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Take this Christmas trivia quiz Yule Like It!

1. What was the original title of the poem commonly known as *The Night Before Christmas*?
2. In *The Night Before Christmas*, "I sprang from my bed to see" what?
3. What men's grooming appliance became a sled for Santa in commercials of the '60s?
4. What do most elves wear on the tips of their shoes?
5. What parade was first held January 1, 1886?
6. Who first recorded *Here Comes Santa Claus*?
7. Who is the author of *A Christmas Carol*?
8. What was Scrooge's first name?
9. What was the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner?
10. Who said "God Bless Us, Every One"?
11. In *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, what biological shortcoming made the Grinch so mean?
12. In Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*, who is the nutcracker's main enemy?
13. In *Frosty the Snowman*, who brought Frosty back to life?
14. What carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"?
15. In the song *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*, what did Grandpa go get?



- 1 A Visit From Saint Nicholas
- 2 . . . what was the matter"
- 3 Norelco Electric Shaver
- 4 Bells
- 5 The Tournament of Roses
- 6 Gene Autry
- 7 Charles Dickens
- 8 Ebenezer
- 9 Jacob Marley
- 10 Tiny Tim
- 11 His heart was two sizes too small
- 12 The King of the Mice
- 13 Santa Claus
- 14 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 15 Her medication

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Our Bel Air Singers would like to invite you to a special event on Thursday evening, December 23rd.

The group is busy rehearsing Christmas music so that they can lead you in an evening of caroling around our neighborhood. Songbooks will be provided, but you will probably need to bring a flashlight so you can read what you are singing!

We will meet at Tom and Carol Adamson's house at 4240 N. 16th Avenue (on the cul de sac) at 5:30 pm. From there we will go through as much of the neighborhood at time allows. You can join us at any time.

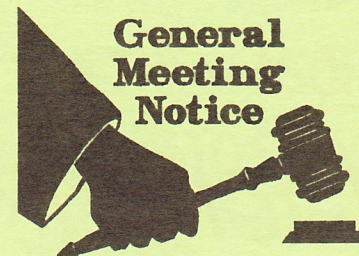
If you know someone who is homebound who would enjoy some music, please call the hotline and let us know.

We will return to Adamson's for cider and cookies. We will be finished by 7:30 to 8:00pm.

With all the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, this will be a wonderful opportunity for you to unwind, relax, get to know your neighbors and just have fun!

Our Bel Air Singers are now rehearsing each Monday from 4:00 to 5:00pm at Adamson's. Children from pre-school through sixth grade are invited to join. Please call Carol at 277-4904 if you know someone who is interested.

Thanks Bel Air Singers!



The next general meeting of the Bel Air Association is Thursday, January 20 at 7:00pm at Martin Luther School. More information will be in the January newsletter.

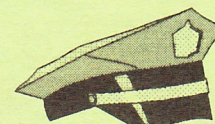


Thanks to neighborhood volunteers our Saturday, November 6 clean up was accomplished in one hour. Trash bags in hand, 12 neighbors walked the perimeter of Bel Air and picked up litter and trash. Indian School Road, 15th Avenue and 19th Avenue were definitely cleaner this year than last, but nevertheless numerous trash bags were filled.

Our next clean up will be in February. It will be an alley cleanup and we will need lots of volunteers. If you didn't volunteer this time, we could use your help with this alley clean up! Be sure to check our January newsletter for details.

Open House

Squaw Peak Precinct
12/15/99 - 4:30 to 7:30
6206 N. 24th St.



Tours & Refreshments
Show Your Support!

Minute to Minute

By Betty Dales
substituting for
Todd Brueshoff

The November 13, 1999 Board Meeting was held in the Fireside Room at Martin Luther School, 1830 W. Glenrosa. The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.

All members were present except for Todd Brueshoff who was out of town.

Minutes from the October meeting and the Treasurer's reports for the General Fund and 301 Grant accounts were accepted as submitted.

New Board Member - Jim Matthew was nominated and selected to fill the seat vacated by Rick Jackal whose term is due to expire in May 2001. Jim and his wife Judy live on Monterosa and were instrumental in the planning and production of this year's Fall Festival. Welcome aboard, Jim!

Election of Board President - The Board elected Carol Adamson to complete the 1999-2000 presidential term. Congratulations. Carol is the founder and leader of the Bel Air Singers whom many of you have seen perform at general meetings and the Fall Festival. Thank you to Tom Bentley who has very ably and graciously filled in during the selection process and is now happy to return to his roll as Vice President.

301-1999 Alley Lighting Project - The main project and the major expenditure of the 1999 301 Block Watch Grant is to install 12 alley lights and pay for three years of electrical usage. A committee has been formed to recommend installation sites and coordinate with APS to complete the project by the end of our grant period, June 2000. The committee - consisting of Carol Adamson, Anna and Tim Blevins and Betty Dales - will use the requests made at the Fall Festival and an after-dark drive through the alleys to determine light placement.

301 -2000 Block Watch Grant - Applications will be available in January for the Y2K 301 Grants. Sharon Barger, Laurel Moran, Pastor Charles Wilfong and Jeannie Garcia volunteered to serve on the committee. One possible project is additional alley lights. Neighbors who can serve on the committee or have suggestions for projects can leave a message on the Hotline or contact a Board Member.

General Meeting - The next General Meeting will be in January 2000. Carol Adamson, Jim and Judy Mathew and Tom Bentley are planning the event. An important part of the meeting will be the solicitation of nominees for the 2000 Board election. Six current board members' two year terms will expire in May 2000. Three of those members - Anna Blevins, Jeannie Garcia and Betty Dales - are not eligible for re-election per our Association's bylaws as they have already been elected and served for two consecutive terms.

Spring CleanUp - The spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at 7:00am. February is considered more winter than spring but in order to avoid the heat and coordinate with the city's bulk trash pickup we selected that date. Unlike the fall cleanup where we did the perimeter of the neighborhood, this time we will concentrate on the alleys. Our focus will be on cutting, raking and bagging the grass and weeds.

Inventory Update - A listing of all known Bel Air Neighborhood Association's equipment and supplies was given to the Board to add or modify. There were a few adjustments. Betty will make the corrections and give completed lists to all board members.

Other - Jeannie has been researching the cost of getting more Bel Air t-shirts. We only have 3 white shirts in medium and 2 medium and 1 large in green. The best price was \$6.50 each for good quality green shirts,

plus the screening fee of \$15.00, and no charge for the artwork as they can use the logo we have on diskette. The Board approved up to \$225.00 from the General Fund to purchase 25 shirts in various sizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40am. The next Board meeting will be held on December 11, 1999. Please check with any Board member as to location.

Bel Air Neighborhood Association Financial Status

Balance as of 11/13/99

General Fund	\$1,864.34
301 Grant	\$7,336.09

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

Connie's Corner

*A hug is the perfect gift.
One size fits all and no one minds
if you return it.*



3 hours of housecleaning (vacuuming, scrubbing, sweeping) burns 585 calories.

2 1/2 hours of rushed shopping burns 390 calories.

2 hours of tree trimming burns 270 calories.

IT'S THAT TIME"

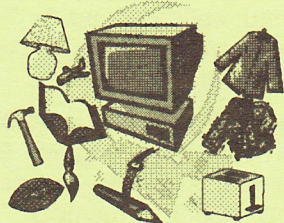
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CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec 3-18, Glendale Glitter Enchanted Evenings - Downtown, holiday entertainment, food, crafts, horse drawn carriage rides, Santa, free, Fri/Sat 6-10pm, 623/930-2299.

Dec 3-11/19, 5th Annual Flagstaff Open House & Craft Sale - Old Main Art Gallery, free, 520/523-3471.

Dec 4, Phoenix Fiesta of Light Electric Light Parade - 7pm, free 602/345-5752, 602/256-4125.

Dec 17, Wickenburg, 4th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights - parade route in the historic district, 6:30pm, 520/684-5479.

Dec 17-Jan 2, Scottsdale Holiday Lights '99 - McCormick/Stillman Railroad Park, 50,000+ lights and displays, \$1, 6:30-9:00pm, Santa thru the 23rd, 480/312-2312.

Dec 29-Jan 2, Phoenix, AZ Stock Show - State Fairgrounds, livestock shows for 4-H, FFA & adult exhibitors, Li'l Buckaroo rodeo, farm experience, chili challenge, antique tractor pull, \$2, 8am-5pm, 602/258-8568.

Dec 31, Celebration 2000, Phoenix's New Year's Eve Extravaganza - 12 block area downtown, entertainment including Waylon Jennings, Steppenwolf and Three Dog Night, Family Fun Zone with interactive games and displays, a beer garden, two fireworks shows. The first at 9pm will mark the end of the Family Fun Zone. The second, a 25-minute production at midnight, which will be the biggest ever seen in the state, will mark the end of the century. 4pm-1am, Free for children under 12, 602/262-5071.

'TIS THE SEASON TO STAY SAFE



VISITING A NUMBER OF STORES?

1. Stow purchases out of plain sight-in the trunk of the car, not the back seat.
2. Avoid carrying large sums of cash. Checks, credit card or traveler's checks are better options. Keep them in a fanny pack or traveler's wallet that you can hide underneath clothes.
3. Note which mall entrance you came through so you can take a direct route back to your car and avoid wandering the parking lot at night.
4. Memorize what your child is wearing so you can give security an accurate description if you get separated. Also, carry a current picture in your wallet. Make sure children know their parent's names and can describe the clothes they are wearing.

OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

1. Make sure a trusted neighbor has an emergency phone number where you can be reached.
2. Don't advertise your gifts. If you receive a new computer, television or stereo for Christmas, take time to cut the box apart and put it in the recycling bin or trash can.
3. When using your credit card to shop online, be sure the Web site is secure. There will be a statement attesting to this on the site.

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