

Activities Calendar

Feb 9th -6:00pm
Valentines's Party
@ MLCC

Feb 16th 10:00am
MLHOA Mtg
@ MLCC

Feb 23rd 9:00am
MLWD Board Mtg
@ School House

Mar 8th- 1:00pm
Woman's Club meeting
@ MLCC

Mar 29 th
GFWC-AZ Southern District
Spring conference
@ Sierra Vista

Apr 22 nd 6:00pm
Annual Homeowners dinner
@ Hilton East

For Sale

Two 1950 Okeef-Merritt gas
cooking stoves, both in working
condition

30 inch stove \$450.00

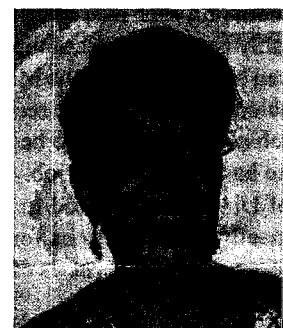
36 inch stove \$900.00

1920's Rolltop desk \$800.00

Richard @ 297-2713

from President Carrie Reitz

Some of you are seeing an issue of the ECHOES for the first time...some of you haven't seen an issue since before the fire. Although it's true that the population of Mt. Lemmon has changed considerably since the fire, some of the issues that confront us are the same and others have changed. Because we can better effect these changes, if we are unified, the board of Directors for the MLHOA is working toward unifying all Mt. Lemmonites. In order to get this word out, we are sending complimentary copies of the ECHOES to every property and lease owner that we can find an address for.



To begin with, we would like to invite all property owners and lease holders to join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assoc. Unlike homeowners associations in the valley, we are here solely to represent the membership and do not have any regulatory powers. The MLHOA sponsors four community events during each year:

1. Membership Dinner
2. Memorial Day Potluck
3. Fourth of July Cookout
4. Labor Day Pancake Breakfast.

The yearly membership fee is \$25.00, payable at the first of the year. Traditionally, the membership application is included in each year's first ECHOES issue. Each membership is given one vote in any issue requiring a vote. Membership for "Friends of the Mountain", which can be anyone who just wants to keep abreast of the events on the mountain including adult children of property owners. (This also keeps your kids from "borrowing" your ECHOS issues, never to be seen again...the ECHOS that is, not the kids) "Friends of the Mountain" cannot vote on issues and the fee to join is \$20.00. At the end of each ECHOS issue is the name of the membership chairman. Currently that position is held by Jerry Sparks and the MLHOA Post Office Box is the address where any and all correspondence can be sent. Now you may ask, "So, what will I get for my money? You will get at least 9 issues of the ECHOS" per year where you will find out what's happening on the mountain including what events are scheduled for the season such as organization meetings. (i.e. Women's Club, Mt. Lemmon Artisans Society, scheduled HOA meetings, Trees for Mt. Lemmon, MLCC Board etc.) There are also articles by

official organizations that affect us all, such as the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Water Department, TRICO electric, Forest Service, County Board of Supervisors, Highway Dept., just to name a few. We encourage anyone having something entertaining to write about to also contribute. Recently, we added a "Cooks Corner" where mouth-watering recipes will appear. The bottom line is that there is something for everyone. Ads may be placed for a per issue fee for anything from "business card" size to full-page ads. Questions regarding ad placement may be directed to Gordon Hunter, ECHOES editor.

Our annual membership dinner is usually held the first Tuesday after TAX DAY. This year TAX DAY falls on a Tuesday so the date for the annual dinner will be April 22, 2008 at the Hilton East Hotel. The dinner is buffet style at a cost of \$30.00/person. The food that The Hilton has served has been very good to date. We invite guest speakers from TRICO Electric, Fire Dept., Water District, PCSO, Forest Service, and our Pima Cty Supervisor, Ray Carroll. We will present the "Summit Award" to a person from the mountain that has, over the years, given of themselves unselfishly for the benefit of the mountain. Nominations for this award can be presented to the MLHOA Board of Directors and they will select the person to be recognized. Tom Thomas has done a great job collecting items to be given as door prizes and again this year he has accepted that job. If there are any positions on the Board of Directors that need to be filled, that will also be done at that meeting. Reservations for the Homeowners dinner will be in the March, and April issues of the ECHOES.

Speaking for the MLHOA Board of Directors, I hope that many of you will choose to join the MLHOA and give us an even bigger voice in speaking up for our mountain. Your concerns are the Board's concerns.

PERSONAL AD'S

We are now offering the opportunity for you to place a personal ad in our newsletter. This would consist of a business card sized box with whatever sentiment you would care to compose. Perhaps a congratulations on a wedding anniversary, a personal note to that special someone, or whatever tickles your fancy. These personal notes would be interspersed in the newsletter for the recipient to find. Cost would be \$10 per note.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

by Susan Shomo

One of the newer topics of conversations amongst us mountain dwellers is the sighting of mountain lions. We are working on an article on "mountain lions in our backyards" for the March issue of The Echoes. We would like your experiences of the "whats", "whens" and "wheres" of sightings for an informal survey. Please send responses to susan@paloverdesigns.com or Shomo PO Box 591 or drop it in the mail slot in the front door at the house 12780 N Phoenix. Thanks.

by President Linda Mulay
327-4615 or 576-1417

On November 29th, Linda Mulay, Tina Hanks, Pam Winsten, Ginny Durham, Nance Crosby and Carol Niehoff volunteered to answer phones for KUAT to accept pledges for the station. We had \$12,862 pledged. Thanks to Carol for providing a great dinner for us.

December 1st was our Holiday Brunch hosted by Nance Crosby at her beautiful Tucson home and organized by Pam Winsten. It was a magnificent event attended by 32 of our members. The ladies brought ornaments for the Community Center tree and pictures of their favorite things about the mountain for the scrap book. Our club donated \$200.00 to the Keeling Elementary School as our Holiday gift project. We all had a wonderful time at the party.

Our nominating committee is Chairman Fran Zimmerman, Pat Klein and Pam Johnson. Please help these ladies out by volunteering to be an officer. Our club is a great group of ladies to work with!

Thanks to Pam Winsten for getting our scrap book underway. If any of you would like to take pages home and work on them let me know. We need it finished by March for the judging, so any help is appreciated.

Elections will be coming up this year, so if you can help with the Primary September 2nd or General November 4th on the mountain let Tina Hanks know.

Help is needed for the Community Valentines party February 9th. Let Patty Thomas or myself know if you can help set up, clean up or if you are available to help during the party.

March 29th is GFWC-AZ Southern District Spring conference in Sierra Vista. We need your art and crafts projects to present for judging on this date. Let me know if you can attend this conference.

Our next meeting is Saturday March 8th 1:00pm at the Mt Lemmon Community Center. We will have a speaker on hiking trails on Mt Lemmon.

SNOW PLAY



Many visitors come to the mountain to play in the snow and many of them venture onto private property. The sheriff has warned us that they cannot do anything unless the property owner has "NO TRESSPASSING" signs clearly posted on the property.

WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY

The annual White Elephant Party that was scheduled for Saturday, December 1 was postponed to Sunday, December 2 due a major storm that hit the mountain on Friday. Major damage to the Trico grid left most of the village without power, including the MLCC. We persevered on Sunday with a loan of Ed Roll's generator. Although we did not have lights or heat, we were able to have hot beverages/food. Road conditions limited attendance by residents however, the Trico crews, the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department and with a hearty nucleus of 25-30 the White Elephant Party was a success. Next year's White Elephant Party will be hosted by Jenni Avran.

COOKS CORNER

STRAW AND HAY

4 oz fettuccine
4 oz Spinach fettuccine
1 cup Fresh mushrooms sliced
1/2 cup Frozen peas
1/4 cup Green onion sliced
1 cup Skim milk
1/2 cup Low fat Cottage Cheese
1 Garlic Clove, crushed,
1 tb cornstarch
1/4 ts Salt
1/8 ts ground nutmeg
1/8 ts ground Black pepper
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
4 oz Diced Cooked ham



Combine milk, cottage cheese, cornstarch, salt, pepper, nutmeg and 1/4 cup parmesan cheese in blender, process until smooth-set aside.

Coat a large skillet with cooking spray. Over medium heat saute onions and garlic for 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, ham and peas and aute 2 minutes. Stir in reserved milk mixture and heat through.

Cook fettuccine according to package directions. Combine ham and pea mixture with pasta. Top with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

It's time to renew your

Mt Lemmon Homeowners Association Annual Dues

Voting Member (property owner's) \$25.00

Non-Voting Member (renter or friends of the mountian) \$20.00

Make checks payable to MLHO and mail to address on back of this coupon

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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FOR YOUR RECORDS

2008 MLHO DUES

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Date _____

Let's get Buggy
by Barbara Welsh

As the cold weather hangs on we all seem to get cabin fever, or go a bit "buggy" I thought this would be a good time to redo an article on the insects as we are not bothered by them just now.

Did you know insects make up 70% of the animal kingdom and it is felt that all of the insects have not been discovered yet? Just this morning I was reading about an insect that in its larval stage is strictly a meat eater. It will not even eat leaves if it is starving. It captures a snail by encasing it in silk and then proceeds to get inside the snails shell and devour it. Insects are the most diverse of all animals and in many of the stages they go through, you would not recognize the adult. Some live most of their lives in the water, others live under the ground, and many mimic leaves or twigs during some stage of their lives.

When we say some insects are very primitive this is far from true. Although some have not changed for millions of years they may have already found the ideal for their lifestyle. I like the example of the spoon and the blender. The blender can grind things up and the spoon cannot, however the spoon is the ideal instrument for eating ice cream while the blender would not fair well.

Most insects eat the most during their larval stage, which can last different lengths of time. Locusts, 3 to 5 years or sometimes up to 17 years. Dragonflies 2 years and others will emerge when there is food available. The adult stage is the one we are most familiar with but the shortest time of the insects' life. Of course there are the social insects such as the ants, bees and termites but their members are constantly being renewed.

The bees are getting really bad press. Bees were first imported to the U.S. in the 1600s. They did very well back east but not so well in the arid areas. In Brazil they imported bees from Africa to breed with the honeybee and produce a bee that was more adaptable to the dryer areas. They were somewhat more aggressive than the honeybee but not the terror the press likes to claim. Let's say they have a bad temper and if they are disturbed get very angry. Most of the time they go about their business of gathering nectar, taking it back to the hive, feeding the queen, tending the young bees in the honeycomb they have built, and have no interest in chasing after you. However, if you disturb their hive they will defend it very aggressively. If you should blunder into their hive area cover your head and get inside as quickly as possible. Jumping in water is not a good idea, as the bees will wait you out. Being reasonably careful and watching where you are going should keep you from any encounters with these insects.

Anyway we all love honey.

Although you may not be fond of insects it would be a very different world without them. Not only would we not have honey, we would also not have many birds and plants. Our food supply would not be pollinated except by human hands and the birds as we know them would not exist. There would be very little breakdown of the dead plants and trees, if any of them even survived. The few very hardy insects (perhaps the cockroach) would have no other insects to control their growth as many insects eat one another. In nature there are checks and balances by the birds, lizards and other insects. Remember, Insects make up 70% of all the animals on the earth and they have a large place in the scheme of things.

2008 MLHO Dues

mail to
Home Owners Association
P.O. Box 699
Mt. Lemmon, Az 85619

A MOUNT LEMMON COMMUNITY

♥️ VALENTINE'S DAY
CELEBRATION ♥️
♥️ POT LUCK AND BINGO
PARTY ♥️

Saturday, February 9TH AT 6:00

AT THE

MT LEMMON COMMUNITY CENTER

THE VALENTINES PART

IF YOU'RE NOT **CRAZY** ABOUT THE COLOR RED ♥♥ WEAR SUNGLASSES ♥♥

BECAUSE WE'RE HAVING A PARTY TO CELEBRATE ♡ VALENTINES DAY ♡ .

YES, WE ARE HAVING THE ♥️ TRADITIONAL EXCHANGING♥️ OF
♥️ VALENTINES CARDS♥️ FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO BRING CARDS OR
TREATS. ♥️ REMEMEBER♥️ THE THEME IS ♥️♥️LOVE♥️♥️. GIVING CARDS TO
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS LETS THEM KNOW ♥️ YOU CARE♥️.

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THE POTLUCK PART

EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A POT LUCK DISH TO SHARE. WE HAVE SOME REALLY "GOOD COOKS" ON MT LEMMON. REMEMBER TO BRING SERVING UTENCILS. WE WILL HAVE A WHOLE WALL OF TABLES TO PUT THE FOOD ON. THERE IS ELECTRICITY FOR THOSE USING A CROCKPOT (BRING AN EXTENSION CORD). WE WILL PROVIDE COFFEE AND LEMONADE.

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THE BINGO PART

THE MT. LEMMON COMMUNITY EVENT COORDINATORS (M.L.C.E.C.'S) WILL BE RUNNING THE **BINGO GAMES** FOLLOWING THE POTLUCK. THIS IS A **COMMUNITY FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENT**. THERE IS **NO CHARGE** TO PLAY BINGO AND WE HAVE **LOTS OF "GREAT PRIZES"** TO GIVE OUT. **BINGO IS A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO PLAY. KIDS AND GRANDKIDS** WHO KNOW THEIR NUMBERS ARE INVITED TO PLAY. AND, THIS IS ONE GAME WHERE **"EVEN TEENAGERS"** LOVE TO **Play AND WIN.**

Mt Lemmon Water District

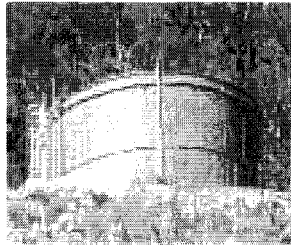
Operations (520) 576-1538 Billing (520) 325-0023

"Exciting News"

The Water District is operating in the black again for the first time since the Aspen Fire. This is due to the Ad Valorem tax. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to pass the tax and provide a sustainable income for the Water District.

Carter Canyon Tank

The new Carter Canyon water tank has been installed and is fully functional. The tank features a sprinkler system to protect it from any future fire damage. The tank is connected to the main water line in Sabino Canyon Parkway which was rebuilt to support fire flow. Thanks to our generous community, six fire hydrants were donated and installed on this line.



New Valve House

Many of you are familiar with the small purple building covered with yellow lemons. This once housed valves for the water system. As part of the community center construction, we moved these valves to a new building located on Turkey Run. This sharp new building is made from the same materials as the community center and safely houses our mechanical equipment.



New Sabino Creek Tank

The Water District is in the process of constructing a new 800,000 gallon tank next to the existing Sabino Creek Tank. This will increase our storage capacity to help provide necessary water through the busy summer months. This site is on Forest Service land which restricts construction projects to certain times of the year. We have hired a contractor and hope he will be able to complete the project during the winter construction window.

New Additions

With sustainable funding, the Water District was able to hire two part time employees in addition to Michael Stanley and Nate Davis. Please make Mark Williams and Reuben Herrera feel welcome when you see them on the mountain. The Water District was also able to purchase a new service vehicle which should be delivered soon.

Distribution

With the tank projects nearing completion, storage needs for our customers will be met. The next important task for the Water District is upgrading our distribution system to ensure a steady supply of high quality water to all customers. The Water District Board is currently evaluation the current system to determine a prioritized list of projects. Decisions are also being made regarding the type of pipes that would best meet our needs and budget constraints. Currently the Water District requires 6" ductile iron pipe which now costs \$100/foot installed.

For more information about this process, please contact a Board Member or attend a Board Meeting. Meetings are held regularly in the Water District Office which is currently housed in the Mt. Lemmon School. We are fortunate to be allowed to use the school for free in return for maintaining the building. In the future we expect we will need to budget funds to either rent or build a permanent office.

Mt. Lemmon Board of Directors:

John Mulay, Chairman
Dean Barnella
Phil Benziger
Gordon Hunter
Ed Roll

Board members can be reached through the Mt. Lemmon Water District office. Please contact Michael Stanley, Operations Manager, at 576-1538.

Thank you again to all of our customers and supporters for staying with us through our past difficulties and helping us meet the challenges of our future on the mountain.

WATER TIPS

If you are away from your cabin for any length of time, please turn off the water at the meter. The winters on the mountain can be very tough on water lines. If there is a leak on your side of the meter, you are responsible for the water loss and it can be expensive.

The normal level of chlorine in the line should not be detectable by smell. If there is a leak and large amounts of water are flowing from the tank, since the chlorine level is higher in the tank, a chlorine smell may be detectable. Thus, if you smell chlorine, it may be a symptom of a leak.

Trees for Mt Lemmon
by Linda Benziger

Happy New Year!

The much-welcomed snow we've received over the past month has surely been a boost to all those plants & trees that have been put in the ground this past year! Let's hope there's much more moisture on the way!

The Annual Aspen Harvest was a huge success, judging by the number of eager residents who carefully dug up Aspen seedlings to transplant to their properties. Steve Hensel did a fantastic job explaining the complex biology of Aspen trees prior to the dig. Please let us know this spring how your transplants are doing! Two of our board members spent a Saturday morning digging up some Maple seedlings (thanks to Bill and Cathie Brown for allowing us to scope out their property and take some of their baby maple trees). We'll let you know how these trees are doing this spring as well.

This year we will again be doing a plant distribution, so if there are any native plants you would like us to propagate, please contact one of the board members. On that note, we are happy to report that **Desert Survivors Native Plant Nursery** (www.desertsurvivors.org), 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd, 791-9309, is a new source of plants for Mt. Lemmon property owners. They are very interested in working with us to propagate plants appropriate to our mountain habitat. They currently have shrubs and grasses including Wood Strawberry, Columbine, Arizona Rose, Penstemon, Wild Geranium, Arizona Fescue, and more! A more complete list will be posted and updated on our website.

Future articles will include important information on upcoming events and projects, including our continued efforts against invasive species and your opportunities to help.

If you would like to automatically receive information on community events and updates, select the "sign me up" option on the home page of our website, www.treesformountlemmon.org.

Feel free to contact any of the Board members with your questions, comments, and ideas!

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Echoes from the Past
by Larry Waldron

Did you know that the Mt. Lemmon Community Church was an incorporated church as recently as 2002? The Community Church held services at several locations including the Mt. Lemmon Inn, the Woman's Club and the Alpine Inn. Attached is an article from a 1974 Mt. Lemmon Echoes Newsletter. In 1974 Francis Morse was the editor.

MT. LEMMON COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday, June 9, at 11 a.m. in the large recreational room at the Mt. Lemmon Inn, the first Protestant service of the season was held. These services are sponsored by the Tucson Council of Churches and the Mt. Lemmon Community Church. Preachers from all different walks of life and different denominations bring services every Sunday during June, July, and August.

Casualness is the keyword with everyone wearing their Mt. Lemmon Work or Play clothes. Attendance has dropped off this year, but we are hoping that with a little more publicity, more people will attend. On July 7, immediately after the service the Mt. Lemmon Community Church will have their annual meeting. Our goal is to someday have our own Community Church building.

Congratulations to Mrs. Royal Dowling for all the work and puts into this every year.

If you would like to know more about the history of Mt. Lemmon visit the Mt. Lemmon Community Center and browse issues of the "Mt. Lemmon Echoes", "High Trails" and "The Mountain Echo" newsletters for your viewing.

Mt. Lemmon Community Center Update:

I will follow the above story with this; the Pima County Parks and Recreation has agreed to allow Sunday morning non-denominational Church services at the MLCC during the summer months. An organizational meeting will be scheduled for this spring.

The MLCC did not escape winter storm problems. The most significant issue has been the build up of snow and ice on the roof. The build up forced the roping off of the center area to prevent snow and ice from falling on unsuspecting visitors. The County facilities department will evaluate the issue. If you want to volunteer at the center please call Linda Mulay (327-4615 or 576-1417) or drop by during open hours.

PERSONAL FIRE RECOVERY COMPLETED

By Jack Foster

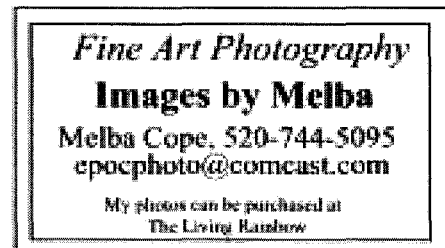
This article is about our personal experience with fire disaster and recovery. My wife Joanne and I are putting the fire loss and reconstruction of our vacation cabin on Mt. Lemmon behind us and into a final perspective.

On June 19, 2003, the Aspen Fire destroyed our vacation cabin in the small community of Summerhaven, on Mt. Lemmon near Tucson. It took two years to work through the loss process, including site demolition and cleanup, insurance claim work, septic tank certification, soil contamination testing and certification, deciding on whether to move ahead or to leave, investigating design and construction costs, attending neighborhood meetings about recovery issues, hiring an architect to do preliminary and final plans, processing plans for permits and hiring a contractor.

We started construction in June 2005, two busy years after the fire. During the construction, we went through several contractors and sub-contractors, acted as my own contractor for awhile and finally settled for a quality mountain-based contractor to finish the job. The building permit was finalized on August 8, 2007, which was four years and two months after the loss. Like all the other new cabins in the neighborhood, our new place is bigger and probably better. The Summerhaven community has also changed in character, now sporting a new community center that will help spawn more building and community spirit. What is noticeably missing is the original forest ambience. What once was our own small forest of 21 trees on the lot, we now have none. What once was a forest neighborhood of cabins, only recognized by the occasional sighting of other cabins through the trees or the sounds of people filtered through the trees, is now a tree-less mountainside with the sight and sounds of new construction and a view of what it will be for a while. Of the 340 cabins lost in the Aspen Fire, about 90 have been built or are in the process of being built. Another 30 or 40 building permits have been pulled, soon to start what likely is a long and arduous process.

Joanne and I feel we have come a long way toward fitting back into the new neighborhood, realizing we are finally home again with every picture we hang and every personal touch we add to the cabin. But for those that will start rebuilding, there will still be major trials ahead. For some others, they have yet to settle with their insurers and don't know if they will be able to afford rebuilding in this booming location with a current penchant for expensive construction. Following our own four-year education on disaster recovery, we aren't as optimistic about the merits of rebuilding as we once were. The victims of this disaster and of others (Katrina, the California fires of recent past, Hawaiian lava flows, Kansas tornados, Oklahoma floods, Florida hurricanes, etc.) will have to find out for themselves if it was worth their efforts to rebuild. Their decisions will be made and based on many unknowns and they might not know whether it was worth the efforts until the

end. As for us, we are delighted to be done with the construction, about worn out over the time and effort required to rebuild, happy to finally be back in Summerhaven, will certainly make the best of the moment, but we won't be rebuilding if another similar disaster strikes us again. That will be too much to ask.



MLHO

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association (MLHO) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership with voting rights, is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues. Being organized, having a legal fund and having active **LOCAL** voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. Pima County has said the MLHO is the strongest and most respected homeowners' organization in the entire county. Dues are \$25 per year payable in January. Renters and friends of the Mountain may obtain membership for \$20 a year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2007; call or Email Gordon Hunter at 298-5971, 576-9608 or by Email at gordon@hunteraz.com.

The most visible product of the MLHO is the **ECHOES**; a newsletter published eight to nine times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles enabling owners to mingle while at the same time raising funds for various community causes. This group has always depended upon volunteer support and found strength in numbers. An elected board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership. Board members are Carrie Reitz, President; Tom Thomas, vice-President; Bonnie Lohman, Treasurer; Jeanne Mayer, Secretary; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Mark Shomo; Jerry Sparks, Dean Barnella; Ginny Durham; Debbie Fagan; Karen Shunk; Gary Slocum, John Lewis, Gary Scheer and Gordon Hunter (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES send them to Gordon at the above address.

Advertising in the Echoes is \$10 per issue for 2x3 inch business card and \$50 per issue for a 1/4 page ad.