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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

Annual Christmas Party

7:00 PM

Manistee Ranch

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

Annual Potluck & Election

6:00 PM

Manistee Ranch

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

History of the World Wildlife Zoo

presented by **MICKEY OLLSON**

7:00 PM

Manistee Ranch

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The GLENDALE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
invites you to attend its

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

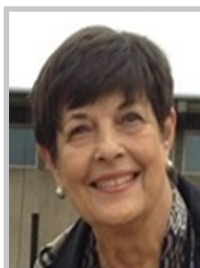
7:00 PM at MANISTEE RANCH

(enter off 51st Avenue)



What could be more enjoyable at Christmas time than to have an old-fashioned Christmas party with friends and guests at one of Glendale's most famous and historic ranch houses. You all are invited to attend. Please bring a dessert with you to share. The society will provide beverages. We will be graced with the musical leadership of Lannie Dewberry leading us in singing wonderful Christmas songs. The membership will also be approving a slate of officers for the 2020 director's election.

GLENDALE DAUGHTER IS REMEMBERED



Sally Barie Cutter was kindly remembered by Mary Ann Smith Hunt with a \$100 donation to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. Sally died on August 10, 2019 in Las Cruces, NM. Her sister Beverly lives in Glendale.

Sally was born in Batavia, NY but moved to Glendale with her parents

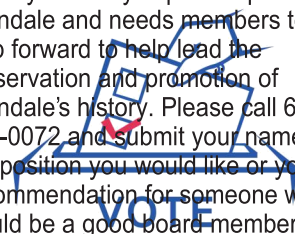
Harold Charles and Helen (Newton) Barie as a young girl. Her parents developed a successful dairy business. Sally was active in high school and remembered fondly by her school mates. She graduated in 1959 and went to the University of Arizona, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics and Education.

She met and married her husband, Glenn Ray Cutter, at the university. Sally and Glenn were married 57 years. She became an active businesswoman and was very active in the local Las Cruces, NM art community. A Memorial Celebration, held September 7, 2019, was attended by hundreds of people.

GAHS 2020 Election

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society 2020 Nomination Committee is will be presenting a slate of candidates for directors and officers to the membership at its December 16, 2019 meeting. Other nominations can be made at that meeting. The election will be held at the January 27, 2020 meeting. The directors and officers are installed at that meeting. There are two Director positions, and the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary are open. Members are encouraged to submit their name or a recommendation to the Nomination Committee.

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society is a very important part of Glendale and needs members to step forward to help lead the preservation and promotion of Glendale's history. Please call 623-435-0072 and submit your name and the position you would like or your recommendation for someone who would be a good board member.





Ron Short, GAHS President
Photo: 1977, State College, PA

President's Message

The year 2019 has flashed by with great speed and has seen many challenges to this year's historical activities: The downtown struggling to stay relevant in an era that seems to demand newer, tech - wise environments instead of slowing down and savoring the beautiful and nostalgic historic buildings and settings of many decades ago; historic gems being challenged for their very physical existence because they are too old, too expensive to maintain and don't fit in; Glendale residents slowly disappearing into history and being replaced by thousands of newcomers that don't have the knowledge, understanding or appreciation for how Glendale

came about and developed from a barren desert; continuing concern for key historic sites like Grand Avenue, Thunderbird Field #1, Beet Sugar Factory, the Glendale Woman's Club, Murphy Park, Sahuaro Ranch, Manistee Ranch, Glendale Memorial park Cemetery, Luke AFB and one of the nation's most productive agricultural community are in danger of being forgotten. The Glendale Arizona Historical Society will continue to inform, explain, and celebrate Glendale's unique and cherished history through newsletters, tours, program meetings, preservation and advocacy. The society needs your membership, financial support, volunteering and participation to continue the work of the society.

NO LETTER GRADES AT GLENDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

In 1942, at the Glendale Grammar School a student in the eighth - grade did not earn an A or F grade. It was a completely different system. Billie Sue Martin attended the school in 1942, and she shared her report card. An A equivalent was "1". Student is among the best in the class and prepares all work thoroughly. B was "2". A good student. Not more than one-third of the pupils do as well. C was "4". An average student. Almost half the pupils get this mark. D was "4". Work of the student is unsatisfactory. At least three-fourths of the pupils are doing better. F was "5" Student will fail unless work is improved.



Glendale Grammar School, ca 1942

The student also got graded on citizenship. Number grades were given based on the student's behavior, dependability, courtesy, cleanliness, care of property, and work habits. The number grade meant 1; no criticism; 2,3,4: various degrees of criticism the basis for which the teacher will explain the pupil to the parent. 5: indicates serious offenses or continued disobedience. The number of days present, absent, and tardiness were shown.

HOW THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL GOT STARTED

By 1945, the war was over and **Col. W. Stouder Thompson**, Chief of Special Services for the Army Air Forces (AAF) Training Command had a vision that men returning from the war be trained to be salesmen for American products overseas. He saw an opportunity to take surplus military flying fields and create training institutions for these veterans. He got **Col. Finley Peter Dunne** and **Lt. General Barton Yount** to help with this idea. Thunderbird Field #1 was granted to the American Institute of Foreign Trade, as it was called, at 100% discount by the War Assets Administration under a law that provided for war assets to be used for educational purposes. The acquisition of the property at no cost and the General's salary of \$9,500 led to a Congressional investigation that created

national headlines. The school was chartered on April 8, 1946. Over a six -month period, the site was selected, financing was arranged, several hangars and the control tower were remodeled, and faculty and students recruited. Students were required to be 20 years old and had completed two years above high school or an equivalent. The intense publicity of the property sale investigation was helpful in getting veterans interested in applying to the school. Classes began October 1, 1946 with 285 students and 18 faculty. The first "certificates" were awarded on June 14, 1947. Students that wanted to earn a BBA degree could transfer their credits to the University of Houston. In 1951, American Institute for Foreign Trade began to grant a Bachelor of Foreign Trade to

those who had an undergraduate degree or three years of coursework, thus becoming one of the first institutions offering international business degrees. The Master's Degree in Foreign Trade begun in 1952. Lt. General Yount, was selected by Colonels Thompson and Dunne as first president of the American Institute of Foreign Trade. Lt. General Barton Yount had been offered three opportunities after retirement from the military: President of the Army Air Force Association; Professor at Stanford University, or to build a new government agency coordinating the intelligence activities of all government agencies. He chose to be President of the American Institute of Foreign Trade.



Founding the School



John Patterson, Finley Peter Dunne
and Barton Kyle Yount



Lt. General
Barton Kyle Yount

MAYOR MAX KLAAS- AN ERA OF PROGRESS



Mayor Max lass, 1967



Mayor Max lass, 1966 to 1976



Mayor Max lass

Max Martin Klass, mayor of Glendale from 1966 to 1976, was born in Los Angeles, CA on March 2, 1927 and died on July 23, 2011 in Glendale, AZ at age 84. His father died when he was three years old. His mother took Max and moved to Williams, AZ.

Max remembered that at age ten, in 1937, he and another boy took the train to Phoenix, AZ and played pool but missed the train going back to Flagstaff, AZ. He went to the Adams hotel and stood. Soon the mortician from Glendale came by and offered to take the boys "up the hill" to Williams. In 1947, after he got out of the Navy, he came back to Phoenix. He heard about Glendale and it seemed to be a diverse place with unruly Russians, farm boys, and Basque shepherders. He attended Arizona State College, graduating in 1951 and married his wife Betty the same year. The couple moved to Washington D.C. and worked for the Navy department. Max contracted tuberculosis and was discharged with a disability. He attended law school at the University of Arizona. The tuberculosis never came back. Betty, Max, son Martin and daughter Leslie moved to the Valley where Max opened

up his law practice. Max and family came to Glendale in 1961. He got involved with Glendale activities, was elected to City Council in 1964 and he became Mayor in 1966.

In 1967, the city got new fire equipment and a new fire substation. A great accomplishment was to get Santa Fe Railroad to lower the tracks about three feet to eliminate the flooding of six feet of water on Grand and Glendale Avenues. City revenues were short for a city with 15,000 population and 10.7 square miles and demands were great. The city had a half-cent sales tax that merchants collected, but the city wasn't collecting it from the merchants. In 1965, they passed another half-cent sales tax and collected it. They tried ill-fated one-way traffic on Glenn Drive and Lamar Avenue. Glendale won a "Keep America Beautiful" award. They failed at building a golf course at Thunderbird School but acquired Glen Lakes Golf Course. They built a joint swimming pool and tennis courts with Glendale Community College. A new library was built in Murphy Park. By 1970, Glendale had a population of 35,000. The city bought the airport, put a

swimming pool at Apollo High School, built a new fire station, renovated Murphy Park, built a garbage transfer station, and new parks. The most pleasing accomplishment for Max was buying the 80-acre Sahuaro Ranch.

On June 2, 1976, Max Klass was in his Mahoney Building second floor office and heard a thundering explosion. He thought it came from the Clarendon Hotel where a thick plume of smoke could be seen. His secretary called the fire department and Max rushed toward the smoke. He heard a faint high-pitched voice yelling "Help me! Help Me!" The voice came from a car. He saw blood and a man sprawled half out of the driver's side, face down with legs at a grotesque angle. The man was conscious but in deep shock. A young man came up and took his belt off to make a tourniquet. As Max was placing a towel on the injured leg the man pulled on Max's shirt stared into Max's eyes, and said "Adamson" It was Don Bolles, the investigative reporter. He fell into unconsciousness and died in what would become a historic murder case.



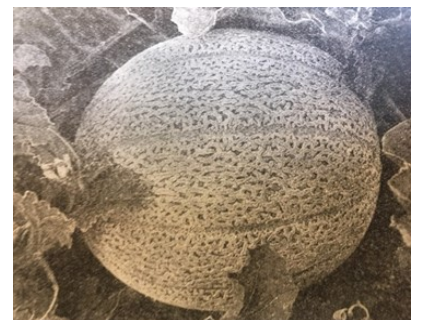
THE RICHEST MELON LAND IN THE WORLD

It didn't take a football stadium, ice hockey arena or winter major league baseball to make Glendale, AZ famous in 1908, all it took was the best cantaloupes in the world.

The August 1909 publication of *The Earth* celebrated the wonders of the Salt River Valley of Arizona and lauded the Glendale area soil as having .22 per cent phosphoric acid and other chemicals that allowed for such delicious cantaloupes.

In 1908, the first Cantaloupe Growers Association was formed, members grew 130 acres of cantaloupes and shipped 57 railroad carloads of famous top grade Glendale cantaloupes. All of the growers were new in cantaloupe raising, but sold their product at 19 cents a crate more than the renown Rocky Ford Association. The next year, 1909, the association expanded to 400 acres and had one of their finest crops.

Distributors of the cantaloupes claimed Glendale cantaloupes were the finest they ever handled. Seven carloads a day of Glendale cantaloupes were being shipped in 1909.



1908 Glendale Cantaloupe



Dr. Foss, President
Phoenix Trade Board 1908

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*Our next membership event is
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019*

Annual Christmas Party

7:00 PM

Manistee Ranch

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

to our new Lifetime Members:
Brenda □ Anthony Bartels

FAREWELL

to a beloved member we lost:

Nancy Dale Turner

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GLENDALÉ'S CHRISTMASSES PAST

Christmas is a nostalgic time to see the beauty of Glendale's historic landmarks and dream of Christmases past. 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. 59TH 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. 59TH AVE, 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 51st 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 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: December 7 and 21, 2019; January 4 and 18, 2020; February 1 and 15, 2020; March 7 and, 21, 2020; April 4 and 18, 2020 and May 2 and 16, 2020.



Sahuaro Ranch Adobe House



Sahuaro Ranch Guest House



Sahuaro Ranch Main House



Manistee Ranch House