



As most of you know, Glendale recently held its centennial celebration, marking our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an incorporated city. It is exciting to see how modern-day Glendale has been influenced by our early history, while comparing and contrasting the early days of our city with today's Glendale.

Debbie Veldhuis, a Glendale resident, recently had a book published that celebrates the City of Glendale, from its earliest days until today. Debbie's book, *Glendale: Then and Now* compares significant aspects of our city today with pieces of its past. The book contains many fascinating photos of Glendale's important landmarks, monuments and buildings, often with a side-by-side comparison between modern day and yesteryear.

I got a chance to sit down with Debbie recently and discuss her experiences with writing her first book. Debbie has lived in the valley since 1959, but became a Glendale resident in 2001 when she says she just fell in love with our city's charm. When she approached Arcadia Publishers to discuss some book ideas in March of 2009 she came away with a plan for *Glendale: Then and Now*.

Debbie began working with people throughout the community to collect photographs and interesting facts from Glendale's past. Debbie was extremely thankful for the help she received from so many organizations, longstanding businesses, members of the community and city staff. She mentioned way too many names to list them all here, but you can read them in the acknowledgements section of her book. Those of you who have been in the community for awhile will recognize many of the names and will not be surprised that they were willing and able to help Debbie with this incredible collection of photos and facts.

*Glendale: Then and Now* was released on July 26, 2010. This book will make a perfect gift for anyone who is interested in Glendale history and comparing the Glendale of old with our city today. *Glendale: Then and Now* is currently available for purchase at Walgreen's, Ace Hardware, Costco, Sam's Club, Barnes & Noble, Borders and Trail to Yesterday Books. The book can also be purchased on Amazon.com, but I know my readers prefer to shop in Glendale!!

It was a pleasure to meet someone who has such an appreciation for the City of Glendale, and I wish her all of the luck in the world with the sales of her book. Having a book published is a great accomplishment, and it was so interesting to hear about the process. I cannot think of a better topic for a first book than the City of Glendale.