

## OFNA ANNUAL MEETING

September 18, 2010  
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church  
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd., Tucson, Arizona  
Minutes

**Registration and Coffee Hour** Neighbors met for coffee, refreshments and conversation.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. by President Carolyn Redmore. Carolyn introduced our first guest speaker, Dr. Leslie Boyer of the VIPER Institute, a unit of the UA College of Medicine, and the research organization for the Arizona Poison Control Center. Leslie is also a neighbor on Rudasill Rd., living in the home that her grandparents built.

**Leslie Boyer** Dr. Boyer gave a fascinating presentation about the purpose of venom in venomous species, including defense, immobilization and digestion. Her work involves research on venom, about which new and important discoveries are being made. She discussed various venomous arthropods and vertebrates that are found in our portion of the desert – bees, spiders, scorpions, snakes and one species of lizard.

Following Leslie's presentation, Carolyn introduced Liz Bernays, author and former neighbor who has published a book about our neighborhood.

**Liz Bernays** After a long and distinguished career in biology, emeritus professor Liz Bernays turned to writing upon receiving her MFA at the U of A following the loss of her husband. After 23 years in Oracle Foothills, Liz has now moved to Patagonia, where she writes and has published several books. One of her books, *Three Miles: A Walk for All Seasons*, chronicles her walks through our streets, observing the fascinating plants, animals and even people that she met along the way. Of all the many deserts in which Liz has worked, she stated emphatically that none can compare to the Sonoran Desert for diversity and beauty. She read us a wonderful piece from her book on the desert clicker, a common grasshopper. Copies of Liz's books were available for purchase.

Carolyn thanked the guest speakers and asked that we all give thought to speakers for next year's meeting.

**Minutes** The minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were read by Carole DeAngeli. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as read.

**President's Report** Carolyn gave a review of the preceding year, including the monument at Agave and 1<sup>st</sup>. Ave., the plaque at the Triangle Park, another successful picnic, the dumpster day, a new website, and a thank-you to the DeAngeli's for all they do. We have lost two good neighbors this past year, Kim Peterson and Glen Sherwood. Carolyn offered condolences to their families. She discussed the YARDS program, which is sponsored by Tucson Clean and Beautiful, and the contribution they are making to our community. OFNA has made a small contribution to the program.

**Membership Report** – Jay DeAngeli reported that our membership remains fairly steady from year to year, from about 115 to 120 households. As of this report, the membership for the new year stands at 93.

**Treasurer's Report** As Treasurer, Jay then presented the Treasurer's report. He indicated that the printed report is issued quarterly and includes all budget items with actual expenditures for each item. Detailed reports are available to all members. Cash on hand as of 8/31/10 - \$13,259. OFNA income is from dues and a few donations; major expenses include the picnic, annual meeting, newsletter and neighborhood beautification projects. Copies of the year-end report are available on the back table.

**Audit** Angelo Dellacona presented the audit report. The OFNA books were audited by Angelo and Leo Roop on 8/31/10 and all records were found to be accurate, complete and meticulous.

**Website, Newsletter, Saturday Update** Carole DeAngeli indicated that input from neighbors is welcome and encouraged for the newsletter as well as the weekly update and the website. She accepts advertisements for free items on the Saturday e-letter, but items for sale or advertisement of one's services are placed on the website's Classified section. The Recommendations List only includes businesses or individuals that have been used and are personally recommended by a neighbor. Thanks to the encouragement and support of Jay DeAngeli and Mark Andersen, the website has moved to a new host and has been completely rebuilt. Carole encouraged everyone to use it and give feedback. She also showed a photograph of the plaque that has been installed at the Triangle Park honoring the neighborhood's founder.

Carolyn introduced and thanked the new Area Leaders for Neighborhood Watch.

**Neighborhood Watch** Jacki Elder and Bente Jensen are the new Area Leaders for Neighborhood Watch. Jacki reported that they have been contacting the current Block Leaders and are looking for additional neighbors to serve in this capacity. She passed out a map showing the areas covered by the Block Leaders at present. This meeting and the picnic will also serve as the required two meetings for NW. Jacki and Bente will have a table at the picnic with information and sign-up sheets.

**Neighborhood Picnic** As this year's picnic coordinator, Mark Andersen announced the date, welcomed all neighbors to come, asked for volunteers and thanked all those who had volunteered thus far. This year the picnic will be on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, in the wash next to 220 E. Yvon Drive. Carolyn noted that the Eisners have graciously allowed us to use their property again this year.

**Graffiti** – There were several major instances of graffiti in the neighborhood this year. Our neighborhood committee worked with Pima County Department of Transportation and the Sheriff's Department to combat the problem. Jay emphasized the importance of reporting graffiti as soon as it appears. Call 911 immediately if you spot graffiti taking place. Jacki Elder noted that half of her graffiti committee had been lost to college and asked for volunteer replacements. Bob Zachmeier, whose property was targeted with graffiti, expressed gratitude to those who helped get it removed. Gerry Troupe, a new neighbor on Agave, also said how impressed she was with the speedy removal of the

offensive tagging. Carole said that the Pima County Board of Supervisors was able to retain a budget line for graffiti removal, partly as a result of the feedback they received from residents.

**Board of Directors Election** Angelo Dellacona introduced the current board of directors, and then spoke of those who would be retiring – Don DeYoung, Sharon Laird, Scott Odom and Phil Williams. The slate for 2010 includes two new candidates – Kitty Schwartz and Susan Berger. Angelo called for nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted. The voice vote in favor was unanimous. The new Board of Directors for 2010 (which begins as of this date) will be: Mark Andersen, Susan Berger, Jay DeAngeli, Angelo Dellacona, George Grimm, Karl Oxnam, Carolyn Redmore, Marianne Richardson, Leo Roop, Tom Scarborough, Kitty Schwartz and Camille Zachmeier.

**Items from the Floor** Eileen Mechling asked whether the board had considered having an outside auditor. Carolyn said that they hadn't, but would at a future meeting.

**Drawing:** The raffle prizes and the winners:

- Tucson Attractions Passport – Delann DeBenedetti
- Two passes to the Miniature Museum – Bob Zachmeier
- Annual Membership to the Tucson Museum of Art – Jude Cook
- \$50 gift certificate to Jax Kitchen – Dan and Mary Boone
- \$50 certificates for Metro Restaurants: Ann Montgomery, Angelo Dellacona, Joan Scott, and Ron Kuykendall

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

*Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary*