

# **The STORY of Palm Lakes Village**

and Residents' Commentaries

The Thirty-four-years story of PLV, January 1971 -- January 2005

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## **Introduction**

Thirty-four-years ago the desert acreage that has become Palm Lakes Village was a scattering of cactus, rodents, and rattlesnakes. The following pages detail the transformation from that raw land to a superior, unequaled adult park.

This history of Palm Lakes Village has been amassed from records and personal recollections. By gathering this information, we hope to preserve the memorable milestones in the development of our exemplary park.

Positive comments from our amiable inhabitants, past and present, confirm that PLV, with its sun filled days and laid back lifestyle, is indeed a paradise in adult living. This achievement and success is the result of a lot of hard work and the continuing efforts of so many of our dedicated resident volunteers.

We invited our early (1971 – 1991) residents to share their memories (as best they recall them) and opinions about life in PLV.

We followed with comments from our more recent (1992 – Jan. 2005) owners, telling how and why they chose to retire in PLV.

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### The Story of Palm Lakes Village

Palm Lakes Village is located most appropriately in the Paradise Valley area of Phoenix with its South side bordering a street fittingly named Paradise Lane. Palm Lakes Village is a topnotch choice for adult living in the Valley of the Sun. On 80 acres of land, a wide variety of mobile and modular homes reside on 363 privately owned lots.

This beautiful park and the leisure lifestyle we enjoy is due to the foresight of our founder, the Flori Corporation of Phoenix and the ongoing work provided by the volunteer efforts of the Board of Directors, the Men's Club, the Women's Club and many of our friends and neighbors past and present. These conscientious men and women, beaming with enthusiasm have made the commitment and transformed a piece of bare desert into a first-class mobile home park. Our heart felt thanks to them and all those who are still going the extra mile in the continuing effort to enhance Palm Lakes Village and to preserve the lifestyle we enjoy so much.

**The following is a thumbnail history of Palm Lakes Village presented to the Women's Club by Jane Alexander Bales, daughter of Captain J. L. B. Alexander, the original PLV landowner.**

Palm Lakes Village lays in the Paradise Valley area of Phoenix, Arizona, on eighty acres of land which was formerly part of the estate of Captain J. L. B. Alexander, a native of California. He arrived in Phoenix via stagecoach in 1881. He had a law degree from the University of California and a year's experience as clerk to Yuma County Court, a new wife and plenty of ambition. He participated in both the business and public affairs of Phoenix and "The Territory", serving as U. S. Territorial Attorney from 1909 through 1912. His title was earned in service as a Roosevelt Rough Rider in the Spanish American War.

In the 1920's his law firm, "Alexander and Christy" was retained by investors from California who planned to grow citrus in this area of Paradise Valley. Captain Alexander became owner of part of the land which was never developed. Eventually, this entire area was annexed as part of the City of Phoenix.

If you would like to read the "rest of the story", stop by the office and purchase the Story of PLV Booklet for only \$10.00