



# Glendale Arizona Historical Society

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

**History of the World Wildlife Zoo**

presented by **MICKEY OLLSON**

7:00 PM, Manistee Ranch

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020

**History of**

**Glendale School District #40**

presented by **DAVITA SOLTER**

2:00 PM, Manistee Ranch

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

**History of Arrowhead Ranch**

presented by **JON FROKE, AICP**

7:00 PM, Manistee Ranch

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

**History of Sperry-Honeywell**

presented by **LARRY SCRUGGS**

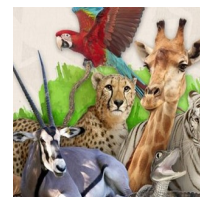
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## *Making a Boy's Dream Come True*



### THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE ZOO LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ



**Presented by MICKEY OLLSON, Owner and Director**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2020, 7:00 PM, MANISTEE RANCH**

**5127 W. Northern Avenue** (enter off 51st Avenue)

Mickey Ollson, as a young child of 10 years old, had chicken pox and stayed home for a couple weeks. He drew a map of five acres where he would have animals someday. That map became Mickey's future. The map was laminated by his mother and found in her belongings when she passed away. That tiny map grew into a 100 acre, 6,000 animal zoo. He started with two ducks. Mickey grew up, attended Arizona State University, and

became a teacher for 19 years. He had five acres in Glendale where he had a breeding farm for birds. In 1973, he bought 25 acres for breeding and trading of animals with other zoos. The public could not visit the facility until 1984. The zoo became a major success with Mickey adding more theme areas like the aquarium in 2008 and Safari Park in 2014. The public is welcome to hear Mickey and refreshments will be served.

## ARIZONA EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE and TRACTOR Assn. SHOW

**Saturday & Sunday,  
February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**SAHUARO RANCH PARK**

**9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Glendale, Arizona**



**Admission is \$5 per person**

**Children under 12 are FREE with a paying adult**

The show will have a variety of gas engines and tractors from early agricultural times. This event will include engine displays and demonstrations, pulls, crafters, children's activities, hayrides and tours of the historic Sahuaro Ranch home and Guest House.

## President's Message



Ron Short, GAHS President  
Photo taken:  
1960, Colorado Springs, CO

The Board of Directors for the Glendale Arizona Historical Society were installed on January 27, 2020 at the Annual Meeting. The Board welcomes new Board of Director member Gary Sherwood. Gary has been very active and helpful in the community as vice-president of the Glendale Ambassadors. He and his wife, Patrice are running the Ambassadors beverage booth at Glendale Glitters events and the Chocolate Affair. This has been a very time consuming and complicated task done with a great expertise and strong positive approach. The beverage booth is the only way the Ambassadors can earn money, which is given to deserving community groups through a grant process. Thank you, Gary and Patrice, for your wonderful support of the Glendale community. The Board looks forward to Gary's expertise and positive energy for the society.

## A Passion for Old Buildings

David Chang is perhaps Glendale's most active and successful private sector person revitalizing historic buildings. David has done such an outstanding job restoring historic buildings that he was awarded the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award by the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission in 2013. David is a person who puts his money into his passion.



David Chang

David's first project was buying the 1940 Coury Building at 6835 North 58<sup>th</sup> Drive. He restored the building and refurnished and exposed the original wood on the interior. He established Zang's Asian Bistro in the building. Next, he bought the oldest commercial building the (1895) Humphrey Davidson Building and took amazing care in saving and restoring the original tin ceiling. This is the new Cuffs Restaurant at 5819 W. Glendale Avenue. He bought the adjacent building and restored that into a multi-use performance space. His third project was revitalization of the 1909 Gillett building located at the Southeast corner of Glendale Avenue and 58<sup>th</sup> Drive. He is keeping the exterior and interior as original as possible.

David has bought, restored, and maintained properties in Catlin Court including the C.A. Allen House at 7142 N. 58 Drive, Marshall House; 7153 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Drive, Madison House; 7157 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Drive, J.B. Ingram House; 7322 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Drive (vacant) and Rob Roberts Buildings, 5714 and 5724 W. Palmar Avenue.

Glendale is fortunate to have a businessman like David who is devoted to Glendale downtown and has the passion for historic preservation. Thank you, David, for your service to the community.

## Historical Society Loses Cherished Member

Native Glendalian, lifelong Glendale resident, and Glendale Arizona Historical Society member, Frankie Alice Morgan Brown passed away on December 17, 2019 in Glendale. Frankie attended Glendale High School where she met her husband, Emery. They married on July 20, 1954 and settled in Glendale. Frankie worked as a seamstress for Gruber's underwear manufacturer. Later, she was the fulltime manager of the Maryland West Mobile Home Park that she and Emery built and owned for 35 years. Frankie and Emery have been active members of Trinity Bible Church for the past 35 years. We join Emery, her sister, Mary Vandever, brother, James Morgan, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in remembering our dear friend, Frankie.



## Gone but not forgotten

These are of a few very important businesses that added to the growth and development of Glendale as a strong economic, agricultural service center in the early development of Arizona. These and many other historic buildings are gone due to fire, obsolescent, city hall construction, redevelopment, or road projects. Native Glendale residents may be aware of these buildings, but the vast majority of current Glendale residents have never heard of these buildings.

The Crystal Ice Plant allowed farmers to successfully send their products to market. A fire and new technology of refrigerated rail cars ended that business. Webster Dairy was the first to sell milk in a paper carton. When a bigger company bought the plant, it became obsolete. Southwest Flour & Feed Co., built in 1919, burned down.

The 1895 Grammar School was functionally obsolete. The community built a new grammar school complex from 1913-1920. Hotel Glenwood was removed.

The H.L. Betz building, built in 1896, was the first two story commercial building in Glendale. It was demolished for the current city hall building. In the future, people will remember our football stadium and arena as great economic assets.



Southwest Flour & Feed Co.



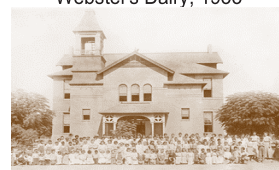
H.L. Betz Building



Webster's Dairy, 1933



Crystal Ice Plant



Glendale Grammar School,



Hotel Glenwood



# History of GLENDALE LOGOs



Original Logo 1910



Adopted 1979



Adopted 1990



Adopted 2018

Glendale has experienced various changes to its official logo over its 109-year history since incorporation. A logo is very important, sending an image message of what the city is all about. In 1910, the major economic engine was the highly successful beet sugar factory. Glendale was known for its beet sugar factory. Therefore, the Town Council decided on the sugar beet as its symbol. The Beet Sugar Factory ceased production in 1916, but the sugar beet symbol remained. The City Council by Ordinance #1083 on June 12, 1979 adopted a new logo that would be used as the city seal and on the flag. The ordinance indicated the city seal should be of circular design with Glendale at the top, and Arizona on the bottom, and a map of Arizona on the left, and to the right, a silhouette of a family overlooking the city. The rays emanated from the center of the city upward and below the family was the date of incorporation.

Design One/Attention Getters, Don Hasulak, designed the logo. The City Council adopted a new logo and flag in 1990 in anticipation of the centennial of the founding of Glendale in 1892. The new logo had three stylistic pillars adapted from a strong architectural element in city hall. The purpose was to provide a symbol and combination of colors that could be easily identified by citizens and businesses. The pillars represented key elements of the community - the citizens, the business sector and the government that serves them. Turquoise and copper were the city colors. The designer of the logo was the city's Marketing and Communication Department with help from an outside firm. The Glendale City Council approved a contract in June 2018 for \$65,000 to Catapult Strategic Design to create a new logo and new brand guidelines. The city thought it was time for a new logo since

the city is transforming itself as an entertainment destination. The new logo was based on themes and character that best reflect the city as perceived by residents, business and organizations in a 2016 survey. Glendale is characterized as a welcoming place with a hometown feel and as a multicultural accommodating city. City staff worked with a group of businesspeople reviewing different logo options, and the final design was completed last December. The "G" has openings that represent motion, moving forward and inviting. The orange/gold color represents the aspiration of residents, the bold "red" represents business, and the gray is city government as the solid foundation of the city. The city will first use the logo in its new website and email signatures. The implementation will be completed over a longer period of time.



Mamie & Marty Robinson 1939

## The Robinson Twins

Mamie and Marty Robinson, twins, were born on September 26, 1925 only minutes apart. Marty had a difficult childhood and was "always in trouble" according to his sister. Marty never graduated from Glendale High School. He changed his name to Robbins and took off to Nashville to become a famous country singer, actor and NASCAR race driver. Mamie said Marty remained devoted to his family and visited when he could. Mamie noted that her brother had a quick temper and was nervous and hyper but very funny.

Mamie stayed in Arizona and lived in Parker, Nogales, Glendale, and Phoenix. She married twice and had two sons. She wanted to stay in the background refusing to have her photo taken or give speaking engagements. She couldn't sing or play the guitar but could talk a lot. She tried to write a biography of her brother so it would be correct, but she got depressed writing it and refused to listen to any of his albums. She got many letters and requests from Marty's fans for more information. To stop the demand, she released a 20 - page photo album, *Marty Robbins: A Photographic Journal of Marty's Family- a Private Collection*. She sold the album for \$12 with \$2 mailing and handling fee. In a 1985 interview, she lamented that El Paso and Nashville had built monuments and statues in memory of Marty, but Glendale had not. She was hopeful that someday there would be a memorial in his hometown. She opposed an effort in 1983-1984 to rename Grand Avenue to Marty Robbins Parkway in the hope for a Glendale memorial. Her brother died on December 8, 1982 after his third heart surgery. Mamie Minotto died on March 14, 2004.

Both Mamie and Marty would be pleased with the large bronze Marty Robbins plaque that was placed next to the amphitheater in Murphy Park.

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## A Loving Historical Action



Valentine's Day and February is a great time to take your spouse or significant other to tour the beginning of Glendale's agricultural history. The City of Glendale Parks and Recreation staff at Sahuaro Ranch offer free tours of the Main House. The Glendale Arizona Historical Society also conducts tours of historic Manistee Ranch from October to May.

**SAHUARO RANCH 1895 MAIN HOUSE, 9802 N. 59<sup>TH</sup> AVE, GLENDALE, AZ**

**FREE TOURS** of the Main House September-July: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 am to 2 pm.; Sundays: 1 pm to 4 pm, (Closed August and on holidays, Thanksgiving weekend, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.) Please call 623-930-4201 for group tours of 10 or more.

**SAHUARO RANCH 1898 GUEST HOUSE & 1887 ADOBE HOUSE, 9802 N. 59<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, GLENDALE, AZ**

**FREE TOURS** of the Guest House October – May: Sundays: 1 pm to 3 pm, (except holidays and during weddings).

**FREE TOURS** of the 1887 Adobe House during festivals and with prior arrangements. Call 623-435-0072 for more information, or for group tours.

**1897 MANISTEE RANCH, 5127 W. NORTHERN AVE** (enter from the parking lot on 51<sup>st</sup> Ave).

Tours are conducted by the Glendale Arizona Historical Society docents from October through May: noon to 4 pm (last tour starts at 3 pm). Fees: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Veterans, \$4, and children ages 6-16 \$1. GAHS MEMBERS ARE FREE. The 2019-20 tour dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: February 1 and 15, 2020; March 7 and, 21, 2020; April 4 and 18, 2020 and May 2, 2020.



Sahuaro Ranch Adobe House



Sahuaro Ranch Guest House



Sahuaro Ranch Main House



Manistee Ranch House