



# Sun City Mesquite *Times*

A Publication of the Sun City Mesquite Homeowners' Association

**December 2023**

## Club Night 2024 Friday, January 19, 2024 4- 6 p.m.

With 50 different clubs available at Sun City, this free showcase evening is on Friday, January 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. It will include a Happy Hour Bar by 1880 Grille plus heavy appetizers. Sign up by Tuesday, January 12 at the front desk in person or call 702-346-6006.

This event opens every homeowner up to take the opportunity to get involved in a new activity via our clubs. Our clubs range from educational like Math and Science to Social gatherings. There are card games to do, trips to take via ATV or hiking, music, sports, cooking or crafts just to name a few choices. They will help you learn a new skill or renew an old one that you love.

Each club will have their own booth to show you their schedules and explain how their club works. All of these clubs have been chartered by the HOA Board of Directors and are reviewed each year. If you are interested in starting a club, contact the front desk for the requirements for approval.



## Upcoming Events

\*\*\*Decemeber ARC Meeting  
December 7 \*\*\*

December 4  
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Las Vegas

December 5  
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December 6  
December Delights  
Sun City Sounds Concert

December 7  
Cowboy Christmas  
Las Vegas

December 7  
Hanukkah Celebration

December 8  
White Christmas  
Tuacahn

December 14  
Cookie Exchange  
Pioneer Center

December 15  
Presentation on  
Zuky's trip to Israel

December 18  
Monday Night Bingo

December 24  
Pioneer Center closes  
at noon

December 25  
Pioneer Center closed

December 31  
Pioneer Center closes @ 3

December 31  
NYE Celebration at Rising Star

A message from your  
Lifestyle Director  
Deborah Demos

## Business of the Month: Danielles Chocolate

I want everyone to take a moment and reflect on what is truly important this time of year. Family, spending time with the people who mean the most to you. Happy Holidays to our Sun City Mesquite family.

Don't forget to be an angel and pick a family, child or senior in need off our Salvation Army Christmas tree at the front desk. The instructions and items needed will be on the tag ornament. We are also collecting nonperishable food until December 18.

Start the new year off right with an informative presentation about the benefits of fitness. This will be presented by our very own resident, Dave Zeleniak on Wednesday, January 3 at 2 p.m. This will be followed by a nutrition class on Wednesday, January 10 at 11 am. Mark your calendars and get off on the right foot for the new year.

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons will be playing at the Westgate Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas on Sunday, January 14. Sign up today to hear this legend in concert.

We will have our quarterly Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Center.

Thursday, January 25 at 9 a.m. Mayor Al Litman will be here to talk about city updates and city happenings. Make sure you sign up today to stay informed with what's going on in your city.

Adam Tucker in the Vegas Jukebox show is coming to Sun City Mesquite. Adam Tucker as Tim McGraw, Garth Brooks, George Strait and Alan Jackson to name a few will be here on Thursday, January 25. The show starts at 4 p.m. and is only \$17 per person. Seating is limited. Sign up today. You won't want to miss it.

Flat Top Junction, an excellent local blue grass band, is back by popular demand. Joe Markland, our very own Sun City resident is the lead singer. They will be performing at the Pioneer Center on Thursday, February 8. Your admission cost will be a donation in their tip jar.

**Frawnda LeCheminant's family has been in the candy-making business for 43 years last month. Frawnda's mother's family were candy makers in England.**

**Danielle's Chocolates was established in 1980 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, by Frawnda's father and mother, Calvin and Joyce Lee. Calvin, age 87, is still involved, along with Danielle Atkinson and her husband, Scott. Danielle and Scott make the popcorn while Calvin and daughter-in-law Jenna LeCheminant make the chocolates. Three daughters in the area, along with her son, step in and help as needed.**

**They moved their business to Las Vegas, NV in 1987 because of the economic conditions in northern Idaho. In 2003, a customer suggested they check out Mesquite, and here is where they decided to stay.**

**In 1995, they added Snowy Popcorn, and Frawnda says, "It is the 'backbone' of the business, but chocolate is the 'heart' of the business." They went from ordering 50 lbs. of white chocolate annually to 60,000 lbs. (yes, those numbers are correct!) for the production of their Snowy Popcorn. Their main source of revenue is from the popcorn, but quality is their #1 goal.**

**In 2004, they moved into a larger production facility in Mesquite, Nevada. Then, busting out of the seams at their then current space on Pioneer, they sought out a location that would provide them room to expand, eventually landing at 1155 W. Pioneer Blvd., Suite 102 (the old Nevada Bank & Trust Bldg.)**

**Their biggest challenge is training, taking a minimum of two years to learn proper dipping.**

**Frawnda attributes their success to a fabulous community and great customers. They offer everything from dark to milk chocolates, nuts and clusters, creams, tortoisés, chews, and sugar-free items, in which to make a basket or bag to your liking.**

**Drop by today or order your holiday sweet treats online before they run out!**



**Danielle's Chocolates & Popcorn – Retail Store**

**Phone: 702-346-8626**

**Address: 1155 W. Pioneer, Suite 102 (the old Nevada Bank & Trust Bldg.) Mesquite, NV 89027**

**Email: <https://www.snowypopcorn.com/about-us/contact-us>**

**Website: [www.snowypopcorn.com](http://www.snowypopcorn.com)**

**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DaniellesChocolates>**

**Danielle's Snowy Chocolate Popcorn can also be found at Nothing Bundt Cakes locations, Sam's Club locations, Casa Blanca Resort & Spa, Eureka Gift Shop and small mom-and-pop locations in the Midwest.**

# In the Spotlight: Bob & Aarela Webster

Bob and Aarela Webster were both working in Trinidad, Colorado. Here they met and married on September 10, 2001. Bob and Aarela spent three years in Trinidad making glass pieces to attach to the car.

Bob was born in Binghamton NY and was a wrestling champion. He went to the University of Connecticut (UCONN) studying Engineering. His education was disillusioning, so he joined the Coast Guard. His first marriage gave him 2 boys who are successful in Connecticut.

Bob returned to UCONN and became a mechanic, did purchasing and designed a reversible turbine. When he moved to Trinidad, the city of Trinidad was looking to increase tourism so Bob and Aarela started an Art Car Parade. It began with 25 cars and grew to 100. Because of their joint interest in creating an Art Car, they began to work on the 1990 Isuzu that Bob's boss gave him. Soon, the amazing glass car took shape.

Bob and Aarela were looking to get away from the cold in Colorado and when they came to Mesquite, they decided to move here.

Aarela was a Colorado native. She was a sickly child from a big family. She loved what her dad's dad did as a craftsman. She went to the University of Denver. As a Single Mom she raised 2 daughters and 1 son. Her interest in Stained Glass helped her get a Glass Artist fellowship. She had a yearly show at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Her interest in Metaphysics inspired her to create glass artworks that dealt with the fundamental nature of reality. She is now a retired teacher and mentors her fellow Stained Glass Club members. She loves to go on cruises where they have art auctions. She has filled her home with glass and paintings.



## The Ingredients

- 13 ¼ oz Puff Pastry
- 17 ⅔ oz Pork Sausage Meat
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3 teaspoons ground cloves
- 3 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 Egg

## Instructions

1. Take the puff pastry out of the fridge about 20 minutes to half an hour before you want to start. This helps it soften up and makes it easier to roll out.
2. Preheat the oven to 200°C fan / 400°F
3. Line 2 baking trays with greaseproof paper / baking parchment.
4. Add a little all-purpose (plain flour) to your worktop and roll out the 375g of Puff Pastry (try to keep it rectangular) or unroll a sheet of ready-rolled puff pastry.
5. Cut the pastry sheets into 3 equal pieces.
6. Sprinkle over 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of ground cloves and 1 teaspoon of ground ginger to the centre of each of the cut pieces of puff pastry.
7. Add the 500g of sausage meat into a bowl, divide into 3 and using your hands form into thin sausages and place them the length of each piece of puff pastry.
8. Beat 1 egg in a small bowl and use a pastry brush to brush over the pastry.
9. Paint a line of egg brush along one edge and roll the sausage meat up (from the non-brushed side) in the pastry and place them seam side down (this will help stop them from unravelling in the oven).
10. Gently score the top of the sausage roll.
11. Use a knife and cut them into bite-size pieces. I tend to cut them into 8 pieces each but you can make them smaller. Place them on the prepared baking tray. Leave a gap between them so they can expand up in the oven.



## Sun City Residents who Rock! Steve Mowad

**Steve Mowad is a busy guy and yet always has time for more! He has a zest for life and is an active participant in so much! You can still hear his accent (a native Long Islander) after all these years.**

Since 2016, Steve and his wife Diane (sadly, she passed away in 2022) have been residents of Sun City Mesquite. They were on a trip to Zion and stopped to look around, quickly concluding it would be a great place to retire. Shortly after that trip, Diane was offered the opportunity to retire, and Steve decided to bid adieu to the IRS after 24 years as a collections agent.

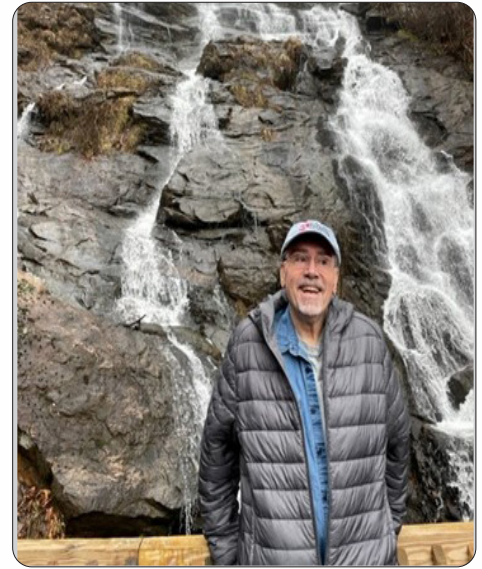
They agreed they would **REALLY** retire, found a house here in Sun City, made the cross-country trek and decided that for the first year, they would do nothing, and take their time to assimilate and check things out. Two weeks after they arrived, they joined a Sun City trip to Yellowstone and never stopped to “assimilate.”

You are sure to run into Steve all over Mesquite! He has been acting with the Virgin Valley Theater group in quite a few plays, continues to sing with the Sun City Sounds group, and is a member of the Mesquite Methodist church choir.

Never one to sit still, Steve volunteers his time and energy to quite a few Mesquite organizations. An active member of Mesa View Hospice, he makes sure patients and their families get the assistance they need in their time of need. A volunteer with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) he trains so he is prepared to help the citizens of Mesquite should an emergency occur (flooding, earthquakes and whatever disaster may occur). Most recently he has joined the Singles Club so that he is never bored!

And lastly, we are thrilled that he is an active member of the Sun City Communications Team! He is driven by his belief to “... do it just right, because people are counting on you”!

Someone we should all know...Steve Mowad!



## George Young: Newly elected Secretary of SCM

I'm an original home owner since June of 2007 when I placed a deposit on a new lot in Wagon Trail and the house closed in January of 2008. My SCM photo ID card is #000284.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts & Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Syracuse University. My work career was as a high school counselor/Coach/Driver Education teacher in Orem, Utah area for 34 years. I have walked or driven through all 24 SCM subdivisions. Currently my activities are bocce ball, pickleball, putting green, golf, fitness center, walking track, outdoor pool and some card games. I was the treasurer for the pickleball club for three years and the president for the same club for three years. Prior to COVID-19, I was the SCM bingo caller for a few years.

I've attended HOA landscaping and finance committee meetings. I enjoy living here and would like to see Sun City Mesquite continue to grow and be well managed. I know that I could help in that regard.

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George Young



## Sun City Club: Knit and Crochet

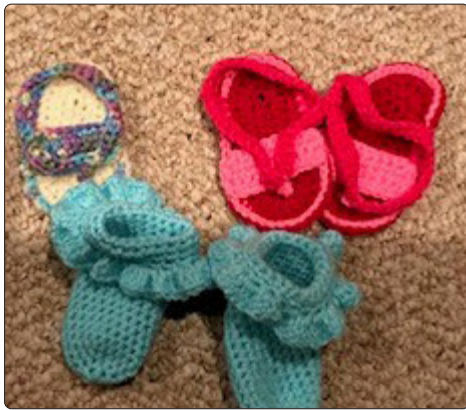
**The Knit and Crochet Club meets every two weeks at the Arts and Crafts Room of the Pioneer Center to share in camaraderie and educate and encourage others who are or want to create “needle arts.” Many in the group have been creating needle projects for years.**

**Folks new to needle arts are welcome to join the group, where they will find people eager to share the joys of creating with yarn. Anyone who wants to learn how to knit or crochet will find others who are more than willing to share their expertise, their stories, and their love of this art form.**

**Toni Marshburn (tonimm@verizon.net) is the contact person for the group. She circulates calendars outlining when the group meets.**

**Among the members is Lee, who crochets and loves to meet other “hookers” to compare ideas and patterns. Velda attends because she loves to get out of the house and enjoy time with the friendly women in the group. Brenda loves talking to folks in the group and sharing her beautiful work.**

**Several participants created items for sale at the annual arts and crafts show back in October. Among the items were toys, scarves, and purses. Leigh is already at work on projects for the next annual arts and crafts show.**



**Club members are very willing to swap patterns and yarn in addition to sharing great ideas on how to make better projects. Some people in the group make up patterns based on pictures from Pinterest, while others follow written or graphical patterns. Some do both, and creativity abounds.**

**For those struggling with a pattern, there are lots of folks willing to help solve the problem. Eileen attended for the first time two weeks ago and received two solutions to the puzzle she was dealing with.**

**For those interested in such a group, the next meeting will be at the Pioneer Center on Thursday, December 14 at 10 a.m.**

## Welcome New Sun City Residents

Russ Wylie and Gina Pham  
Galen and Eliana Downing  
Sue and Bob Borges  
Gary and Julie Palmer  
Gretchen Gabbert  
Rae and Kelly Delaney  
Kevin and Eden Kornegay  
Bill and Nikki Whealan  
Douglas and Cindy Willrett  
Bill and Becky Coles  
Bryan Wilson and Anne McLean  
Jeffrey and Heidi Adamski  
Doug Smart  
Vic and Lynda Jensen

Oloha, OR  
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Colorado Springs, CO  
Winchester Bay, OR  
Mesquite, NV  
Edwardsburg, MI  
Saugus, CA  
West Richland, WA  
Las Vegas, NV  
Tigard, OR  
Juneau, AK  
Truckee, CA  
Castle Rock, CO  
Layton, UT

Victor and Maritess Baula  
Marilyn Moon  
Clay and Angela Lyon  
Steve Davis  
Anders Backlin-Hedin  
Rob Lane  
Karen Henson  
Tim and Joan Snyder  
Kenny and Cathy Berg  
Kevin and Eden Kornegay  
George and Holly Zaun  
Ken and Tracie Hurley  
Dawn and Ken Kalina

Martinez, CA  
Long Beach, CA  
Herriman, UT  
Overland Park, KS  
Park City, UT  
Yorba Linda, CA  
Valencia, CA  
Tehachapi, CA  
Indio, CA  
Saugus, CA  
Bluffton, SC  
Lakeville, MN  
Lake LasVegas

## Gardening - Poinsettia

The poinsettia is a well-known member of the spurge family (Euphorbiaceae). They are a popular holiday plant because of their colorful bracts (leaves). The poinsettia is named for Joel R. Poinsett who introduced it to floriculture while he was the United States minister to Mexico in the late 1820s. He discovered the flowers growing on a hillside in Taxco, Mexico. He sent some plants home to South Carolina, and they grew very well in a greenhouse. Now 90 percent of poinsettias are exported from the United States.

There are many cultivated varieties. The colors can range from creamy white to pink, as well as patterns of green and white. Blue and purple are unusual colors that may be found in speciality garden centers or on-line. However, the Poinsettias in solid red or shades of red are in high demand during the Christmas season.



Poinsettias change color and bloom when the winter days get shorter. They will grow the best in moist soil and temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. They are not poisonous, but the sap may cause a skin rash. It is best to wear gloves when caring for these plants.

A common question after the holiday decorations are boxed up, "How can I make my poinsettia rebloom?" The answer, it is not an easy task. It requires keeping the plant in the dark for a period of time, fertilizing, pruning, transplanting and following a watering schedule.



Poinsettias are an attractive green plant and can be kept as a houseplant. So, whether it is a plant for all year or just at the holiday, enjoy your poinsettia.

National Poinsettia Day is celebrated on December 12.

## Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille



### 1880 Grille

Here are the scheduled closings for 1880 Grille during December 2023:

12/01/2023 – Closed 1– 4 p.m.  
 12/02/2023 – Closed 1– 4 p.m.  
 12/04/2023 – Closed 4 p.m.  
 12/13/2023 – Closed 5 p.m.  
 12/25/2023 – Closed Christmas Day  
 12/31/2023 – Closed 2 p.m. for NYE Party (Reservations Required)

### Conestoga Golf Club

For December 2023, the Conestoga Golf Course Golf Shop hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Golf shop will close early on December 24, 2023 at 2 p.m., after the daily shotgun. The Golf Course and the Golf Shop will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 for Christmas. Tee times can be made online at [conestogagolf.com](http://conestogagolf.com) or by calling the Golf Shop at 702-346-4292. Golfers can schedule tee times online at [conestogagolf.com](http://conestogagolf.com).



## Critter Corner: Elf Owl

At an average of five inches tall, the pint-size Elf Owl is the world's smallest raptor.

In Nevada, Elf Owls prefer a desert habitat near arroyos with giant cactus, willows and mesquite trees.

They nest in cavities in flower stalks of agave and yucca, or in old woodpecker holes to get relief from heat and protection from predators.

Many raptors hunt and catch snakes for food, but Elf Owls use a different approach. They catch thread snakes (also known as slender blind snakes) and bring them back to their nest alive so the snakes can eat harmful parasites that might be in their nests.

Unlike other small owls that may eat small mammals or birds, Elf Owls eat mostly insects including beetles, crickets, spiders, centipedes and millipedes. With other prey, such as sphinx moths, wasps, or scorpions, they carefully manipulate the catch in their bill with their feet to remove unwanted wings or stingers.

Elf Owls are agile and acrobatic when foraging. They capture insects in flight or pluck them from the ground. With powerful vision and acute hearing, Elf Owls can hunt from low perches and are sensitive to the slightest sound or movement when capturing prey. They also chase insects on foot and can hang upside down from foliage to dislodge prey.

The Elf Owl is quiet during the day and most active at night. During the nesting season, Elf Owl pairs forage over small areas from one to six acres. These owls are monogamous. Their eggs hatch in about 24 days, and hatchlings are covered in soft white down.

Habitat loss due to agriculture, grazing, mining and development has reduced Elf Owl populations; however, there is not yet a significant concern of population decline.

The oldest known wild Elf Owl lived to about six years old.



## Festivals and Events

<b>Dec 1,</b>	<b>Virgin River Casino presents Living Well Senior Health &amp; Wellness Expo</b>	
	<b>Mesquite Recreation Center</b>	
<b>Dec 1-31</b>	<b>Staheli Family Farm Holiday Light Display</b>	<b>Washington, UT 84780</b>
<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>Denis Feehan's Rockin Sing-Along Christmas</b>	<b>Mesquite Community Theatre</b>
<b>Dec 8-9</b>	<b>Mesquite Toes Christmas Show</b>	<b>Mesquite Community Theatre</b>
<b>Dec 16</b>	<b>Sun City Sounds of Christmas</b>	<b>Mesquite Community Theatre</b>
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>La Cage</b>	<b>Mesquite Community Theatre</b>

## Post-Election Appreciation

**Congratulations to our new Homeowner-Elected Directors: George Young for Sun City Mesquite Homeowners' Association Board of Directors and Robin Arndt for Anthem Mesquite Master Association Board of Directors. Their terms began November 15, 2023 and run until the 2025 Annual Meeting.**

**To all our candidates - Robin Arndt, Donna Eads & George Young: Your passion for Sun City Mesquite and Anthem associations is what makes our communities great!**

**To our homeowners: Your level of participation in our election – 2,471 ballots mailed / 1,112 ballots returned – warms my heart.**

**Before I sign off for 2023, I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who helped make the HOA election happen. Including:**

**Our 40 Volunteer Ballot Counters: Bill Warner, Phoebe Miller, Lizz Wells, Heidi Kracht, Mary Lou Bowman, Diedra Chassereau, Linda Vandervolgen, Zerryl Becker, Maureen Kesler, Margo McMosley, Chuck McDonald, Lawrence Reyna, Anne Pratt, Dorothy Engdahl, Marcia Swider, Susanne Hock, Joanne Brown, Karen Vodopich, Jacqueline Marassa, Nova Mastrogiovanni, Steve Swanson, Teri Dresler, Dave Wulf, Shelly Wulf, Connie Smith, Lei Larsen, Faye Notch, Denyse Kinney, Betty Leet, Kate Austin, Darrel Suthergreen, Sandra Stocks, Sonja Bowers, Marc Menashe, Kendy Cirbo, Amy Bauch, Warren Ferber, Elizabeth Vadnaiss, Rick Minor and Paul Scott**

**Current Election Committee Members: Tracy Romero and Patti Chaney  
Former Election Committee Members: Robin Arndt, Bob Bracken and Jackie Southwick**

**Sun City Mesquite Homeowner: Dave Zeleniak**

**Seabreeze Lifestyle: Deborah Demos and Shawn Rice**

**Seabreeze Concierge: ALL personnel...especially, Terri Dibble and Gloria Burkhart**

**Seabreeze Facilities: John Davis, Steve Whittaker & Matthew Carr**

**Seabreeze Mgmt.: Philip Crapo and Lori Arnone**

**Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a TERRIFIC 2024!**

**Candy White  
Election Committee Chair**

**PS: Please e-mail questions/comments to the Election Committee: SCM.  
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