

NEWSLETTER

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS - THANK YOU

**THANKS TO AMADO SUMMERS FOR SEVEN YEARS ON OUR BOARD-FIVE AS PRESIDENT**

After serving on the board for a couple of years, Amado Summers accepted the presidency, little knowing he would continue the job for five more years. Amado still has one year on the board, as Immediate Past President. We thank him for his selfless and dedicated service. Thanks also to Ruth Summers who has headed our potluck luncheon at the spring clean-up for several years. We hope she won't forsake us now!

**NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

We welcome our new president, Kathy Roberts Gonzales, a fourth generation Santa Fean. Her great-grandfather, Clarence J. Roberts, was the first Chief Justice appointed after statehood in 1912. Three generations of the Roberts Family are buried at Fairview.

Our new Vice-President is Bob Lawrence, who retired here to his wife's home town several years ago. Tina has family buried at Fairview going back five generations. Her great-great-grandmother, Elvira (Aunt) Slaughter was buried there in 1892. With his impressive business background, we are lucky to have Bob interested in our Association. He was one of the top officials in the California Department of Education and was a member of the much-decorated Black Fighter Pilot Squadron in World War II.

Catherine Thayer and Marian Meyer continue as Secretary and Treasurer. New members of the Board of Directors are Joe Beard and Ray Kersting. Joe is an oldtime Santa Fean and has an infant brother buried at Fairview. Ray Kersting grew up in Santa Fe, but lived elsewhere during his ministry with the Presbyterian Church. His family at Fairview includes the Rev. William Hays Moore, for whom a room is named at Santa Fe's Presbyterian Church. Welcome to both.

Continuing as directors are: Marian Karlson, Janice Matthews, Taylor McConnell and Amado Summers. We thank Andy Gonzales and John Knick for their service on the Board the past two years.

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY GONZALES**

Greetings:

I am pleased to be able to serve as the president of Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association.

We are nearing the end of another year. Several trees were planted recently. Hopefully it will be a wet winter so the trees will get plenty of water. If any of you are at the cemetery, feel free to water any of the new trees. (The frost-free faucet is on near the house. We will try to have several hoses there. Just be sure to unscrew the hose afterward, so it won't freeze). The fence fund is still growing. Estimates are being acquired, but we are not sure of the total cost yet. Your year-end donations will be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president.

Kathy Gonzales

### **ERIK MASON NEW GROUNDS CHAIRMAN - 21 GRAVES OR AREAS SODDED BY HIM THIS SUMMER**

We are very grateful to Erik Mason for agreeing to take on the task of Grounds Chairman. It is probably the most difficult job there is at Fairview. Erik is extremely qualified. We have heard that his own garden is a joy to behold. Erik spent a great deal of time this summer laying sod. Unfortunately, sometimes he had to do it all by himself when signals got crossed and the caretaker was not there. We will try to keep that from happening next year. New graves which were sodded this year were: Hoover, Brown, Hughes, Rounesville, Gutierrez, De Benedictus, Mares, Zucal and Faucett. Some areas where Erik laid sod were sunken graves which were first filled in: Carrellas, Ervien, Geibel, Leonhardt, Williams, Sena and Scarborough. In two cases we had trenched graves which had been given to us, Hickox and Thornton. We always want to be sure they are vacant before we sell them. Eric already has a sod list started for next year including: Batts, Goad, Seary, Pick, and Crane. If you see Eric, please thank him for all his hard work.

### **TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL AND PLANTING DONE; NEW EQUIPMENT DOING WELL.**

Over 30 trees were worked on; mostly trimmed, with a few removals. Two of the most beautiful trees at Fairview are near the house—gracious old American elms. It is amazing what a difference the trimming made, and of course, it keeps them healthier. Each of those cost \$250 or more. We spent a total of over \$3200, and it was well worth it.

Kathy Gonzales and her husband Steve volunteered to plant a total of seven trees, mainly to replace those which were inadvertently killed when the weedeater stripped bark at their bases. We thank them for their hard work. Marian Meyer planted a tree and a lilac bush for Mrs. Dietz, who gave us \$2000 last spring. However, Marian hired the digging done, Steve and Kathy did their own. Dead trees which were replaced included: Bloom, Catron, McCrory, Kalangis and Petchesky. Two others were planted in areas that needed trees.

Our regular fall housekeeping chores are done for this year. A few years ago, Amado started having a firm come in to blow the sprinkler pipes out mechanically. This eliminates much of the freezing and breaking we were having before, and it has saved money in repairs. The water was turned off, as usual, the middle of October. Another reminder that if you are at Fairview and feel so inclined, water a new little tree.

In the spring, we purchased a new tractor-mower which cost \$2400, also a small Lawnboy power mower (\$265) which can be used in small areas and on the new tender

lawn planted last fall. We also got a heavy-duty weedeater (\$200). All are working well. As we have mentioned, it generally costs us about a thousand a year on the mowers. If that holds true for this one, it should last us well into 1998.

### **MORE PRELIMINARY WORK DONE ON RENOVATION OF HISTORIC FENCE**

Five members of the Fence Committee met at Fairview recently for more discussion on the fence. We have learned a great deal more about old fences and what ours will need. A wrought iron specialist, Frank Turley, gave us a great deal of information. He is a "purist," doing *only* hand-forged work, and he quickly admitted we couldn't afford his prices. But he is very knowledgeable, shared his expertise and gave us some advice.

Some of the sections of fence will have to be completely replaced. Where only a piece of a section is damaged, two can be joined into one good section. Some entirely new sections will need to be crafted. The decorative finials on top of each iron rod are still available from an iron company, identical to our old ones. Each fence section will need to be taken to a shop, sandblasted, primed and painted with flat black paint, then returned to the cemetery where the bracings will be reattached or new ones made. The fence will then be identical to the one which was installed almost 100 years ago. This will be important in getting the cemetery on the historical register.

Marian Meyer did some document digging and found a reference in the Woman's Board of Trade minutes in 1903 which said the gate given to them by the Masonic Lodge (from the old cemetery where the Scottish Rite stands today) was a little narrow for carriages, but that they had installed it on the side, away from the main entrance. We assume that means this fence was there in 1903.

We are in the process of getting estimates for the iron work. The brick will come next. We realize we can't be in a hurry. For one thing, we're going to need to raise more money for this project. We don't know the cost yet, but we expect it to be pretty high. Stay tuned.

### **THREE HEADSTONES SET**

As most of you know, we offer to install headstones on old graves each summer at virtually cost. Three markers were set in September, two for the Slaughter Family: George J. Slaughter, known as "Uncle Jancy," and Hazel Irene Slaughter. Another was placed for John Sidney Wyckoff, grandfather of Clair and Dorothy Chacey of Packwood, Iowa.



**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FRIENDS OF  
PATRICIA VALDES TOTAL \$1740 - THANKS TO ALL**

The wonderful outpouring of contributions in memory of Pat Valdes illustrates how important it can be for a family to consider the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association as the recipient of memorials upon the death of a loved one. At such an emotional time, one does not always think of it, but when you do, it is sincerely appreciated. We thank Joe Valdez for his thoughtfulness. Gifts were as follows:

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| Abernathy, Margot          | Karlson, M/M Ernest        |
| Ball, M/M Ron              | Latimer, Roman & Esperanza |
| Brown, Donna & Lee         | Lierz, M/M Maurice         |
| Buchholz, M/M K. Wm.       | Livingston, Leona          |
| Catron III, M/M Thomas     | Lopez, Conchita            |
| DeCastro, Fred & Barbara   | Matthews, M/M David        |
| Earp, Ormond & Shirley     | Meyer, Marian              |
| Ellis, Jody & Muth, Marcia | Pick, Henry                |
| Fairchild, Belinda & Les   | Pick, William              |
| Floersheim, M/M E. J.      | Pond, Dale V.              |
| Floersheim, Frances        | Silver, M/M Abe            |
| Hanks, Nancy               | Sunwest Bank               |
| Hill, Marguerite & Family  | Watkins, M/M Stephen       |
| Isard, Margaret E          | York, Mardes & Ginny       |
| Kalangis, Ike              | Zander, Virginia           |

**\$535 IN OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, GRAND TOTAL OF  
\$2275**

Our sincere thanks to the 39 donors who gave a total of \$2275 in memory of Pat and others. This is the lifeblood of our Association. We appreciate each of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$500. Sunwest Bank gave the \$500, to honor Pat Valdes, whose husband Joe has been a director of the bank.

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| Abrams, M/M Henry  | Johnson, Mrs. Maurice |
| Ball, M/M Ron*     | Karlson, M/M Ernest*  |
| Brylinski, Dorothy | Livingston, Jean*     |
| Guarini, Janet*    | Meyer, Marian*        |
| Jaeger, John       | Michaelsen, Rachel*   |



**\*OTHER MEMORIALS**

To Richard Abrams from M/M Henry Abrams; to Dr. Al Egenhofer from M/M Ron Ball; to Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Livingston from Jean Livingston; to Shorty Sargent from Marian Valdes and Marian Meyer; to the Walter Family from Janet Guarini and Rachel Michaelsen. In the last newsletter, we neglected to note that the contribution from Chris Simpson was in memory of her parents, Mattie M. and James Marion Simpson.

**INTERMENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER**

We have had only two interments since September. The ashes of Markus Jonathon Hendricks, were placed in the grave of his grandparents, Helen and Glen Brewer.

The ashes of William W. (Bill) Gilbert were interred in the plot of his parents, Carl and Lois Gilbert. A prominent attorney here for his entire career, Bill was a member of our board of directors the first year and was a staunch supporter of our Association for all of its fourteen years. Our condolences to Dorothy and her family.

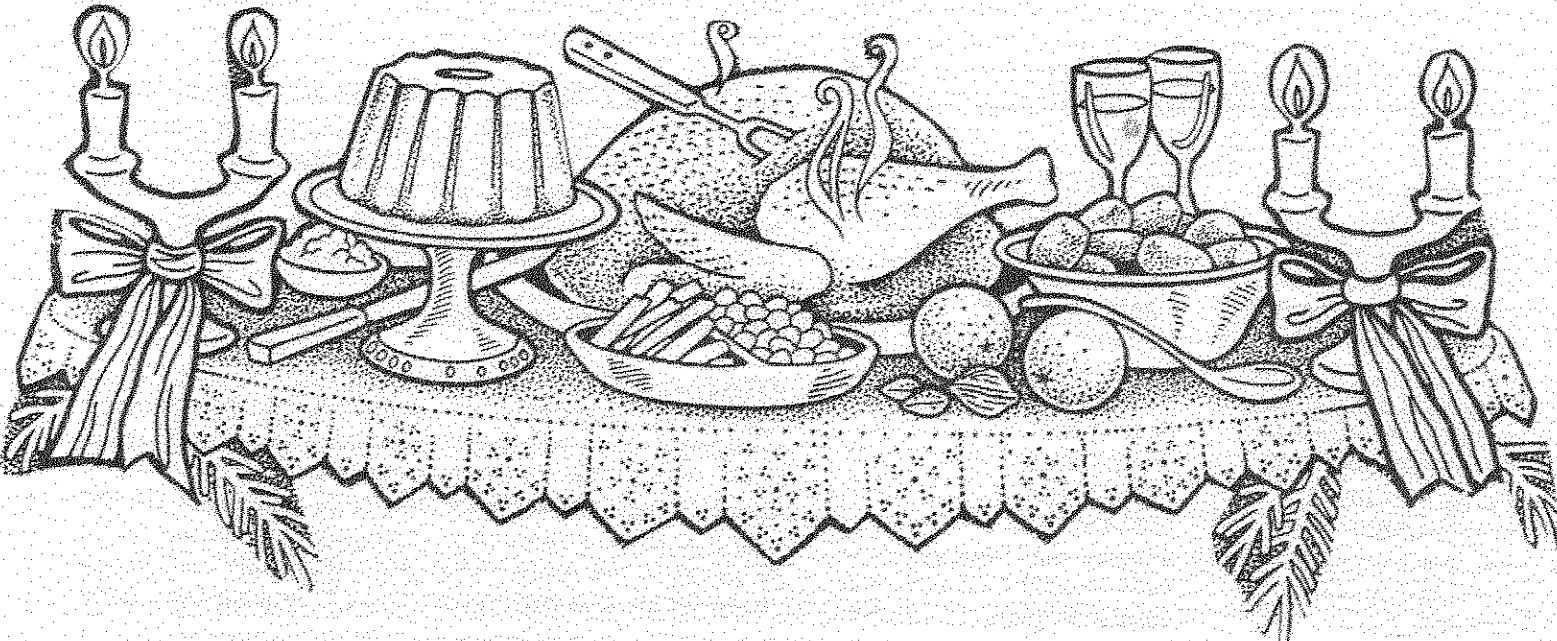
**LETTERS TO US FROM YOU**

Instead of our usual Centennial Biography in this space, for the past few years we have printed letters in the Christmas newsletter which you, the readers, have sent us during the year. You've told us things--both good and bad. Mostly good, though, because by and large, you know we are doing as much as we can as volunteers. We are well aware of some of the areas which need improving. There are some things only the County can do, and we back away from those. But keep your comments coming and we'll do the best we can. Also, some of the things we find out from your letters are amazing--for instance, who is related to who.

From Zetta Beecroft's letter and memorial gift for Millie Faucett, we learned they were sisters-in-law. Mrs. Beecroft wrote: *"...if I can choose the fund to which my check can be applied, it is the fence that you're striving toward. Also I want you to know that I really enjoy receiving the newsletter. It always triggers so many memories of times when the ones who have passed on were among us and we were active members of the community..."*

Lola and Henry Abrahams, Lake Oswego, Oregon, wrote this note: *"Our son Richard Abrahams is buried in Fairview Cemetery. We visit his grave at least once yearly and are very impressed with the work the Association has done to improve the cemetery. Please use this donation where you feel it will do the most good."*

Nadine Groff of Ozone, AZ, has a sister, Virginia Zander, who lives in Santa Fe. Their parents, A. B. Gnagey and Dorothy Gnagey Walton are buried at Fairview. She writes: *"I was in Santa Fe to visit my sister...we were at the cemetery twice. It looks good. We had to raise the headstones on three of our graves. (For which we thank you, Mrs. Groff). There are some very bad caved-in places in the road...also the drive is bad turning into the cemetery...Use our donation where ever it is needed."* We agree about the road. Sometimes in winter it is hubdeep in mud. The County has promised to work on it.



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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
FROM YOUR EDITORS, OFFICERS  
AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**