

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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BOARD VOTES TO TAKE OVER CEMETERY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FAIRVIEW MUST BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING: NEW PLANS INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF GROUND BURIAL CREMAINS SECTION; MAPPING OF PATH SPACE FOR FULL LOTS & APPLICATION FOR GRANT MONEY FOR COLUMBARIUMS

SPRING CLEAN-UP, POTLUCK LUNCH, ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION MAY 16, 9:30 A.M.

MRS. VERDA BENTLEY GIVES US STOCK WORTH \$9000.00

DEFUNCT SANTA FE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATES TREASURY TO OUR ASSOCIATION MONEY TO GO TOWARD BUILDING AN INFORMATION SHELTER NEAR GATE

AUTHOR JOHN SHERMAN GIVES US 20 COPIES OF HIS TAOS BOOK TO SELL

INTERMENTS: JUSTINE THOMAS, CAROL ANN TUCKER, KAY ROBERTS

\$6120.00 IN DONATIONS--THANK YOU

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, BOB LAWRENCE:

On February 3, President Bob Lawrence and members Marian Meyer, Taylor McConnell and Ron Ball, met with SF County Manager, Domingo Sanchez III, and his staff, to discuss matters relative to the acquisition of Fairview Cemetery. At a special meeting in August 1997, Association members elected a committee to gather information pertinent to taking complete ownership and operation of the cemetery. As part of this task, it was felt that there was the need to have the County clarify just what they envisioned was involved in making such a transfer. The committee felt it necessary to obtain answers to some pertinent questions. In late November at another special meeting, the Board voted to take over the cemetery.

At the February 3 meeting, in a very amiable dialogue, we were able to reach consensus on what was needed for us to come to an agreement. The County is going to bring those areas of the property for which they have had primary responsibility, up to a mutually acceptable standard prior to transfer: The Indigent Burial Grounds will be maintained so they look like the rest of the cemetery, the house and storage building will be repaired and the fencing along the rear property line will be repaired or replaced. Mapping of the Indigent Burial area will be contracted and completed, and plans will be developed for the legal transfer of the trust fund. We were assured of full cooperation and as

much assistance as is legal, to aid the Association in the acquisition.

Mr. Sanchez informed the committee that they would make every effort to get positive considerations in the 1998-99 County Budget for this project, to include funds to assist us with the transition costs. All in all it was a very informative meeting, and we came away with a feeling of cooperation and goodwill on the part of the County Officials to make this a smooth transition.

If all goes according to plan, it appears that sometime early in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association will be the sole owners and operators of Fairview Cemetery. With this acquisition comes the challenge for each of us to gather our resources and energies so that we can effectively administer and preserve the integrity of this historical memorial to our ancestors, for our descendants.

SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

The Spring Clean-up and Potluck Luncheon, Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall adjacent to Fairview on May 16, 9:30 a.m. Details will follow in the spring newsletter.



L. To R - Fairview Association Treasurer Marian Meyer accepts check from Ingrid Volnhofer, Santa Fe Historical Society Treasurer, with board members Roman Latimer and Catherine Thayer.

NOW DEFUNCT HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOTES TO GIVE REMAINING TREASURY TO OUR ASSOCIATION. INFORMATION SHELTER TO GET MONEY

During its heyday, the Santa Fe Historical Society was a large, vibrant organization whose summer lecture series was popular and well-attended. But with the rise of several other historical groups, membership in SFHS slowly dwindled. Catherine Thayer, a former president, heroically tried to rescue it, taking the presidency twice more, but it became evident the group was doomed the year the president, Riley Parker, died. Over two years went by and the treasurer, Ingrid Volnhofer, urged the few remaining board members to make a decision about the Society treasury. The by-laws required that in the event of dissolution, the money must go to another non-profit organization.

An idea came to another Historical Society past president, Marian Meyer. As a result of the wonderful section maps being drawn for our Association by Guy Gray, our former caretaker, she envisioned an information shelter near the gate with the maps displayed, as well as an alphabetical index of all those buried at Fairview. Imagine. A relative, friend or visitor could walk into Fairview, look up a name and find a grave with no assistance!

Marian thought about funding and remembered the unused SFHS treasury. The Historical Society had been an integral part of our Association. In 1981 Marian had persuaded their board to support the founding of a preservation association for Fairview Cemetery. They funded the first two or three newsletters; paid for our large historical plaque and co-sponsored the 1984 Fairview Centennial. When Marian approached Ingrid about using the money for the information shelter, Ingrid concurred. Other board members Roman and Espie Latimer and Doug Peterson also voted to give the amount in the Historical Society treasury to FCPA. Ingrid closed out the Santa Fe Historical Society

account and had a certified check drawn for the \$1500.00 balance.

MONEY TO INFORMATION SHELTER--ARCHITECT BEVERLEY SPEARS TO DESIGN IT

The Board approved the project and Beverley Spears, AIA, another former Historical Society member, has agreed to design the shelter. One of Beverley's specialties is historic preservation. She is excited about our small project and has agreed to do it for an amount which will probably be less than her costs. The three-sided shelter will face the angle of the gate and Cerrillos Road, which should give us an edge against vandalism. Marian has since asked two other donors of \$1000.00 each if their money could also be used for the shelter if needed. In the May newsletter we will try to have an architect's rendering or sketch for you.

EDITORIAL BY MARIAN MEYER

At the special board meeting called to make the decision on whether we would vote to accept ownership of Fairview, we were a somber bunch. The usual camaraderie of our board meetings was missing and everyone knew the decision we were to make would have far-reaching effects. After a long and agonizing discussion, Past President Amado Summers finally said, "You know, we really don't have a choice. We can't let all our years of work and money go down the tube." That had been my sentiment from the beginning, but as founder of the group, I did not want to impose my opinion on others. The vote was unanimous, but it was evident that some of our members had reservations about the ramifications of our decision, and rightly so. I believe it was the correct one, and we must begin to implement the changes which will justify this momentous event in the history of our Association. From your responses to our questionnaire and your contributions, we know that all of you wanted this decision and that you will be behind us every step of the way. Thank you for your support. But please always remember--we are volunteers and until we can afford to hire a professional to administer the cemetery, we may not be able to do it perfectly.

CEMETERY MUST BECOME SELF SUPPORTING THROUGH SALES OF LOTS AND COLUMBARIUM NICHES. WE WILL HAVE TRUST FUNDS, GRANTS (we hope) AND OF COURSE YOUR LOYAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our sources of revenue will be diverse. We will have the old Woman's Club perpetual care trust fund of \$105,000.00, but the income from that has been running only \$5000 to \$6000 per year. (We just hope that will cover the water bill). We might be able to increase that somewhat by accepting slower profits. We may develop a trust fund of our own--see story below. We are mapping an old overgrown road area into small lots for ground cremains burials (ashes). These will be ready for sale as soon as the changeover occurs from the County to our Association on July 1. At the moment we only have one full sized grave for sale, but on an old pathway we have located some space for lots and as soon as we take ownership, we can offer them for sale. The

installation of columbariums will have to wait until we apply and if we receive any grant money. That is a large outlay and one which will take a long time to recover the initial investment. But we are looking at this long-term. We need to have a facility which will serve the public well into the next century when all of us are long gone. One of our important sources of revenue has always been donations from you, our loyal supporters. When it is possible, we would like to reserve that money for special projects at the cemetery. There will always be items needed which are more than just maintenance.

"TRUST" ACCOUNT MAY EVENTUALLY BECOME A NEW PERPETUAL CARE FUND

When Bess Thomas died in 1986, she left a bequest of \$3000.00 to us in her will. Her verbal request was that it be used to start a new "trust" fund, since the old one belonged to the County. Our Association complied, putting the money in a Certificate of Deposit. Several other people responded by adding to it, including Herb Hammond of Alamogordo, Laughlin Barker and others. By then we had started our project of sprinkler systems, and all extra money went into that. Over the years came the renovation of the historic fence, and our little trust fund was sort of forgotten. It has been self-capitalizing for several years and is now worth \$8500. When Laughlin Barker gave us a donation at the end of 1997, he designated it to the trust, the CD for which matures in February. Our legal counsel advised that we change it to a Money Market account for the present time, so that money can be added to it. Later on it will be set up as a regular trust fund. Once we start selling plots, the Board will consider the possibility of putting a certain percentage of each sale into the new fund. This will assure a more secure future for Fairview. Only the income from a trust fund can be used.

VERY SPECIAL DONATION FROM MRS. VERDA BENTLEY—\$9,000.00 IN STOCK

Mrs. Bentley was a longtime resident of Santa Fe and has remained a staunch supporter of our Association since she moved. When she saw the notice by our member John Adams in the December newsletter suggesting that stock could be given as a donation instead of money because it would be advantageous taxwise, she talked to her stockbroker immediately and gave us stock worth \$9,000.00. We are very grateful. John, broker for Quinn/Southwest and our President Bob Lawrence were appointed by the board to be in charge of the stock. If you have a similar situation, call John, 982-1904. And thanks, Mrs. Bentley

OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF REVENUE

It can mean a lot to our finances when a family designates our Association to receive memorials, so we urge you and your family to give it some consideration if you suffer a bereavement. Also, bequests in wills are very important. In the 17 years of our Association, we have had several. The largest came out of the blue in 1990. It was a \$10,000.00

gift from Herbert and Lief Mueller, whose four parents are buried at Fairview. (The Muellers are at National Cemetery). The gift resulted from a chance encounter Marian had with Mrs. Mueller, a weaver and clothes designer. The Historical Society used one of her designs in an old-time Fiesta fashion show. She was a lovely lady to talk to and during our conversation, the subject of Fairview came up briefly. Marian learned about the parents interred at Fairview, put the Muellers on our mailing list and ten years later we received the bequest. With that money we put in a whole section of sprinkler system. **NOTE—PRESS TIME RELEASE:** We just learned that Ruth Matthews, mother of David Matthews, died at age 97. Dave has designated donations to Fairview in her memory. Dave's wife, Janice, has served on our board for many years. More in the May newsletter. Thank you, Dave.

\$6120.00 IN CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to the 42 donors who gave a total of \$6120.00 to our Association. This is particularly heartening, because when you received our last newsletter proclaiming a crisis, you did not know whether we would have a Fairview Cemetery or not. So we know you were going on faith. We appreciate that. The contributions range from \$10.00 to \$1000.00 (three of them!). But remember, the small donations are important as well as the large ones. It means a person is out there supporting us. And remember, contributions to the Association are fully deductible from taxable income as provided by the tax code. They are as follows:

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| Austin, Carolyn | Maxwell, Martha |
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| Bullick, M/M Wm. | Ortega, Victor |
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| Hoover, David | Silver, Marian and Abe |
| Johnson, Barbara | Spitz, Gerald |
| Kahn, Burt | Summers, M/M Amado |
| Kalangis, Ike | Thomason, B. J. |

MEMORIALS: To The Mugler, Wientge, Manker families and Lowell Chambers from Happie Davis; to Andre Senutovitch from France Mudd; to Oliver Seth and Della MacGillivray from Jean Seth; to the Chaves and Summers Families from Ruth and Amado Summers.

MEMORIALS TO JUSTINE THOMAS:

Gloria Duran, Jody Ellis, Dorothy Gilbert, Marian Karlson, Violet MacGillivray, Marian Meyer, Marcia Muth, Karla Neely, Lucy Sanchez and Donna Robertson.

AUTHOR JOHN SHERMAN GIVES US BOOKS WORTH \$400.00 TO SELL FOR CEMETERY INCOME

John Sherman is an old friend of Fairview. He helped with the Fairview Centennial in 1984, and is still a supporter of our Association. The author of two pictorial histories--Santa Fe and Taos, he now lives in Indianapolis. When he got our "crisis" newsletter, he wrote that he would like to donate 20 copies of his book *Taos: A Pictorial History*. They are \$20.00 each. We can take orders and he will do personal autographs if someone wants them. He might be coming here in the spring, if so, he could bring them with him. If we have to mail the book from Santa Fe, we will need to charge postage of \$3.00. John's Taos book may not be in print much longer, so if you want one, send your check to the Association. Thanks, John.

THREE INTERMENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

JUSTINE DAY THOMAS: Lifetime Santa Fean, Past President of the SF Historical Society; Girl Scout leader, Villagra Book Store owner, a founding member of our Association and a signer of our incorporation papers--she was all that and more. Marian Meyer met her 44 years ago when Justine was Troop Committee Chairman for Marian's first Brownie troop which included Justine's younger daughter Donna. When Marian talked to the girls, now Donna Robertson and Karla Neely, shortly after Justine's death, they were agreeable to having memorials given to our

Association in their mother's memory. Thank you, Donna and Karla. Donors are listed under Memorials. Justine's ashes were interred between the graves of her mother and her aunt.

CAROL ANN TUCKER, who died December 16 at the young age of 50, had lived in Santa Fe for over 30 years. According to her obituary, she was active in many civic affairs in Santa Fe, and was a parishioner at Church of The Holy Faith. Her husband, Steven Tucker, bought the last two of the nine beautiful Safford graves. Mrs. Tucker was a member of the Santa Fe Garden Club, whose members planted flowers at our entrance for several years before they put in the shrubs.

KAROLYN ROBERTS; We mentioned in the December newsletter that Kay Roberts, mother-in-law of our President, Bob Lawrence, had died. Her husband Ernest came from California for the Christmas holidays and her ashes were interred in the Slaughter plot.

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