



# Glendale Arizona Historical Society

*"preservation of the past"*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

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### ANNUAL GAHS PICNIC

Saturday, Nov 19 at 11:00 am  
Manistee Ranch

### CHRISTMAS PARTY and NOMINATIONS

Sunday, Dec 18 at 2:00 pm  
Manistee Ranch

### POTLUCK / ELECTIONS

Monday, Jan 25 at 6:00 pm  
Manistee Ranch

### NELDA CROWELL

Bisbee Mass Deportation  
Monday, Feb 27 at 7pm  
Manistee Ranch

### ED ALLEN

*"William Beardsley and  
the Canals of Arizona"*

Monday, March 27 at 7pm  
Manistee Ranch

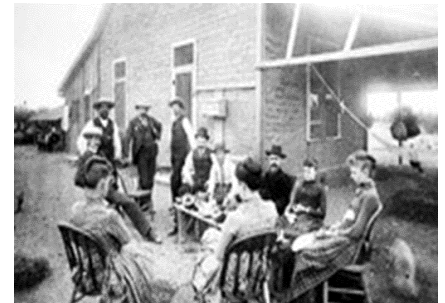
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## We're Having an Old Fashioned PICNIC and You're Invited!

Plan now to attend the 2016 Glendale AZ Historical Society picnic at Manistee Ranch, Saturday, November 19th at 11:00 A.M. Remember those old fashioned picnics you attended where everyone brought a potluck dish? The food was yummy. The kids played games. There was live music, and we all struck up new friendships while renewing old ones. Great memories!

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society invites its members, guests and other interested persons who wish to relive the good old days, to attend the annual picnic. We, especially, encourage our life members and the pioneers of this community to attend and be recognized. The setting could not be more perfect than at the 1897 Historic Manistee Ranch house (enter off of 51st Avenue). Oh Yes, please do bring a salad, dessert or side dish. The Society will be serving "filet of hot dog" on a special Glendale sesame seed bun and a delicious beverage. Local entertainer, Ronnie Hazelett will get your feet tapping for young and old with Marty Robbins and country music songs. **SO Y'ALL COME NOW !!!**



Sahuaro Ranch in the late 1880's with the 1887 Adobe House in the background



## CONGRATULATIONS MARTHA

Wow!! What a wonderful ceremony held on August 9, 2016 by the Glendale City Council to honor Martha Dennis, native Glendale resident, with the prestigious 2016 Ruth Byrne Historical Preservation Award for outstanding contribution to the historic preservation of Glendale, AZ. Vice Mayor Ian Hugh gave Martha the beautiful award and Ron Short, President of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society

explained the meaning of the award. Martha has been an active member of the Society for over three decades. She has coordinated the Guest House Tours on Sundays and during Sahuaro Ranch festivals. Martha also coordinates the outstanding exhibits of wedding dresses, military uniforms and formal dresses at the Guest House. She has great passion in preserving and promoting her hometown of Glendale, Arizona. Ruth Byrne, who now



Martha Dennis and Vice Mayor Ian Hugh

lives in the Denver, CO area with her family and is nearly 94 years old, was absolutely delighted to be told that Martha received the Award. Martha is the 21st recipient of the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award.



# President's Message

*by Ron Short, President of the GAHS Board of Directors*

On October 4, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the "Key Terms with GAHS for Pending Agreement". The Society will be allowed to stay at the Guest House and facilitate the weddings in the rose garden using the Guest House. Hours of operation are set for the Guest House during the year; GAHS will coordinate school tours; provide insurance; maintain non-profit status; secure necessary permits and licenses and maintain the Guest House in a neat and clean condition. The City will provide the utilities, in kind services in maintaining the historic park. GAHS can do additional programs at the park with City approval. The City has a non-exclusivity section indicating the ability to do various activities and GAHS will be notified of such activity. There is a 90 days termination notification and with cause section. The Board has been involved with the city for a year with a use agreement. The agreement will be discussed with the Historic Preservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The City Attorney will put it in legal format as a resolution and go to the City Council at a workshop and then it will be considered for adoption at a regular voting meeting. The Board looks forward to working with the City of Glendale and its staff in a partnership to assure that Sahuaro Ranch provides the historical services to its citizens and visitors.



## A FOND FAREWELL TO A DEAR FRIEND

Ron Brewster, born in 1940 and in the Glendale 1958 graduation class, passed away on July 12, 2016. Ron was an active member of the Glendale Arizona Historic Society, who loved to promote and make people aware of Glendale's history. Ron conducted 90 minute "walking" tours of downtown Glendale and participated in the Guest house tours as a docent. He referred to himself as "Arizona Ron" He truly was a person proud of his family, community and state. He was active on the Glendale Elementary School Board, Rotary, a Boys Club founder and member of the First United Methodist Church. Even during this past year, and being ill, Ron was excited about various projects to beautify downtown and preserve its history. Thank you, Ron for a lifetime of service to your family, church, community and state. Donations can be made to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society in Ron's memory.

## MARTY ROBBINS BOULEVARD IS FINALLY A REALITY

The Glendale Mayor and City Council approved honorary naming Glendale Avenue from 51st Avenue to 62nd Avenue to Marty Robbins Blvd. This is to honor the great contributions this Glendale, Arizona native made to the country and the world as an entertainer and NASCAR driver. The City held a street naming ceremony on September 26, 2016 at the NWC of Glendale Avenue and 58th Avenue with over 150 people attending. The special guest was Ronny Robbins, Marty's son, who lives in Nashville, TN. Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing was the MC. Mayor Weiers and Councilmembers Aldama and Turner spoke, as well as Andrew Means, Friends of Marty Robbins, John Edmunson of REMAX Productions and Ron Short, President of the Glendale Arizona historical Society. Special friends of Marty's who attended included Bill and Gertie Hickman, John Martinez, Pauline Aldama, Ollie Valdiva, Wade Darby and Vernell Bootz. Ann Owens, former Glendale librarian who put on the first Marty Robbins tribute in 1973 attended. Ronnie Hazelett dazzled the crowd with several of Marty's songs. The Mayor presented Ronny Robbins a proclamation declaring September 26, 2016 "Marty Robbins Day". Marty would have been 91 on that day. Ronny and the Mayor gave Marty's friends and speakers a small metal Marty Robbins Boulevard. sign.

Ronny Robbins with  
Glendale's Mayor  
Jerry Weiers





## GLENDALE NATIVE ENID ABEL PASSES



Glendale lost an active and effective citizen in September 2016 with the passing of Enid Abel at the age of 94. She was born in the kitchen of her parent's wooden farm house on Peoria Avenue. Her mother drove a school bus - a Packard open touring car - while pregnant. While delivering kids to school on 9/11/22 she went into labor and did not have time to get to St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix. Enid was Chairperson of the Glendale Arts Council and she personally chose, purchased and installed the iconic bronze old man feeding birds statute in Murphy Park. Enid and her husband Karl were life members of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. Karl was president of the Salt River project for a dozen years. Enid was a mother of a daughter and son, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

Enid was a member of Grace Lutheran Church for 73 years. Karl and his brother actually helped build the first Grace Lutheran church when it was a mission mixing adobe building blocks with their bare feet. Then they went over to help the Baptist build their church.

Thank you, Enid for your lifetime loyalty and service to Glendale.

## Congratulations Rosemary



Rosemary Lynch,  
GAHS Board Member and Past President of  
the Glendale Woman's Club

What an amazing accomplishment for our own Rosemary Lynch who celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of the Glendale Woman's Club. She has given outstanding service

to the citizens of Glendale through the Woman's Club as chair of the Conservation Club with Arbor Day tree-planting and street housekeeping. She was President from 1970-71, active in sewing and dance classes, hanging art in Murphy Park and so many other events and activities. Rosemary was always there to help.

On September 14, 2016 she was presented with a gift certificate and a Conservation Award as well as cake and ice cream. It was indeed a very Special Day for Glendale's Rosemary Lynch. Rosemary is an active member and serves on the Board of Directors of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society.



## TAKING A BUS BACK TO THE PAST

Over 90 participants shared an enjoyable time on Saturday morning, April 30, 2016 when the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission held their 13th Annual Historic Preservation Bus tour. The two busses were filled with inquisitive and appreciative people of all ages wanting to learn more about Glendale's history. They were not disappointed in touring Manistee Ranch house (1897), Glendale Woman's Club building (1913), Beet Sugar Factory (1906), Desert Rose Steakhouse Mural (2016), Catlin Court (1914), Floralcroft Historic District (1928), Sahuaro Ranch (1887-1898). The Glendale Arizona Civic Pride Ambassadors sponsored

the event, Jon Froke, AICP, Glendale Planning Director and Historic Preservation Officer and his staff did an outstanding job in the arrangement of the tour and preparing the tour booklet. Be sure to register next year ( 2017) for the 14th Annual Historic Preservation Commission Bus Tour.



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Our next membership get together is our  
**ANNUAL GAHS PICNIC**  
**Saturday, Nov 19, 2016 at 11:00 am**  
**Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Ave**

Please enter the driveway to Manistee Ranch from 51<sup>st</sup> 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.



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## 2016 - 2017 Ranch Tour Schedule

Sahuaro Ranch, located at the NWC of 59th Ave and Mountain View, is Arizona's premier example of early Glendale, AZ agricultural history. The City Parks and Recreation staff provides the free Main House Museum Tour September – May: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tours are closed on November 25, 2016, December 24, 25 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Call 623-930-4201 for groups over 10 people. There will be a special ranch site tours at 11:00 am on Friday,

December 2 and Saturday, December 3, 2016 for a free guided tour of the various buildings and sites of the ranch. Meet at the Main House front porch. The Society provides free tours of the Guest House museum with our military uniform exhibit and a basement full of unique artifacts of the past. Also, the oldest building in Glendale, the Adobe House (1887) will be open for tours. The tours are on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. –3:30 p.m. and during festivals. The Society conducts one hour tours of the Manistee Ranch House and Office , 5127 W,

Northern Avenue (enter off of 51st Avenue) from October to May, on the first and third Saturdays of each month from noon to 4:00 p.m.. The last tour starts at 3:00 p.m. The 2016-2017 Manistee Ranch season tour dates are 2016: October 1, 15; Nov. 5, ; Dec. 3; 2017: Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4, 18; March 4, 18; April 1, 15; May 6. Tours fees: Adults \$5.00, seniors \$4.00, ages 6 -16 \$1.00 and GAHS members are free. Please call 623-435-0072 to arrange for group tours and schedule information. The schedule and fees are subject to change.