

Desert Dwellers

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annual meeting

The Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting this month. This meeting is a chance for **every** resident of this neighborhood to participate in the future of Oracle Foothills. Every voice is important. Please plan to attend the annual meeting and voice your thoughts and opinions. Whether or not you belong to the organization, whether or not you agree with the organization's goals, we welcome you to join us and make your voice heard.

On the Agenda:

- Election of a new Board of Directors
- Annexation: the Mayor's office, as well as police and fire representatives, will make a presentation on this important issue
- Development Issues affecting our neighborhood

ALL are welcome! Join us for coffee, refreshments, conversation and an update on what's happening in your neighborhood. Everyone leads busy lives and we know there are many conflicting activities. Even if you cannot stay for the entire meeting, you are encouraged to attend for whatever time you have available.

Saturday, September 21st, 2002

9 a.m. until noon

St. Philips In the Hills Episcopal Church

Northeast corner of River Rd. and Campbell Ave.

(Enter from Campbell and park in the North lot, then follow the signs)

The Neighborhood Picnic is coming Soon! See Pages 2-3 for the SCOOP.

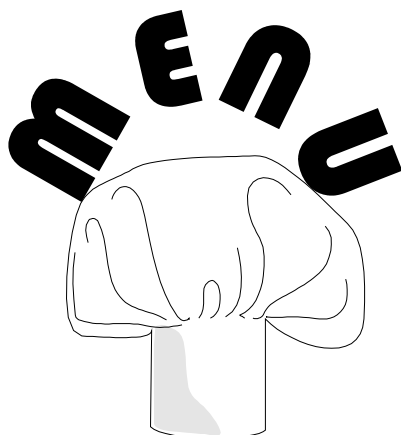
4th Annual

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Saturday, October 12th, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**The wash on E. Yvon Drive, adjacent to 220 E. Yvon, the
"Chocolate House"**

- **Bring a dish to share** potluck style:
Appetizer, salad, vegetable, main dish casserole or dessert.
- Don't forget **servicing utensils** for your dish.
- We need **tablecloths**. Please bring any you have that are appropriate for a picnic table.



- ***Chefs Don, Richard and Jay's Famous Barbecued Chicken, Sausages and Hot Dogs***
- **A fabulous array of potluck dishes**

OFNA will provide soft drinks, water, ice, all paper goods, eating utensils, tables, chairs and shade canopies.

You may bring your own beer and wine.



More Neighborhood Picnic News:

**HELP
WANTED**

**It take a lot of work to put on this event.
We could use your help!
Volunteers are needed for :**

- Music**
- Games**
- Clean Up**
- Parking Coordinator**

If you can help in any way, or just have questions, please contact:

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Come and Join the Fun!

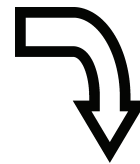
ALL residents of Oracle Foothills Estates
are cordially invited !

Meat and socialize with your neighbors

Enjoy a wonderful variety of interesting dishes

Play some games

Let the kids **PLAY!**



- Jumping Castle**
- A giant PIÑATA**
- Face Painting**
- Games**



*Slate of Nominees for 2002–2003 OFNA Board of Directors

John Battaile: (Incumbent Board Member) John has lived in the neighborhood since June 4, 1984. He and his wife, Anne-Marie Brady, were involved in neighborhood activities in the 1980's, notably on the Promontory Apartments issue. John is a business lawyer. His practice emphasizes real estate and commercial litigation. He is familiar with the politics and economics of land use, development, and urban growth in Pima County, and he has the skills to help the association accomplish its goals. Developing and articulating those goals is the job of the OFNA Board. John wants to protect and strengthen the neighborhood and the lifestyle we now enjoy, and to develop and support our community as neighbors.

Liz Bernays: (Incumbent Board Member) Elizabeth is a retired (but still active) professor of entomology at the University of Arizona. She is interested in natural history and in helping to conserve the quality of the neighborhood, especially the attractive natural desert environment.

Bill Broyles: Having lived in the neighborhood since 1990, I love living here and have admired the work of the OFNA board. Every neighbor should take a turn serving on the board; with your approval, this will be my year. Neighborhood beautification, neighbor assistance, and neighborhood safety (Neighborhood Watch) are perennial ideas I'd like us to expand.

Jay DeAngeli: During my 33-year career with AT&T, I worked as project manager on numerous large telecommunications projects, both in the U.S. and overseas. Our travels and working assignments took us to Asia, Africa and Europe. After retiring, I was active in home building and remodeling in Reno.

My wife Carole and I moved to Oracle Foothills approximately 7 years ago, coming from the high desert foothills of Reno, Nevada (my birthplace). We have been very active in our neighborhood association and plan to continue our efforts. Some of the activities with which I have been involved include: publication of the quarterly newsletter; continuation of our annual picnic; the ongoing maintenance of a safe, clean and attractive neighborhood; promotion of open

communication among the neighbors.

I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Sig Eisner: (Incumbent Board Member) Sig has been a resident of the Oracle Foothills neighborhood since 1995. He was educated at the Universities of Arizona, California (Berkeley) and Columbia and spent over 30 years as a member of the English Dept. at the University of Arizona. For over 52 years he has been married to Nan Eisner. He and Nan are the parents of six and the grandparents of 13. He is currently a member of the OFNA Board of Directors .

Roger Felty: I am privileged to be a native Tucsonan. I grew up on the east side of town but about 20 years ago discovered the much more culturally and historically diverse west side. As a result, I haven't lived east of First Avenue since 1982! My wife, Suzanne Ellenbogen, and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1992. I feel fortunate to live in a neighborhood that feels "out of town" without actually having to "go to town for supplies" once a month. As a board member I would like to help the association deal with the inevitable growth issues we will continue to face in an expanding city. We will all be affected in some way by issues looming on the horizon, such as the nearby wash channelization and potential City annexation. The past association board members have done an outstanding job of informing all neighbors about issues affecting us. I would like to help continue that tradition.

Jill Norton: Jill moved to Tucson in 1995 from Michigan to pursue a Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of Arizona. Jill and her husband Brian moved to the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in April 2000. They reside at 5720 N Genematas with their dog, Jesse, cat, Zoë and tortoise, Turbo. Jill and Brian moved to this neighborhood because of the large lot sizes, the native desert landscaping and its close proximity to town.

Jill is a marketing manager and her experience has spanned from managing small business to nonprofit to consumer products and B2B e-commerce. She serves as Secretary for Arts Genesis, an arts education organization, is a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and is a volunteer docent at the Reid Park Zoo. Her husband, Brian, is

part owner of Split Engineering, a software company that serves the mining industry.

Jill is interested in serving on the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association Board to keep abreast of neighborhood issues. Jill is active in the neighborhood book club and would like to see more community building activities taking place for residents looking to strengthen neighborhood ties.

Hank Peck: (Incumbent Board Member) Hank is a native Tucsonan and is married to Barbara Peck. They have two children, Shelby and Charlie. Hank is a partner in Clements & Peck Insurance. He graduated from Amphitheater HS and Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors of Science degree.

Hank is very active in the community and has served on many boards, including Pima County Special Olympics Spring Games, Northern Arizona University Alumni Board of Directors, Tucson Council on Alcoholism & Drug Addictions, Compass Health Care Board of Directors, GTEC Community Investment Committee, Vestry, St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, Father's Day Council, J2A Youth Leader, St. Philip's in the Hills, and United Way Campaign Cabinet.

Hank's current community activities include: Rotary Club of Tucson, Northern Arizona University Foundation Board of Directors, Direct Caregiver Association Board of Directors, NAU Alumni Board of Directors Past Presidents Club, Arizona Academy member, Arizona Town Hall participant 1994 & 1998, State of Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Commissioners and Precinct Committee Member, Republican Party.

In his spare time, Hank enjoys hanging out with his wife and kids, playing rugby and fly-fishing.

Kim Peterson: Kim first moved to Tucson in 1968 and graduated from Palo Verde High School in 1969. She then went on the University of Arizona where she earned multiple degrees in Psychology, Religious Studies, and Fine Art. After graduation in 1974 Kim moved to the California Bay Area where she lived until 1993, when she and her husband Merrill moved back to Tucson to live in the

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Richland Heights area.

Kim and Merrill founded their college textbook production business in 1982 and in the past 20 years have turned the company from a mom-and-pop editing service into one of the top 5 production services in the country for the college market. Kim's experience in growing Matrix will serve her well as a board member. She also served for nearly 7 years as both officer and director of a multi-million dollar non-profit organization during her time in Berkeley, California. Among her duties in this position, Kim managed the organization's million-plus-name mailing list, served as legal liaison between the organization and the community, oversaw the financial management of several non-profit corporations which were affiliated with the organization, and wrote or co-wrote a number of articles and books.

Moving to the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in 1999 was the best move Kim and Merrill ever made. They both love the neighborhood's dedication to preserving the natural desert flora and fauna. Even more delightful to them are the residents of this area who are consistently bright, highly educated, extremely interesting, open-minded, and just plain fun to be with. There is in the Oracle Foothills a wonderful old-fashioned neighborly feeling which Kim loves and hopes to help develop even more.

In the past year, Kim has very much enjoyed participating in the neighborhood book club, The Reaters. Getting to know other members of the club and sharing lively discussions and great meals at the Reaters meetings has inspired Kim to develop other ways to draw the neighborhood members closer together. Her ideas include establishing a Game Night where neighborhood families can gather to play games and enjoy one another's company, a Music Night where all who want to can meet and make music for the fun of it, and utilizing the neighborhood email list for various purposes such as sharing good service people, good stores and restaurants, and helping one another out in other ways. She also hopes to see the roads repaved and would love to have input on many other plans to beautify and enhance the area. Finally, she thanks the current Board for thinking of her and inviting her to join.

Tom Scarborough: My wife Harriet and I moved into the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in November of 1988. I was teaching high school biology and physical science at the time. Since then, I have completed a thirty year career in public education, including seventeen years as a classroom teacher and

thirteen as a building administrator, the last ten of which were spent as principal of Cholla High School.

I completed my B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 1969, and after a couple of years of military service I returned to Tucson and the University of Arizona to obtain my teaching certificate. I completed my M.Ed. in 1979 and my Ph.D. in 1986. I retired from TUSD last June. I continue to work part-time for TUSD in administrator training, and I teach in the teacher certification and masters degree program at the University of Phoenix. I have served as a volunteer facilitator in the YWCA's "Time to Talk" anti-racism program for the past three years.

I have very much enjoyed living in our neighborhood, and I appreciate the work that former and current board members have done to make this such a nice place to live. One of my goals upon retirement was to become more involved in community service, and what better place to begin than in our own neighborhood? If elected, I will be proud to serve on the board, and will work hard to contribute to the good of our neighborhood.

Barbara Schuessler: I moved to this wonderful neighborhood two years ago and have a strong interest in the preservation of the natural desert landscape and its wildlife. The beauty of our desert and the integrity that has been maintained is something I would like the Association to continue to focus on. I would love to contribute in anyway possible by serving on the OFNA board of directors.

I teach at Creative Dance Arts (just around the corner on Oracle) and have my own video business.

I first came to Tucson in 1968 to go to school at the U. of A. Leaving in 1974, but returning to the magnificent Catalina mountains in 1980, Tucson has been my home ever since. I am a desert rat and love all the arts.

Thank you for considering me to be a member of the board.

Vera Uyehara: (Incumbent Board Member) Originally a native of Washington, DC, Vera recently moved to Tucson from Grand Forks, North Dakota, with her husband, Chuck Wood and son, Morgan Wood (14 years old, 9th grader at Canyon del Oro High School). Lilia Wood, her daughter, spent the summer in Tucson, and returns to college in Boston in September. The Uyehara-Wood family lives at 5646 North Genematas, the PINK house at the corner of Waterline and Genematas! We chose this neighborhood because of it's natural look, native vegetation and beautiful views.

Over the past 10 years, Vera has served on many community and non-profit boards, including the school board in Grand Forks. Her professional life has been devoted to building institutions and programs, often from the ground up. Since moving to Tucson, she has begun an educational consulting company, Quantum-Itch, Inc., working with science-rich learning organizations (such as schools, museums, science centers, etc) to expand educational programming, organize exhibit design processes, provide strategic planning guidance, and design and implement evaluation projects.

Vera's husband, Chuck Wood, is the Director of Education at Columbia University Biosphere 2 Center, guiding the development of the undergraduate and graduate curricula and degree programs in environmental science and management. He is the author of books on several interesting subjects, including volcanoes. His most recent book on the moon, is due out by Christmas 2002.

Vera is interested in serving on the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association Board to understand the local community and the interests of the residents better. She is particularly concerned with the burial of electrical and telephone lines in the Oracle Foothills area, compiling a neighborhood directory, ways to make walking in the neighborhood safer, and repaving of the streets.

**This slate is tentative pending the approval of the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 5th.*

OFNA is grateful to those neighbors who have served on the Board, those who continue to serve, and to those who are agreeing to serve for the first time. Your time is greatly appreciated. The slate of candidates will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on September 21st. Nominations are also accepted from the floor. If you would be interested in being on the Board, or if you would like to recommend a neighbor, your input is very welcome.

For Faster News . . .

If you'd like to be on the OFNA neighborhood e-mail list, please contact **Kitty Schwartz** at **K3952S@aol.com**. Also, if your email address changes, please let Kitty know. This list has been a fast, effective tool to inform the neighbors of lost and found items, suspicious solicitors, vandalism and neighborhood events.

Artists Among Us

Two of our neighborhood artists will be showing their work at the Kaleidoscope Gallery, in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northwest Tucson.

Kim Peterson will be showing her photographs in a show entitled "Sonoran Views" during the month of September. Meet the Artist and see her work, Sunday, September 15, 2002, 11:30 to 1.

Kitty Schwartz's show, "Arizona Accents" will have her acrylic and watercolor paintings on display in the month of November, with an open house on Sunday, Nov. 10th, from 12 to 1.

The Gallery is located on West Cromwell Drive. On Thornydale, go ½ mile north of Ina, turn right (east) on W. Cromwell to church parking lot. For information on gallery hours, call **579-7094**

Gems Right Next Door

Hello, Neighbors,

I am writing today to tell you about two restaurants in our neighborhood that are so good I want to sing their praises from the rooftops. However, since most of you would not hear me from that vantage point, I thought the newsletter would be a better messenger.

The restaurants are **Miraflores** and **China Thai Siam**, and they are right next door to each other at 5845 and 5849 N. Oracle (west side of Oracle).

Miraflores is a Peruvian restaurant and offers the most unique selection of dishes I have tasted in a long while. The Peruvians wrote the book on potatoes and there is nothing they don't know about serving this fine food. Many of their dishes feature one of the 30 or so varieties found in Peru; each dish I've tasted is remarkable, to say the least. My favorite is Causa a la Criolla, a layering of mashed potatoes, chicken or tuna salad, avocado and dressing served cold. During this hot weather, nothing could be more refreshing or delicious...I find myself craving it at the end of a long hot day



and it is always satisfying. The Chicharrones (squid, chicken, fish or pork) are fantastic, as are the

Anticuchos, described as an Incan delicacy...both are wonderful dishes to share around the table. The salads at Miraflores are as unique as everything else on the menu: try the Ensalada Rusa, a mixture of beets, peas, and green beans, or the Ensalada de Palta, a yummy combination of avocado and hearts of palm. The restaurant is comfortable and homey, the staff very friendly (all the cooks and waitresses are from Peru), the prices very reasonable, and the servings generous. They are open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Their phone is 888-4880 and they do takeout.

China Thai Siam moved fairly recently from their former location on Campbell near Glenn. I had not tried them when they were over there because I had found most Thai food in Tucson to be quite disappointing. Happily, China Thai Siam is anything but. I

usually gauge Thai food by the way they prepare their coconut chicken soup, Thom Kah Kai. At CTS, this soup is exquisite...delicately flavored and full of tender chicken and veggies. The satay (chicken or beef) is juicy and cooked just right and the accompanying peanut sauce is so good we end up using every last bit. Everything we have tried on their menu is wonderful; not one dish has been disappointing. The Bangkok Delight is something you should not miss; ditto the Massamun Curry...gee, I'm getting hungry just thinking about it! One of the best features of this family restaurant is Annie, the waitress, daughter of the owners. Her ability is remarkable, and she is friendly and generous and sweet, to boot. She will charm you as she brings you your delicious meal.

So if you are looking for a wonderful new place to eat, right in our own neighborhood, you can't go wrong at either of these tasty restaurants. I hope you enjoy your meals there.

Kim Peterson



Chantilly Tea Room and Gift Boutique IS OPENING SOON!

We're finally completing a four-year process of amending the county's comprehensive plan, rezoning, and construction. Thank you for your neighborly support throughout this arduous process.

It was great news to us when we heard OFNA was allowed to preserve and restore the entrance sign and pillar. It adds to the vintage character we are trying to create for the tea room.

Our plan is to open by the end of September, using this month to bring in the gift inventory, finalize our menu items, and make general preparations.

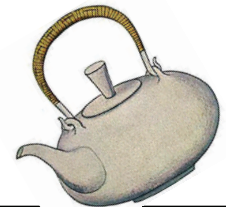
We hope you will be pleased with our addition to the entrance of your neighborhood, and look for-

ward to your visiting Chantilly for lunch or afternoon tea, or just to browse in the gift boutique.

Please contact me with your comments, questions, or reservations at 622-3303.

Tamara Read

Note: Chantilly Tea Room is located on the northeast corner of Oracle Road and Genematas Drive



Reaters

What is a **Reater**? It is a person who enjoys reading a good book and eating a good meal. It is, also, the name of our **neighborhood book club** that meets once a month to discuss a pre-selected book over a delicious pot luck dinner that ties in with the theme of the book. The books that we've read so far this year are *The Power of One*, *John Adams*, *Barchester Towers*, *Desert Solitaire*, *The Poisonwood Bible*, *Winter Range*, *The Red Tent*, and *Dear Theo*. Upcoming books include *Caravans*, *Red Azalea*, and *Peel My Love Like an Onion*. You can pick and choose which books you'd like to read and which meetings you'd like to attend. We meet the last Wednesday of each month, unless other arrangements are made, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Any translation of the book is acceptable, video, audio,



Have you paid your Dues?

OFNA Dues for the **CURRENT** year are due and payable. Dues are \$50 per year. Although you can pay your dues at the Annual Meeting, we ask that, if at all possible, you send them in advance to:

Margie McConnell, Treasurer
222 E. Yvon Dr.
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Make checks payable to OFNA. A form is included on the back page for your convenience. Call Margie if you have any questions, 888-8151

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