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Anne Randall Stewart, standing left, helps Gloria Mills and Michael Brock while George Heil and John Peterson peruse the petitions initiated by the Sun City Formula Registry which wants to change bylaws of the Recreation Centers of Sun City.

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SC group begins referendum effort

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Today is the first day of what Anne Randall Stewart hopes will be a revolution.

Stewart, leader of a group called the Sun City Formula Registry, has received permission from the Recreation Centers of Sun City to circulate two petitions.

One would keep the board from removing one of its directors without a vote of the people, and the other would prevent any changes to bylaws or articles of incorporation without a vote of the people.

"This is our first signing day," she said. "It's like a tea party, Sun City style."

Stewart and a few of her fellow registry members met inside the Sun City Room of Menke Funeral Home Friday afternoon, gathering signatures and training others to handle petitions themselves.

"We need to train anyone who wants to do it because there are guidelines that have to be followed," she said. "We don't want any of our petitions to get thrown out."

Stewart said she will need to gather nearly 4,000 signatures in 90 days in order to reach the next step. If the signatures are validated,

the governing board will have 60 days to prepare and inform rec center members of an election to consider Stewart's referendums.

"We have gone through all the hoops the board asked us to go through, and now we have a deadline to meet," she said. "We are shooting for 4,000 signatures because we need to account for the signatures that will be invalidated. We actually need about 3,800."

Stewart said she is hoping to reach that goal sooner than 90 days from now, so as to have time to validate the signatures herself.

For those who missed the first signing day, she said there will be more. To stay updated, Stewart said Sun Citians can sign up for the registry e-mail list at www.annereport.com.

Stewart hopes the petition drive bolsters her group's membership.

"Our goal is to have everyone registered," she said. "The goal is to have everyone involved so that we can mobilize and circulate petitions very quickly."

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