

## OFNA ANNUAL MEETING

September 10, 2011  
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church  
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd., Tucson, Arizona  
Minutes

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

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. by President Carolyn Redmore. She thanked everyone for coming. Carolyn introduced our first guest speaker, Naomi Romano, with Pima County Department of Finance and Risk Management, Improvement Districts.

**Naomi Romano** Ms. Romano in turn introduced her supervisor, Carolyn Pataconi, and David Cummings from PC DOT. She gave an overview of the lengthy and cumbersome process of doing street repair using an Improvement District. Arizona Revised Statutes govern all the rules of forming and utilizing improvement districts. Essentially, improvement districts are special taxing districts formed to fund specific improvement projects. Bonds are sold to cover the cost of the project and the property owners in the district are assessed semi-annually to repay the bonds. A majority of property owners in a particular area must sign a petition to agree to forming the district. Once formed, all property owners who will benefit from the improvement are included and are financially responsible. David Cummings said the County has no money to do anything except fill potholes. He said that there are other options for street repair besides improvement districts. A neighborhood can agree to fund the improvement and then go through the county's permit process. The county would do the design and cost estimates, then prepare a contract for the neighborhood to take to a contractor of their choice. Since such a project would meet county standards, they would then accept and maintain the streets. Streets would keep their current alignment and grades. There followed an extensive question and answer period about the county's role in street issues.

Following the streets presentation, Carolyn introduced Deputy Mark Gilbert with the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

**Deputy Gilbert** introduced the latest version of the Neighborhood Resource Guide, which is a very useful reference book put out by the Sheriff's Office. He suggested that people check the Crimereports.com website, which shows all crime reports for our area. There are two big crime issues for areas like ours – fraud and theft.

Fraud – three biggest types

- Door-to-door solicitation
- Buying/selling online, specifically Craig's List
- Calls from someone posing as a relative, asking for money

Theft can be from a home or motor vehicle. You can minimize your risk by locking vehicles and

removing valuables. The best protection is for all neighbors to remain vigilant and to report anything that looks suspicious. He encouraged the use of 911 to report any activity that doesn't look right. Alarms can be helpful if they have a loud horn. Neighborhood Watch is a valuable resource and protection for the neighborhood. Most thieves are opportunistic and will move on to another target if they encounter obstacles. Locked gates can deter thieves but can be problematic for law enforcement. Mail theft is a source of identity theft. Protect your identity by never putting outgoing mail in your personal mailbox, picking up mail soon after it's delivered, shredding all documents which contain personal information. The PCSO conducts several Shred-a-thons during the year. Record serial numbers of all valuable possessions.

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

**Minutes** The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were read by Carole DeAngeli. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as read.

**President's Report** Carolyn stated that it has been her pleasure to serve as president of OFNA for the past two years. She gave an update on the issues affecting Oracle Foothills during the past year. She said she heard that our neighborhood was referred to as 'the squeaky wheel' when it came to street repair. We have been able to get potholes filled by writing letters and making calls to the county. Neighborhood Watch has been conducting patrols to help keep our neighborhood safe. She offered her thanks to all involved. Carolyn mentioned the January shooting tragedy at Safeway and thanked the Bowdens for taking the lead in creating a book of condolences for Representative Gabrielle Giffords, and for the assistance in the project by Jay DeAngeli and Angelo Dellacona. She stated that George Genematas, the founder of our neighborhood, passed away, and that she and Angelo had attended his service. Other neighbors lost this year:

Peter Formo  
Marie Peters  
Mary Weckesser  
Katherine Jackson

Carole DeAngeli said that it was George Genematas' father who founded our neighborhood.

**Membership Report** – Jay DeAngeli reported that our membership remains fairly steady from year to year, from about 115 households.

**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 8/31/11 - \$10,299. This does not include the 2012 memberships, which will be included in the new fiscal year. 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.

**Accounting Review** Susan Berger reported that she and Eileen Mechling conducted a review of the OFNA books, and that it was not technically an audit. They did spot tests of checks and deposits and found all to be in order.

**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. Negative recommendations are not posted on the website but will be provided to neighbors upon request. Maliaca Oxnam asked that Carole put a note to that effect on the website, and Carole said she would. Carole encouraged everyone to look at and utilize the website and to let her know if there's anything they would like to see added.

**Neighborhood Watch** Jay read a letter from NW leader Jacki Elder thanking all who participated in the patrols.

**Neighborhood Picnic** Chairman Mark Andersen was not able to attend so Carolyn gave an update in his absence. The picnic will be on October 22, a week earlier to accommodate families with children who have too many activities on Halloween weekend. Thanks again to Sig and Nan Eisner for the generous use of their property. Carolyn cordially invited everyone to attend.

**New Neighbors**—Carolyn asked the neighbors new to our area to stand and introduce themselves. They were: Kelly Ramirez who purchased the Beaudry house at 5262 N. Genematas; Bob Richardson, who is living in the former Jackson home on Canyon View Dr. and who works in the newsroom at Fox 11; and Jeff and Mary Clare Jacobs in the former Odom home on Maria. Carolyn welcomed them all to the neighborhood and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

**Board of Directors Election** Carolyn thanked the nominations committee – Angelo Dellacona and Susan Berger. Angelo introduced the current board of directors, and then spoke of those who would be retiring – Marianne Richardson, Kitty Schwartz and Camille Zachmeier. The slate for 2011 includes three new candidates – Delann Debenedetti, Ron Kuykendall and Roxie Lopez. 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 2011 (which begins as of this date) will be: Mark Andersen, Susan Berger, Jay DeAngeli, Delann Debenedetti, Angelo Dellacona, George Grimm, Ron Kuykendall, Roxie Lopez, Karl Oxnam, Carolyn Redmore, Leo Roop and Tom Scarborough.

Carolyn thanked the retiring board members, the new members and those who continue to serve.

**Items from the Floor** Carole DeAngeli gave an update on their robbery which occurred in 2005. The burglar will be out of prison in November and has not made restitution.

**Drawing:** Jay was assisted in the raffle drawing by Gaby and Gracie Oxnam. The winners were:

- Tucson Attractions Passports – Ron Kuykendall and Kitty Schwartz
- \$50 certificates for Metro Restaurants: Jay DeAngeli, Ralph Jewett, George Grimm, Gerry Troupe, Tom Scarborough, Mary Clare Jacobs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

*Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary*