



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

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2015 "Hall of Fame" Inductees

HUGH KELLEY △ JULIE MCGLYNN △ ED SULLIVAN

~ Dennis Farrar ~

Hugh was born in 1938 in Dresden, TN. Upon graduating High School there he attended Central Airline School in Kansas City, Mo. where he obtained employment with TWA at Midway Airport in Chicago later transferring to O'Hare Field when the jets came into service in 1959. In 1961, he was drafted into the army and completed basic training at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. Because of his airline training he was sent to Cape Canaveral with a special army unit assigned to assist the Mercury Space Program. He was actually on the Gantry Crane the morning John Glen made his first orbital flight. He remained there through the Scott Carpenter and Wally Schirra flights as well. He finished his tour of duty in Inchon, South Korea. ...*Read more p.2*



HUGH KELLEY



JULIE MCGLYNN

Born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. My dad decided to get a Master's degree at age 42, and was accepted at the U of Hawaii so we piled in the Plymouth station wagon, drove to the West Coast, hopped on a plane and moved to Honolulu. I attended the University Lab School, a semi-private school pre-K thru 12. There were departmental supervisors but every semester saw a new crop of student teachers from UH. After graduation, my assumption was that I would go to UH, but somehow found myself back in Sioux Falls at Augustana College, shivering in the cold and wading through snow drifts. When I left in May, I vowed never to return. Moved to the Washington DC area and settled down to follow the usual track; got a job, got married, had a son and a daughter. ...*Read more p.2*

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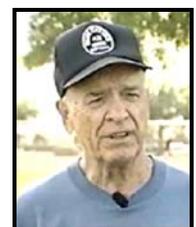
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"Mr. Toast of the Town" was in high demand to entertain and act as emcee at numerous league annual banquets. Ed loved doing the banquets, as he got great joy from the audiences' belly laughs! His memory for quick one-liners was exceptional and his timing impeccable. The microphone was his friend!

Ed was a resident of Sun City West. He played in the American League and with the Sidewinders, but was a softball ambassador for the Sun Cities softball family.

He promoted our entire softball community whenever possible. Ed was held in high regard by everyone. As he became the elder statesman, his ability, as a 3rd baseman (even at age 78), was outstanding. He owned it!

Ed wore his uniform with pride! He always encouraged new players, even



ED SULLIVAN
1924 -2006

if there was little hope. ...*Read more p.3*

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES cont'd

~ Hugh Kelley

In 1963, he returned to TWA at O'Hare and worked in various positions in passenger service including several years as a PR, handling VIP's and celebrities. If you were a movie star, sports celebrity or VIP in the late '60's and flew TWA through Chicago you probably met Hugh Kelley.

In 1966, he married his wife of 49 years, Sally, who worked for Air Canada, they have two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He and Sally spent the last 25 years of their working life in the real estate business in the northwest suburban Chicago area and retired to Sun City West in 1997.

1. Hugh has played, managed and been a league member for the last 18 years.
2. Managed 2 seasons in the National League and 7 in the American League.
3. Served on Sun City West Board one term 2001-02
4. Served 3 years as Uniform and Equipment Manager
5. MC'D and announced two Pancake Breakfasts at Beardsley Park.
6. Served on the Tin Cup Committee several years and MC'D the event three times in '09, '11 and '12.
7. Helped Ray Early and Ken Skinner start the announcer program.
8. Has been Field Announcer for many special events including Cardiac Kids, Women's League, State's Tournaments, Palm Desert Events and the Field Rededication Ceremony when the new Astroturf was installed.
9. Currently Field Announcer for American League and Special Events.

Hugh has always been an avid baseball fan and truly loves the game. Did most of the typical stuff boys do played Little League, American Legion, Battalion Softball in the Army and fast pitch softball in the Chicago suburbs in the 1960's. Coached Little League and started and coached an adult Women Softball Team in the NW suburbs of Chicago called the Killer Flamingos and they are still in existence today. ▲

~ Julie McGlynn

Moved to Southern Maryland and got involved in the local sports programs, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Served as the County-wide Chairman for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital for nine years, cookie chair (and official taster) and was co-director for the annual Girl Scout summer camp for eight years, providing day camp for Brownie Scouts and overnight camping for Cadets and Senior Scouts. Helped organize, and chaired, a county-wide girls' slow-pitch softball league.

Have played softball on women's and co-ed teams for 45 years. Assisted in the organization of the Christian Coed

League in 1999, developed the league rules and chaired the program until 2013.

My parents moved to Sun City in 1985, and on one visit I discovered this little park behind the Sun Bowl with a ball field that looked like a little preview of Heaven. My first inclination was to run to the outfield and make grass angels. When we retired we became snowbirds and softball players.

Joined Sun City club/league Spring '02

~ Assisted in start-up of the women's softball program (ca. 2000) and set up a women's Green Team program in Sun City (ca. 2003)

~ Managed 20 sessions: Sun Country team (Spring '03 thru Spring '10. - 16 sessions) Solar City team Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 (4)

~ Sun City Softball Club financial auditor since 2004

~ Organized a 5th team to expand the Coed League (about 2004)

~ Designed the Sun City Softball Club logo; 2005

~ Served 4 terms on SCSSC board

~ Formulated a club Code of Conduct

~ Wrote Safety & Discipline changes for the Rules and Regulations Document

~ Researched a Medical ID tag for cleats to provide immediate information to emergency personnel.

~ Sun Cities Softball League Board of Directors 2007 & 2008 Served as League VP.

~ Revised the SCSSL Operations Document

Planning/Publicity Committee chair since 2006 Provide Visitors Center and RCSC with club flyers and info for online calendars, submit monthly RCSC Sun Views articles, coordinated a player presence at the Bell Recreation Grand Reopening- Spring '06.

~ Organized club presentations at the New Member Orientations at Sundial Rec. Ctr. '06 – '15

~ Organized a "Souper Bowl" in conjunction with football's Super Bowl, Spring '08, with soup collections donated to St. Mary's Food Bank. Working with Carol Bowden, the St Mary's Food Drive expanded to both fields. (Fall 2008) The Valley View Food Pantry in Sun City was included to receive donations. (Fall 2013)

~ Implemented Club social media page on RCSC website – 2013.

~ Revised the club R&Rs in 2013 after RCSC changed their Board Policy: Article 12.

Revised the club R&Rs in 2014 to accommodate three-League restructuring.

~ Served on women's Softball Board the past 5 yrs. Played on women's teams.

~ Revised/updated coed guidelines several times ▲

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES cont'd

~ Ed Sullivan

Everyone loved Ed because of his personality and attitude. In the dugout or on the field, he was a "Mr. Softball" type.

"In life as in softball, it is the number of times you reach home safely that counts."

Ed reached home safely for the last time at 82 after suffering a massive stroke.

We honor his memory of commitment and dedication to Sun Cities Senior Softball. ▲

Editor's Note: Accepting the award for Ed Sullivan's was his brother, Gordon (Gordy) Sullivan of Sun City West.

SUN CITY WEST
SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015



SUN CITY WEST
SOFTBALL CLUB

RH JOHNSON
RECREATION CENTER
(Lecture Hall)
6:30pm

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

The hidden message is: THERE ARE ONLY THIRTEEN LETTERS IN THE HAWAIIAN ALPHABET

YOU MAKE THE CALL

~ Dan Burke, Umpire ~

Two base runners occupy the same base simultaneously.

YOU MAKE THE CALL



You'll find the answer in this newsletter. Can you find it?

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEASON

~ Dennis Farrar ~

This will be the last newsletter until the fall. The next newsletter will come out in November. Look for the November issue in the dugouts late October. **Remember, the deadline will be the 15th of each month next season. So get to writing and submit your articles.**



Also, be sure you check the web site throughout the summer to stay in touch with the latest association and club updates, including all the summer softball information, and when the Fall Season will get underway.

Thank you for all your support these past years, and especially to those of you who have been so faithful in contributing articles each month. I'm looking forward to another great new year in 2015-16. Have a safe and happy summer. ★ ~ Editor

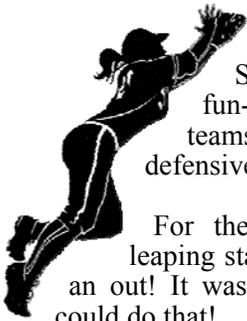
CENTRAL LEAGUE

~ George Asan, Reporter ~

"A man once told me to walk with the Lord. I'd rather walk with the bases loaded." **Ken Singleton** while a member of the Baltimore Orioles, 1983. Many players and fans don't know the meaning of OBP (On Base Percentage) which is a big determining factor when managers draft players and when point values are applied to a player's rank (4,5,6). For example, a player has a sacrifice fly, a walk, a double, a fielder's choice and gets on by an error. That player went 2/4 as walks don't count as an at bat but the other at bats are counted as part of the hitter's OBP. Remember hits and errors are 'hits' on the score sheet and a base-on balls is the only at-bat that is not a part of the OBP. ★

HOT FLASHES NEWS FLASH

~ Carol Bowden, Reporter ~



The HOT FLASHES played Ozzie Ostrow's National League half-pints on Sat., March 20. The ladies won 13-6 in a fun-filled hitting battle. The defense for both teams keep the game interesting. There were 2 defensive highlights, 1 for each team:

For the half-pints; Dennis Haggerty made a leaping stab at a solidly hit ball by Judy White for an out! It was a great catch. We didn't know Dennis could do that!

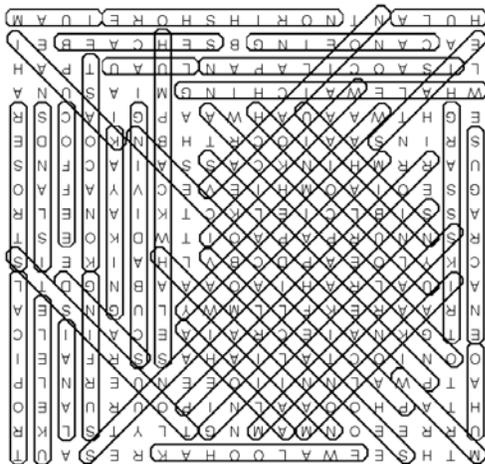
For the HOT FLASHES; runners on 1st and 2nd. Sinking line drive hit to the short stop, Patti Settje, which she catches (1 out). Throws the runner out attempting to get to get back to 1st base(2 outs), then Rachel Ott throws the ball back to 2nd to get the runner out attempting to return to 2nd base for a triple play (3 outs). Not exactly the way it is traditionally done, but a triple play no matter what!

Fun times, great softball!

The HOT FLASHES will have ended their season by the time you are reading this newsletter. We always have fun and enjoy playing together. Our last few games were against SC Grand and TwitZed, but we did play the Queen Bees, Silver Sliders and Las Amigas during the season. Tournaments in the area have already been put on our schedule for next year!

We will start again in the fall with practices on Fridays and games on some Saturdays. We encourage any women in the Sun Cities to join us. Please contact CAROL BOWDEN, 623-337-5131, for further information. ★

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION



Remember - No cheating

AS I SEE IT!

~ Dennis Farrar ~



This will be my last newsletter for the season. This being said, if you are going to be playing ball this summer be sure to keep yourselves well hydrated. If the temperatures we are having lately are an indication of what we have coming this summer, it's going to be HOT! Also keep doing your exercises before and after each game so not to pull those muscles.

Congratulations to all the 2015 Hall of Famers. Between all of them, a lot of volunteer time has gone into your clubs and is a well deserved accomplishment. However, please remember to thank all the Hall of Famers, past and present. Without these dedicated individuals our league would not be the same.

If you are leaving soon for the summer or just taking a little time away from the game (like me) to visit the kids or grandkids please travel safe. We want to see all of you behind the plate this fall. Wherever your travel leads you, please remember to be safe off the field too.

Remember, and I can't stress it enough ~ all players, especially the new ones, please put your name on all bats and gloves and other equipment to make it easier to get them back to you should they be left at the field. If you leave them you can always check the lost and found area to recover your item(s).

Finally, I want to wish all of you a Happy April Fool's Day and try don't play too many tricks on others. Ha, Ha. See you all behind the plate in the fall.

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

~ Editor



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SUN CITY WEST MEMO

~ Gordon Kinkead, Sun City West Board President ~



The Sun City West Softball Board at their March 2, 2015 meeting addressed two other issues brought to our attention at the February General Membership meeting.

The Sun City West Board voted not to allow a player to choose the league they want to play in. Players will play in the league they are rated to be in.

The husband and wife issue will fall under this action, also. Players will play in the league they are rated in. If the husband and wife are rated in the same league the issue then becomes will they be drafted together. The Sun City West Board wanted input from the Central and National League Committees before making a final decision. ★

FOOD BANK

"Give what you can, as often as you can"

~ Julie McGlynn & Carol Bowden ~

Julie and I continue to collect items for the 2 area food banks, hopefully, through the end of April. For all you "snowbirds" leaving us for the summer, empty your cupboards/pantries into the boxes kept at each softball field. Don't forget about things like toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, soups, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal and so on. 1 or 2 extra items at the grocery store mean so much to those in need.

Your generosity never goes unnoticed! Thanks to the Sun Cities Senior Softball League for the thoughtfulness of giving.

Enjoy the summer, and we look forward to continuing our good deeds in October. THANK YOU. ★

Thank You!

~ 2015 SPRING FLING RESULTS ~



~ Photos by Dennis Farrar

On February 28, 2015 the American League and Central League combine their efforts for the annual Spring Fling "One Pitch" Tournament held at Liberty Field in Sun City West, AZ. A total of 8 teams played with the "Blue Team" taking the championship. The "Red Team" taking second place. Congratulations to all the teams and players for their participation. We hope you all had a great time and that you're looking forward to next year. Thank you goes out to all the volunteers that made the day, special, in spite of the threat of rain showers. ☺



HAWAII

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

The remaining 48 letters spell a secret message that can be found in the newsletter. Can you find it?

ALOHA	NI'HAU	M T H S E E W A L O O H A K R E S A U T
ARCHIPELAGO	NORTH SHORE	U R R E E O N M A M N G T L Y T S L K R
BEACHES	O'AHU	H T A P H O O A A L N I P O U R U A E O
CANOEING	PACIFIC OCEAN	A T P W A L N N I I O E E N U E R N L P
COFFEE	PEARL HARBOR	O O N I O C T A L I A H A S S R F A E I
GRASS SKIRT	PINEAPPLES	E T G K N A I E C R A I A E C A I I L C
HAWAIIAN	RESORTS	N R A A R E K F L L M W Y L U G N S E A
HONOLULU	SAND	A I U A L R A H I A O A A A B N G D T L
HULA	SCUBA DIVING	C K Y L O E A P D C B V L H A I K E I S
HUMPBACK WHALES	SNORKELING	R S N N U R P A P A O I T W D K O E S T
ISLANDS	STATE	A S S I B L C I E L K C T K I A N E L R
KAHO'OLAWA	SUGARCANE	G S E O I A O M H I E V E C V Y A F A O
KAUA'I	SURFING	U A R R M H I N K C A S S A I A C F N S
KAYAKING	TOURISTS	S R I N S A A I O C R T H B N K O O D E
KONA COAST	TROPICAL	E G H T W A A U A H W A A P G I A C S R
LANA'I	UKELELE	W H A L E W A T C H I N G M I A S U N A
LUAU	VACATION	L T S A O C I L A P A N L U A U T P A H
MACADAMIA NUTS	VOLCANOES	E A C A N O E I N G B S E H C A E B E I
MANTA RAYS	WAIKIKI	H U L A N T N O R T H S H O R E I U A M
MAUI	WAIMEA BAY	
MOLOKA'I	WARM	
NAPALI COAST	WHALE WATCHING	

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~ 2015 HALL OF FAME BANQUET SHOTS ~



~ Photo by Dennis Farrar



~ Photo by Dennis Farrar

Your 2015 Hall of Famers are... Left to Right: Hugh Kelley, Julie McGlynn, and Gordon Sullivan who was present to accept his brother's (Ed Sullivan) Hall of Fame award. Ed passed away in 2006. Congratulations to all of you. Well deserved!

Texas Roadhouse catered this year's Hall of Fame Banquet and these ladies are ready to serve so COME AND GET IT!! Thank you ladies for a great and delicious dinner.

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HUGE

Thank You go out to all of our wonderful sponsors who have continued to sponsor our recreation! Your ongoing support to our league allows us to exist as we know it. You are truly a blessing that has helped us more than you will ever know, and allows all of us another chance to be that "little kid" again.

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Answer: YOU MAKE THE CALL. SECTION 8 (ON BASE SITUATIONS) D. EFFECT: The runner who first legally occupied the base is entitled to it. The other runner CAN BE PUT OUT by being touched with the ball.