

Docent Connection

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DOCENT NEWSLETTER

Miracle of the Roses



On December 10, 2011, in the front of our OLPH Old Adobe Mission, we recreated for the fifth year the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Blessed Juan Diego in front of an audience of about 200 guests... We honored Msgr. Hever with a golfing gift certificate for his dedication to the Mission and we also honored Johnny Diloné with a replica of the Mission for his many years of service as narrator to our Pageant. Mayor Jim Lane, and his wife Joanne, graced us with their presence and spoke a few words appropriate for the season. Norma Saldaña and her City of Scottsdale International Club Folklórico Dancers presented four dances for us, two of which included our very own Luis Arredondo. Luis had played the role of the friar in the past three pageants, but was promoted to

the role of the Archbishop Zumárraga for this year's presentation. In addition to dancing and acting, Luis is also a football lineman for the Arcadia Titans where he is a junior. The role of Our Lady was again played by Ana González who returned after a year's hiatus. Ana is studying Child Development at Phoenix Community College. Ana also recommended her brother, Pedro González, to play the role of the friar, a role he played with enthusiasm and talent. And last but not least, Armando Pineda reprised the role of Blessed Juan Diego with the humility, sincerity and joy which he demonstrated at last year's pageant. Armando is an 8th grader at ANLC where he also plays soccer. We had to 'age' Luis and Armando greatly as you can see by their ages and Pedro stepped in to

do the 'aging'. The refreshments this year were organized by our very own Hospitality Committee co-chaired by Laurel Hirsh, with the help of Judy Kenny, Mary Ann Minton, and Judy Waldo. It was a wonderful success! The officers would like to thank Bob Greenwald, Ron Warner, Bill Swanson, Luis Arredondo, Armando Pineda, Bernice Landa, for the stage set up. Ron Warner was put into additional service by doing the music for the play. Thank you so very much for your service and dedication!



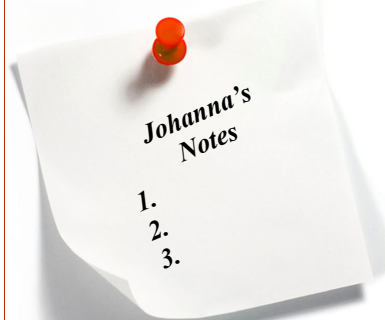
Mariachis at the Mission

On the morning of December 24 at 11:00 a.m., Fuego de Sol Mariachi, a group of young students, was invited by Nick Rayder to play at the Mission. Their music attracted many visitors who were shopping at the Farmer's Market across the street, as well many of us

docents and volunteers who came to see the play. They are all experienced players with up to 8 years of experience. It was amazing! The young woman's voice was strong and projected even in the vastness of the open setting. Johanna, established the new tradition of

inviting the Mariachis to accompany Raquel Rodriguez, our docent who had donated the Nativity in the Mission, playing "Las Mañanitas" (the traditional Mexican birthday song), while Raquel placed Baby Jesus in the manger. It was so touching there was not a dry eye in the audience. Nick says, "I will make this a new tradition at the Mission". The Mariachi group agreed to return to perform. Thank you, Nick, Johanna and Raquel.

Johanna's Updates



The most important ones are:

Important reminder: Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 20, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at the Mission. Please call Johanna (RSVP to 480-816-6970) if you would like to go to the San Xavier Mission in Tucson. She is working on transportation, but there is a possibility we may have to car-pool. The meeting and the trip to Tucson will take place on Friday, January 20, 2012. The day would consist of the ride down to Tucson, visit the Mission, and drive down to Tubac Presidio Historical Park to visit the Santa Gertrudis (Currently St. Ann's

Church) where they will be having Spanish Colonial Days re-enactments, have lunch, and be back at the Old Adobe Mission by 4:00 p.m. There would be a minimal cost for transportation. **DON'T FORGET** that for those who choose not to go on the trip to Tucson - should it take place - a short meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Mission on 1/20/2012.

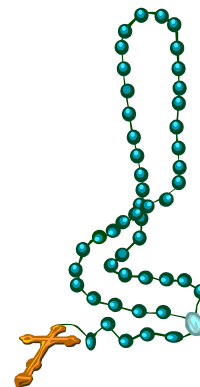
Get ready for the visitors to start pouring in!!! All the city's events have already begun with the Tostito Fiesta Bowl. Old Town Scottsdale was a sea of red and orange last week. And there are more events to

come. The Native Americans will be presenting their dances at the City Hall Amphitheater starting on January 19, 2012. All shows are free to the public and begin by 12 noon. Then we have the PF Chang Marathon, Barrett-Jackson Auction, Parada del Sol, Waste Management TPC Golf Tournament, and the Spring training games. Brush up on your historical facts and enjoy the visitors!

Rosary at the Mission

The praying of the rosary continues at the Mission for the month of January. The dates are the following: Thursdays 5, and 19,

Wednesdays 11 and 25. Rosaries start at 9:30 a.m. prior to opening the doors for visitors. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend.



Prayer for Healing

For healing and returning in good health, please keep Lisa Bill, Cruz Medina's wife, Frances, and John Cotugno, Mission's signage donor, in your prayers, too.