic Outfit.

~ Judy Auerbach, Women's Club President



Bottom, from right, Judy Auerbach, Mary Hedin, Quwatha Valentine and Carolyn Sandler.



## COMPUTER CLUB

### From DOS 2.0 to Windows 8

In May 1991 the Computer Club became an official Sun City chartered club. One of Sun City's first residents, Roger Blind, is still a member today.

When the Club first started, it had no computers and no place to meet, but there were always Mac and Windows users. Members taught DOS in their homes, using easels and chart pads or their personal machine. The first club-owned computer was a donated NCR

powered by an Intel 8088 processor that ran DOS 2.0. The first newsletter was published in September 1991. There were two Special Interest Groups in 1992: Macintosh and Computer-aided Investing. November 1992 saw the first Kaffee Klatch meet at Sun State Bank on a Tuesday morning. In February 1993, a computer lab with a Gateway 486 (8MB RAM and 230 MB hard drive) and a Macintosh 11ci opened at Mountain Shadows.

From those small beginnings (35), the Club grew to more than 1,200 members with its motto: Members helping members. The general meetings are still held on the first Thursday of the month at the Desert Vista community center. The Pinnacle became the present home of the Computer Club in September 1997. In its two rooms, the Club houses a lab with 16 Windows-based computers for classes and four Macs and a classroom area for seminars.

~ Tom and Irene Burt



## SUNSHINE SERVICE CLUB

### A Bright Star in Sun City's Crown

The Sunshine Service Club started as a closet operation at Mountain Shadows in 1990 by a few residents who decided to form a calling committee to check on the well-being of their neighbors. Soon, friends began to donate used medical equipment, highchairs and cribs to lend to those who temporarily needed them. The increasing demand became apparent and the small group came up with a Helping Hands organization. Del Webb, still in charge of Sun City at the time, provided a supply closet to store the contributed items.

As the community grew, so did the need. Sun City's Board of Directors agreed and opened the warehouse at Desert Vista behind the community center for the Club to store its equipment. The Sunshine Service Club runs strictly on donations. There are no paid employees. Volunteers numbering 100-plus residents donate their time to run the warehouse, which is open from 9 to 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Some volunteers have been with the Club since the beginning. If you borrow anything from the warehouse, you will notice a small birdcage where you can donate whatever amount you wish. These generous donations help pay for all of the new equipment the Sunshine Service Club purchases. The warehouse lends medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes and shower chairs free to any resident with a Sun City identification card. Residents also may borrow cribs, strollers, highchairs, small and large car seats and flip beds to make grandchildren's visits more convenient.

The Sunshine Service Club sends get well and bereavement cards to residents, collects glasses for the Lion's Club, food for the Salvation Army and the Jude 22 Senior Nutrition Center.

The Club welcomes new members, and there are no dues. However, members are required to attend one general meeting a year, held the first Monday of every month, and volunteer for a two-hour shift at the warehouse.

~ Joyce Brennan,

*Sunshine Service Club volunteer*





# SILVERTONES

Voices of the Silvertones



Voices of the Silvertones have continually entertained Sun City Summerlin residents since its inception. It was the second of 15 groups to incorporate that first year, during 1991 when Sun City's first club charters were recorded. Three of the Club's charter members, Kay Cosgrove, Alan Sampsel and Mary Ruth Webb, continue to blend their voices with the nearly 50 current members, their presence a continual reminder of our origins.

Under the direction of Lynn Burdick, the Silvertones' first performance at Mountain Shadows included an original number, "Sun, Sun in Sun City." The newly forming Art and Sewing clubs added scenery and costumes.

Sound leadership and individual cooperation have kept the Silvertones fresh and vibrant, and I have the good fortune to represent them as Club president at our community's 25th anniversary.

Our present director, George Pucine, has selected, arranged and sometimes composed our repertoire these past 16 performances; accompanist, Martha Olson, has controlled the piano and most of our voices nearly as long. At the Silvertones' 20th anniversary concert, our loyal audiences filled the theater to capacity for both performances. With wonderful support from the community and with the cooperation of administration, Silvertones (maybe even a few present members) hope to experience Sun City's 50th anniversary.

Our philosophy: If you sing in the shower . . .

*~ Roger Storkamp, Silvertones president*







## **SECURITY PATROL**

### **For a Safer Sun City**

Security Patrol started with only 12 volunteers.

Sun City Security Patrol was established in 1990 by a Patrol chief who resigned a few months later after his request for pay was denied.

In 1991 with only 12 volunteers, Sun City resident Ron Gagne became chief. In eight months under Gagne's leadership, the Patrol grew to 100 members. A portion of the Lake Mead gate house, now an informa-

tion center, was the first Patrol office with a desk, a chair and a file cabinet.

The next Patrol office was a trailer at Lotus Hill, where Del Webb had a 24-hour guard on duty to protect its construction materials that were stored there.

Nineteen eighty-nine had been a wet year and because the location still was unpaved, it was so muddy that some Patrol volunteers would not drive their cars there.

Initially, there were two cars supplied by Del Webb that patrolled the streets from noon until 8 p.m. Today, 25 years later, there are five cars that patrol Sun City 24 hours, seven days a week. Security Patrol volunteers are not deputized, they have no arrest authority and they are not armed. At first, residents were skeptical about the effectiveness of the organization. Precisely gauging the effectiveness of the Patrol is impossible because there is no way of knowing how many crimes have not taken place while Patrol cars maintain their high visibility throughout the community. When Del Webb said that it was not going to furnish insurance, the Patrol volunteers warned that without insurance they would have to cease activities. The insurance was put in place.

In January 1992, Patrol members who had served at least 50 hours were issued uniforms, including trousers, short- and long-sleeved shirts, a jacket, a hat, a badge and a name tag. The objective was to reach 175 members – the number of volunteers required to patrol 24 hours a day.

Concerns and activities in the early days of the Patrol were much the same as those of today – open garage doors, careless drivers, suspicious vehicles or persons, confused residents who become lost, water leaks, lost and found pets and when requested, checking the outside security of vacationing residents' homes.

In February, 1990, 1,220 homes had been sold and Sun City's population was 1,524 residents. By June, 1991, 2,281 homes were sold and 3,700 residents were living in the community. By 1995, more than 8,500 residents were living in Sun City Summerlin.

In May, 1995, ground was broken for the new building at the end of the Desert Vista parking lot, Security Patrol's present headquarters. There were more than 200 volunteers and four cars on patrol. The first achievement dinner was held in November of that year to pay tribute to those members who had volunteered at least 200 hours during the previous year.

Today, more than 230 residents comprise Security Patrol. Every member is a volunteer. No one receives a salary for serving on the Patrol.

As it has done for the past quarter-century, Security Patrol is dedicated to neighbors helping neighbors. Call (702) 254-2303. Someone's always there to help you.

*~ Ellen Greenspan/Link*





*From left: Roy Markoski, Ron Lovelace, Don Rice and Julius Brandt*

## **GOLF (MEN'S) 18 HOLE**

### **Golf Memories – The Way We Were**

When I first joined the 18 Hole Golf Club in 1995, membership was over 500 golfers, recalled Julius W. Brandt. Today, he said, current members total 238.

Because of the original size of the club, officers normally served only one term; in recent years, some officers have served up to 10 years or more.

Club dues back then were \$25; presently, dues have doubled over the years, mostly due to Southern Nevada Golf Association dues for handicapping and programs.

Green fees were \$6. Tournament days occurred over two shifts – a.m. and p.m. Golfers would have to arrive on signup day between 4 and 5 a.m. to sign up at 6 a.m. to get the early shift. Prize money was \$5 or less at that time.

Thirty or so members used to join the Mirage Group to play different courses for one-third to one-half the normal green fee. We played tournaments with Painted Desert and Anthem; Pahrump lasted only a couple of years due to the lack of golfers there.

In the early years before Sun City was all built up, evening walks around the Highland Falls area used to produce a handful of stray balls, especially on windy days.

On one rare snowy day, we continued to play until the ball became such a snowball that it wouldn't fit in the hole!

*~ Julius W. Brandt, member, Men's 18-Holers*



## **CERAMICS CLUB**

### **Creativity Fuels Philanthropy**

When Sun City Creative Ceramic Club was first established in 1991, Del Webb provided the Club with certified ceramic instructors. They were available in the ceramic room daily. They also did the casting and firing. All this was done in one room. We had about 10 to 15 molds and one kiln.

As the Club grew, it elected a board of officers.

Members were taught how to take over the duties of monitoring, casting and firing. Today, we have volunteers staffing our monitor desk from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., five days a week and 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. We have a volunteer instructor for the beginners' classes. We now have four rooms, more than 500 molds and four kilns. Lockers were added for member use. We also provide certain materials to our members free of charge. Our membership numbers near 80 people. Each year we select two charities to work for. This year we will be making pieces for Meals on Wheels. The second charity we've selected is the Summerlin Hospital pediatric unit. For the children, we make money banks that we start off with a roll of nickels. Club members will deliver the banks to the pediatric unit at Christmastime.

Club membership comes with a real feeling of accomplishment and the joy of giving back to the community.

*~ Angie Smith, Ceramics Club President*



## LADIES EXECUTIVE GOLF

### Seeds From the 9ers Blossom Into Ladies Executive Golf

In the fall of 1990 Peggy Oleson and a few neighborhood friends who enjoyed playing nine holes of golf decided to design "... a golfing program to promote interest in women's golf and to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship." They named it Sun City Summerlin 9ers Women's Golf Club. Peggy accepted the position of president and in January 1991 the club was born.

Current and longtime resident Julie Roskelley recalls joining the group of three dozen or so ladies in May 1991. She was immediately impressed by the members' devotion to golf and the affection they had for one another. They played nine holes of golf each Tuesday morning at Palm Valley Golf Course (there was only one golf course in 1991!) and supplemented the fun with special contests and a holiday party on December 19. The general membership meeting was held each month at Sun Shadows community center (in 1993 the club would begin meeting at the newly opened Mountain Shadows community center).

Back in 1992 members added the Club Championship, calling it the President's Cup. Jo Rene Abel was crowned the first Club Champion. Over time the membership introduced a brown bag picnic, a male/female guest tournament

with a luncheon, a holiday party at Angel Park, and the club made plans for an overnight trip to Mesquite in 1993. Membership had grown to 47 ladies!

As the club expanded, it affiliated with the Women's Southern Nevada Golf Association, and in 2001, it chose a new home at the Eagle Crest Golf Course. There, members could opt to play

nine or 18 holes of golf each Tuesday. With the new century and a new home, the club needed a new name, so members voted to call themselves the Ladies Executive Golf Club and Ellen Marsh was elected President. The Club kept most of the activities and tournaments, but added a Ladies Only Invitational Tournament. The LEGC Invitational is now acclaimed by ladies throughout the valley as one of the premier invitational tournaments for fun, food and organization.

Lorraine Burnick holds the gavel as president this year and will pass it to the 25th president at the holiday party in December. Ladies Executive Golf Club boasts more than

70 members now. But more importantly, it has not lost its respect for the rules of golf, nor its support for fellow members and the desire to just wanna have FUN.

~ Spunky Leiberman

Ladies Executive Golf Club



*Top: Marion Douglass, left, and Patti Rex fun it up at a club function. Bottom, from left: Peggy Oleson, the club's first president, Rosemary Collier and Jo Rene Abel, first Club Champion, at the 1991 Christmas Party.*



## INVESTMENT CLUB

Smart Money Makes the World Go Around



The Sun City Summerlin Investment Club was one of the first clubs established in 1991. Today, it is still educating residents on how to protect their financial assets, enjoy financial retirement and provide money for their children and grandchildren.

Since 1991, the Dow Jones Industrial Average increased from 3,000 to an all-time high in 2014 of over 17,000. This astronomical increase has significantly improved the financial status of countless investors. This tremendous increase in the Dow equates to an annualized rate of return much greater than most other investment vehicles.

The Investment Club is open to all residents and is happy to help educate and answer questions regarding investing via such means as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, trusts, wills, precious metals, Annuities, Social Security, Medicare, etc.

*~ Steve Commander*

*Investment Club president*

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Little Known Facts About Sun City Summerlin*

- ♦ Summerlin was named by Howard Hughes in memory of his paternal grandmother, Jean Amelia Summerlin. The site was formerly called Husite and consisted of 25,000 acres. Sun City Summerlin encompasses 1,050 acres of the original site that was purchased by Del Webb in February 1988.
- ♦ The 32-foot-high clock tower at Mountain Shadows was built as a “cool tower,” which used Cel-Deck technology to chill air 15 to 20 degrees from the time it entered the spire to when it exited into the courtyard. Basically, outside air would enter the top of the tower and hit a moist fabric. When the hot air hit the fabric, evaporation occurred that cooled the air

and made it heavier. Gravity would then pull down the thicker air into the courtyard. The system was capable of processing 40,000 cubic feet of air a minute.

- ♦ Palm Valley Golf Course hosted the Mickey Mantle Golf Tournament that was attended by Yogi Berra, Greg Maddux, and Todd and Mel Stotlemeyer.
- ♦ Sun City Summerlin golf courses – Palm Valley, Highland Falls and Eagle Crest – became the home courses to the Southern Nevada Golf Association in 2009.
- ♦ Five Star Tavern signed a three-year lease to operate a 24/7 dining and gaming establishment in the space formerly occupied by the Vista Grille at the Palm Valley Golf Course. The Vista Grille originally opened in the summer of 1989.



## **SUN CITY SUMMERLIN TODAY**

Many residents have written about their experiences and memories in Sun City Summerlin over the past 25 years. To those residents who have lived in our community for many years, we thank you for making the community what it is today. To all of the volunteers who have given of their time and talents, we know you are the glue that holds this community to the high standards expected by our residents. We are fortunate to have nearly 300 staff members who perform the functions to make this a first-class community.

The maturity of Sun City Summerlin is showing as we value the landscaping of homes and community property. Residents are proud to keep their properties in tip-top shape to assist in maintaining the real estate values within the confines of our small town. The Board of Directors is interested in spending your reserves in a way that corrects deterioration of our facilities. The recent addition of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Station 107 has been a blessing for our community and its residents.

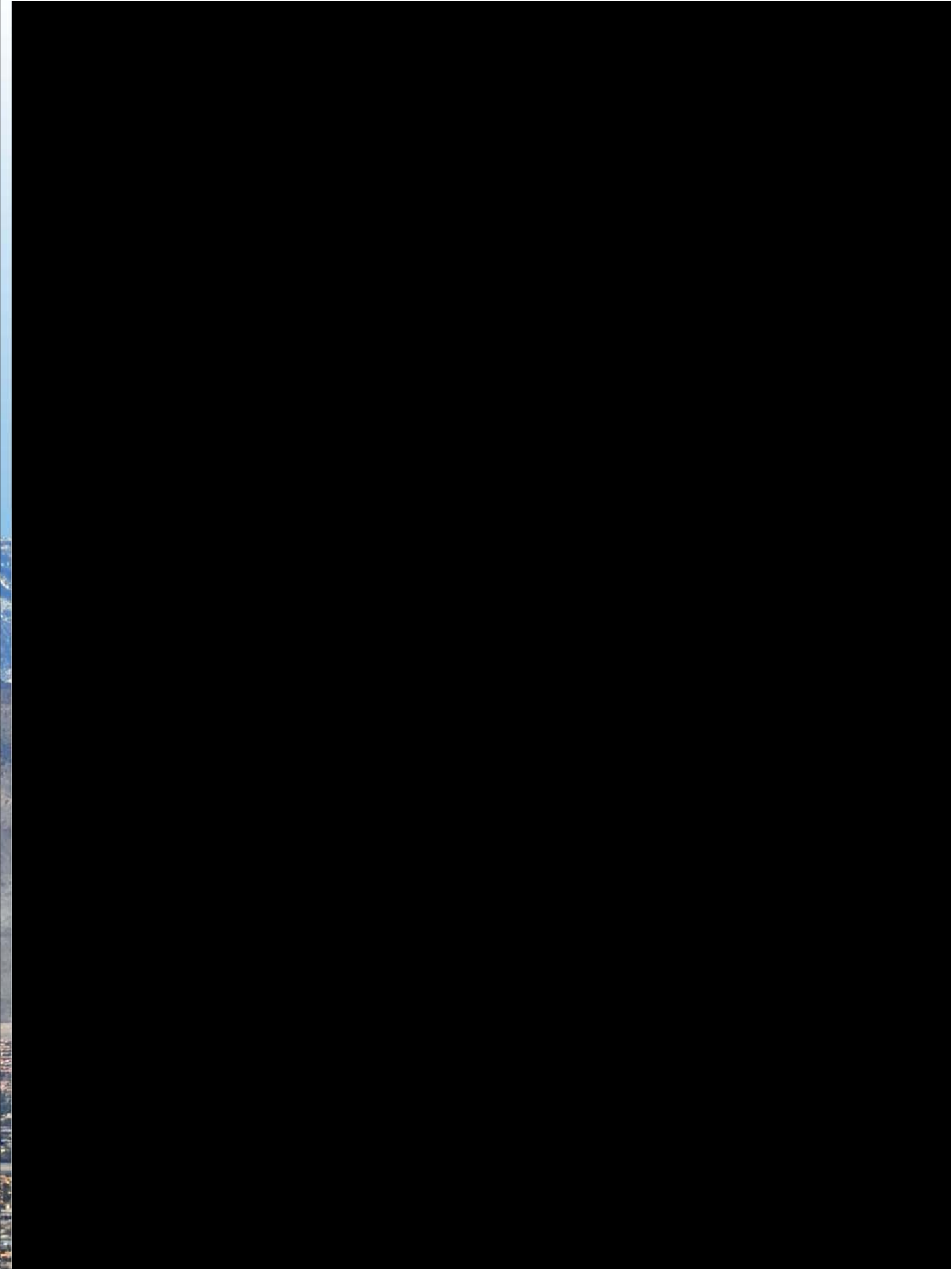
Our goal is to maintain your neighborhoods at a physical and visual level that we constantly attract new seniors to our small town. We are certainly one of the finest age-restricted communities in the United States. Be proud of where you elected to live in the later years of your life.

*~ David W. Steinman*

*President, Sun City Summerlin Community Association, Inc.,  
Board of Directors*









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