

**Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association**

and

**Neighborhood Watch #1300**

Annual Meeting  
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church  
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85704  
September 19, 2015

Minutes

**Registration and Coffee Hour** Neighbors met for registration, coffee, refreshments, conversation and informational material from 8 - 9am.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by president Robert Bolton. Robert introduced Carole DeAngeli who in turn introduced the guest speakers.

**Dr. Bill Mannan, UA Professor of Natural Resources & Environment** Dr. Mannan spoke about birds of prey in urban environments, the problems, the benefits and how the problems can be solved. Cities provide good habitat for raptors – water, food, nesting and roosting sites. Raptors that nest in Tucson include Cooper’s hawk, Harris’ hawk, American kestrel, red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, burrowing owl, elf owl and Western screech owl. The urban population of Cooper’s hawks has been studied since 1994, including their habitat, their movements and their population dynamics. Over 2500 hawks have been banded and in 2011, 163 nests were being monitored. People benefit from the presence of raptors by the close contact with nature, the educational benefit, as well as being aesthetically pleasing. The environmental challenges the birds face are disease, electrocution, poisoning and collision with windows and cars. Window strikes are the number one killer of Cooper’s hawks in Tucson. Harris’ hawks are more susceptible to electrocution and secondary poisoning. TEP is now more responsive to retrofitting their poles with raptor protection. Poisoning can be reduced by using alternate methods of rodent control and window strikes can be reduced by shades, decals and putting feeders closer to windows. You can help by reporting raptors that may have been electrocuted, reporting locations of nests, and reporting sightings of banded hawks, especially if you see the codes. Bill Mannan, 621-7283, [mannan@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:mannan@ag.arizona.edu)

Next, Carole introduced the new Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos.

**Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos** Sheriff Nanos introduced Lt. Gilbert Dominguez and Deputy Danny Sharp from the Foothills District. He also introduced neighbor Paul Wilson, Bureau Chief in charge of investigations. The Pima County Sheriff’s Office employs 1500 people, patrols one of the largest areas in the country, with a population of over 400,000, yet their response time averages only 4.36 minutes. Property crime is 16/1000 and violent crime is 1.8/1000. They have the longest border with Mexico of any county. Sheriff Nanos sees law enforcement as problem solving and encourages his deputies to be involved in the community. The Sheriff’s Auxiliary Volunteers are available to patrol your home when

you are on vacation. The Neighborhood Resource Guide online is an excellent source of information. It can be reached through the sheriff's website, [www.pimasheriff.org](http://www.pimasheriff.org)

Carole then introduced Dr. Matthew Johns, neighbor and recently retired project manager for the Giant Magellan Telescope project.

**Dr. Matthew Johns, Telescope Scientist, Retired GMT Chief Engineer** Matt reviewed the development of the Giant Magellan Telescope project, which was begun in 2003 and is owned by a consortium of universities and scientific institutions from several countries. It will be one of 3 of the largest telescopes in the world, with an optical surface of 25 meters, consisting of 7 segments of 8.4 meters each. Light will reflect off the primary mirrors, reflect again off the smaller secondary mirrors and then down through the center to the imaging cameras. The telescope will be constructed at the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile. The location offers the advantage of being very high and dry. Completion date is not until 2024. The mirrors for the telescope are being cast at the University of Arizona Mirror Lab underneath the football stadium. Each segment takes approximately 3.5 years to complete, and there can be 4 segments in the production process at any one time. The glass is placed in a honeycomb mold, which greatly reduces the weight, then heated in a giant rotating oven. After cooling, the mirror is ground and polished. Storage and transportation of the huge mirrors is a major undertaking. Once the telescope is online, it will allow scientists to see light from the very edge of the universe.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Area Leader Carole DeAngeli asked Lt. Dominguez and Deputy Sharp to speak about law enforcement issues in our area. They urged residents to call 911 any time something doesn't feel right or look right. The reason we have a low crime rate in our area is due to people being watchful and proactive. Most criminals are opportunists and will take advantage of the easiest target. Make it more difficult for them by the use of alarms, dogs or cameras.

**Minutes** The minutes having been previously distributed by e-mail, and being available on the website, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the reading of the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting be dispensed with.

**President's Report** Robert gave a brief summary of the year's events, including work on the Lodge project, the Tea Room, W. Yvon Drive closing, street repair, and enhancement of the island at Rudasill/Genematas. He reported that three OFNA members passed away this year – Nan Eisner, Al Fishback and Miriam Fritts. He thanked the board for all their work and also thanked the membership for their support and involvement. Robert also thanked Angelo Dellacona for all he does for the neighborhood.

**Membership Report** - Jay DeAngeli, Membership Chairman, reported that we concluded the 2015 fiscal year with 122 members.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer reported income of \$3300, expenditures of \$5014 and cash on hand as of 8/31/15 is \$12,915.

**Website, Newsletter, Saturday Updates** Carole said there is nothing new to report. If you want to see any changes, please e-mail Carole.

**Streets** Jay said that he works with the PC Dept. of Transportation to get them to fill roadside edges, sweep dirt and gravel from the roads, and that this is a continuing effort. There is still a plan to improve the appearance of the neighborhood entrance at Canyon View.

**Picnic** - Leo invited everyone to come to this year's picnic, which will be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The chefs will be cooking ribs, chicken and brats, and everybody should bring a dish to share. There will be fun activities for the kids.

### **Old Business**

**Catalina Foothills Lodge** Joan reported that there are no recent developments. The owners are looking for partners to develop the property.

**Tea Room** Jay said that the Tea Room is now closed and the building is for sale.

**W. Yvon Dr.** The street has been deeded to the adjacent property owners and is now private. Next week, it will be chip-sealed and eventually a gate will go across the road at the end of the Johns' property. The owners reported that some of their signs and cones have disappeared. Although they want to discourage car traffic, neighbors are welcome to walk on the street.

**Election of the Board** - Joan introduced the current board members, and indicated that two directors are retiring, Mary Clare Jacobs and Ralph Jewett, and thanked them for their service. The slate consists of 12 current members. There was one nomination from the floor – Lisa Meder, who lives on W. Yvon. Lisa introduced herself to the group. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted as amended. The membership unanimously approved the new slate. The directors for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are: John Battaile, Susan Berger, Robert Bolton, Jay DeAngeli, Delann Debenedetti, , Bente Jensen, Roxie Lopez, Lisa Meder, Diana Ossana, Leo Roop, Tom Scarborough, Mary Jo Schwartz and Joan Scott.

**Raffle** – Jay and Kara Coate conducted the raffle. Gift certificates to local restaurants were awarded to Diana Ossana, John Battaile, Paul Wilson, Carolyn Hoenig, Dan Boone, Leo Roop, Scott Ruth and Carol Dellacona.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.