



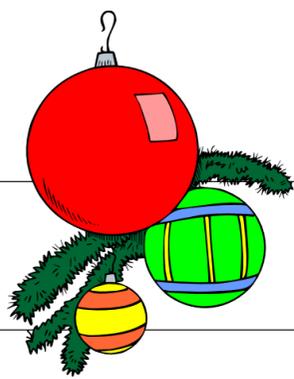
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# White Elephant keeps on giving

By Regina Ford  
 Green Valley News

The Green Valley Country Fair White Elephant handed out \$1,393,104 Thursday to 137 social service groups, local charities, youth organizations, school districts and other entities whose representatives gathered at Canoa Hills Center to collect their checks.

Included among the recipients is an affiliate of the White Elephant known as the Hollace G. Roberts Foundation that funds college scholarships for local students. This year, \$93,104 is earmarked for their foundation, which currently boasts 22 local students receiving scholarships.

In 2005, the CFWE gave away \$1,456,568.

"Early in 2006, the CFWE board elected to hold the amount of donations we give to organizations other than the foundation to \$1,300,000 for the next few years, pending our major store expansion construction project," said Tom Kelley, treasurer and head of the CFWE Contributions Committee, earlier this week.

CFWE President Fred Wray welcomed the crowd of close to 200 check recipients, White Elephant volunteers, and

friends, praising the volunteers, the CFWE board of directors and members of the Contributions Committee whose job it was to determine who receives checks and for how much.

The other committee members included Don Swope, Kim Hickey, Alex Pavlin, Bill McNarie and Tom Six.

Since its inception 42 years ago, the CFWE has donated back to the community approximately \$12,687,892.

Many check recipients were moved to tears upon accepting their checks.

Wayne Ross, principal of Sahuarita Intermediate School, echoed the appreciation of many of the other check receivers, but also added his own special thanks.

"Dec. 7 is a very powerful day for me, especially being the son of a Marine," Ross began. "Growing up and listening to his stories, and then looking at the age of some of the volunteers and their dedication and spend hours at the White Elephant makes me understand why they are truly called 'the greatest generation,' without a doubt."

One organization, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, was presented with a check for \$50,000.

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**TOM KELLEY**, Country Fair White Elephant Contributions Committee chairman, and a team of CFWE volunteers gave away \$1,393,104 yesterday at the White Elephant's annual check distribution day at Canoa Hills Center.

## Area bikers turn out to hear plans for expanded routes

By Jim Lamb  
 Green Valley News

More than 50 biking enthusiasts, including some who arrived on bikes and wearing helmets, attended an open house Wednesday to look at proposed Pima County transportation plans for the next 20 years.

The event at the South Abrego Center was arranged by PAG, the Pima Association of Governments, and supported by the Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocate Committee.

Committee co-chairmen Bill Adamson and Jim Jordan were there, talking to the bikers and the two PAG representatives—Jennifer G. O'Connor and Richard Corbett, the association's bike planner.

Area governments and their voters have turned this area into a welcoming place for bike riders. Last May, voters approved the \$2.1 billion Regional Transportation Authority plan, including \$60 million for bikeways, pathways, greenways and sidewalks.

Some of those RTA bikeway improvements are in the Green Valley

Sahuarita area, and there were routes already here, some created by the Regional Transportation Plan of 2003.

The PAG's Corbett said Wednesday's turnout far surpassed similar meetings. "We had one meeting where only six people showed up," he commented.

Adamson said he'd been into serious biking since 1985, recalling that when he started there weren't even road shoulders to ride on in many places.

Adamson said one of the projects bikers are awaiting is the east frontage road extension all the way from Continental Road to Canoa Road. Motorists are also eagerly awaiting that one, too.

When that's finished, Green Valley bikers could go all the way south on frontage roads to the Agua Linda exit.

Adamson said biking is a great sport for Southern Arizona. "You can ride year around here," he said.

In the North and East, bikes are usually put away during the snow, sleet and ice months.

Adamson was quick to point out that biking is a non-polluting way to travel.

Adamson said Jordan recruited him into biking. Jordan said he once raced bikes, but now bikes for pleasure.

Jordan and some others at the meeting wore T-shirts with a message on the back, "Share the Street. Give A Bike 5 feet," the distance it takes for a car to pass a cyclist.

Of the proposed plan to expand bikeways, Jordan said partly in jest, "Build them and they will come."

He recalled that when one local project was built, the morning after it opened many bikers turned out, most of whom he hadn't seen biking before.

Jordan said he has biked 200,000 miles.

He sometimes bikes alone, but said the camaraderie of other bikers is equally rewarding.

Under the RTA plans, there will be bike lane extensions on parts of Sahuarita Road, Duval Mine Road, Old Nogales Highway, Continental Road and the east frontage road.

Experts say there are more than one billion bikes in the world today. The bicycle was developed in the 19th century.

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## OLLI plans start of local classes

By Ellen Sussman

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which has successfully offered continuing education classes for seniors at the University of Arizona for several years, has received positive feedback with 240 responses to an article and survey

questionnaire that appeared in the Nov. 12 edition of *Green Valley News*.

Residents who want to learn more about classes that will start in Green Valley in February are asked to attend a meeting at the Joyner-Green Valley Library on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. where local

participants Dick and Pam Duchaine, Edith Griffin and Tony Bishop will give an update.

Dick Duchaine said the team will give background about OLLI, talk about the model that has worked so well

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## Remembering Pearl Harbor

American Legion Post 66 Color Guard member Bob Berry salutes the U.S. flag Thursday morning during a ceremony at the post commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.



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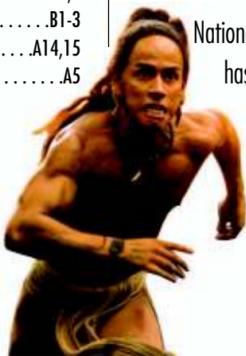
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