



# Newsletter

September 2013

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## **Welcome to the Fall 2013 Potluck!** *Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm*

*San Pedro Chapel (Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Center)  
5230 East Fort Lowell Road*

All residents and friends of the neighborhood are cordially invited to attend the Annual Fall Potluck when we gather together after the long, hot summer to share stories and hear about what's new and exciting in the Council's plans. This year President Frank Flasch and the OFLNA Council hope that you, like so many others before you, will consider volunteering a few hours to the neighborhood.

OFLNA was founded in the early 70's by a group of residents anxious to preserve the rural and historical attributes of this unique area of Tucson. In consultation with City and County planning experts, we created a Neighborhood Plan, accepted by both the City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors, that has guided the development of land both within and adjacent to the neighborhood. OFLNA purchased, restored, and renovated the San Pedro Chapel which serves as a central gathering place for meetings, weddings, art shows, and concerts. Fort Lowell Road was transformed from a dangerous eyesore into a rural street where neighbors can meander safely with their dogs and children under the shade of a beautiful canopy of trees donated by local residents. And trails were established throughout the neighborhood: check them out at our website.

OFLNA is currently in transition. Many of the original founders are no longer with us or unable to participate through age or infirmity and we are unabashedly seeking new blood! What's in it for me you might ask? Our response is that nothing can quite match the shared joy of neighbors working together towards a common goal that benefits us all. Neuroscience is proving that generosity, social connection, and giving are good for the brain as well as the soul and, besides, it is a lot of fun! Not all of you may be able to be as generous with your time as members described elsewhere in this Newsletter such as Kate and Frank Flasch or John Flynn. But you might have an hour or two to help clean up the trails, assist with the Antiques and Collectibles sale, or talk about our history to visitors at Fort Lowell Day.

Won't you join us to continue OFLNA's stellar record of tradition and innovation? Your energy and enthusiasm will be heartily welcomed. But, if all you wish is to chat with neighbors and have a good dinner, bring a dish – a salad, main course or dessert for 4-6 people - and join us at the Potluck at San Pedro Chapel!

### How OFLNA keeps you informed

Budgetary constraints allow the City to print and mail only one of two newsletters per year, so we hope you will join our e-list which sends out occasional short notices of upcoming events and pertinent news. To join the e-list, send your email address to:

[moderator@oldfortlowellneighborhood.org](mailto:moderator@oldfortlowellneighborhood.org)

Information is also available on the websites of both

OFLNA:

[oldfortlowellneighborhood.org](http://oldfortlowellneighborhood.org)  
and the

San Pedro Chapel:

[sanpedrochapel.com](http://sanpedrochapel.com)

**Alamo Wash and Trails  
Clean-up will take place  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>,  
starting at 7am. Need  
more information?  
Call Frank Flasch:  
cell phone 520-909-2107**

### The Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program

**(OFLLAH)** was established in 1967 as a not-for-profit neighborhood based program. OFLLAH invites neighborhood volunteers to provide a variety of services to older adults, disabled individuals, or those with temporary needs. The program aims to assist older adults in maintaining their independence and in strengthening community ties through mutual support.

## Meet the President

*This is the first in a series of interviews with OFLN residents who have contributed to the well being of the neighborhood. We focus first on the current President of OFLNA, **Frank Flasch**, and his wife, **Kate**.*

Meet Frank Flasch, and his wife of 30 years, Kate. OFLNA is indeed fortunate that this dynamic duo has chosen to serve the neighbourhood they have grown to love since moving here in 2001. Both participate in a multitude of neighbourhood events and projects, and each has been a past President of the Council.



As President of OFLNA, Frank's primary interests are in preserving the unique history and character of this unusual neighborhood; in finding ways that OFLNA can be of service to its residents; and in ensuring that the management of the OFLNA and the Chapel property are on the professional footing that will allow a smooth transition to future leaders.

The unique character of this neighborhood with its rich history, established traditions, and remarkable people were what sparked Frank's interest in volunteering for OFLNA. A professed 'people' person, he is also a man of action and his wife Kate notes his skill in problem-solving. For example, when Frank became distressed by the trash so carelessly thrown into the Alamo Wash, he gathered friends and neighbors to help him clear out the debris, and then extended this activity into a biennial clean-up of all the neighborhood trails and Fort Lowell Road. All of us who enjoy walks in this neighborhood are beneficiaries.

Frank responds warmly where he sees an opportunity to help others. A visit to the Community Food Bank convinced him of the extraordinary need of many Tucson residents for adequate food, and he was impressed that the superbly run Food Bank is considered a model for the nation. So he organized a system to collect monthly contributions of good food to augment the supplies at the Food Bank. So far he has persuaded 10 local Homeowners' Associations to participate in this worthy endeavour.

Frank and Kate complement one another admirably in both their skills and personalities. Whereas Frank is a delightful extrovert and 'man of the people,' Kate, who grew up in England, confesses she is a natural introvert with a passion for leadership, organisation, and the achievement of goals. Kate used these attributes skilfully as president of the Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program where, among her many accomplishments, she succeeded in procuring Grants necessary to put the program on a sound financial footing, and instituted the 'Community Connection' which publicised the program effectively to those who have need of it. After a brief recess, Kate will return to the OFLLAH Board in 2014.

Frank cordially invites you to become an active participant in OFLNA and he may be contacted with questions and ideas at [Frank.Flasch@aol.com](mailto:Frank.Flasch@aol.com) or 520-909-2107.



## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES SALE

*San Pedro Chapel  
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road*

San Pedro Chapel is transformed into a magical antique shop the first week-end in November filled with china, silver, crystal, jewelry, fine art, and furniture. If you're a dues-paying member of the OFLNA or a volunteer from the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home program, celebrate Halloween at the preview night on Friday, October 31, 5-7pm.

The sale is open to the public on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 from 11am-3pm, and on Sunday, November 3, from 1-3pm.

Everyone in the neighborhood and their friends are invited to donate or consign items for the sale. We will give you a receipt for the donations, which are tax deductible. We receive merchandise at the Chapel between Saturday and Monday, October 26-28, from 11am-1pm, and 1-3pm, and on Monday, October 28 from 5-7pm.

Volunteers are needed at all stages of the sale for an hour or two or for the whole event. We need volunteers in the preparatory stages, for 2 hour shifts during the sale itself, and on Monday to help check out consignors and pack up the last items so the Chapel can be returned to its everyday appearance. It's fun and you'll meet a lot of good neighbors.

Please email Maureen Pollack at [mpollacknm@aol.com](mailto:mpollacknm@aol.com) regarding your availability. For more information on consignments, call either Dorothy Steele at 326-0056 or Julie Miller at 615-9176.

**Join us in making the A & C Sale a grand success! Profits are shared between OFLNA and her sister organization OFLLAH.**

### Tribute to John Flynn (1940-2013)

OFLNA recently lost John Flynn, a dedicated contributor to the betterment of the neighborhood. John was nearly 73 yrs. old when he passed away on September 3rd. We all remember John as a very calm, considerate, efficient, well organized, and effective man. He contributed greatly of his time to be an active member of the OFLNA Council and as a volunteer for the OFLLHA program. He was tireless in his volunteer efforts for such neighborhood activities as Fort Lowell Day, the Antiques & Collectables Sale, and The Flea Market. He was constantly working behind the scenes doing repairs for the San Pedro Chapel and as well for his neighbors. Good-bye to a good friend John, you will be sorely missed.

A memorial service for John will be held at San Pedro Chapel at 5PM on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.



### 33rd La Reunion de El Fuerte/Fort Lowell Day Celebration

Saturday, February 8, 2014 10am - 4pm

The history of the neighborhood and its 19th century Fort will again come to life with Cavalry drills at Fort Lowell Park, a free 4th Cavalry Regimental Band concert, children's activities, our historic sites walking tour, and much more. In fact, part of the property on the southwest corner of Fort Lowell Rd. and Craycroft Rd., which will be undergoing restoration work (at last!), will be open and Homer Thiel from Desert Archeology will be showing off Hohokam artifacts found on the site during a recent environmental cleanup. Tucson Medical Center will again be giving bus tours of the historical buildings on their Campus, and Bill Anderson, our liaison to TMC, informed us that they are giving a donation to help us with the costs of our event. Fort Lowell Day requires a lot of people who are willing to act as hosts for 2½ hours at sites. We supply you with all the information you'll need. We are also in great need of people to work on organizing various aspects of the event. If you need more information and/or want to lend a hand, call Janet at 327-1339 or Kate at 327-9392.



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OLD FORT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Membership Form - June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014**

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 Membership\* (Annual dues \$25): *Friends near and far who choose to be informed and for participate in neighborhood events and activities.*

Business Membership\* (Annual dues \$100 or in-kind value)

*\*You are invited to members only preview nights before neighborhood sales.*

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ New membership      Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal      Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Business membership      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.)

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 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 Reunion 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 immediate area  
 \_\_\_\_\_ special talents, skills, expertise that you're willing to donate? \_\_\_\_\_