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## FROM WEST TO MID-WEST

– LORAN & WIFE JANET MOVING BACK TO NEBRASKA –

– Dennis Farrar –

Loran Swanson, and his wife Janet have decided to pull up bases in Sun City West, Arizona and are moving to Lincoln, Nebraska. Loran has been involved with the Sun City West Softball Club since 1994 and Janet has stood by his side the whole way. I remember when I joined, Loran let me use a bat that was heavy I could hardly swing it. But it did the trick until I got my own. Loran has not only showed compassion for the game but moreover to each of us. Always with a smile on his face he would acknowledge you. Loran was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2003 along with the late Bill Bromley. Loran has served on the Board and continues to serve us to this day with Association activities.



LORAN & JANET SWANSON

Loran was the one that spear-headed the Women's League program getting the women involved in playing softball that has proved to be some of the most well attended games around our valley. We all will certainly miss their contribution, but more than that, their friendship. Thank you Loran & Janet for all you have done to improve our game.

You all know there is not enough space to give them recognition they deserve for all they have done for us. But, we just want to say thank you so much for the memories and we all wish them a long and happy life along this journey we all share.

There was a farewell party to honor Loran & Janet on November 12, 2010. Be sure to check out the video on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/azsrssoftball](http://www.youtube.com/azsrssoftball) to see the festivities. ★

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### ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

– Dennis Farrar –



Annual Softball dues of \$25.00 must be paid during the month of January. Any dues received after January 31<sup>st</sup> 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. ★

# DECEMBER IS CEREAL, OATMEAL, BREAKFAST FOODS MONTH FOR THE FOOD BANK

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

Time to get started on the Food Bank donations. As always, they are appreciative of all we give. This is the 3rd year we have participated and to date our club has donated 1 TON of food! We are amazing for being so old, aren't we?

Here is our list of donation needs for each month. There will be reminders for those of us with a short attention span. Thanks to everyone for being so generous!

- JAN. soups, chili, stews (any those in cans please)
- FEB. canned fruits, vegetables
- MAR. pasta & sauces

☺ **SMILE** ☺

## YOU'RE ON YouTube CAMERA

— Dennis Farrar —

In case you haven't heard the latest addition to your website, is that the softball association now is on YouTube. That's right you can now view some videos of your favorite players or softball events. I have posted the George Karras Fountain Project and the Loran & Janet Swanson's Farewell Party so far. You can find these and other videos at [www.youtube.com/azsrsoftball](http://www.youtube.com/azsrsoftball) — that's it. You can also go to the association's web site at [www.azsrsoftball.com](http://www.azsrsoftball.com) and follow the link to these and other videos. Be sure to add these links to your favorites or your desktop on your computer for easy access. Ken Skinner now has access to the web site to make changes and is doing his usual great job.



So remember if you see me lingering around with a video camera, remember, **Smile – You may be on "YouTube Camera".** ★



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Angels In The Outfield

### Toys for Kids 2010

— Linda Graham, Joyce Fano & Kay Williams —



Please bring an unwrapped toy (or 2) with you to the game. Our annual Christmas drive for needy children in the area will take place at Liberty Field on Tuesday November 30, 2010 (American League) and Thursday December 2, 2010 (National League).

Your continued generosity will be greatly appreciated. Just look for the tables on the sidewalk as you enter the field. ★

## ❧ MYSTERY CHRISTMAS CAROL ❧

The words listed below are from a familiar Christmas Carol. Find and circle all of the words hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of the Christmas Carol.

ALL	MEASURE	H Y E P Y L L O H L M W C G N
ANCIENT	MERRY	T L R R D T L W S E L E A A O
APPAREL	NEW	I L O A T I E E H C K A R Y W
AWAY	NOW	W O F H A O S L M I T T O R Y
BEFORE	OLD	J J E H E S G E L P L H L E Y
BLAZING	OUR	Y O B H A E A E A E E E A E S
BOUGHS	PASSES	U T Y L S S D S T R R R N H H
CAROL	SEASON	L N N O U T S L U H R A G O T
CHORUS	SING	E E S R U E R S E W E U P R D
DON	STRIKE	W I E E S S A I A S O R O P L
FAST	TELL	W C A D N E L T K B S L L O A
FOLLOW	TIDE	I N S I R Y A W A E L I L S D
GAY	TIS	N A O T G N I Z A L B D N O S
HAIL	TOGETHER	D J N T S A F S U R O H C G F
HARP	TREASURE	
HEEDLESS	TROLL	
HOLLY	WEATHER	
JOIN	WHILE	
JOLLY	WIND	
JOYOUS	WITH	
LADS	YEAR	
LASSES		

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### ❧ TAKING TIME OUT TO REFLECT ON THE ONES WE LOVED AND WHO WE WILL MISS ❧



A farewell party was planned on behalf of Loran & Janet Swanson at Liberty Field on November 12, 2010. There was lots of fun, cake and stories enjoyed by all who attended. Pictured above is Janet & Loran Swanson (left) taking a break from their party long enough for me to snap a pose with Linda & Mike Graham (right).

— Photo by Dennis Farrar



The Karras Family pictured in front of the George Karras Memorial Fountain at Liberty Field in Sun City West, Arizona that was dedicated in memory of the late George Karras on November 6, 2010. This will give all who pass by this memorial a chance to remember George and how he impacted all our lives.

— Photo by Dennis Farrar

## ☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

(PLEASE NOTE - SOME OF THE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2010 (Tue. & Thu.)

### – “Angels In The Outfield” Toys for Kids

**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

Please bring an unwrapped toy (or 2) with you to the game at Liberty Field on Tuesday November 30, 2010 (American League) and Thursday December 2, 2010 (National League).

Your continued generosity will be greatly appreciated. Just look for the tables on the sidewalk as you enter the field. Contact Linda Graham, Joyce Fano or Kay Williams for more information. ★

December 27-28, 2010 (Monday-Tuesday)

### – “One Pitch” Fun Day Tournament

**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

This will be a one pitch games just like last year. The first game will start at 8:00am. **ALL** players are welcome. The entry fee is \$5.00 per player which includes being in a raffle for game bats. **You must be able to play both days.** There will be lots of fun and fellowship. Contact Art Nelson for more information.

February 5, 2011 (Saturday)

### – 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](mailto: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 19-20, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)

### – Bosom Buddies Tournament

**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

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

March 3 - 5, 2011 (Thu. – Sat.)

### – SCW Annual Spring Fling Tournament

**Liberty Field • Sun City West**

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

*Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for game times.*

April 10, 2011 (Sunday)

### – Tin Cup Golf Tournament

**Palm Ridge Golf Course • Sun City West**

Contact Dick Lemoine at (623) 975-9291 or email Dick at [lemoineaz@aol.com](mailto:lemoineaz@aol.com) for more information.

## SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB

– Linda Graham –

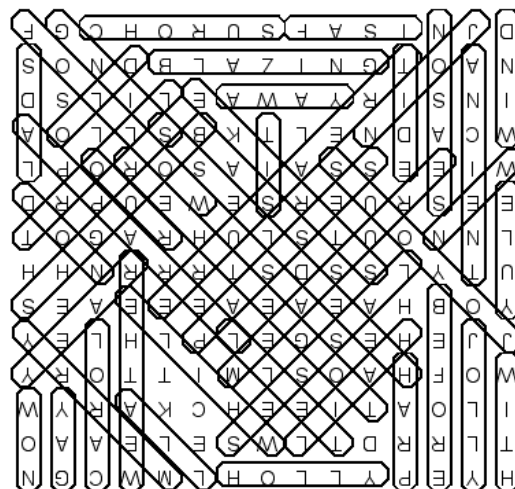


Sun City Softball Club welcomes four newly elected board members. National League directors are Len Wicketts and Chuck Wittreich which will join remaining members Paul Moyer and Julie McGlynn. American League directors are Bill Buxton and Wayne Conn who will join remaining members Gale Rector and Jim Keinath.

Officer Elections are scheduled at the regular club meeting Monday, December 6 at 8am at Bell Lanes Team Room.

As I turn in my keys, I would like to thank everyone for their support. I leave you with these 3 thoughts: Treat each other with the utmost respect; nurture each other; it is a GAME, play well together. ★

### MYSTERY CHRISTMAS CAROL PUZZLE SOLUTION



The Mystery Christmas Carol is: **DECK THE HALLS**  
*Remember, NO CHEATING!*

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## AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —

With this issue of the "Batter Up" Newsletter I'm saddened, as I'm sure many of you are to see Loran & Janet Swanson leaving us. Loran has contributed so much to our game. He will certainly be missed, and I know that he has fond memories with us too. I hope that he will stay in touch and let us know what he is doing. Maybe even getting involved with another senior softball association in or around Lincoln, NE. Thanks Loran for the memories you left behind. Farewell my friends. We will miss you, but we all hope that you will come back for a visit now and then.



Also, I'm pleased to announce that the SCSSA now is on YouTube. You can read more about this in this issue.

Finally, my wife Terese and I hope that your family has a Merry Christmas. If you will be traveling during this time please have fun and travel safe. We want to see you back behind the plate after the holidays.

That's how I see it. Have a great game and get home safe. ★

— Editor ✍

## 2010-12 ELECTION RESULTS

 <small>SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB</small>		 <small>SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB</small>	
<u>SUN CITY</u>		<u>SUN CITY WEST</u>	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
Bill Buxton	Len Wicketts	Tim Harmon	Jack Harrison
Wayne Conn	Chuck Wittreich	Dick Lemoine	
<p>🎉 <i>Congratulations to all of you</i> 🎉</p>			

**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.

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**HALL OF FAME**

**Nomination Form**

I would like to nominate:

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Comments:

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Submitted by:

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