

# Together

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PHOENIX HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

## Neighborhood News and Upcoming Events – Summer Issue 2008

### MEET THE NEW PHA BOARD!

**John Berends**, President, 2434 E. Earll Dr., (602)956-6794, [jberends61@yahoo.com](mailto:jberends61@yahoo.com)

John and his wife Carol have been here just over 2 years. John serves as pastor of the Phoenix Christian Reformed Church on E. Earll Dr.; Carol is school nurse at All Saints Episcopal Day School on N. Central. The Berends like Phoenix a lot (well... at least 9 out of 12 months!). John will work with the PHA Board to implement a neighbor-helping-neighbor program for yard/home improvement.

**Sally Andrek**, Vice President, 3218 N. 27TH St., (602)778-9950, [sandrek2@msn.com](mailto:sandrek2@msn.com)

Sally Andrek along with her partner, Monica van Heel, a dog, and ten cats moved here seven years ago after renovating a 200 year old farm house in upstate NY. The historic houses, lush surroundings and enlightened PHA attracted them to the Homesteads neighborhood. Sally works as a house painter and finish carpenter; in fact you may see her painting houses in the neighborhood. Monica is an artist who sells her work through galleries and privately.

**Sue Thomas**, Secretary, 3002 N. 27th St., (602)956-0364, [susancanyon@netzero.net](mailto:susancanyon@netzero.net)

Sue has lived in the neighborhood for two years. Her interests have always been community, the environment, and sustainability issues. Prior community involvement has been through community organizing efforts in the City of Phoenix, the Sierra Club, hiking organizations and currently a global initiative "Awakening the Dreamer" to educate the public on sustainability issues, social justice and the environment.

**Kris Straub**, Treasurer, 2640 E. Earll Dr., (602)381-0382, [kris234@q.com](mailto:kris234@q.com)

Kris moved into the neighborhood in 1998 after happening upon our community while walking her dog. Kris' hobbies include home improvement projects and gardening. Kris has spent the last 8 years serving on the PHA board.

**Jeff Blase**, Board Member, 2621 E. Earll Dr., (602)468-1112, [jblase1@cox.net](mailto:jblase1@cox.net)

Jeff was born and lived in Kansas City, moved to Texas to go to college, and moved to AZ in 1987. Jeff met my wife in 1988; she was living in the house they live in now. They bought house from their in-laws in 1997. Jeff has an exterminating business, Pro-Tek Pest Elimination, and his wife is a flight attendant. They love their house especially their back yard; it's like a park.

**Suzanne Bracker**, Board Member, 2729 E. Flower, (602)468-0114; [snbracker@msn.com](mailto:snbracker@msn.com)

Suzanne moved to the neighborhood in 1993. She is interested in the arts and gardening. Suzanne has three children plus grandkids. She operated a gift and plant shop, designed knitwear for boutiques, and now composes music.

**Vicki Council**, Board Member, 3136 N. 27th St., (602)413-0289; [tradervic3136@yahoo.com](mailto:tradervic3136@yahoo.com)

Vicki is a native of Arizona. Her husband Barry is from Illinois. They have a teenage son, Levi. Vicki attends college in the a.m. and works in the afternoons. Barry is a heavy equipment operator. They love the neighborhood!

**Beatrice Ray**, Block Watch Liaison, 3221 N. 27TH St., (602)614-4355; [bobnbea@att.net](mailto:bobnbea@att.net)

Bea and her husband Robert have lived in the neighborhood for 13 years. Bea has been engaged with the board and neighborhood in one manner or other throughout her time living here. Bea's focus for the upcoming year is bringing neighbors together to create a strong Block Watch to make our community a safer place to live.

## PHA Membership Form 2008-2009

*Help make the neighborhood a better place to live. Join as a member of the PHA Association.*

**Household membership, \$24**

(PHA members may choose to advertise their business in the newsletter)

**Business membership, \$50**

(includes one household membership, **your business card in every newsletter for one year.**)

Make checks out to: **Phoenix Homestead Association.**

**Mail checks to: PHA, c/o Kris Straub, 2460 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Memberships are renewed each year in April*

## "God Speed, Allene"

What happened to the "Good Old Days" of the Phoenix Homestead Tract? I have heard about some of our neighbors who have passed on, but heard about it too late. In the "good" old days, a lot of us would rally around those who were left and at least take in a food dish to the family or some would just send a card. One of our long-time residents passed away last week, and I wanted to write a little about her for our newsletter.

### A "Special" Friend and Neighbor!

Allene and her husband Bob moved into the Phoenix Homestead Tract in approximately 1939. Bob and their daughter Sharon passed on previously. Allene continued to live in her home at 2715 E. Flower until her death. Her children who survived her are: daughters – Anne and Robin and son – Bill. In addition, she leaves behind 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as her sister Pauline and her brother Ralph. I have lived next door to Allene for 57 years and have learned to love her as a friend and neighbor all these years.

I would like to express my condolences to the family on behalf of the Phoenix Homestead Tract.

Betty Reekes

# Update on Block Watch Meeting

We would like to thank everyone who attended our latest Block Watch Meeting.

We had approx 50 people from the neighborhood. Our City of Phoenix Representative Raymond Buchanan was our speaker and he covered blighted properties, alleys and graffiti.

We will have another Block Watch Meeting in September with a SRP representative to discuss lighting the alleys.

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9:30am

&

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