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SENIOR SOFTBALL NEWSLETTER
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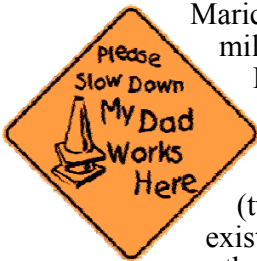
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ROAD WORK AHEAD!

– EL MIRAGE ROAD – BELL ROAD TO DEER VALLEY DRIVE –

– MCDOT Special Release –



Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has moved up construction of a new four-mile stretch of El Mirage Road between Bell Road and the newly completed segment of El Mirage Road at Deer Valley Drive. The new road will provide a continuous connection between Bell Road and the SR Loop 303.

Construction will take approximately eight months and is expected to start in early January 2010. Improvements include the construction of a new four-lane divided roadway (two travel lanes in each direction with bike lanes and a center median) located between the existing roadway alignment and the Agua Fria River channel. The project will also construct two "all weather" crossings of the McMicken Dam outlet channel and include the installation of additional turn lanes at the northern half of the Bell Road intersection. Roadway construction will include the installation of a rubberized asphalt surface treatment. Roadway opening is slated for August 2010.

Traffic Restrictions: Temporary closures or land restrictions can be anticipated. Access will be maintained at all times for residents and emergency vehicles.

Safety Matters! Please obey flag persons and special constructions signs and drive cautiously when traveling through the construction work zone. In addition, please allow extra time to travel through the area as there may be traffic delays.

Construction Work Hours: In accordance with seasonal changes, the MCDOT contractor may begin activities as early as 6:00am and work until 7:00pm. Some evening or weekend work may be required. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. **Thank you for your patience.** ★

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**LAST REMINDER ...
 ANNUAL CLUB DUES
 ARE DUE BY JANUARY'S END**

– Dennis Farrar –



Just a last reminder – If you haven't paid your Annual Softball dues of \$25.00, they will be delinquent after



January 31. Any dues received after January 31 may be subject to a \$10.00 assessment fee.

Sun City Club should make checks payable to Sun City Senior Softball Club and give your check to one of the Board Members.

Sun City West Club should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and give your check to one of the Board Members. ★

☞ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ☜

February 6, 2010

– **Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament** **Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrsoftball.com for more information.

Only players who have had a cardiac event are eligible to play. This event is open to both the National and American National League Players. So sign up early.

February 20-21, 2010

– **Bosom Buddies Tournament** **Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrsoftball.com for more information.

March 4-7, 2010

– **SCW 9th Annual Spring Fling Tournament** **Liberty Field • Sun City West**

★ **National League Games** – (March 4 & 5)

Contact Bob Williams at (623) 566-2894 or email Bob at kwill30680@cox.net for more information.

★ **American League Games** – (March 6 & 7)

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at ken@azsrsoftball.com for more information.

If you are interested in playing in the Spring Fling, please contact your respective contact above. Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for times.

March 24, 2010

– **League Banquet** **Palm Ridge Recreation Center • Sun City West**

The date for the Annual Hall of Fame League Banquet has been set but no further information is available at this time. More information will be posted when it's available. Contact Bob Williams at (623) 566-2894 or email Bob at kwill30680@cox.net for more information.

Editor's Note:

Be sure to check the web site for any and all updates to the web calendar. The web calendar also includes SC Club, SCW Club, and SC League meetings, as well as other information not found in the "Batter Up" newsletters.

– Dennis

Sun City West Senior Softball Club New Governing Board In 2010

– Bob Peck, President –



On January 1, 2010 the newly elected Governing Board of the SCW Senior Softball Club will be seated.

The new board includes; President Bob Peck, Vice President Ron Eppley, Treasurer Don Swanson, Secretary Laurel Andrew, and members at large Bob Williams, Chuck Hendrix, and Wendell Osborne. Bob, Chuck and Wendell will represent the SCW Club at meetings of the Sun Cities Senior Softball League during the year.

Special thanks and appreciation go to outgoing President Rich McAndrews, Vice President Carol Bowden, Treasurer Tex Wells and Secretary Jan Strock. This group of leaders has set a very active precedent for the club and deserves much credit for the continued progress over their past two years of service.

Our first meeting will be held at the Men's Club Stampede Room at the RH Johnson Recreation Center on Monday January 4, 2010 at 7:30 am. All members are welcome to attend.

A number of events are being planned for club members and sponsors in 2010. The league banquet is scheduled for March 24, 2010 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. A "Day in the Park" is scheduled for March 20, 2010 to recognize our valued sponsors and to share our club hospitality with members of our community by providing a free lunch. This event will be held in conjunction with the annual craft fair with the expected benefit of providing more exposure for sponsors and enhanced visibility for our club and facilities. These events will be organized in the next two months and more information will be forthcoming as details are completed. If you are asked to volunteer your time or talent for these events please get involved.

As a new slate of officers we are humbled by the responsibility to serve the membership but look forward to working together for everyone's benefit.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful and injury free 2010 softball season. At this point in our lives we all get more out of this activity than we anticipated. Please don't hesitate to get involved in the club activities when opportunities are presented. ★

CLUB BOARDS ELECTION RESULTS



President – Bob Peck
 Vice President – Ron Eppley
 Secretary – Laurel Andrew
 Treasurer – Don Swanson
 Director – Chuck Hendrix
 Director – Wendell Osborne
 Director – Bob Williams



President – Linda Graham
 Vice President – Dennis Hagerty
 Secretary – Julie McGlynn
 Treasurer – Jim Keinath
 Director – Gayle Rector
 Director – Chuck Wittreich
 Director – Dave Bergmann
 Director – Paul Moye

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Angels in the Outfield

— Linda Graham —

A big Thank You from the Angels! Angels in the Outfield and the children of the West Valley would like to send a great big "Thank You" to all the players and spouses for their very generous contributions to "Toys for Tots". More than 26 large bags of toys, 2 bikes and over \$300 for more toys was collected on December 1st and 3rd and presented to the Women's Club of Sun City West for distribution. Many West Valley children will have smiles on their faces because of you! ★



NOW FORMING

— A NEW FUN LEAGUE IN SUN CITY —

— Linda Graham, President —

One of the best things in the Sun Cities is the huge number of opportunities to be very active in many different areas of interest. So competition for a newcomer's time becomes an issue. It has become obvious that if we want to grow our membership in the Sun City Senior Softball Club, there needs to be a time a new player can participate without making the substantial commitment of anytime every Tuesday and Thursday as possible game times. As a result, Sun City Senior Softball is now forming an additional organized play day. Initially being called the FUN (Friday Until Noon) League, rules are still being worked out. It will be open to current Recreation Card holders of Sun City and Sun City West. Membership in either city's softball club is required. Projected start date is middle to late January. Watch and listen to learn how you can help organize this new league or just sign up to play. For more info, call Linda Graham (623) 974-3793. ★



Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament

Liberty Field • Sun City West, AZ Saturday, February 6, 2010

ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A "CARDIAC EVENT" ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY

Come join the fun and support your favorite team and player(s)

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYERS

CONTACT: KEN SKINNER

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NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS

CONTACT: RICH MCANDREWS

mcandrews@cox.net ★ 623-544-2837

JANUARY IS "CEREAL" MONTH

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

The holidays have come & gone, but the need continues at the Westside Food Bank. In just 2 months, the Sun Cities softball association has managed to donate **573 pounds** of cans, jars, boxes and bags of much needed food. Last year, the softball teams, contributed over 1000 pounds to the area. This year, we are way ahead of that target! We are blessed with many things; good friends & neighbors, some degree of a sound body and mind AND generosity. Thank you all for helping make this project a success. If you know of someone who is leaving the area (even after the next session of softball is over in the spring), ask them to donate what is left in their cupboards to the food bank. I will gladly assist.

Looking to the future of donations:

JANUARY	Cereal
FEBRUARY	Pasta, rice, etc. (+ sauces, if you'd like)
MARCH	Cookies, crackers, snack bars, breakfast bars, etc.

THANK YOU!

AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —

Just think; another year has bit the dust and a new one is on the horizon. This means it's time once again to make those New Year's resolutions?



I would also like to congratulate all the newly elected officers for the league and clubs. I hope that you all will support them. There have been many changes since I joined the league in 2003.

For those of you who are new to the league, the "Batter Up" Newsletter is published monthly from September thru March each year. You can find it in the dugouts at both fields, and it is also posted on the web site. Please remember to thank those teammates that faithfully give me articles to include in the newsletter on your behalf. The newsletter would not be the same without their support. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

With the road construction coming up starting in January to August of 2010 (*see page 1*) please give yourself extra time to get to the ballparks. Remember you are to be at the park in uniform and ready to play 30 minutes before your game time. Please help the managers and adhere to this time limit. It will make your manager very happy!

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we I hope that all of you that made a new years resolution that you can keep.

That's how I see it! Have a good game and get home safe.

— Editor ☺

Happy New Year from the Sun City Softball Club!

— Linda Graham, President —



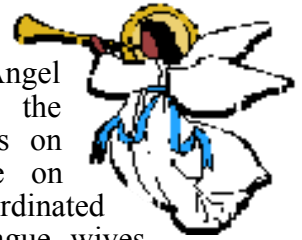
Plans are in the works to change our current bleacher set-up as it has been a concern for a while that our current bleachers are not "senior friendly". Hopefully bleachers with double foot planks and aisles will be here soon!

Sun City Senior Softball Club is still awaiting an endorsement from the Rec. Centers before our club can decide to move forward to participate in the new League database. This situation has been looked at by some as an excuse to not spend money or not participate. Please be assured that Sun City Board is still very interested in continuing co-mingling of players between our 2 cities and would be saddened if a disagreement over the use of a new support tool would be the reason for some to drive a wedge between us. As club president, it is my first obligation to protect our club charter. In may be the style of someone else to act first and then react to whatever happens. In 2 separate general membership meetings, the direction given me was to get questions answered first and then make an informed decision about moving forward with the new database tool. Unfortunately, there is much misinformation being spread regarding this new support tool and the club's position. The issue has become directed at me personally. I welcome the opportunity to sit down with anyone who has an interest, to have civil discussion. Regardless of the sometimes rocky times, I thoroughly enjoy being part of the softball scene, both in Sun City and Sun City West. ★

NATIONAL LEAGUE ANGELS TRY THEIR WINGS AT THE TOY DRIVE AT LIBERTY FIELD

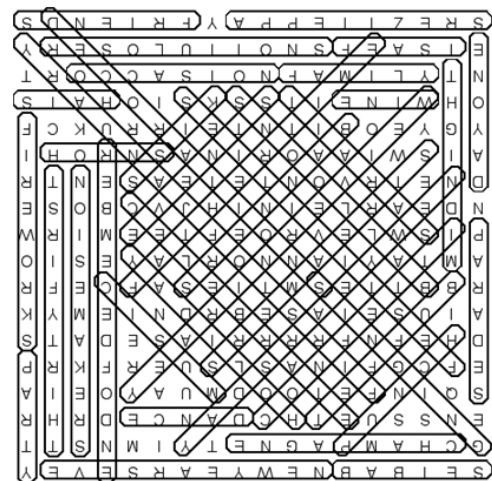
— Kay Williams, NL Representative —

The annual Toy Drive took place on December 1 and 3 at Liberty Field, Angel Joyce Fano coordinated the American League donations on Tuesday. To assist Joyce on Thursday, Kay Williams coordinated the following National League wives and significant others to assist: Pauline Dewey, Linda Swanson, Kathy Anderson, Nancy Hoven, Sally Wicketts, Sharon McAndrews (and Mom, Edith), Nancy DiBiasio, Pat Cain, Dotti Colli, Barb McCart, Jan Peterson, Alma Sanders and Jill Grell. Thanks to all the ladies who received the toys and money and special thanks to all the players who so generously donated to the drive. The two day drive resulted in 26 bags of toys being donated along with two bicycles and over \$300 in cash to buy more toys. Your generosity put smiles on many children's faces in the west valley this holiday.



Kay is the new National League Angel representative for the Angels in the Outfield. She is asking that National League Managers and players let her know when one of our players or family members is ill, injured, etc. You can reach her at (623) 566-2894 or email her at kwill30680@cox.net. She will be sending cards and making phone calls to the families to get authorization for items to be posted to the Angels page on the web site. ★

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION



Remember, No Cheating?

The hidden message is: TIMES SQUARE IN NEW YORK CITY

❧ HAPPY NEW YEAR ❧

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years

APPETIZERS BABIES BALLOONS BANNERS BUFFET CELEBRATE CHAMPAGNE CONFETTI DANCE DAY ONE DECORATIONS END OF DECEMBER EVENTS FAMILY FATHER TIME FEAST FESTIVITIES FIREWORKS FIRST OF JANUARY	FRIENDS HATS HOLIDAY HORNS KISS MIDNIGHT MUSIC NEW YEARS DAY NEW YEARS EVE NOISEMAKERS OCCASION PARADES PARTY PUNCH RESOLUTIONS SINGING STREAMERS THIRTY FIRST TIARAS WINE YEAR IN REVIEW	S E I B A B N E W Y E A R S E V E Y G C H A M P A G N E T Y I M N S T T E N S S U E T H C D A N C E D R H R S Q I N F E T O O D M U A Y O E I A E F C G F I N A S L S U E R F K R P D H E F N F R R R R I A S E D A T S A I U S E I A S E B R D N I E M Y K R B B T T E S M T I E S A F C E F R A M T A Y I A N N O R L A Y E S I O P I S W L E V R O E F T E E M I R W N D E A R L E I N I H J V C B O S E D N E T R V O N T E T E A S E N T R A I S W I A A O R I N A S N R O H I Y G Y E O B I T N T E I R R U K C F O H W I N E I T S S K S I O H A T S N T Y L I M A F N O I S A C C O R T E T S A E F S N O I T U L O S E R Y S R E Z I T E P P A Y F R I E N D S
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★ ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD TOY DRIVE AT LIBERTY FIELD ★



Kay Williams (left) and Joyce Fano (right) their new squeeze at the Angels in the Outfield Toy Drive held the first week in December.



Pauline Dewey busy working the Toy Drive at Liberty Field. Thanks to all who participated by giving new toys and volunteering their time.

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Hall of Fame Selection

Do you know of a softball player who is or has worked to make our softball program in Sun City and Sun City West better?

If you do, please submit a nomination form available from your team manager or in the club house of Sun City or Sun City West.

The process has been simplified for your convenience.

1. Get a nominating form from your team manager or at the club house. You can also use the form in the Newsletter.
2. Name the person you would like to nominate.
3. Sign and date the form. (No co-sign required)
4. Put the form in an envelope, drop in the box at Liberty Field (by the west bleachers).
5. A review panel will do the rest

When we receive your nomination, you will be notified that your selection has been recorded.

Please get involved, this could be your way of saying Thank You to a deserving person.

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Comments:

Submitted by:

Date
