



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

NOW thru MARCH, 2014
Membership Drive
"START SPREADIN' THE WORD."

FEBRUARY 8TH & 9TH, 2014
Tractor Show

FEBRUARY 24, 2014
"Making your Digital Photo Album"
Kathy Palmer
7 PM Manistee Ranch

MARCH 22ND & 23RD, 2014
Heritage Festival

MARCH 24, 2014
GAHS Program Meeting
7 PM Manistee Ranch

APRIL 28, 2014
GAHS Program Meeting
7 PM Manistee Ranch

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Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

President's Message

Urban Irrigation Meeting February 5th



The Town of Glendale adopted Ordinance 27 in January 1912 to assume responsibility for urban irrigation, including repair and maintenance of ditches. Water is delivered through the Arizona Canal, constructed between 1883 and 1886. Laterals 17 and 18 deliver Salt River Project water from the Arizona Canal to Glendale. Lateral 17 serves properties west of 51st Avenue and Lateral 18 serves properties west of 59th Avenue. Ditches brought the water from the laterals to individual properties. During the 50's, most of the ditches were converted to concrete pipes. The system allowed residents to plant beautiful green lawns and trees without wasting valuable water, and is part of Glendale's history.

Today the urban irrigation system serves 350 customers with a renewal list of 468. A 1992 AGK Engineering study estimated that it would cost \$6 million to rehabilitate the system's 23 miles of pipes and ditches, so Glendale chose not to rehab the system. In July 2012, the City contracted with Salt River Irrigation (a private company) to provide the basic services of opening and closing valves and doing minor repairs. This has saved significant operating costs to the gravity-fed system, which continues to operate

free of major failures.

Each year, customers receive 15 deliveries of water between April and October — about 12.5 million gallons per customer per year (36,000 gallons of water per delivery) for a total delivery in 2013 of 579 ac-ft. of irrigation water. The system operates at a financial deficit.

The Glendale Water Services Advisory Commission members have toured the urban irrigation service area and at the December 4, 2013 Commission meeting heard an excellent presentation by Water Services staff as to its financial condition.



The Commission will discuss urban irrigation at its next meeting and make recommendations. The meeting, to be held Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm on the Oasis Water Campus, 7070 W. Northern Avenue in Glendale, is open to the public.



KEEP SPREADIN' THE WORD

The GAHS Winter Membership Drive is now in full swing. Each of us needs to open our heart and invite just one member to join. We want to add 55 new members by the end of March 2014. That's what it will take to meet our goal to grow our membership to 225 members. And what a fun and easy membership drive it is:

- ✿ **Prizes for Bringing in Members**
- ✿ **Prizes for the New Members**
- ✿ **Grand Prize for the Most New Members**
- ✿ **New Member Appreciation Celebration**

So please go to your phones and your e-mails and invite your family and friends to join. Your Society needs your help!

ANNUAL POTLUCK & OFFICER INSTALLATION



Don't miss the 2014 Annual GAHS Potluck Dinner and Installation of Officers on **Monday, January 27th, 6:00 pm, at historic Manistee Ranch, 5127 West Northern Avenue in Glendale** (*driving directions on page 4*).

This event is always a fun time to taste great dishes bought by other members and have great fellowship with members and guests. Please bring your main dishes, side dishes, salads and desserts; your Society will provide the beverages. Call Carol Hook, the GAHS Secretary at 623-435-0072 and let her know what you will bring to the potluck. Also, bring a friend and potential member with you.

SEE YOU AT MANISTEE RANCH !!

GLENDALE MEMORIES WANTED



What are some of the unforgettable memories you have about Glendale, Arizona? Perhaps it is a funny or interesting story or photo growing up in Glendale or stories as an adult living in Glendale.

The Society would appreciate it if you could share those memories and photos with the membership. We would include your photo and story in the newsletter, as well as keep them on record with the Society. Readers always find it interesting to read about Glendale residents' experiences in the community. Please send your photos and stories to us at GAHS, P.O. Box 5606, Glendale, Arizona 85312-5606.

Tour the Ranches

2013-2014 Season Tour Schedules

The Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch is presenting its scheduled public tours between **1:00 pm and 3:30 pm** each **Sunday Afternoon** (*the last tour begins at 3:00 pm*).

The tour schedule for Manistee Ranch is: The first and third Saturdays of each month with just a couple of exceptions. Following is the remainder of this season's schedule:

January 4 and 18, 2014	March 1 and 15, 2014
February 1 and 15, 2014	April 5 and 19, 2014
Season Tour Finale: May 3, 2014	

Tour hours for the scheduled tours at Manistee Ranch are from Noon to 4:00 pm (*the last tour begins at 3:00 pm*). Group tours (8 or more) are by appointment. Call 623-435-0072. Tour fees: Adult \$5, seniors \$4, Ages 6-16 \$1. Glendale Historical Society members are free. Schedule is subject to change.

FIRST RURAL ROUTE

The November 1, 1912 *Glendale News* reported the start of rural route service from Glendale. H.C. Ludden, rural route carrier, bought a new Ford for \$600. The first trip went smoothly, because no horses were run over except dead ones.



Then Postmaster Victor Messinger said, "Mr. Ludden will have a trail wagon to carry parcel post packages, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, etc. once the parcel post law goes into effective." In addition to carrying mail, Ludden was also seen carrying females after the regular trip was over. His friends are suspicious that something like this is partly because he bought that new wagon.

MEMBERS KEEP THE GAHS STRONG

!! Renew Today !!



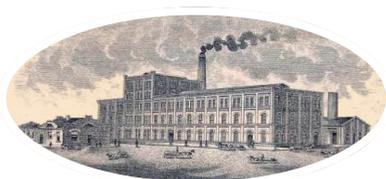
Renewing your membership will ensure that you keep enjoying the fun and fellowship of GAHS membership and that its important work may continue. And please share it with others.

Membership renewal letters and forms have been sent out to the membership for 2014 membership. It would be appreciated if you would renew your membership. It's easy, just send your payment in the envelope provided.

The Society *is* the membership! Without members, there would be no Glendale Arizona Historical Society.

Remember our Membership Drive? Please use the extra membership forms we enclosed in your renewal packet to invite a friend or two to join the Society. We need more members and especially younger members who are just as committed as we are to preserving Glendale's history, and to carrying its traditions forward to future generations.

SQUIRT AND THE BEET SUGAR FACTORY



The February 8, 1962 *Glendale News* ran an ad for Squirt Bottling Company. Squirt rented a portion of the ground floor of the Sugar Beet Factory from 1937 to 1980. The ad stated ***"The concentrate for Squirt has been processed in our GLENDALE plant for the past 23 years, during which time we have had a six-fold growth in production. We now use approximately 85% of the grapefruit available for juice grown in the valley. Squirt concentrate is distributed nationwide from GLENDALE to more than 350 bottlers; plus two bottlers in Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama."***



LET'S CLEAN OUT OUR GUEST HOUSE BASEMENT

by Rosemary Lynch

Wow!! Where did December go? Now it is time to clean house — that is, spruce up our basement located at the Guest House at the Sahuaro Ranch. We (docents) take great pride in showing off the basement, with its many neat items on display, and lots of history to share. So let's make her shine. In order to do this I need two or three volunteers to get going. Let's make it fun. It is not stressful and if we pitch in, the time will pass quickly. OK? How about you? Please give me a call at 623-933-9556 ASAP to set up a date and time.

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Our next membership event, the Annual Potluck and Installation of Officers, will be held:
Monday evening, January 27, at 6 pm
Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern
Please enter the driveway to Manistee Ranch from 51st Avenue, just south of Walgreens. Proceed through the parking lot, and continue through the open vehicle gate. Then keep right, and park along the dirt driveway.

Welcome New Members

Bud & Evelyn Rayburn
Paul Cotts

In Memoriam

On December 1st, we said farewell to Esther Lundberg, wife of longtime member Harold.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their children, grandchildren and extended family.

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SAHUARO NOTES

from Julia Phillips

The Christmas decorations have been taken down as well as the annual Veterans Exhibit and put away for another year. The new exhibit "Elegant Vintage Wear and Accessories" will be open in early January for the winter season and will run through March.

We will need volunteers for the following upcoming events:

The Tractor Show
February 8th and 9th, 2014

Heritage Festival
March 22nd and 23rd, 2014

We also need volunteers to help out at weddings. If you can help us, call Carol Hook at 623-435-0072



The Glendale Arizona Historical Society wishes all its members, their families and friends a very prosperous and joyous New Year.

Let us welcome 2014 with a spirit of giving, a sense of humanity and a renewed commitment to preserving and honoring Glendale's roots, as we look forward to its bright future.