



"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing!"

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REMEMBERING ONE OF OUR OWN

— BILL BUXTON ~ A TEAMMATE, FRIEND & GIVER —

— Wayne Conn, Sun City Softball Club President —

Since 2001, he has served on the Sun City Softball Club board in all capacities, on the American League Committee, was a manager, and was the driving force of Sun City, field preparation. All of this service got him selected into the Hall of Fame this past February and rightfully so.

But more than that, he was a friend. Faye and Bill opened their home in Bisbee to us and others for a cookout and were always available as a sounding board, no matter what the subject. Bill was not bashful about expressing his opinion. Rough and rowdy one minute, kind and helpful the next. A true character WITH character, which was a wonderful thing.



BILL BUXTON
 1938 ~ 2011

Monday mornings at the Green Team was a special time due in large part to his presence. Discussions there ended up with me currently serving on the board, and going back a bit, me pitching in the league. Talked me into it you could say.

He went as I hope we all can go, in the house of The Lord and fast, with hopefully little suffering. Faye, if you read this, know that Dawn and I will miss him a lot, as well as a great many others. **Bill was a cornerstone of our club. ★**

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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 31st 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 SOUPS & CHILI MONTH FOR THE FOOD BANK

— Carol Bowden & Julie McGlynn —

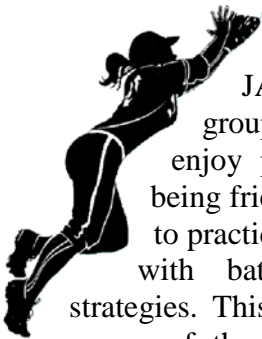
We have collected over 100 pounds of groceries in November to date. We still have 2 weeks to collect **cereals and breakfast** items. THANK YOU for your generous considerations and donations. Way to go softball! Collections will continue at Liberty Field only.

Our December collections will be in the soups and chili variety. Be generous, be grateful, and be thankful. ★

- JAN. pasta & sauces
- FEB. peanut butter, jellies
- MAR. canned goods

Women's Softball -

— Carol Bowden —



The women's softball team will begin play on Saturdays in JANUARY. We are a proud group of dedicated women who enjoy playing, honing our skills and being friends. Our new players can come to practice on Mondays @ 12:30 for help with batting, throwing and on-field strategies. This is a great opportunity for the women of the Sun Cities to participate in a competitive, yet fun, softball experience. ★

GAME DAY REFRESHMENTS AT LIBERTY FIELD

— Ray Early, Field Manager —



Coffee, donuts and soda are being furnished at Liberty Field for the convenience and enjoyment of all who come to the field. To help offset the cost of these items, donations are appreciated. Popcorn is free with no donations expected. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. ★

SUN CITY WEST
SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

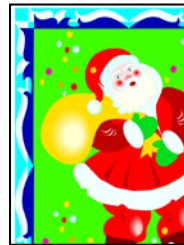


RH JOHNSON
RECREATION CENTER
Lecture Hall
6:30pm

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

Toys for Kids 2011

— Kay Williams, Angels Chairperson —



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! ★

IT Committee Presentations

— Ron Eppley —

The first of four scheduled presentations by the SCW IT Committee took place on Wednesday, November 16th in the Lecture Hall at the R H Johnson Rec Center. The presentation format will vary from presentation to presentation. The purpose of these presentations is designed to inform our softball family of what the Information Technology Committee actually does as a committee, their accomplishments and their upcoming projects and goals. Additionally, the IT Committee wanted to demonstrate the AZSRSoftball database and website, how to navigate the website and experience the benefits of the new website first hand. Finally, the IT Committee discussed personal computing, operating systems, software, email, and provided tips on how to improve the computing experience with tips and shortcuts. The presenters answered questions, but were pressed to get all of the information presented in the 3 hour timeframe. Those who attended the 1st presentation felt that they leaving with a wealth of information, and eager for the next presentation to start.

The second presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM in the same location as the first presentation. Presentation 201 will not be somewhat less hectic and will be more detailed on how to effectively use your email, email etiquette with an emphasis on virus protection. The second half of the Presentation 202 will focus on Surfing the Web (using www.azsrssoftball.com as the model) with tips and shortcuts, including using a spyware/malware/adware protector. Attendees may want to bring their laptops for this one. A brief exposure to the inner workings of the azsrssoftball database will be included.

The third presentation scheduled for January 11th will be an extension of the second presentation covering those items the IT Committee did not have time to cover in the second presentation, and will include Oracle Open Office (free), MS Office (MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher) (almost free).

The final hour will be devoted to email clients vs. web or internet based email, and how to protect you.

The fourth presentation scheduled for February 15th will contain a little of all three previous presentations, but only in a cursory fashion...nothing in detail. There will be a VERY

SPECIAL item which will only be presented in the 4th session.

The IT Committee is doing these presentations for the benefit of the Sun City and Sun City West Softball club members. The attendance at these presentations will determine if presentations will continue and updates will be offered. ★

FREE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

Sun City West Softball Club has two new very proud billboard sponsors: Pinnacle Financial Services and Caufield Estate Law. These two firms hope you will be able to meet with them at their free informational workshop in Sun City West on December 7th at RH Johnson Recreation Center at 6:30pm!

The team at Pinnacle Financial wants to get to know you! We understand you have spent your entire life working and planning for retirement. You deserve to relax and enjoy this time. Drew McKaig has developed a reputation for designing and implementing custom retirement solutions for each of our clients. We look forward to being on your team in the future!

Dennis Caufield's Sun City West law practice focuses solely on estate planning matters. He understands the peace of mind that comes with knowing that you have a personalized plan in place to protect you and your family from future transitions. Dennis really enjoys getting to know his clients as they work together through the planning process. ★



☞ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ☞

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

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.

January 21, 2012 (Saturday)

– League Umpires Clinic Kuntz Rec Center & Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

Editors Note: This should be a requirement for ALL players to play; particularly the team managers.

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@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 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@azsrsoftball.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, 2012 (Saturday)

– Battle of the States Tournament Liberty Field • Sun City West

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

THANK YOU FROM THE ANGELS

Kay Williams, Angels Chairperson



The Angels in the Outfield want to express our sincere appreciation to the **Sun City West and Sun City Softball Clubs** for their generous financial assistance that makes it possible for Angels to provide a heartline for our softball family .

Thanks also to those individuals who made cash and merchandise donations.

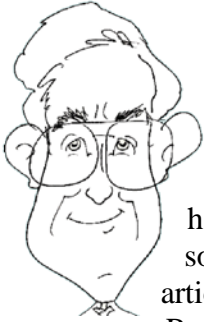
Barbara McCart is a special angel who donated the angel pins and the cap rack that was raffled off. Her artistic talent has generated considerable funds for our group this year. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets at the Liberty Field Dedication on October 22.

We also would like to thank all of you who are currently supporting our activities with the purchase of the new Angel's hats, visors and pins. We have sold out of the visors and pins. (Santa's elves are currently painting more pins.) We have Angels hats available for \$15 and southwest note cards for \$5 per package. If you wish to make a purchase, see me at the field on game days or ask any of the Angels. Your response has been FANtastic! ★

Happy Holidays to all our softball family!

AS I SEE IT!

— Dennis Farrar, Editor —



This issue will mark my 54 issue as your editor of the "Batter Up" newsletter. WOW, has time gone by these past few years. I would like to thank all of those individuals who have contributed to the past issues and some who continue to provide me with articles about the activities in our clubs.

Remember, I'm just an editor, not the reporters, writers, publisher, etc. By others sending in their articles you get a different perspective of how others write. This is good, because I know many of you can write. Keep up the good work, and thank you again for all your input.


Again, I would like to make all of you, especially the new players you can go to www.youtube.com/azsrsoftball and watch past videos that I've taken of the activities and the six part video of the new infield being installed at Liberty Field this past summer. Enjoy.

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 ✍

2012-14 ELECTION RESULTS

	
SUN CITY WEST	
AMERICAN LEAGUE Chuck Davalis Dave McCart	NATIONAL LEAGUE Art Rogue Frank Welch
 <i>Congratulations</i> 	

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- Gonstead Chiropractic
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- Pinnacle Financial Service
- Pruitt's Furniture
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- Rosie's Italian Café
- Sue Pahlke Realtor
- Town Cryers
- Van's Pro Shop (Golf)
- Vital Care
- VFW
- 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.

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:

Comments:

Submitted by:

_____ Date _____