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SEPTEMBER OFLNA POTLUCK

Sunday, September 26, 2004, 6pm, SAN PEDRO CHAPEL

The September potluck gives us an opportunity to reconnect with old friends after the summer break, meet new neighbors, and, as the seasons begin to change, learn about the important developments affecting our neighborhood, changes that promise to be exciting, as well as disconcerting. We will report on the City/County plans for the Atkins property at Fort Lowell and Craycroft Roads, a historic site with buildings and artifacts dating from the original Fort Lowell of the early 1870's. OFLNA's Land Planning Committee will give an update on Tucson Medical Center and its redevelopment plans, and you will have an opportunity to enjoy the improvements to the Chapel that have taken place this summer.

Hope to see you at the potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share with others.
W. Mark Clark,
President of OFLNA, 2004-05

THE 2004-2005 OFLNA COUNCIL

At the annual meeting in May of this year, the membership elected 6 new members to the OFLNA Council. The new Council in turn elected the following officers for a one year term: W. Mark Clark, President; Dennis Olson, Vice-President; Judy Ciampoli, Secretary; and Beth Janes, Treasurer. Here are a few brief notes about the officers:

W. Mark Clark is presently CEO of CODAC Behavioral Health Services. A native of Arizona, he has lived in Tucson since 1980 with the exception of 1991-97, when he served as CEO of Travelers Aid International, Inc. in Washington, D.C. Active in political and civic affairs in the community, he moderated our last political candidates' forum, and has served as vice-president of OFLNA. A history buff, he always appears in the appropriate historical attire for his assignments at the celebration of La Reunión de El Fuerte.

Dennis Olson works at St. Gregory High School and is President of the Barrio del Este Homeowners Association. He has worked on La Reunión, donated hand-carved walking sticks to neighborhood fund-raisers, and been recognized as a "neighborhood treasure" for cleaning the Alamo Wash from Ft. Lowell to the Rillito River.

Judy Ciampoli moved to Tucson three years ago from the Midwest. After working 30 years in art and history museums, she is now a part-time development associate for the Society for Ecological Restoration International. She is also secretary for the American Association of Museum Volunteers. Judy has worked on La Reunión, OFLNA fund-raisers, and has served on the membership committee.

M. Beth Janes is a certified public accountant. With husband Alan Scott, sister Lyle Janes, and parents, Jim and Betty Bennett, all living in the neighborhood, Beth estimates that between them they've accumulated 100 years here. Beth has a history of activism in the neighborhood, serving as President of OFLNA 1988-89 and President of Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home 1997-98.



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES SALE

OFLNA will have another antiques and collectibles sale during the first weekend in November. A preview sale for (paid-up) members of OFLNA will be held on Thursday, November 4, at 6 pm, followed by the public sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Donations for the sale will be gratefully accepted, together with items for consignment at dates to be announced in the next Newsletter. Please call Peggy Sackheim (325-4825) to volunteer for this event.

WRAP-UP OF THE AL ROMO ART SHOW

The Art Show entitled “Al Romo, a Retrospective,” presented by OFLNA at the San Pedro Chapel in May, was an unqualified success. It was the most financially successful single event both for the Association and for the artist.

Led by Bobbi and Jerry Rothbaum, a group of neighbors gathered in the early spring to plan and present art shows at San Pedro Chapel. They called themselves TAG (The Art Group). When they realized that many of Al Romo’s water colors were not yet framed, this resourceful group taught themselves to mat the paintings, turning Peggy Sackheim’s living room into a workshop for the process. Sponsors were found to support the costs of framing. The Chapel was transformed into an art gallery for the show, and provided the perfect ambience for displaying the paintings, many in themselves historical documents. Thus was born “gallery.San Pedro” – so named in anticipation of a future website.

Al Romo and his wife, both in their 80’s, were quite thrilled by the outpouring of affection and respect for the work by the many friends and newcomers who attended the show. His old studio on Campbell has recently been demolished and he is settling into a new location at 1918 E. Prince Road. TAG is planning to assist at the Open House in the Fall. The Tucson Museum of Art and the Arizona Historical Society each recently accepted an Al Romo painting into their collections.

OFLNA and the “gallery.San Pedro” have made an impressive debut in the Tucson art community. The show is a shining example of what can happen when someone has a creative idea, gathers a group of interested friends, and runs with it. These are difficult times in our nation and our world, so it is inspiring to live in a neighborhood where miracles continue to happen. Thank you TAG!

(TAG members are Sue Adams, Cecilla and Sal Baldenagro, John Burr, Demion Clinco, Elise Curry, Stevie Mack, Jerry and Bobbi Rothbaum, Peggy Sackheim, and Cate and Joe Varley)

TUCSON MEDICAL CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

TMC is planning a major redevelopment of its 113 acre campus, and made a presentation to the neighborhood on August 25th at St Gregory School. With the expansion of the building space on campus from less than 2 million square feet to as much as 5 million square feet, the plans are extensive; they will include as many as 3 towers, each 200 ft high, 2 new parking structures, and several buildings of 4-5 stories (one to be built at the corner of Craycroft and Glenn). The old hospital buildings will be demolished.

Stay up-to-date by following the news on our website: www.oflna.org. OFLNA’s Land Plan Committee, which has been participating in meetings with TMC, will be present at the potluck on Sunday, September 26 to discuss this issue, and explain how you can participate when this proposal comes before the Mayor and Council for a vote.

NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERISM

OFLNA has a long list of accomplishments, which you can read about on our website (www.oflna.org). The most significant factor in these successes has been

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NEWS FROM OFLLAH

El Fuerte Flea Market to be held next March: It is never too soon to donate items, so contact Judy Clinco (323-1843) to make arrangements. This is a great fund-raiser for OFLLAH, as well as a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors.

Continuing Education lecture series: Our next speaker will be Jackie Anderson, RN, Pima County Health Department, who will discuss osteoporosis. It will be held on a Saturday morning in October; call Ann for the date. Everyone is welcome at this free quarterly lecture, so spread the word to your friends and neighbors. You need not live within the neighborhood boundaries to attend and no reservation is necessary.

the extraordinary willingness of so many neighbors and friends, both inside and beyond (continued from page 2) the boundaries of the neighborhood, to contribute time, energy, and creativity to a variety of activities for the past 28 years. This year marks the 24th La Reunión de El Fuerte, our historic walking tour held in February, which is open to the whole Tucson community. *Tucson Lifestyle*, in its 2004-2005 Newcomers Edition, has a two-page story on the tour with pictures by our own Ward Davidson.

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. If you would enjoy working on La Reunión or any of the other events featured on the Calendar of Events 2004-05, call us and we will steer you in the right direction. And if you'd like to serve on the OFLNA Council, volunteering for one of these events is the place to begin. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jeanne Turner (326-6042 or rayturner@cox.net); Peggy Sackheim (327-4285 or sackheim@theriver.com); Janet Marcus (327-1339 or jmarcus21@cox.net).

SAN PEDRO PEWTER PINS AND KEY CHAINS

Carey Smith has signed an exclusive agreement with OFLNA to make pewter pins and key chains for us to sell. Carey, an artist-metalsmith, has been designing and teaching in this medium for some 35 years, and, with his wife Devon Carberry, lived in the Bosque Creek neighborhood until recently. To create the pins and key chains, Carey first sketched a design of the San Pedro Chapel, then modeled it in wax, and made a sterling silver cast from which he produced a final mold. The resultant products are an alloy of pewter (contains no lead!), and we think that you'll find them to be reasonably priced and very attractive gifts. We'll be featuring them at our various events, beginning with the potluck in September.

This represents another beautiful example of a neighbor's contributing his talent and artistry to support our neighborhood. We greatly appreciate Carey's thoughtfulness and generosity.



NEWS FROM OFLLAH

Neighbors needed! The Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program's mission is to make it possible for neighbors to assist neighbors, building and strengthening community bonds. If you or someone you know needs help – whether for a brief period of time or longer – call Ann Branham (275-6757). And if you would like to learn more about the program and perhaps become a volunteer, call her to get on the list for the next volunteer training, to be held this fall. Anyone residing in the neighborhood is eligible.

Bashas' donations to non-profits continues: Starting in September, shoppers at any Bashas' store will once again be able to specify OFLLAH as a profit-sharing recipient. You need to register first (if you have not already done so) by giving the cashier OFLLAH's number: 23014. If you registered last year, no need to do it again. Bashas' commits a percentage of each register receipt to the non-profit specified, mailing the check in June. We received \$200 as last year's donation, for which we are very grateful. Use our number! Help OFLLAH! (continued in column to the left)

OFLNA CALENDAR

September 2004 – May 2005

All events are in San Pedro Chapel unless otherwise stated.

- Fall Potluck: Sunday, September 26, 6pm
- Fall Concert: October (to be announced)
- Antiques & Collectibles Sale: Thursday, November 4 (members only)
Friday-Sunday, November 5-7
- Holiday Party/Caroling: Sunday, December 12
- History Lectures: Sundays, January 16, 23, & 30,
February 6
- La Reunion de El Fuerte: Saturday, February 12
- Historic District Home Tour: Saturday, March 12
- Spring Concert: Sunday, March 20
- El Fuerte Flea Market: Friday-Sunday, April 8-10
- Art Show: Wednesday, April 13-
Tuesday, April 26
- Annual meeting/Potluck: Sunday, May 15

The OFLNA Council meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Adobe House at 7pm. The Fort Lowell Historic District Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Call Mary Lou Nurtall at 325-6907 for time and place. Both meetings are open to the public.

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