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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

As we begin another year, I feel privileged to receive the "Torch" from Kathy Gonzales and to help carry on the program of restoration of Fairview Cemetery. The fence project is well on the way and main gate is just about completed. We hope that our spring clean-up day and picnic will be a time celebrating the completion of this project. The magnificent response from the families and friends of Fairview has made the start of our restoration project possible and I am confident we will continue to honor our heritage by making Fairview Cemetery a truly beautiful and reverent memorial to our past.

Bob Lawrence



Caretaker Guy Gray & President Bob Lawrence

BOB LAWRENCE ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT

Bob Lawrence was elected president at the annual meeting held in September. Marian Karlson accepted the vice-presidency on the condition she stop there. Catherine Thayer and Marian Meyer continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Re-elected as directors are Janice Matthews, Taylor McConnell and Amado Summers. Continuing as directors are Joe Beard, Ray Kersting, Grounds Chairman Erik Mason, and Immediate Past President, Kathy Roberts Gonzales, whom we thank for her service as president.

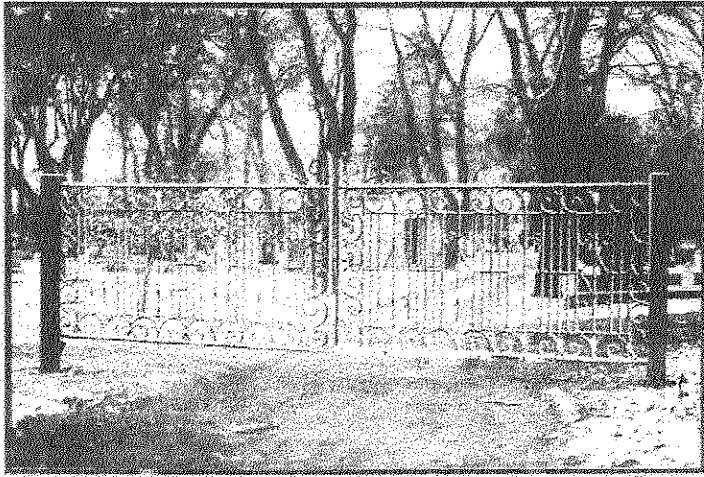
Bob's connection with our association comes through his wife, Tina Roberts Lawrence, who is a descendant of four generations of the Slaughter family buried at Fairview. We have previously featured them in our history section of this newsletter. At the turn of the century they were Santa Fe's most affluent and respected black family. As a baby, Tina was christened at Holy Faith Church, but her family later moved away. She and Bob returned to her "roots" several years ago from San Jose, California. Bob was in top management with the school system there. He was also a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the now famous squadron of World War II. We welcome Bob and feel fortunate to have him at Fairview's helm.

LETTER FROM FUNDRAISER CHAIR JANICE MATTHEWS

Since I am unable to thank each of you individually for your very generous response to our request for

donations to our fence project, I would like to take this opportunity to report that \$10,000 was received which will enable us to complete our first phase. The front gate has been installed and as soon as the rest of the fence has been completed, it will make a beautiful entry to the cemetery. Our next phase will be the brick work. The entire board of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association gratefully thanks you for your continuing support.

Sincerely, Janice Matthews



Our Beautiful New Gate Enhanced By Snow

NEW GATE LOVELY; IRON WORK CONTINUING; NEW BRICK FOUNDATION NEEDED AT ENTRY

After the severe vandalism at Fairview in 1987, Santa Fe County put in the old small gate made by a Vo-tech class. We were glad to have it so the cemetery could be locked up at night. But it has served its purpose and the new large and handsome gate is a splendid improvement. However, when the County installed the old gate, it was necessary to build up the deteriorated brick foundation to hold the gateposts. On the north side, several layers of cement block were used to replace the bricks. This needs to be removed and replaced with real brick, not only for aesthetic reasons, but because we will soon be submitting the nomination for the State Historic Register. The cement block would be unacceptable on the nomination, so we hope to replace it as soon as possible. Since we do not have enough money at the present time to do the entire brick foundation of the fence, we hope to do just the corners at the entryway, replacing the cement block with brick. We have been given some money which will partly fund this. One generous donation said simply, "For bricks." Another donor of \$1000 said it could be used specifically for this purpose. So as soon as we can find a brickmason willing to do the job, we will proceed, weather permitting, of course. Incidentally, caretaker Guy Gray has asked to use the old small gate for the back road entrance to his house. He will straighten the bends where it has been hit by cars and make it usable.

STATE HISTORIC REGISTER NOMINATION

Catherine Thayer had some serious back surgery about a month ago and was told by her doctor not to go back to work for awhile. Since the work can be done sitting down, she has taken advantage of the time by working on the nomination of Fairview to the State Historic Register. If it is accepted there, generally the nomination to the National Register goes right through. Catherine and Marian had already done a great deal of the preliminary work, so Catherine had a lot of material to work with. She has talked to people at the State Preservation office and they are very optimistic. Catherine and her husband Doug have experience in this. They prepared the nomination for the old Los Alamos Public Library building and it was accepted without difficulty. We are fortunate to have Catherine working on this.

WATER LINE WORK FINISHED & MAPPING BEGUN

We are also fortunate to have Guy Gray as our caretaker. There doesn't seem to be anything he cannot do. Frank Rendon of SF County arranged for materials for water piping to the areas without water. We paid for the trencher rental and Guy's labor. During the good weather between our early snowstorms Guy was able to get the work done but since the water was already turned off, he will test the system next spring.

Marian was marking a grave for a burial one day and happened to mention to Guy what a problem we have in locating graves. Only two sections were ever mapped by the Woman's Club--Section F, next to the School for the Deaf and the Front B Section next to the house. Guy said he could do it, having had a lot of experience in drawing landscaping plans, etc. He has already begun on Section B, which is the least complicated of the remaining sections. The County cooperated by providing xerox copies of the B Section records which tell who owns which plots and (sometimes) who is buried in them. When Section B is finished, we will have an idea of the cost of his work and hopefully, we can arrange for him to begin on the more difficult sections. This is probably one of the most important missions we will ever undertake. When it is done, almost anyone would be able to locate a grave. At the present time, only Eppie Romero at the County and Marian Meyer can do it. So whatever it costs, we think it will be worth it.

The seeding Guy did on all the graves we could not sod in the summer was very successful. The grass came up beautifully and Mother Nature has been kind ever since. Since the water was turned off in October, we have had enough rain or snow that the plantings have not dried out. Think "moisture" all winter.



BY-LAWS NEED REVISION - HEADSTONE INVENTORY - SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY - NEW COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Following the annual meeting, a telephone poll of the Board found everyone in agreement that if we change our annual meeting to the day of the spring clean-up, the attendance would be far better and it would eliminate one meeting a year. The by-laws state the annual meeting is to be held in September, so a by-law change is required. It will be published in our spring newsletter, then read again at the spring clean-up meeting, and voted upon.

With the help of Ann Mossman and Dorothy Brylinski of the NM Genealogical Society, the headstone inventory of Fairview and Odd Fellows Cemeteries is being proofed on Marian Meyer's computer. It is slow work, but will be very valuable information when finished and published.

The response to the Santa Fe High School Centennial History flyer has been tremendous. Many of you passed it on to other graduates and they have written Marian with great information. Also, Sunwest Bank President Max Myers says the bank will fund the book and sponsor the Centennial. A Centennial Committee will be formed and it appears that many classes or groups of classes will plan reunions. Principal Aaron Trummer has agreed that on a Saturday in June 1999, there will be an open house and reception at Santa Fe High. A Sunwest newspaper ad will appear soon asking graduates to send in their names, addresses, class year, etc. Watch for it. Incidentally, we have now learned that Clara Mabry is the oldest living graduate of Santa Fe High--Class of 1918 and sharp as a tack! Her brother, Dr. Victor Berchtold and Dorathea Koch Dunakin, share honors as second oldest, Class of 1919.

This year Marian Meyer missed the annual meeting for the first time. She inadvertently scheduled her second eye cataract surgery for that day, and that was more important. (She now has 20-20 vision in both eyes and says the world has never been so beautiful). At any rate, while she was absent from the meeting, the board ganged up on her and voted to buy some computer software for the newsletter and cemetery work. They even discussed getting a scanner. If we do, we'll have more pictures in the newsletter. Marian is pretty Scotch and probably would have given some argument. Nevertheless, it will undoubtedly make a better publication. What a great Board!

THREE INTERMENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER

Mary Shaw of Albuquerque, requested that her ashes be placed in the same grave with her baby who died many years ago. Lala O'Bryan, a Santa Fe oldtimer, was buried next to her husband DuRoss O'Bryan. They were connected to the Otero Family. Helen Leighton Cannon was the highest ranking woman in the United States government for many years, working as a geologist at the US Geological Survey. She was a pioneer, working out in

the field before women did such things. Cannon was the first woman inducted into the distinguished organization, American Men of Science, plus many other honors in her field.

\$1960 IN CONTRIBUTIONS-THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to the 22 donors who gave a total of \$1960. This is the lifeblood of our Association. We appreciate each of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$1000.

Barker, Dorothy*	Ortega, Victor
Brylinski, Dorothy	Paynter, Judy
Field, William	Platts, Betty
Gilbert, Dorothy	Robertson, Donna*
Jockle, Frances	Santa Fe Garden Club**
Johnston, J.H.E.	Scott, Frank
McConnell, June and Taylor**	Smith, Carolyn
Meyer, David	Thomas, Justine*
Mitchell, Doris	Witthauer, M/M Richard
Nydes, Virginia Thomas	Zusi, Nancy H.
Odor, Paula	

***MEMORIALS **FENCE**

To Alta Jordan from Dorothy Barker; to LaLa O'Bryan from Justine Thomas and Donna Robertson. For the fence from Taylor and June McConnell and Santa Fe Garden Club.

ROGER LAMOREUX MOVES GOV. THORNTON STONE

You may recall that a couple of years ago the descendants of Gov. and Mrs. William Thornton donated the four empty lots in the Thornton plot to us. Recently Roger Lamoreux (our savior with the huge crane when 70 headstones were toppled in 1987 by vandals) came by. Guy Gray helped in moving the large Thornton stone to the head of the two Thornton graves. It had been in the middle of the plot. One or possibly two of the lots are spoken for, but if you are interested, we have two or three beautiful lots, \$700 each. The money will be used for the fence. Call Marian Meyer, 982-5635. And our bountiful thanks to Roger.

FOUR HEADSTONES SET

As you know, we offer to install markers on old graves each summer at virtually cost. Four markers were set in September: Mary Perdue Dreyer, Gladys Blair Gilmore, Phyllis H. Hughes and Vicki Marie Van De Valde.

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LETTERS TO US FROM YOU

Some of these were written to Janice Matthews as fundraising chair; some to Marian Meyer and others to the Board. We thank you all.

From Betty Platts, former County Commissioner: *I'd like to help in this small way towards your restoration work. I look forward to seeing the fence and gate completed. Good luck.*

From Hannah and Joseph Fleisher, San Diego: *In February 1946, our stillborn baby was delivered in the camp hospital at Los Alamos...until last August we could get no information about the cemetery. Fortunately, on our last visit, one of the cemetery committee members took our name and address and subsequently sent your newsletter. Please use this contribution, however, no measure of our gratitude, toward the preservation of the cemetery.*

From Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fritzges, Albuquerque: *For the historic old fence.*

From Margaret Ramsey, Winslow, AZ: *I'm sorry I can't send more but just have my S.S. to live on. Will try to send more later on. My families there are the Erviens and Earnests. I thank all of the people working on this.*

From Betty Moore Fletcher, Edina, MN: *I do appreciate your endeavors and will surely inspect the fence on my next visit.*

Shel Bennett, Santa Fe: *Herewith a little help toward the iron fence restoration...Best wishes on this very worthwhile project.*

From Nancy Zusi, Ranchos Palos Verdes, CA: *I received your fundraising request which was addressed to my mother Aileen W. Harms. She has passed away and knowing her fondness for the cemetery, I am sending a donation. I hope that you will be able to continue your improvements and that the cemetery will be listed on the State and National Historic Registers. (Note: Aileen Harms gave us two lots which were sold).*

From Alice & Bill Bullick, San Francisco, CA: *We are sending the enclosed donation for the Historic Fence Fund. It does seem to be urgent. We think your Board works hard and faithfully throughout the year, and we commend you for the good program...*

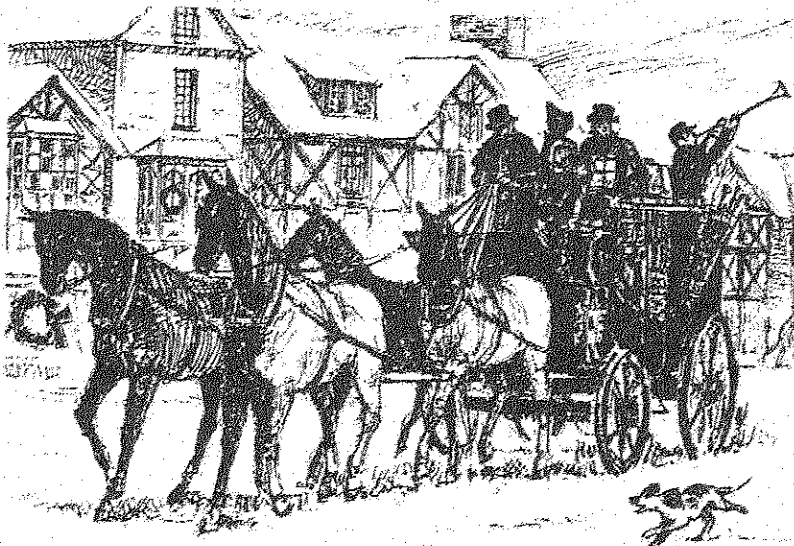
From Herb and Sallie Hammond, Alamogordo: *...please find our check for the renovation of the historic old fence. Please thank the board members and many others for the commendable work in keeping it in good repair...*

From Jolie Blauvelt, Hollis, NH: *Upon receiving your recent appeal it became clear, in looking through my records, that I have inadvertently neglected my annual contribution to your good work, for some time. I hope the enclosed will help. (Indeed it will, Jolie—we do not get many contributions such as yours).*

From Barbara C. Pflueger, Santa Fe: *I am enclosing my check to help with the fence repair and replacing. I will be glad to see a wider gate.*

From Maria and Juana V. Naranjo, Santa Fe: *Donation for fence renovation. Thank you for all of your hard work. We appreciate your efforts.*

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