

MIDTOWN NEWS

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MIDTOWN MESSAGE

Kathie Kehl's third grade students at Wright School are learning about their community. Assisted by volunteer Ida Plotkin, the class wrote stories and poems after a visit to the local fire station. The children are very excited about getting their writing published in our Garden District Newsletter. All the children will get the chance to be published.

Ladder ladder
so big and high
in the big blue sky
Makes me want
To say hi to the sky
by Angel T.

Flames of fire
coming towards me
Watch out for it
because it might get you
Like it got me
by Britney H.

The big truck
rushing rushing rushing
by my house
to go stop the fire
by Eddie M.

Fire fire
going to the fire
turn on the siren
move out the way
we're going to the fire
we turn off the fire
by Stephen A.

The smoke rising
through the sky
of Mt. Lemmon
fire breaks the trees
by Xavier M.
fire fire
watch out
here comes the fire engines
ladder
ladder ladder
going up up up
and down down down
by Ruben G.

Mt. Lemmon had a fire
smoke going
higher and higher
fire fighters
fighting the fire
hurray hurray
for the fire fighters
by Michael D.

My class and another class, Mrs. Richardson's, went to the fire station by walking in group. When we got there we went to the back of the station. It was cool. We saw a fire truck and fire engine truck and all the tools. I like the camera. Why? Because when you look through you can see in the dark. When they were still talking the bell rang for a fire.
by Delna L.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY

We continue to have a good turnout with new faces at our regular monthly meetings. This time we had one guest speaker, **John Ponder**. John is the new pastor at the **Christian Faith Center** at 4108 North Street. The center has many wonderful things to offer our community. His wife, Eva, does counseling at the church. They are one of the Community Food Bank pickup sites. They pass out food boxes every Tuesday and Thursday from

1:00 - 5:00p.m. On Thursday nights, they host a fellowship meal. Everyone is invited to attend. Services are held Sundays at 10:00a.m. A youth service is held at 6:00p.m. on Sundays and another service on Wednesday night at 7:00. For more information call 325-3545.

The fight continues against crime and drug dealing at the Shady Haven Trailer Park. Seventeen year resident, Sal Guerrero is organizing other residents to get involved. The story of Sal's heroic efforts appeared in the Arizona Daily Star. Our community shares this concern, because what happens in Shady Haven impacts our lives as well.

The Malchows, long term residents, asked us to sign a letter for city assistance to repair the alley that runs parallel to grant to eliminate problems of vandalism.


SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

JOHN B. WRIGHT: The Fall Fest was reportedly a great success. There was a packed crowd attending from the school and the neighborhood. Christmas is coming and there are many needy students at Wright. If you feel like giving this holiday season, please call the school at 232-8100.

LEGO CLUB: As if bikes and Legos aren't enough, David is now organizing Origami workshops! For more information, call David at 323-8278.

LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER: The Library/Learning Center is currently \$250,000 over budget. Andy Squire has been working hard to get the center moving forward and to find more money. We are working on forming a new committee to write another grant. Planning meetings are held every other week at the Main Library. If you would like to attend, please call Anna Marie Patti at 881-0244.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **FLOWER ANGEL:** **Audrey Marr** nominated **Tucson Appliance Center** for Flower Angel of the month. Tucson Appliance Center has been donating freezers for our annual fund-raiser at the Botanical gardens for the last few years. They deliver the freezers and pick them up for us at no charge.

NEXT MEETING

Please join us for our annual Holiday Celebration, which will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Midtown will provide all the food so all you have to do is come and enjoy!
December 16, 2003 at 6:30p.m.