

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

# Newsletter

Spring 2017



## A Tribute to “The Lemon Sisters”

**After five years of giving heart and soul to our neighborhood, The Lemon Sisters are ‘retiring’ from being lead organizers of the Antiques & Collectibles and Flea Market Sales.**



### The Lemon Sisters

have given OFLN so much in terms of energy, time, brain, heart, and soul in organizing for the last several years two annual fundraising events– The Antiques & Collectibles Sale and Flea Market Sale. The fruits (and this does not include lemons!) of their labor have born thousands of dollars for both the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc. and the Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program. But let us not forget these fundraisers are not solely about financial gain; it’s about people coming together, working and

supporting one another to create the successful events these fundraisers have become.

*Lemon Sisters we salute you - you have brought the neighborhood together in so many ways by your selfless efforts, grace, and wisdom, and you are deeply appreciated in more ways than this writer can eloquently express.*

**We are putting out a “Clarion Call” for volunteers** to come forward and fill their shoes by taking on the responsibilities of organizing these two fundraisers. Training will be available during the upcoming Antiques and Collectibles Sale in November. As they themselves will tell you, it’s fun, it’s hard work, the rewards are great, and you just might get to turn lemons into lemonade as abundantly as they have.

*Colleen Sackheim*



## CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.  
San Pedro Chapel  
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road



### **An invitation to the neighborhood from Members of the OFLNA Council**

It's that time of year again to enjoy a potluck supper with your neighbors. Bring your favorite main course, salad, or dessert - enough for 6-8 people. We'll supply the plates, utensils, napkins, and beverages. Volunteers are always needed to help with the setup before the meeting and for the cleanup afterwards. Please contact Ralph Colwell ([rjc70237@aol.com](mailto:rjc70237@aol.com)) or Charlie Boyd ([Caboyd1947@comcast.net](mailto:Caboyd1947@comcast.net)) to volunteer.

We will be electing members (new and old) to the Old Fort Lowell Council. Current members of the Association are eligible to vote. Membership forms will be available for those who wish to join at the meeting. Brief biographies of the candidates nominated to fill the three vacant positions on the Council are highlighted below and on the E-list. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted.

There'll be reports from the Treasurer, the Chair of the Chapel Committee, the Fort Lowell Historic District Board, and the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program. The President will review the accomplishments of the past year and describe future plans.

As always time will be allotted for questions, suggestions and comments. And, finally, your name may be drawn in a free raffle for unique neighborhood merchandise.

Please come out and join us, as it is a good way to reacquaint yourself with your neighbors and gain some new friends. Hope to see you there.

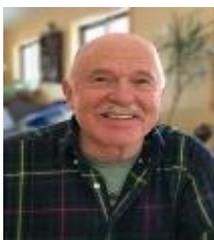
**Ralph Colwell - President of the OFLNA, Inc.**



**Frank Flasch** grew up and was educated in Chicago, and retired in 2012 from a 40 year career in engineering and technical sales. He and his wife of 35 years, Kate, moved to Tucson in 2001, and have both been active in the OFL neighborhood for the last 10 years. Frank has served the neighborhood in many different roles including two terms as President. Frank has a love of tennis and of model railroading; and he and Kate love to travel, especially to visit their grandchildren in Milwaukee.



**Julie Miller** came to the neighborhood with her husband in 2004. Prior to retiring, she had more than thirty years of business experience the last 12 of which were as a Management Consultant. She has been active in OFLNA in multiple roles - she served on the Council from 2012-2016 initially as Secretary and later as Vice President; she has co-chaired the highly successful fund raising events of Antique and Collectibles and Flea Market Sales for the past five years; and, since moving to the neighborhood, she has participated in most of the Fort Lowell Day celebrations.



**Gary Olson** moved to the OFLN in 1991 from New Hampshire. He recently retired from the Solid Waste and Recycling industry where he specialized in program and start-up. He and his wife Nancy live at Orchard River Garden Park where he has served as HOA President for the last 10 years. Gary has a particular interest in maintaining and preserving the San Pedro Chapel and grounds. He has enjoyed volunteering his time for various events through the 26 years he has lived in the neighborhood.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*We invite articles from readers on topics of interest to residents of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood.*

### Fort Lowell Day 2017



Fort Lowell Day 2017, held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, was a wild success. With the sun shining, and the new 'Hawk' Crossing from the Park to the Officers' quarters available, we had a great day and a great crowd. There were events on both sides of Craycroft Rd. including a historic baseball game in the park, demonstrations of skills by the Cavalry, a tour of the open officers' quarters, and the self-guided tour along Fort Lowell Rd. There were crowded food vendors, strolling Mariachis, the "Blood and Guts" presentation of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine at San Pedro Chapel and, of course, the historical tours of Tucson Medical Center. There was something for everyone. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for making this happen. The neighborhood has a lot to be proud of and with this venue we can show it off. Hope to see you all next year - same time and same station. **Frank Flasch.**

### Hoot Hoot

Recently I have been awakening to the gentle "Hoot Hoot" call of the Great Horned Owl. It's been years since I have heard them. It may be that the very large increase in biomass, which has resulted from an exceptional rainfall this year, has helped bring them back. Or it may be because I am now sleeping with my head near a window, a less environmentally romantic reason! My neighbor, Masha Willey, told me the Horned Owls perch on the utility poles near her house, from which they do their nocturnal hunting. She also told me of a pair of Elf Owls that have been visiting her garden, staying under the cover of her Ramada to avoid capture by the horned owls above. **Dave King**



### Flea Market 2017!

When life gives you lemons, have a flea market sale! What fun it is to work with neighbors and enthusiastic volunteers from outside our area....to have an event that supports the upkeep of the chapel and our well-known Live-at-Home Program. Some of the lemons we got this year included wind (which takes the tops off our tents), rain (which blows in on the sides), even ice on the tarps one morning.....and still we managed to raise money for our organizations - a record amount despite our thinking that there weren't a lot of special things to sell. We did raise prices a bit this year; and we did have lots of buyers which we think is a result of our increased internet advertising presence. These two factors may have contributed to the record net revenue after expenses of \$12,500. Along with folks from all over Tucson, our volunteers and neighbors also buy; each purchase contributing to the success of the event. **Julie Miller, Diana Warr, and Dorothy Steel**



#### Millions for Tucson Raffle

The OFLLAH and the OFLNA, Inc. have joined together once again to be part of the 2017 Jim Click Automotive Team Ford Mustang Raffle. What is unique about the raffle is that for just 25\$ for one ticket or 5 tickets for \$100 you have the opportunity to win a 2017 Ford Explorer Platinum as the Grand Prize. In addition, there are two new prizes this year. Second prize is two first-class, round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the world and third prize is \$5,000. And the best part of the raffle is that the proceeds from the sale of tickets goes in its' entirety to the OFLLAH and OFLNA, Inc. This is a great opportunity for you to win a car and contribute to your two favorite neighborhood programs. Tickets will be on sale at the Annual meeting and or thru Members of the OFLLAH and OFLNA, Inc. Or by contacting Frank Flasch by phone 520-909-2107 or e-mail at [frank.flasch@aol.com](mailto:frank.flasch@aol.com)



# OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Membership Form:

**(January 1st 2017- thru December 31st 2017)**

\_\_\_\_ Voting Membership\* (Annual dues \$25): *Property owners or residents within neighborhood boundaries (Rillito River on the north, Glenn St. on the south, Swan Road on the west and the Pantano on the east)*

\_\_\_\_ Associate (Includes Businesses) Membership\* (Annual dues \$25): *Friends near and far who choose to be informed and /or participate in neighborhood events and activities.*

\_\_\_\_ Senior Discount \$10.00 (Age 70+) \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

*\*You are invited to 'Members Only' preview nights before neighborhood sales.*

This is a \_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_ Renewal

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible as OFLNA, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. A written receipt will be provided for donations.

Please make checks payable to OFLNA, Inc. Mail to: Treasurer, OFLNA, Inc. 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd. Tucson, AZ. 85712

Please print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Our correspondence is by e-mail or hand delivery. Thank you for your e-mail address.

**[We do not share our membership information]**

I (we) would like to participate or learn more about the following: \_\_\_\_ La Reunión /Fort Lowell Day (annual historic walking tour, 2nd Sat. in Feb.) \_\_\_\_ Antiques & Collectibles  
\_\_\_\_ Flea Market

Help with: \_\_\_\_ Events at the Chapel \_\_\_\_ Older Neighbors \_\_\_\_ Trail Maintenance  
\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_ Membership activities - Welcoming Newcomers \_\_\_\_ Delivering Newsletters & Notices in your area

Special talents, skills, expertise that you're willing to donate? \_\_\_\_\_

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## OFLNA Council Members

Ralph Colwell, *President*  
Colleen Sackheim, *Vice President*  
Charlie Boyd, *Treasurer*  
Jeanne Anderson, *Secretary*  
Manuel Ramos  
Kate Flasch  
Bill Anderson  
Aaron Botelho

## Old Fort Lowell

Live-at-Home Program  
**(OFLLAH)**

## The Annual Client Brunch

Will be held at the San Pedro Chapel on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
From 11:30M to 1:00 pm

? Interested in volunteering for OFLLAH  
Contact Program Coordinator at 520-275-6757  
ofllahcoordinator@gmail.com