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Bobbie Crawford, President

Arizona Pathfinders established August 10, 1976

MEET OUR NEW PATHFINDERS PRESIDENT, BOBBIE CRAWFORD

Our last *Pathfinders Press* issue featured a biographical article on outgoing President John Flynn. Therefore it's quite appropriate that in this issue we feature our incoming President Roberta (Bobbie) Crawford who will be leading Pathfinders for the next year.

Bobbie is a true "Westerner" while many of us are only transplants. Her mother's family came from Missouri to the Silver City area in New Mexico Territory in 1899. There they were involved in mining and ranching, as were most folks then. They actually ran the dairy at old Ft. Bayard. Bobbie was born in Santa Rita, NM, which no longer exists. It was swallowed by El Chino, one of the world's largest open-pit copper mines.

Sixty-one years ago Bobbie moved to Tucson from Southern California. Here she attended Mansfield Elementary, Tucson High School and the University of Arizona, where she received a BA and MED in elementary education. Besides classroom teaching, she was a school librarian for ten years.

Bobbie has traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East. Her most exciting trip was traveling on her own to Iran, Egypt, the Holy Land and other Mideast countries in 1969.

In 1981 Bobbie and husband John joined the Arizona Historical Society. They became Pathfinders in 1984 as a result of going on a tour to Prescott with Cal Thompson as tour leader.

After retiring from TUSD Bobbie spent 14 years volunteering in the AHS Library and Archives. Nine years ago she joined the Pathfinders Board of Directors where she has served as Vice President twice, President (three terms), Trip Committee Chair and even Program Chair for awhile.

This will be Bobbie's last year on the Pathfinders Board and she decided to go out with a flourish – as president a fourth time. Why not? Throughout the years, Bobbie has been an innovative and devoted member of Pathfinders. She has been the leader of countless endeavors. We are all happy to welcome (back) President Bobbie Crawford.

THANKS TO OUR MARCH SPEAKER

Nellie Cashman, the "Angel of the Mining Camps" visited with Pathfinders at our annual meeting/potluck on Thursday, March 18TH. Dale Sloan, newly elected Board of Directors member, told of Nellie's humble beginnings as an immigrant from Ireland and her will to succeed in the West.

showed she knew her character well. In fact, for awhile, she was Nellie telling of her life as a woman entrepreneur in a man's world.

Thank you, Dale, for a glimpse into "The Old West" as seen through the eyes of a true pioneer.



"Nellie Cashman,"

She ran restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and mining claims from Arizona to Alaska. If a miner needed a meal or a bed, Nellie was there to help.

Dale's quiet demeanor as she related story after story of Nellie's exploits

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ANNUAL PATHFINDERS PICNIC – MAY 6 (THURSDAY) 6:00PM

Fort Lowell Park, Ramada #2
(west of the Hospital Ruins)

Our entertainment this year will be by “Havin’ a Blast,” a quartet of four ladies who sing barbershop harmony. They particularly like the 40’s and 50’s era big band swing classics. While the group was officially formed about five years ago, between them they have 100 years of barbershop singing experience.

This is our Annual Brown Bag Picnic so bring your own supper and drinks. Dessert will be supplied by the Pathfinders Board members. Bring along a chair since there is very little seating at the Ramada tables. And don’t forget that there are **NO** alcohol or glass containers allowed in Fort Lowell Park.

The music begins around 6:15PM. Come join us for an evening of fun, music and socializing. See you there – bring your friends and family.



The “Havin’ a Blast” Quartet

SEEING WHAT ISN’T THERE – BOB ESSE

The “Three Desert Oasis” adventure on April 10, 2010 was for both the eye and the imagination. Fifty-nine Pathfinders and their guests gathered first at the Steam Pump Ranch in Oro Valley. Pathfinder’s Trip Chairman, Bob Stuart, introduced Pat Sporel from the Oro Valley Historical Society.

Looking around we saw two empty, decaying houses,



Steam Pump Ranch

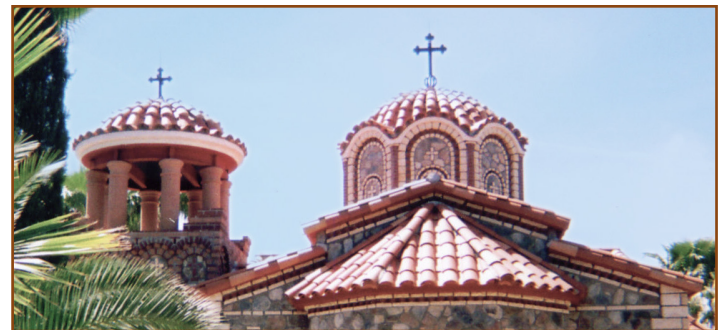
a tall adobe wall covered with blue plastic, and very little else, all surrounded by suburbia.

However, as Pat spoke we could envision two young immigrant men from Germany and Switzerland and their dream of a ranch near quiet, tiny Tucson. From such a vision in time grew leadership roles for both men in territorial Arizona, a source of food for growing Tucson, and a site of rest and water for soldiers and ranchers taking the nearby dirt trail, which in the 1940’s was paved and became Hwy. 77.

Our next stop in Oro Valley was formerly the site of a Hohokam village. What the eye now sees is uneven ground covered with desert growth and nearby land waiting to become home sites.

Archaeologist Henry Wallace, who had participated in studying the site, walked us through the unseen village. Perhaps beneath our feet lay a ball court, or an oven for roasting agave hearts, pit houses, and a bit higher up, the slopes upon which they grew.

After lunch at the Cadillac Chaparral Steakhouse, and on the way to Florence, we arrived at St. Anthony’s Greek Orthodox Monastery. The monks are truly modern-day desert farmers.



St. Anthony’s Greek Orthodox Monastery

The monastery was a case of where the eye was bedazzled by the gold leaf background of icons, the five church buildings with high quality architecture, and lush, shady gardens with their fountains. What most of us were perhaps unaware of were the newly planted grove of olives, the vegetable garden and all the orange trees. Like we never knew the history of farmer monks in the desert of Egypt, starting around 300 A.D. What a day! What an eye- and mind-opener to see how humans produce food in such a dry climate!

PATHFINDERS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Please note that our Nominating Committee is in need of a Chairperson and there is always room for more volunteers on our committees and in the Museum Gift Shop. Why not share a little of your time with the great people who help support the Arizona Historical Society?

President: Bobbie Crawford

Vice President: Betty Bear

Secretary: Charity Everitt

Treasurer: Dennis McPoland

Member-at-Large: Kenn Schultz

Membership: Mary Flynn

Nominating: (position open)

Publicity/Pathfinders Press: Dale Sloan

Programs: Freddy Hershberger

Hospitality: Peggy Bartlett

Tour & Field Trips: Dale Sloan

Raffle: Irma Moreno

Scrapbook: Tallia Cahoon

SCHEDULE OF HOURS

Arizona History Museum

949 E Second Street
Tucson AZ

Monday through Saturday: 10AM-4PM (closed Sundays)

Research Library

Tuesday through Friday: 10AM-2PM

First and third Saturday: 10AM-1PM

Gift Shop/Arizona Mercantile

Monday through Thursday: 11AM-3PM

Friday and Saturday: 11AM-4PM

For more information, telephone 628-5695 or go to www.arizonahistoricalociety.org.

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not paid your 2010 membership dues, this will be your **final** Pathfinders Press Newsletter. Don't miss out on the news and information about coming events. Renew your membership now!

If you are not sure if your dues are up to date, please give Mary Flynn, our Membership Chairperson, a call at 579-7508.

We suggest you not include your e-mail address on the Renewal Form unless you check your e-mail regularly (once a week or more often). WHY? We normally only use your e-mail address to send you items of a timely nature. If we don't have your e-mail address on our membership roster we will instead use US Mail or telephone you.

Thanks for renewing. **Your Board of Directors**

PATHFINDERS DUES RENEWAL FORM (January 1 – December 31)

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PATHFINDERS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each Month in the Museum Board Room from 10:00-11:00am. Please note that the September meeting is being held on the **second** Monday because of the Labor Day Holiday. Visitors are always welcome.

The next Pathfinders event is our Annual Picnic on Thursday, May 6th at Fort Lowell Park. Please see the

article on page 2 in this newsletter for more details. We look forward to welcoming you there.

The Pathfinders also welcomes everyone to join us for our bi-monthly Brown Bag/Potluck Suppers. These gatherings are usually held on the third Thursday from 6:00-9:00PM. Board members provide plates, cups, utensils, coffee and tea (plus several delicious desserts).

PATHFINDERS' BYLAWS –

A SERIES OF SYNOPSES ABOUT OUR BYLAWS BY KENN SCHULTZ, MEMBER-AT-LARGE

General definitions: Bylaws – rules governing the internal affairs of an organization; Synopses – summaries or capsules.

Episode 2: Review. In **Episode 1** (March-April issue) I discussed Pathfinders “General Membership Meeting and Election of Board Members.” That was followed by our actual 2010 meeting and election of Board members during the March 18th Potluck Supper.

Three people – Mary Flynn, Jerry Freund, and Charity Everitt – who had been serving the remaining third year of someone else’s term were elected for a three year term on their own. Two Board members completed their two consecutive three year terms that evening and were replaced by two new members, Dale Sloan and Tallia Cahoon. All five were elected by you, the membership.

Episode 2 in this issue focuses on Article V of our Bylaws which states “Immediately following the election of the Directors (*of the Board*) at the Annual General Membership Meeting, the Officers of Pathfinders shall be elected from the Board membership ... to serve for a term of one year and shall be: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one Member-at-Large.” It further states that Officers may be reelected.

Application. Which Officers did this Board elect to serve until a new Board is again elected on March 17, 2011? Note that this meeting of the new Board wasn’t exactly immediate – it wisely took place after our Potluck Speaker had concluded, after which most everyone else was headed out the door.

Answer: **President:** Roberta Crawford; **Vice President:** Betty Bear; **Secretary:** Charity Everitt; **Treasurer:** Dennis McPoland and **Member-at-Large:** Kenn Schultz.

What do the Bylaws say are their duties? Our Bylaws provide general instructions (as you would imagine) and are pretty much what you would suspect by their

titles. However, to provide more specific needed guidance, a document titled “Policy and Procedures Supplement” has been developed to **supplement** these Bylaws.

I shall not bore you with even a short list of Officers general and supplemental duties - if interested please ask me and I’ll gladly provide you a copy of both the Bylaws and the Supplement. I would like to point out just two because they tie in here.

One: the **President** appoints each Committee Chair and Members of each Committee. That will be the subject of **Episode 3**, what the specific Committees are and what they do for Pathfinders (you, the membership).

Two: the **Member-at-Large** (me) serves as the proponent for both the Supplement and the Bylaws and serves as the Chair of the Bylaws Review Committee (ad hoc - when appointed). Now you know why I’m writing about our Bylaws. I served as Chair of that Committee when it was last appointed for a somewhat major rewrite in 2005.

Finally, before concluding this Episode 2 we had one Board member resign effective March 18, 2010 after one year of her second three year term. What happened then?

In accordance with the Bylaws, as I discussed in **Episode 1**, the new Board at our first regular monthly meeting on April 5, 2010 elected Bill Kalt to serve those remaining two years on the Board keeping our number at its maximum of 21 and in keeping with one-third of its membership being elected every year.

Questions: Please call me (745-1820) or e-mail me at MandK@cox.net. Thanks for hangin’ in.