

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Adult Community Center of Sedona

Donation of clubhouse allows the organization to live up to its name

The Adult Community Center of Sedona has been around for about two years. But the organization was truly given birth just a couple of weeks ago when the Harmony Hills Homeowners Association unanimously voted to donate its clubhouse to the ACC.

What we are offering them (Harmony Hills) is programs," said ACC President Ron Bricker. "Programs for all of the community, but especially handy for people in Harmony Hills."

The acquisition of the clubhouse, located on an acre of land at the corner of Harmony Drive and Melody Lane, means that the ACC has finally found a central location from which to operate the many programs and activities it hopes to provide to the community. It represents the completion of a frustrating 18 month search for a home.

In return for ownership of the clubhouse, the ACC has agreed to give Harmony Hills residents membership in the organization, reserve three seats on its 18 member board of directors for Harmony residents, permit the subdivision's existing programs at the clubhouse to continue, and to assume full maintenance and management of the building, property and swimming pool. Furthermore, if the ACC is ever dissolved, ownership of the clubhouse will revert back to Harmony Hills.

"It (reaching an exchange agreement) was a matter of finding out what their human needs were and what they needed to be happy," Bricker remarked. "Then we took a look at what our needs were so that we could be happy — and we had a marriage"

The ACC's management team is being spearheaded by Tim Young, who explained to the *Sedona Times* that the organization is inheriting other ongoing non-Harmony Hills classes — dance, exercise, karate, fencing, etc. — which will be income operations for the ACC. Accommodations will also be arranged free of charge for charitable community groups.

At this time, Young says the ACC has plans to initiate acquacize and senior aerobics classes, and a telephone reassurance program to complement the organization's already famous and highly successful "Meals on Wheels" program. The telephone reassurance program will entail a battery of volunteers periodically calling senior citizens who are suffering infirmities to ensure that their needs are being

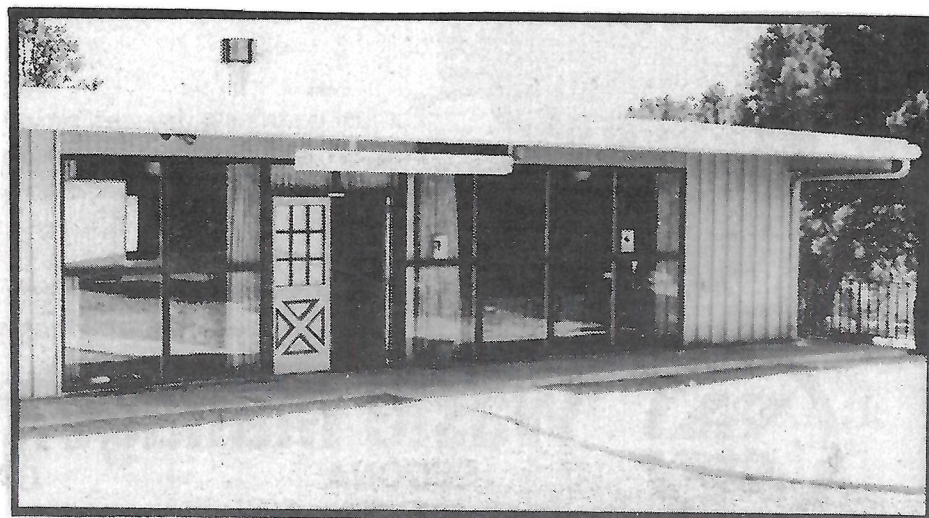
fulfilled and they are getting along well.

Young said two new sub-committees have already been formed to study new programs, but "any new programs we start from now on are up to the membership."

Although the membership presently hovers around 170, Young said he expects the acquisition of the clubhouse to push that figure to about 400 within the next six months. Heightened interest in the ACC is already becoming apparent. The organization doubled its volunteer roster (now totaling 65) at its last board meeting.

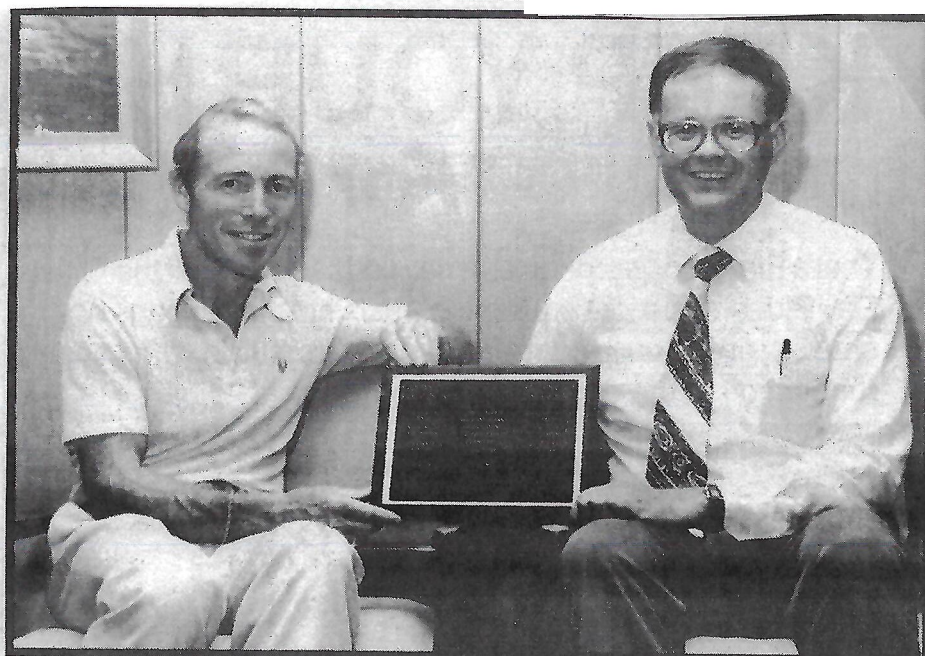
"All of the sudden the ideas are starting to pop," Young commented. "We're starting to get people coming to us saying, 'Can you do this? Can you do that?'"

Even though the ACC is starting programs at this time that cater to senior citizens, Young stressed that the organization has been created for all Sedona adults age 18 and older. And at \$10 per year for membership, the ACC is one of those rare bargains. ■



The Adult Community Center's new clubhouse

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Tim Young (left) and Ron Bricker holding a plaque that lists the names of the Adult Community Center's Board of Directors.

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