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December, 2015

The 2015 Roosevelt Home Tour Was a Success!

Sunday, November 15, 2015 was the annual Home Tour for our neighborhood and if you didn't make it, you missed a great event. We ended up with six food trucks, just under forty vendors and nine incredible homes. The day started at 7am with set up and could not have gone more smoothly, the vendors came in and got into place, followed by the food trucks and finally we set up the ticket booth and the successful tour was underway. Even the rain that came in didn't keep people from coming and enjoying our neighborhood.

At the risk of sounding like an award show, there are so many people to thank and I want to mention as many as possible. Planning this Home Tour is a nine month volunteer commitment that is a lot of work but is also very rewarding. First, thank you to all the homeowners. I didn't know many of you before the tour and I feel fortunate to have you as friends now. Thank you to the volunteers that went to the homes, I didn't get to see you on Sunday but you showed up and helped the homeowners and made everything go smoothly. Thank you to the Lord Family, children and all, who showed up at 7am and never left! Thank you to the ticket booth volunteers, there was never a line and people commented repeatedly about how efficient it was to pick up their tickets, all of you were vital to the success and happiness of everyone at the tour.

Thank you to my friends, Pierre, Di and Teresa who volunteered to let me boss them around and send them wherever I needed them throughout the day. Thank you to Monica and Sherry for being in the background with years of knowledge and experience and being willing to share that experience with me. Quinn Whissen, thank you for changing, editing and creating the website on every whim that I had.

A huge giant thank you to Mike and Angel Pennell, they not only put their house on the tour but hosted the after party for all of us, which hopefully everyone made it to. Your contribution to the neighborhood and to the Home Tour committee is greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the Home Tour Committee, Mark Davis, Karl Obergh and Andie Abkarian. There is so much work that goes into this and each of you was awesome to work with. The neighborhood is so lucky to have people like you three, that care so deeply about the residents and the success of not only the Tour but of the neighborhood in general. Thank you for your countless hours of work and for guiding me every step of the way.

If I didn't personally mention you, I still appreciate every single person that somehow helped me and the committee to get this Tour together. It was a huge success and couldn't happen without all of the volunteers!

Sincerely,

Melanie Terpstra



THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD

Call for 2016 Board of Directors

By Mark Davis

It is that time of year again! Members of the RAA can toss their hat into an available Board of Director spot. As you may recall, our bylaws call for current and paid membership to elect board members for a two-year term at the Annual Meeting scheduled for **February 2, 2016** at UL2. The minimum available board seats are two directors that are termed out (board members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms). Termed out on the board is our current President Karl Obergh and Director Jim Trocki.

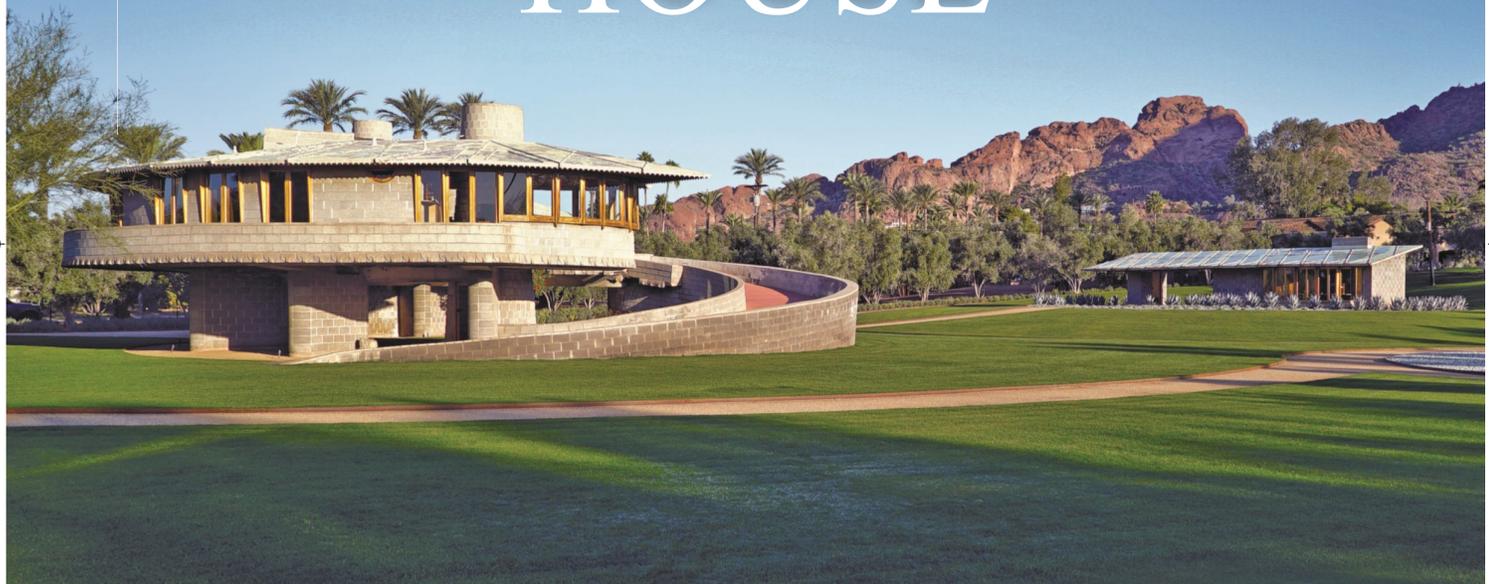
If you wish to a candidate, you need to be a member of the RAA and you need to be nominated at either of the December or January board meetings.

Remember, the bylaws are specific about which members can cast a ballot. You must own real property in the RAA boundaries, one ballot per person and be in good standing and present. **Members must be a dues paying member 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting to cast a ballot, so that means you need to get your membership completed and paid for on or before the January meeting.**

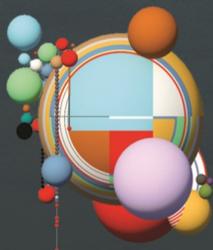
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WHO ARE WE? WHY ARE WE? WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Blount Addition Addendum, Kenilworth Historic District, Portland Street Historic District, Roosevelt Historic District, Chelsea Place Historic District. These are the components of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Multiple Resource Area as listed on the National Historic Register. The legal entity representing this area is The Roosevelt Action Association (RAA).

We have been organized to, "to educate neighborhood property owners regarding funding, etc., for our rehabilitation efforts, provide neighborhood block watch and to promote neighborhood communication...". Over the years we have tried to live up to these goals with more success than failures.

We developed a monthly newspaper and were among the first

Historic districts to hold a successful home tour. We were the first neighborhood to be listed as a City of Phoenix Historic District. We have appeared many times at Phoenix Planning and Zoning hearings to advocate or argue against projects. Our advocacy helped bring in new, but age appropriate street lights. We were successful in winning several grants, including one from the State Heritage Fund, which helped put new roofs, windows and foundations on 22 homes. One early effort prevented a developer from demolishing 5 homes on the north side of Lynwood to build a parking garage. Halloween decorating contests, judged by Kenilworth students, awarded winners for both day time and night time decorations. The Roosevelt Development Seminars brought bankers and developers together to discuss and plan for vacant land or rehabilitation of distressed structures within our neighborhood. We managed to downzone most of north Roosevelt from R-4 (dense multi-family) to R-2, then added our voice to the newest zoning of our neighborhood, Urban Form. We have saved any number of historic structures, e.g. Winship House, Gold Spot market, and others.

This is what a strong neighborhood association can do for you.

Remember, you need to be a dues paid RAA member in January to vote in our February elections.

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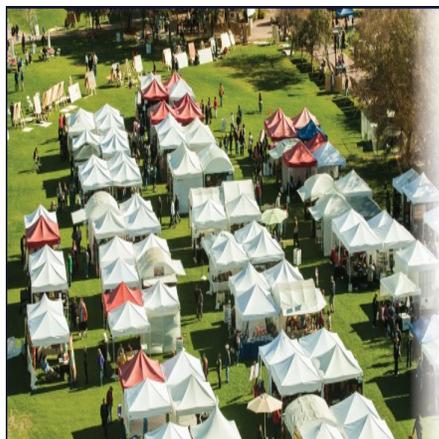
Phoenix Center for the Arts is proud to announce the upcoming fourth annual **Phoenix Festival of the Arts** event. This is a **FREE** activity, **December 11th to 13th**, being held at **Hance Park**. We wanted to let you know that in the past we have not only placed advertisements in the Roosevelt Times Newsletter but have also participated in the Roosevelt Home Tour with an info booth. We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and relatives at this great festival.

Lauren Henschen, Marketing Director

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Merry Christmas to our neighbors

The entire Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Action Association want to take this time to wish all of our neighbors, their families and friends a very joyous and **Merry Christmas** and a grand **Happy New Year**. Many good wishes from Karl Obergh, Sherry Rampy, Monica Goddard, Ryan Tempest, Melanie Terpstra, Diane Miller, Tony Tardino, Andy Brown, and Jim Trocki.





Close Encounters: Wells Fargo

A short trip to downtown Phoenix will take you back in time to the days of cowboys, stage coaches, and Pony Express. In 1852 Henry Wells and William Fargo started their banking and express business which eventually became Wells Fargo Bank.

At the Well Fargo History Museum you can have a chance to learn firsthand about the Wild West. The museum has an authentic 19th century stagecoach along with a replica you can clime aboard. You can also try your hand as a telegraph operator with their Interactive display.

Not to be missed is the art work. The Museum has the largest public display of W. C. Wyeth's western themed work.

The Museum is open Monday thru Friday 9am to 5pm (closed on bank holidays). Admission is free. Located at 145 West Adams Street it is close enough to walk or bike to, or take the light rail. Your visit is self-guided but for more information or to book a tour call 602-378-1852 or visit their website at www.wellsfargohistory.com/museum/phoenix

Monica Goddard

Meet Me Downtown

Meet Me Downtown is a free weekly (rain, shine and holidays) walk-run starting from The Corner in City Scape from 5:15 to 5:45 pm on Mondays. We will provide a route guide for a 3-mile walk downtown and through the Roosevelt Neighborhood. Return to The Corner by 7:00 pm for music, free incentive awards for regular participation and a free raffle. Stay downtown after and enjoy discounts in several "Meet Me" restaurants.



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Roosevelt Monthly Meetings

Roosevelt Action Association usually hold their monthly meetings on the First *Tuesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at UL2 at 2nd Ave & McKinley St.* All residents in the district are invited to these meetings to share thoughts and ideas with the Board of Directors and regular attendees. Also as a reminder the cut-off for submitting articles or ads for the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Please contact Doug Churchill with information at (602)606-2914 or dchurchill37@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

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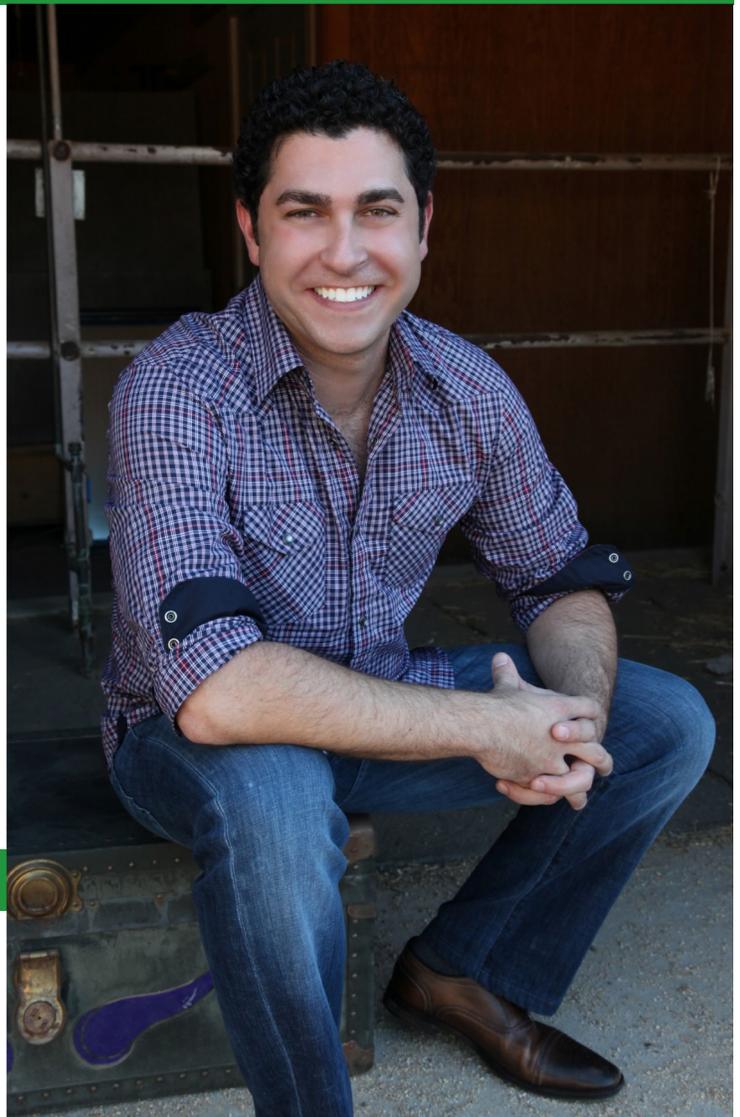
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Shopping the Neighborhood

By Monica Goddard

Put down the car keys and put on your walking shoes this holiday season. Within our neighborhood are some great spots to do your holiday shopping. If kids are on your list take a look at the Arizona Children's Museum gift shop for toys and games for the toddler set. How about a weather kit or build a small solar powered car kit? The Arizona Science Center has a selection of items that will appeal to that curious youngster on your list. The shop at the Phoenix Art Museum has selections reflecting the artistic touch for both children and adults ranging from kitchen items to jewelry and scarves to coloring books. If you are a member of any of these museums you get the bonus of a discount on your purchases.

And who doesn't like to curl up with a good book? One of my favorite stores is the Friend's Place just inside the Burton Barr Public Library. You will find a selection of gently used books at bargain prices so fill up a basket for the reader on your list — young or old. And maybe add one of the literary T-shirts, note books or totes they carry. All purchases help benefit the library.

Don't forget to explore the stores along Roosevelt Row as well. Happy Holiday Shopping!



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Roosevelt Action Association (RAA) Membership

Since 1981, the RAA's mission has been to promote understanding of and appreciation for Phoenix's historic past, to increase awareness of its architectural and cultural history, and to foster neighborhood pride for future generations. Its many projects include promoting rehabilitation and redevelopment efforts and acting as a community advocate for issues that maintain the communities quality of life. Dues act as seed-money to support the business and mission of the RAA.

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2016 Annual Dues: Individual: \$10.00 per person X _____ people = \$ _____
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Completed Membership Form can be mailed to RAA—P.O. Box 2788—Phoenix, AZ 85002, brought to monthly board meetings or dropped off at Karl Obergh's mailbox at 502 W. Lynwood. Membership is on a calendar year and dues must be paid to vote at meetings.

Giving Back

We moved into the neighborhood in 1984 and joined RAA the same year. At that time RAA was in its infancy, defined by the historic designation: The Roosevelt Neighborhood Multiple Resource Area. The job was recognition by the State and Federal Historic agencies to be listed as an historic area with them, and additionally, to be recognized by Phoenix as an organization representing the residents of the neighborhood. And remember, of the 300 and some homes 30 were group homes of some type.

This was a very hands-on time. Zoning laws were relatively new to Phoenix and it seemed almost every new project required a hearing. This was prior to the instant communication of today, therefore it was sometimes word of mouth, publication in the newspaper, or some other slow means of communication. Many hearings to attend, many battles to preserve or have designs to fit the historic neighborhood.

Then came our adolescence, expansion to Van Buren, better communication, and more of a look internally. More people bought homes, fixed and repaired them, adding to the value of the neighborhood. This prompted developers to take quick looks with an eye toward commercial. The residents were new and things appeared good from the outside. With the promises and infighting the neighborhood made it through its adolescence.

We are now coming to maturity. We have lived here long enough to

appreciate the historical significance; zoning laws have been cleaned up so the controversy is more focused; the group homes have been reduced to those coexisting with their neighbors; with exceptions developers have become contributors not adversaries.

Against this brief background I would propose giving back to the neighborhood. The plan is simple. Develop a list of organizations (within RAA boundaries) that could use our help and support. In February, along with the election of Board members, one of the nominees be selected for one year of assistance. The following year a new organization would be selected. Once selected, several Board members would meet with the organization to help determine their needs and the ability of RAA to meet them.

Jim Trocki

Calendar of Events — December, 2015

Week of 12/13—12/19

Week of 12/1—12/5

- Tuesday:** Andrea Bocelli (Talking Stick Resort Arena) 7:30pm
CitySkate Holiday Ice Rink (CityScape) 11:30am-1:30pm & 5-11pm
- Wednesday:** The Night Before Christmas (Az Puppet Theatre) 10am & 2pm
- Thursday:** KMLE's 'Not so Silent Night' (Comerica Theatre) 7 pm
Downtown Sundown (Phx Public Mkt) 5-9pm
- Friday:** First Friday (Roosevelt from Central to 7th St) 3-10pm
Holiday Pops (Symphony Hall) 7:30pm
- Saturday:** A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail (Valley Youth Theater) 1:30pm
APS Festival of Lights Parade (Central Phx) 7pm

Week of 12/6—12/12

- Sunday:** Holiday Pops (Symphony Hall) 7:30pm
- Monday:** Motown on Mondays (crescent Ballroom) 10:30pm
- Wednesday:** Afternoon Movie "On The Town" (Burton Barr Library) 2-4:30pm
- Thursday:** City Lights Movie (City Scape) 6:30pm
- Friday:** Rat Pack Christmas (Orpheum Theatre) 8pm
The Nutcracker Ballet Arizona (Symphony Hall) 7:30pm
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park (downtown Civic Space Park) 8:30-10am
Snow Much Fun Day (Children's Museum of Phx) 9am

- Sunday:** Dinosaurs in Motion (Az Science Center) 10am-5pm
- Monday:** Motown on Mondays (Last Exit Live) 10:30pm
- Tuesday:** Pop Up Park (Arizona Center) 11:30am-1:30pm
- Thursday:** Phoetious 2015 (Public Market) 5-10pm
- Friday:** The Nutcracker Phoenix Ballet (Orpheum Theatre) 7pm
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park (downtown Civic Space Park) 8:30-10am
Motley Crue (Talking Stick Resort Arena) 7pm

Week of 12/20—12/26

- Monday:** Motown on Mondays (Crescent Ballroom) 10:30pm
- Thursday:** Christmas Eve
- Friday:** Christmas Day
- Saturday:** Yoga in Park (downtown Civic Space Park) 8:30-10am

Week of 12/27—12/31

- Thursday:** News Years Eve Celebration (Symphony Hall) 4pm or 7:30pm
Cinderella (Az puppet Theater) 10am & 2pm

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