



# OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. *NEWSLETTER*

September 2002

## WELCOME BACK!!

Whether you swam with the dolphins, climbed in the Andes, brushed up on your Italian, visited family and friends or 'weathered' the hot summer at home, the President and members of the Council of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association (OFLNA) offer warm greetings to all members and a welcome back for the fall season. We have a full calendar of activities for the coming year (see back page for details) including potlucks, concerts, fun-filled fund-raising events, history lectures and the special festival of La Reunión de El Fuerte. There is plenty of opportunity to contribute to our wonderful community whether you have an hour a year or several hours a week.

## SEPTEMBER POTLUCK:

**6pm Sunday, September 22**

Visit with old friends and meet new residents of the neighborhood at the fall potluck Sunday, September 22nd at 6 p.m. Learn about the restoration work at the San Pedro Chapel from Bill Anderson. Get the latest update on the long awaited Fort Lowell Road Enhancement Project. Get the latest details about construction and proposed rezonings to the west and south of the neighborhood. Above all, LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE THE OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD AN EVEN MORE FABULOUS PLACE TO LIVE. And pay your membership dues, if you haven't already done that. See you at San Pedro Chapel!

**The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association Inc. is sponsoring  
THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL EL FUERTE FLEA MARKET  
at San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road**

Friday, October 25, 6 pm - 9 pm\*

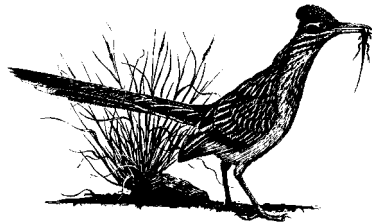
Saturday, October 26, 9 am - 3 pm

Sunday, October 27, noon - 3 pm

Neighborhood residents and friends are invited to donate or consign items for this sale open to the general public on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from the sale help to pay for the annual La Reunión de El Fuerte Historic Sites Tour and the restoration and maintenance of San Pedro Chapel. The OFLNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and will give you a tax-deduction slip for your donations.

Free up valuable closet, cupboard, and storage space. At the same time, help your Neighborhood Association by donating saleable items. Gadgets, costume jewelry, tools, furniture, and knickknacks all are welcome. Or donate something you bake or preserve.

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### *OFLNA Board Members*

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Bill Anderson, Treasurer  
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M. Beth Janes  
Alex Kollar  
Wes Lovell  
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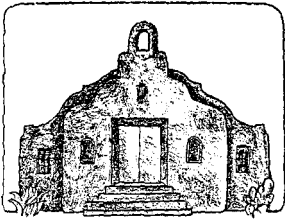
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Bring your donations and consignment items to the San Pedro Chapel on:

Sunday, October 13, 10am-2pm	Thursday, October 17, 10am-2pm
Monday, October 14, 5pm-8pm	Friday, October 18, 10am-2pm & 5-8pm
Tuesday, October 15, 5pm-8pm	Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm
Wednesday, October 16, 10am-2pm	Sunday, October 20, 10am-2pm

You may e-mail or call Peggy to arrange another time to make your delivery or for pickup. **Peggy can be reached at: 327-4285 or [sackheim@theriver.com](mailto:sackheim@theriver.com).**

If you have items that you'd like to sell on consignment, you will receive 70% of the sale price (you set the price); the Association will receive 30%.\*\* All consignment items need to be received by Sunday, October 20th, 2pm.

Contact Peggy if you would like more information or want to: help with phone calling; volunteer a couple of hours at the sale; help before the sale with sorting and/or pricing; or arrange for the sale of goods on consignment.

Planning meetings for the sale will be Thursdays, at 6:00 pm, on September 12th, October 3rd, and 10th, at Peggy Sackheim's, 5425 E. Fort Lowell Rd. If you cannot attend the first meeting but would like to receive meeting notices and participate at other meetings let her know. If you would like to be a co-chair with Peggy, please hurry up and connect with her. Please come if you'd like to help. It's work, it's fun, and it's with friends!

Join the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association (OFLNA)! Meet your neighbors. Come shop Friday evening. Get first choice. Share some cheese, crackers and beverages with us and avoid the Saturday morning crush.

\* Preview Sale for OFLNA members only. Membership form attached.

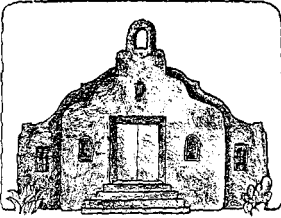
\*\* Only members of the OFLNA may sell items on consignment.

## PLANS FOR LA REUNIÓN MOVING FORWARD NEW LEADERSHIP NEEDED!

Ann Branham and Jeanne Turner, co-chairs of La Reunión de El Fuerte for several years, are stepping down. In an effort to cope with their departure, a small group of old-timers and newcomers to the neighborhood met recently to consider reorganizing the event to make it more manageable. We would welcome your ideas, energy, and commitment to keeping this incredible celebration of the neighborhood alive and well. **Please call Peggy Sackheim at 327-4285 or email her at [sackheim@theriver.com](mailto:sackheim@theriver.com) and participate in the planning for La Reunión as well as the Saturday, February 8, 2003, event itself.**

## A LITTLE GLITCH IN THE ROAD

At the annual meeting, Janet Marcus announced that the Ft. Lowell Road Enhancement Project had recently gone out to bid with the bids to be opened June 7th. She was assured that in August "dirt should be flying." Alas, only one bid came in and its price tag was \$690,000—more than twice what the City Engineer had estimated. The City Transportation Department has clarified some items and a new advertisement for bids went out August 16th with a date of September 9th for the bid opening. All of us in the neighborhood need to cross our fingers and pray! According to the City Project Engineer, Frank Reyes (who assured your president that he is crossing his fingers), if all goes well, construction will commence the end of October. At the Sunday, September 22nd potluck, you'll hear the latest news.



## NEWS FROM OFLLAH

The most frequently requested service from the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program is transportation. We have several clients who are able to continue living independently only because of the rides which our volunteers give them. In May, a typical month, we filled 29 requests, of which eleven were for some kind of medical appointment; nine were for shopping (grocery store; department store); four were running errands; two were enrichment (out to coffee; to visit a friend) and two were to the beauty shop. Imagine, the next time you get into your car to run to the store, what it would be like if you no longer had that freedom of movement. Here is where OFLLAH steps in.

**Making a referral to OFLLAH?** It is essential that you also include your name and telephone number. We must talk to you before any follow-up. Want to know more about OFLLAH? Call Program Coordinator Ann Branham at 275-6757

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

The San Pedro Chapel and the other structures on the hill at 5230 East Fort Lowell Road existed as the center of the village of El Fuerte at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1993, the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association Inc. purchased the property including the Chapel and the Old Adobe house and these buildings act as the community center for the Neighborhood Association. Recently, we have received grants for the restoration of the Chapel and the Adobe house to their original condition. OFLNA will provide matching funds but additional funds will be needed to add such modern-day essentials as heating and cooling.

A committee, known as the San Pedro 2000 Project, developed a model that will recreate the Chapel Hill as a contemporary center for the neighborhood. Included are a new chapel support building and a community building. A model can be seen at all OFLNA events held at the Chapel. A site plan was developed by an architect and submitted to the City for review. As anticipated, further work had to be done and a new plan will be submitted to the City in September. We expect to apply for construction permits in November. Council member Bill Anderson, who has extensive experience in construction, has been overseeing these activities and will report on progress at the September 22nd potluck. And, of course, there will be updates in each newsletter.

## NEWS FROM THE MAY ANNUAL MEETING

Three new members were elected to the OFLNA Council: M. Beth Janes, Wes Lovell, and Liz Walter. Beth, a certified public accountant, has served in the past as OFLNA president (1988-89) and as Old Fort Lowell Live At Home (OFLLAH) president (1997-98). Beth and her husband Alan Scott, sister Lyle, and parents Jim and Betty Bennett all live in the area and between them they've accumulated at least a century of years in the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood. Wes Lovell, a Tucsonan since 1961, worked for IBM in a variety of management and technical positions. Currently he is a management consultant. He and his wife Kim Crooks live in Rancho Palomino. Liz Walter, a Tucson native, who's the network manager for the Arizona State Museum, has developed a Website for OFLNA and hopes to use it to create a wider channel for communication for all of us.

Bill Anderson, John Collins, Janet Marcus, and Frank McClure, who had each completed their first 2-year term on the Council, were elected to a second 2-year term. Not up for election but continuing on the Council are Vera Martignetti, Alex Kollar, Morrighan Clinco, and Mark Clark.

All your Council Members are eager to hear your suggestions for improving the neighborhood! Don't be shy. Contact them.

## SAN PEDRO CHAPEL

The chapel is owned by the OFLNA and is your neighborhood center. OFLNA is non-denominational and welcomes people of all beliefs. Most neighborhood meetings and events occur at the Chapel, which is an historic building and no longer in use as a parish church.

## OFLNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002-2003

### 2002

Fall potluck

Sunday, September 22, 6pm

El Fuerte Flea Market Sale

Friday-Sunday, October 25, 26, 27

Fall Concert

Sunday, November 10, 3pm

Holiday Potluck and Caroling

Sunday, December 15, 5pm

### 2003

History Lecture

Sunday, February 2

La Reunión de El Fuerte

Saturday, February 8

Antiques & Collectibles Sale

March – dates to be announced

Art Show and Sale

March – dates to be announced

Annual Meeting

May – date to be announced

All events are held at the San Pedro Chapel; the Art Show and Sale may include other sites and La Reunión de El Fuerte includes a neighborhood tour of historic sites.

OFLNA Council meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month and are usually held at the Adobe House next to San Pedro Chapel except when it's too hot or too cold. Construction activities may result in our becoming vagabonds, so call Janet Marcus at 327-1339 if you'd like to attend. Council meetings are always open to residents and members of the neighborhood.

Meetings of FLHDB – the Fort Lowell Historic District Board are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm. All residents of the neighborhood are welcome to attend. Contact Mary Lou for the location of the next meeting place: 325-6907, [tsnrio@theriver.com](mailto:tsnrio@theriver.com).

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**ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OFLNA,  
June 1, 2002 – May 31, 2003**

**INCOME**

Dues	4,000
Donations received with Dues	4,000
Grants for Lecture series and La Reunion	1,000
Flea Market	4,000
Chapel Rentals	<u>2,500</u>

**Total Income 15,500**

**EXPENSES**

La Reunion (including dinner)	4,000
Legal	2,500
Insurance	2,750
Office Supplies	1,000
Printing	1,000
Utilities	1,500
Chapel Maintenance and Security	1,500
Reserve for Contingencies	<u>1,250</u>

**Total Expenses 15,500**

NOTE: There is a separate budget (not included here) for fund-raising to restore the Chapel and construct new buildings.