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## ❧ VETERANS DAY ❧

— WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU? —

HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS TO SOME OF THE STUDENTS OF MARSTON SCHOOL OF HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

"Veterans Day means we should honor people who were or are in a war. My great-grandfathers were both in a war. My Grampa Al was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery. I think that Veterans are very good people. I also think Veterans are people who are very brave to go out and risk their lives. I think that Veterans Day is a good way to thank all the Veterans."

~ Cloe Olson, Grade 5

"What Veterans Day means to me is to honor the Veterans that were in the service. Veterans Day is to honor the men and women that helped save America. I think the Veterans don't get enough credit. They are the reason America stands right now."

~ Tyler Aversano, Grade 4

I would like to say a few words on behalf of Veterans Day. Veterans Day means a lot to me. It represents all the great people who were in the military who fought for freedom for our country. Another thing that's really important to me is how they risk their lives so we can live our lives the way we want to. Veterans Day also means putting a flag on my grandfather's grave and saying "thank you" to him and all the other Veterans."

~ Kelly Arsenault, Grade 3

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**SUN CITY WEST**  
**SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011**

**RH JOHNSON**  
**RECREATION CENTER**  
 Lecture Hall  
**6:30pm**

*Please come out and be a part of this important meeting and see what your club has in the works for you.*

## ☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

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

### November 12-13, 2011 (Sat. - Sun.)

#### – Vets Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

### November 16, 2011 (Wednesday)

#### – "IT Committee First Presentation

##### Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm

This will be the first of four presentations and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

### Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 (Tue. & Thu.)

#### – "Annual Angels Toys for Kids" Drive

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

Please bring an unwrapped new toy (or 2) with you to the game. Angels will be waiting at the tables on the sidewalk as you enter Liberty Field to take your gifts or cash donation. Gifts are needed for toddlers to teens. Contact one of the angels listed in this newsletter for more information.

### December 14, 2011 (Wednesday)

#### – IT Committee Second Presentation

##### Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm

This will be the second of four presentations and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

### December 26-27, 2011 (Monday-Tuesday)

#### – "One Pitch" Fun Day Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

This will be a one pitch games just like last year. There will be lots of fun, food, and fellowship. Contact Rich McAndrews or Art Nelson for more information.

### January 11, 2012 (Wednesday)

#### – IT Committee Third Presentation

##### Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm

This will be the third of four presentations and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

### February 4, 2012 (Saturday)

#### – Bill Bromley Memorial Cardiac Kids Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

Contact Ken Skinner at (623) 546-8983 or email Ken at [ken@azsrssoftball.com](mailto:ken@azsrssoftball.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 15, 2012 (Wednesday)

#### – IT Committee Fourth Presentation

##### Lecture Hall • Sun City West ~ 6:30pm

This will be the four and last presentation of this series and is open to the Sun Cities Softball community. Contact Rick Fish at (623) 455-3399 for more information.

### March 1 - 3, 2012 (Thu. – Sat.)

#### – SCW Annual Spring Fling Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

*If you are interested in playing in the Spring Fling, please contact Ken Skinner. Be sure to check the bulletin boards and future newsletters for game times.*

### March 10- 3, 2012 (Saturday)

#### – Battle of the States Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

### March 17 – 18, 2012 (Saturday & Sunday)

#### – Bosom Buddies Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

### April 1, 2012 (Sunday)

#### – Tin Cup Golf Tournament

##### Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

#### Editor's Note:

*Every effort has been made to include upcoming events on this calendar. Please check the web calendar as it may be updated more frequently. Thank you.*

# Angels in the Outfield

...a heartline for our softball family

— Kay Williams, Chairperson —



Welcome back to all the players who spent the summer where it was cooler, wetter, stormier, etc. and to the Sunbirds who weathered the heat in Arizona.

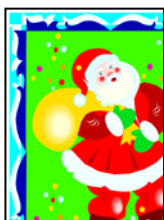
Hope everyone had a great summer as we now look forward to the start of the Fall softball season.

The Angels have a new logo and a new and updated website on azsrsoftball.com. Just go to the home page, go to Organization, scroll down to Angels, single click and you will find the latest news about your fellow players. Other links will take you to the photo gallery, the Current Angels link gives you a list of those ladies to contact to report player incidents or you can email me information by going to Contact Angels.

Under Angel Events you will find photos of the merchandise we are selling this year to fund the Angels operating expenses and memorial contributions. Hats and visors are available for \$15 and angel pins (designed and created by Barbara McCart) are just \$5.

We can always use more Angels to be our eyes and ears at the games, send cards, help with the toy drive, assist with special events at both fields, etc. Please call me at 566-2894 if you would like to get involved.

## Toys for Kids 2011



Mark your calendar now for our annual toy drive at Liberty Field. The American League drive will be Tuesday, **November 29** and the National League drive will be Thursday, **December 1**.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy (or 2) with you to the game. Angels will be waiting at the tables on the sidewalk as you enter Liberty Field to take your gifts or cash donation (in case you want us to shop for you). Gifts are needed for toddlers to teens.

Once again we will be working with the Sun City West Women's Club on this project. This year the toys will be distributed to children served by the Dysart Community Center, Maricopa Integrated Health System, Nadaburg School, and a veteran's group. Also, a portion of the toys collected will be delivered to Liberty Buick for their toy drive.

**Help us show the children of our area the generous spirit of Sun Cities softball players!**

### ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD CONTACTS

Kay Williams (chairman) 566-2894  
Bob Renberg (chaplain) 544-9572

#### National League

Joe Emmons 243-7576  
Gladys Harrison 556-4845  
Barbara McCart 556-1248  
Ann Mitchell 214-6302  
Mary Mitchell 979-5940  
Linda Swanson 584-4178

#### American League

Carol Davelis 594-7576  
Ron Johnson 815-9893  
Karen Leisten 337-7245  
Sharon Lemoine 975-9291  
Sherrie Marchetti 476-7741  
Mary Nelson 556-9263  
Jan Peterson 584-3265

Please notify any of the above Angels if a player is injured, ill, has a family member who is ill or if a player or spouse passes away. We will contact the family and only post items on the web page with their approval. ★



## SUN CITY WEST ELECTIONS UPDATE

— Tim Harmon —

~ NOMINEES ~

Gary Beymer — NL      Dave McCart — NL  
Chuck Davelis — AL      John McKeown — NL  
Dave Elmes — AL      Art Roque — AL  
Larry Heuett — AL      Frank Welch — AL

# 70'S MEN'S LEAGUE

— Jack Harrison —



The Seventy's Softball League is composed of players from the National League; two teams from Sun City and two teams from Sun City West. We play two games each on Saturday starting at 10:00am.

We play approximately half our games at the Sun City Field and half at Sun City West Field. Depending on over-seeding timing our season will start on October 30, 2010 and end on April 2, 2011.

Our team rosters are currently filled. If you want to get on our Sub/Replacement list contact Steve Griswold at (623) 974-5387 for Sun City or Jack Harrison at (623) 556-4845 for Sun City West. ★

*In honor for those who serve us*



## November 11, 2011

"To me, Veterans Day is a day to remember and honor veterans all over the United States, like the Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy. Almost every family all over the United States has a member who is a Veteran or in the Armed Forces. If I could I would like to say "thank you" to every one of them. So take this day, November 11, to remember all the men and women who **served our country fighting for freedom. Thank you!**"

~ By Maggie McDonald, Grade 4

## ~ FOOD BANK ~

### NOVEMBER IS CEREALS MONTH

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

Once again the Sun Cities will be supporting the St. Mary's Food Bank through your generous donations. The need is great and anything we donate is greatly appreciated.



**The collections will be at Liberty Field only this year.** Clean out your cupboards, look for deals, cut out those coupons and help our neighboring communities. Thank you for caring, sharing, giving and being thoughtful! Here is the collection schedule for the winter. ★

- NOV. cereal, oatmeal, breakfast foods
- JAN. pasta & sauces
- FEB. peanut butter, jellies
- MAR. canned goods

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

— Carol Bowden —



The women's softball program will be in full swing starting in January. Everyone is looking forward to playing on the new turf field! There will be 1 team, the "HOT FLASHES", sponsored by Arvid & Kay Peterson. Once the schedule is finalized, look for games & times on the bulletin board at Liberty Field.

We will be participating at Sun City Festival on Jan. 28 in an exhibition set of games to encourage women from their community to play. The format is not finalized, but we will be displaying our skills and talents in front of an entirely new crowd of enthusiasts!

Our annual Bosom Buddies tournament will be held March 17 & 18, 2012. We have had issues in the past with uncooperative weather; rain and cold. Changing to a later date should help! This tournament benefits breast cancer support groups, which is dear to many of our hearts. We have raised approximately \$40,000 over the life of the tournament. The Sun City West softball club has been generous in supporting our cause. Mark your calendars for a great weekend of women's softball. ★



# VFW POST 10695

— Ron Eppley —



The VFW Post 10695 is asking for your help for needed items for the homeless veterans here in Arizona. The store is located at 1620 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ. The store is under the

Direction of United for Change, a 501 3 (c) organization. All donations are given to transitioning homeless Veterans and are tax deductible.

Needed items include:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| TVs                                | TV converter boxes       | Radios                   |
| DVD players                        | VCRs                     | TV stands                |
| Lamps of all kinds                 | End tables               | Coffee tables            |
| Couches                            | Chairs                   | Dinette sets             |
| Small desks                        | Dressers                 | Chest of drawers         |
| Night stands                       | Floor and table top fans | Tools                    |
| Vacuum cleaners                    | Counter top microwaves   | Small kitchen appliances |
| Pots and pans                      | Eating utensils          | Cooking utensils         |
| Dish – 4 place settings and higher | Cleaning supplies        | Cash donations           |
| Sheets and Blankets                | Beds                     | Mattresses               |

The VFW, the Veterans stores and the homeless Vets greatly appreciate your help.

The point of contact for the VFW post is George Bell (623) 556-8299 or contact me – Ron Eppley (623) 505-7826 or email [roneppley@cox.net](mailto:roneppley@cox.net). ★

# NATIONAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWS

— Joe Emmons —

During the summer the National League and the American league committees were asked to meet and discuss recommendations on how the leagues would address moving forward without an Association Board to govern league play. The purpose of these meetings was to make the change to no longer recognize an association or association board to govern the leagues. The objective of both committees was to make this change as transparent as possible.

The committee met on three different occasions and final recommendations were given to the club presidents for their review. Both club Presidents and boards agreed with the recommendations and as league play resumes on October 25th no one will even notice that there is no longer an Association or Association Board. ★

## 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 a Board Member.

**Sun City West Club** should make check payable to Sun City West Softball Club and give your check to a Board Member. ★



## National League Scorekeeping Tips

– Bob Williams, National League Reporter –

### Reporter’s Mission Statement: To give due credit where credit is due.

I use the score sheets to write the articles for our webpage, email and the newspapers. For me to do my job, I need you to do your job! The following tips are provided to assist you:

1. **Fielder’s Choice.** There has been some confusion concerning this. When there are runners on base and a hitter hits a ground ball, which results in a force out of one of the runners, and the batter is safe at first, he is charged with a fielder’s choice at bat and is not given credit for a base hit. The FC goes in the batter’s score box, which explains how he got to first base.
2. **Labeling hits correctly.** The single biggest offense of scorekeeping last year was failure to label hits properly. There is an “H” in each score box. Scorekeepers must put a “1”, “2”, “3” or “4” beside that “H” to indicate whether the hit was a single, double, triple or home run. “HR” also works for a home run.
3. Something should be marked beside the “H” in the score box on every at bat, except when the batter is out, then simply circle a 1, 2 or 3 higher up in the box to indicate which out is being registered. On a strike out, a “K” goes by the “H”.

4. I need the sheets to be totaled out. Please cross check the totals.
5. I give recognition for three hit games, and/or any extra base hits, and outstanding pitching. I need more comments on the back of the score sheets concerning great defense or unusual occurrences, especially humorous (i.e. pants falling down, rabbits chasing umpires, etc.). Scorekeepers and managers are encouraged to do this.
6. It is the manager’s responsibility to train the scorekeepers. Manager duties also include reviewing score sheets after the games and to document highlights of the game, per National League Committee Manager Guidelines. Also, the National League Committee is to work with the scorekeepers to document an accurate account of the game. It would be a big help if the Committee members would occasionally stop by the score keeping booth to see if the scorekeeper needs assistance.
7. Remember I know where you live and have your phone numbers and have been known to make late night calls when score sheets are giving me indigestion.

Remember the only way I can give due credit where credit is due is with accurate, informative score sheets. This is my fifth year of being the league reporter and I take pride in producing a good product. Your help is appreciated. ★

Editor’s Note:  
Please help Bob by taking the time and effort in making sure that your scores sheets are completed. This also means adding up the hits and run before you leave. We are distracted at times by others and you can lose your train of thought. This also applies to the score keeper operating the remote score boards. Please help Bob by honoring his request. PLEASE KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME. THANK YOU.



## AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar —

As I write this month's Batter Up newsletter I'm looking forward to playing on our new infield at Liberty Field. This comes with great anticipation after videotaping the whole process and posting them to YouTube for the world to enjoy. If you haven't seen any of the clips, take a look I think you will be impressed on the everyday changing that made it to the end of this adventure. You can find the link on the web site. I'm hoping that the new infield will cut down on the number of injuries. No more skinned up knees. Just "rug burned" knees. Remember to play safe and always do your exercises before and after each game you play.



Please remember that safety should always come first. I hope that you all have a great season of ball and many more as well.

Again I would like to welcome all new players. Sun City and Sun City West Clubs will hold their board elections this month so please step up to the plate and volunteer. We need your help and I encourage you to get involved in your clubs to serve in any way you can. More volunteers means less work for the few.

Also, please keep those service men and women in your prayers who serve us in the armed forces, both at home and abroad on this Veterans Day, November 11. Our freedom is never free. Some of us have to pay the price. So whenever you see a vet, law enforcement, or firefighter, please thank them for serving all of us, and remember fly our flag in their honor.

Finally, my wife Terese and I would like to wish all of you and your families a bountiful Thanksgiving.

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

— Editor ✍

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VFW Post 10695  
VW of Peoria

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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.

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**HALL OF FAME**

**Nomination Form**

I would like to nominate:

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Comments:

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