

JOAN FUDALA



Joan Fudala is a full-time community historian and author, specializing in the history of the greater Scottsdale area. She is the author of eight books, including *The People's Preserve*; *Historic Scottsdale: A Life from the Land*; *Images of America – Scottsdale*; *Golf in Scottsdale*; *Zina's Cha Cha through Life*; and *Desert Highlands: A Vision in the Desert*.

Prior to her 'encore' career as a community historian and consultant, Joan spent 26 years as a public relations executive. She served seven years as the Communications Director of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau, and previously as public relations director for two regional airlines.

Joan served nine years on active duty as a public affairs officer in the U.S. Air Force – two of those years as a PAO at Luke Air Force Base -- and 12 years as an Air Force Reserve public affairs officer at The Pentagon.

Joan serves on the boards of Scottsdale's Museum of the West, the Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale and Concerned Citizens for Community Health at Vista Del Camino, as well as the Advisory Board of the Scottsdale Historical Society. She also serves as a trustee of the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Foundation. Joan was Scottsdale's Woman of the Year in 2002, received the Scottsdale Leadership Frank Hodges Alumni Achievement Award in 2002 and the Scottsdale Public Library's Spirit of Literacy Award in 2014.