

# NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATOR



March 1998

## 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who participated in our 50th anniversary celebration. Young and old, new and long time residents alike, all seemed to enjoy the party. For those of you who could not join us, we missed you. We met new neighbors, learned some history, enjoyed local anecdotes and got to know Bel Air Neighborhood and our neighbors better.

Neighbors were joined by City Councilman Phil Gordon and Senate House Leader, Jack Brown. Representative Brown recently purchased a house in Bel Air where he will live while the State Senate is in session.

We would like to thank all the neighbors who made presentations, especially long-time residents Fran and Fred Godwin and Barb Redmond.

Songs of the 40's were featured and expertly sung by neighbor Michael Alyn. He also generously donated to neighbors in attendance a cassette tape of songs he has performed in the past.

From those neighbors in attendance, Mr. Vincent Banks from Heatherbrae, was determined to have lived in the neighborhood the longest. He was awarded a Bel Air Neighborhood T-shirt. Mr. Banks moved into the Kearney subdivision in July 1943.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success. We would like to give special thanks to The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and Marie Chapple-Comacho who donated Phoenix Library Calendars and an Ed Mell poster. The calendars were won by 10 lucky neighbors. Shirley Price, mother of board nominee Jerry Price on 16th Drive, won the poster.

We would also like to thank Chuck Britt, the manager at our 7th Avenue Bashas', for our lovely decorated sheet cake. We appreciate Bashas' continued support.

Lastly, we would like to thank the new neighbors that made that extra effort and came to their first neighborhood association meeting. It was nice meeting you and we hope to see you again soon.

We appreciate those neighbors who called for transportation to the meeting and hope more neighbors will take advantage of this service next time.

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## THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

Reaction and comments were so positive that we have decided to continue our Neighborhood's 50th Anniversary Celebration with events and themes at upcoming general meetings this year. The first event will be our Gala Ice Cream Social at our General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 9th.

Do you remember what an old fashioned Ice Cream Social was like? If so, we could really use your help. Who came to these socials? What did people do? Where were they held? We need ideas, suggestions, memories and, of course most of all, VOLUNTEERS. Help us make this meeting and celebration even better than the one in February!!

Presently, the committee consists of three people. If you can help us out, even if it is just to give us ideas or suggestions, call Anna and Tim Blevins at 266-6340 or Betty Dales at 265-4856, or you can leave a message on the neighborhood hotline.

..... by the way .....

## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

*Registration Forms are included in this issue*

Don't forget Board Nominations will be open until March 13 for the May 9th election. We hope you will give the idea of helping your neighborhood more thought and nominate yourself or someone you know. Please call any board member with new nominations.

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## ASSOCIATION BOARD

### President

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Nancy Chambers (1999)  
4112 N. 18th Avenue  
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Stacy Ayers (1999)  
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Tim Blevins (1998)  
Susie Foltz (1999)  
Jeannie Garcia (1998)  
Bill Heedy (1999)  
Bob McBane (1999)  
Jack Redmond (1999)

## Minute To Minute

By  
Nancy Chambers

The February 14, 1998 meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the home of Susie Folz. The minutes and the 1997 Block Watch Grant report were approved as submitted.

### OLD BUSINESS

**301 Block Watch Grant 1998** - Our grant application was delivered to the Police Department. We asked for money for the following: 20 peepholes; 100 dusk-to-dawn photo cells; supplies needed for a sidewalk/grass cleanup; supplies for a house number curb painting project; printing costs for the newsletter and notices; hotline charges; bank charges; meeting room charges; copy machine service; miscellaneous office supplies; postage for our survey and insurance for two events.

**February 10th General Meeting Recap** - Over 70 people attended the meeting. The cake donated by Bashas was delicious. Neighbors used our driver volunteers for transportation to and from the meeting. Nominees for the Board are as follows: Anna Blevins, Marie Chapple Camacho, Betty Dales, Jeannie Garcia, Rick Jackal, Jerry Price and Clara Wolf. The nomination are still open. If you have someone to nominate, call a Board Member or leave a message on the Hotline by March 13.

**Neighborhood Cleanup** - We decided we would pick up trash along the perimeter of the neighborhood (15th Avenue and the Canal to Indian School, along Indian School and up to 19th Avenue to the canal). The committee for this project is Anna, Jeannie and Nancy. The cleanup will be March 14 at 8:00 a.m.

**Ice Cream Social** - Our May General Meeting will be an Ice Cream Social.

It will be held on May 9, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. We need a committee to organize this event.

### NEW BUSINESS

**1998 Survey** - We will conduct a survey this year. It will go out in the April Newsletter.

**Family/Home Photos** - It was suggested that photos be taken of each family in the neighborhood in front of their home. The pictures would then be put in a scrapbook. The project was approved by the Board.

**Signs On Poles** - In March, the city will start enforcing the "No signs in the right-of-way, on sidewalks and on poles" ordinance. This ordinance includes a-frame signs. We can use our a-frames if they are on private property.

**Neighborhoods That Work** - The Neighborhoods That Work application has been submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45

### Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status Balance as of 2/10/98

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,425.86</b>
<b>301 Grant</b>	<b>\$2,417.64</b>

Please remember that 301 Grant Fund money can only be used for items specified in contract written at time of Grant.

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**Sav-On Printing**  
**4520 N. 19th Avenue**  
**242-2308**  
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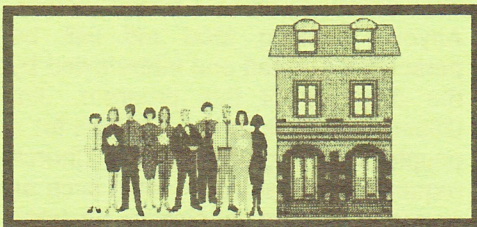
## BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Anna Blevins

Curb appeal delights neighbors as Domino's Pizza officially opened their new store at the Northeast corner of 19th Avenue and Indian School Road February 13. A neighborhood business for over twelve years, Domino's relocated from their 4205 North 19th Avenue location because of space limitations. The large new carry-out store, which features major remodeling to the Panda Chiropractic Building and lot, will provide better visibility and parking availability for customers.

The store manager, Scott, has been with Domino's for over eleven years. He managed the 19th Avenue store for a few months prior to the move. Scott would like neighbors to know that the owner of all the Phoenix Domino's takes great pride in his store's appearance and he intends to maintain this store to keep it looking nice. New management changes promise to make Domino's Pizza better than ever.

Community involvement is important to Scott and Domino's. They intend to give their support to our neighborhood association.



### Bel Air Photos

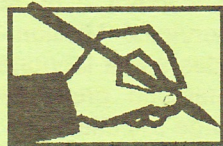
To further augment our 50th Anniversary, your Bel Air Board approved a project for a Fifty Year Photo Album Directory to include families as well as their houses.

The plan is for you to talk to your neighbors and get them to take a picture of your family in front of your house and in turn you take their picture. All photos are to be 4".

Then, put the photo in an envelope along with an information sheet with your address, phone number, names of family members and any other special information you would like to include.

Please drop it off at 1715 West Devonshire, Attention Bill Kinnerup, by April 15, 1998.

If enough neighbors participate, we will have an Album Directory to display at our May 1998 Meeting. If you have any questions, call Bill Kinnerup 279-1328.



## A DEAL'S A DEAL

Frequently I get calls from people who have just made a deal. Then, sometimes, these same people think they have found a better deal, or they think things over and decide the payments are too high. Maybe the payments will be almost impossible and impose financial hardship and stress on the whole family.

Unfortunately, in most of these cases, I have to advise people that a deal is a deal. When they signed the contract, they were legally bound by its terms, and no, they do not have the right to change their mind.

I believe that one of the reasons that this scenario occurs so frequently is the common misconception that consumers have a right to change

their mind after they sign a contract or purchase agreement. In most circumstances this is not so.

This misconception probably arose because there are a few situations where the law does give you a right to change your mind or cancel a contract. For example: "Home Solicitation Sales". Under Arizona law a "Home Solicitation Sale" occurs when the seller comes to your home and you make a credit purchase, or the seller arranges a loan for you to make the purchase. Under some specific circumstances such as these, you may cancel by giving written notice to the seller by midnight of the third business day after the day you signed the contract.

Another example is telephone solicitation. Arizona law allows you to cancel a contract within three business days of the delivery to you of items you have purchase over the telephone. There are a few other occasions when you can change your mind after signing a contract. For example, if you have signed up to refinance your mortgage. If you are uncertain about whether you have the right to cancel in such a case, seek legal advice before you sign.

Always remember, sales people are trained to make the sale. That is how they make their living. It is your responsibility as buyer to make sure that any particular purchase is in your best interest and fits your budget. Remember also that it is perfectly appropriate to tell the salesperson that you need to take the contract home and review it for a day before you sign on the dotted line. Sad to say, but important to remember, if the deal is so good it can't wait, it is probably too good to be true.

John D. Shaw  
Attorney At Law

## INFORMATION CORNER

**What:** Neighborhood Cleanup  
**When:** Saturday, March 14, 8:00 am  
**Where:** 17th Ave & Indian School Rd  
**Who:** YOU!

In order to fulfill our 301 Block Watch contract, we are holding a neighborhood cleanup. We will be picking up trash along the perimeter of our neighborhood. Please help us.

The Public works Department begins its 1998 limited household hazardous waste collections March 6-8.

Old discarded batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze will be accepted at the collection event, scheduled for the Desert West Community Center at the northeast corner of 67th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard. Five old residential tires will be accepted per resident. The hours are 8:00am - 2:00pm each day.

The Phoenix City Council has elected Dave Siebert to serve as the city's vice mayor for 1998.

Siebert, who represents District 1 in northwest Phoenix, was elected to the City Council in November 1995. He chairs the council's Environment and Natural Resources Subcommittee and serves on the Ethics and Public Safety Subcommittee.

Childrens Musical Performance  
&  
Spaghetti Dinner

The American Lutheran Pre-School and Day Care Center is sponsoring a dinner and children's musical on March 20, 5:30 p.m. The affair will be held in the gymnasium. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children under 10, \$12.00 family ticket, children under 2 get in free. Information 265-2527



## FREE MEDICAL SERVICE



Mission of Mercy is currently providing free medical services for those individuals and families who are unable to afford or have access to needed medical care by appointment at the following locations:

Every Wednesday from 8am to 5pm  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran  
Church, 1500 W. Maryland  
(249-1936)

Every Thursday from 8am to 5pm  
Christ the King Catholic Community  
1620 E. Broadway, Mesa  
(962-5197)

This service is accomplished through a team of paid and volunteer healthcare, administrative and hospitality workers. In addition to medical services, Mission of Mercy also provides some laboratory testing and non-narcotic prescription drugs free of charge to patients.

Who qualifies? No family doctor. Emergency. Homeless. Unexpected Needs. Uninsured. Under-insured.



## Elder Appreciation Project Announces Transition Support Group

Helping Elders who have experienced a loss find a safe place to share common knowledge and support! Reduce isolation, depression and the risk of suicide.

It is free!!!

Groups are held each Thursday at the Washington Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Leslie Garner at Jewish Family and Children's Services at 257-1904 #264 for more information or to sign up.

## Donatable Discards

Some things that could be thrown away - old furniture, an appliance that just needs a few minor repairs - might be needed by charitable, non-profit organizations. To find them call Community Information and Referral, 263-8856.

Do you know someone that is suffering such severe financial hardship they can't even afford to eat? or .....

Do you have a non-perishable food item that you can do without?

Read on .....

The American Lutheran Church provides basic grocery items to anyone in need of assistance.

"Lord's Pantry" is held every Tuesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Anyone seeking food aid will be personally greeted and interviewed by the directors of this program, Jim Gilbert and Mark Irvin. In return for a couple bags of groceries, The Church requests minimal labor tasks, such as sweeping, raking or picking up trash from the grounds.

Donations of non-perishable food items to further this program would be greatly appreciated. Receipts for donations can be provided. For more information, contact Lisa Lynch: 265-2527.



**Want to play  
basketball?**

Martin Luther School Principal, Hank Raush, let us know the outside basketball courts are available to the neighborhood weekdays after 6:00pm and weekends.

However, Hank reminds us that we need to be sensitive to any other activities or functions happening at the school. In other words, if the parking lot is full, come back another time.



We again wish to remind you that Welcome Packets are available for new neighbors. Contact Fred and Fran Godwin at 266-0493 or Susie Folz at 274-7750



This newsletter welcomes any quips, quotes, questions and comments from the neighborhood. We want your input.

Leave a message on our Hotline or contact any of our Board Members. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number for verification and byline.

## Board Elections

Are you registered to vote?

In accordance with our Association Bylaws, members of the association who wish to vote in our May 9, 1998 election need to be registered to vote. There are two ways to register:

1. Attending a General Meeting prior to the election. (If you attended our February 1998 General Meeting, you're qualified).

2. Returning the registration form at least thirty days prior to the election.

If you did not attend the February General Meeting and wish to vote May 9, complete the registration form on this page and drop it off at any Board Member's house or mail it to our Association address - 4112 North 18th Avenue by April 9, 1998.

### Connie's Corner Quips, Quotes & Questions

*Now added to my list of treasured moments are those times when I am in control of the television.*

*If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence-----fertilize!*

*What was the best thing before sliced bread?*

#### Election Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Signature:

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Address:

Signature:

## Bel Air Advertisements

*Newsletter display ads for businesses are priced according to size. The small ad which is never larger than a standard business card is \$7.00. A large ad is \$14.00 and sized according to space available each issue. Classified ads are \$3.00 for 25 words or less. If you would like to place an ad please leave your name and number on our hotline 392-8338 and someone will return your call.*

Support your neighborhood businesses  
Be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the Communicator

**Notice** -The deadline for submitting articles for the April Newsletter is March 21.

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Living and Working in your community since 1983

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