

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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**PRESIDENT AND COUNTY IN NEGOTIATIONS
TAKEOVER SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1**

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\$4372.00 IN DONATIONS--THANK YOU

**17th ANNUAL CLEAN-UP AND 9TH POTLUCK LUNCH--
ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAY FIRST TIME
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 9:30 A.M LUNCH AT NOON.**

This year we (and you) will have more than a vested interest in the cemetery. Within six weeks after the Clean-up, it will be decided over to us, for better or for worse. Of course, we are optimistic and assume it will be for the better. Even though we have helped to maintain the cemetery for 18 years, ownership will be an awesome responsibility.

Starting with the clean-up, we hope we can get many of you to come and look around Fairview. If you can work, bring your own tools. We will provide trash bags. If you can no longer do yard work, come to lunch, visit, and share your ideas. Bring a hot or cold dish--salad, main dish (KFC chicken is always popular) or dessert--to the Odd Fellows hall adjacent to Fairview. One of our members will be there from 9:30 a.m to take care of it. We will provide paper plates, eating utensils and soft drinks. Lunch will be ready near noon.

President Bob Lawrence will conduct the annual meeting following lunch. Taylor McConnell, chairman of the nominating committee will present a slate of officers and directors. Nominations can also be offered from the floor. Please join us--who knows? You may find yourself in the middle of a new hobby! Fairview is such a beautiful old place--so serene and historical. Just one more small reason to entice you to come give us a hand. We'd love to have you. Bring kids, grandkids or friends. Some of our most interested members don't have a soul buried at Fairview.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH SANTA FE COUNTY UNDERWAY

President Bob Lawrence and members of the Executive Committee met with County officials on March 25 in a most productive meeting. Domingo Sanchez, County Manager, is being very helpful in making the changeover easier for us. It appears that they may increase the one time cash amount to our Association, which should get us through the first year much easier. They realize we have to do things for the first time such as: property and liability insurance, a telephone, the water bills, caretaker costs, which we may try to work out on a contract basis; and probably a lot of expenses we haven't even thought of yet.

It also appears that the County may erect a new six-foot chainlink fence at the back of the cemetery. That would eliminate the problem of people jumping the short fence and using Fairview as a pass through. This has been on our wish list for years, so we hope it becomes a reality. (See Extra!)

**COSTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RISE WHEN FAIRVIEW IS
TAKEN OVER BY OUR ASSOCIATION.**

Be prepared to pay more for a standard casket burial, an ashes burial, and of course, the purchase of a gravesite. We found we were woefully behind the times in our charges for plots which had been given to us. It was a shock to learn that a local cemetery was charging FOUR times what we were for a standard burial lot. Our price will still be under that, but obviously the rationale is that property is becoming so much more valuable, and that also applies to gravesites. To put this in perspective, a recent television show had a segment featuring a columbarium whose niches cost over \$100,000.00 each. Now *that* is inflation. But after

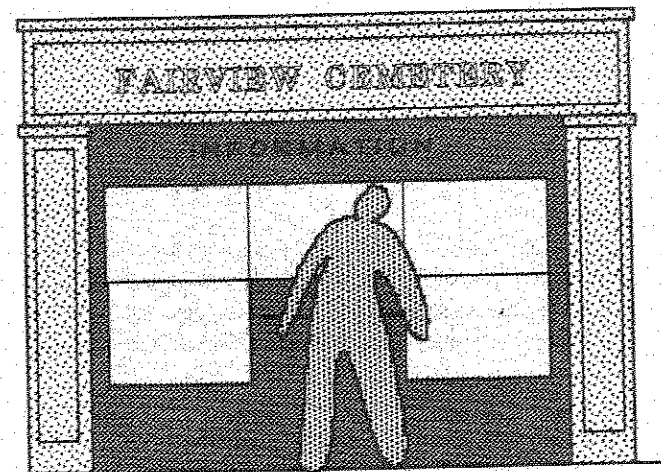
our survey went out, we had replies which told us that burial lots in their areas were much, much higher than what we were charging. So if we are to succeed in our ownership of Fairview, we must go with the times.

INTERMENT OF ASHES AND PLACEMENT OF HEADSTONES MUST BE DONE THROUGH COUNTY OR OUR ASSOCIATION

We wish to emphasize that even though you own a plot at Fairview, there are still rules by which you must abide. Permission must be obtained to do ANYTHING except clean, trim, straighten stones or place flowers. If you wish to have ashes interred, you may have them placed in your plot, but **IT MUST BE DONE BY OUR CARETAKER**. There are standard rules on size and depth of opening. You may not do an opening or inter ashes yourself. For the cemetery interment records, we must have the name of the deceased, age and date of death. The same rule applies in placing a headstone. You may have it done by a mortuary or a monument company, but you need permission first. For the present, you may call Santa Fe County or Marian Meyer. After we assume ownership of Fairview, we will let you know who to call.

ARCHITECT BEVERLEY SPEARS DESIGNING INFORMATION SHELTER

The following sketch will give you an idea of what our information shelter will look like. Because of historical concerns, Beverly wants the structure to fit in well with the surroundings--the mausoleums and the many venerable old headstones throughout the cemetery. We have about 45 of the old capstones stored in the yard which were supposed to have been used in the fence renovation. They were given to us late in the fencework through the efforts of Brad Thomas. They were in the backyard of a house he used to have and we talked the owner out of them. Signals got crossed and the brick contractor didn't use them in the fence. Beverly plans to use them for the floor of the shelter which will add nicely to its appearance.



FRONT ELEVATION

TRUST ACCOUNT IS OVER \$10,000.00. EVENTUALLY TO BECOME A NEW PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Since our last newsletter when we told you our old small trust fund was growing, we have received \$1500.00 more for it. The total is now \$10,200. If we begin putting a percentage of sales of lots into it, it may grow rapidly. Only income from the fund may be used. The names of the donors are listed under contributions.

\$792.00 GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RUTH MATTHEWS

We reported briefly in the February newsletter that Ruth Matthews, mother of David Matthews, had just died. She was interred at National Cemetery. Dave generously requested that donations in her memory be given to Fairview. We are very grateful, Dave. Donors were as follows:

Bode, Hotzell
 Buohholz, M/M Wm. K.
 Douglaś, Rev. Nina
 Grosvenor, Dorothy
 Harenberg, M/M John J.
 Jones, W. K.
 Kalangis, Ike

Kremers, M/M Ken
 Manges, M/M Gayle
 Matthews, Janice & Dave
 Mayer, Susan
 Meyer, Marian
 Peterson, M/M Doug
 Revelle, Yukiye

\$4372 IN TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our sincere thanks to the donors who gave a total of \$4272.00 to our Association. These contributions will always be the lifeblood of our Association--money which will make it possible to do more than simply maintain the cemetery. They were in amounts ranging from \$10.00 \$1000.00, and each of them is deeply appreciated. They are as follows:

Antink, Josephine
 Ball, Jean Egenhofer
 Bayless, George Doncho
 Bennett, Dr. Howard
 Bennett, Sheldon*
 Brown, Lois*
 Califf, Jean
 Churchill, Warren
 Clancy, Albert*
 Corbett, Nancy*
 Groff, Naomi
 Hall, James

Klein, Gretchen*
 Ley, Albert
 Littleton, Judi
 Mason, Erik*
 Mayer, Susan*
 Meyer, Marian*
 Miles, Jeanne Yashvin
 Petranto, Joseph
 Silver, Abe
 Stamm, Allen
 Wright, Barbara
 Zinn, Anne & Frank

MEMORIALS*

In memory of Carol Ann Tucker from Susan Mayer; to the Spitz and Gardesky Families from Gretchen Klein; to James VanderSys from The Mason Family and from Marian Meyer; to Dr. And Mrs. W. H. Livingston from Lois Brown.

BY-LAW CHANGE AGAIN NEEDED AFTER WE TAKE OVER FAIRVIEW

Our original by-laws were written with the stipulation that our Association would give assistance to Santa Fe County. It will be necessary to change them to reflect our ownership. The Board of Directors will implement those changes in the coming months.

THREE OF JOHN SHERMAN'S BOOKS SOLD

We told you in the last newsletter that author John Sherman offered to give us twenty copies of his book, *Taos: A Pictorial History*, and we have sold three. At \$20.00 each, we will have \$400.00 more for Fairview. Thank you again, John. We will have the book at the luncheon, if you want one. The books are autographed.

ANNUAL SUMMER HEADSTONE OFFER

As usual, we are offering to put a "Plain Jane," gray granite headstone on any old grave at a price close to cost. We want stones on any unmarked graves, so we make this offer every summer. A small marker, 8" x 16" costs \$200.00. A standard size stone, 12" x 24" is \$350.00. This includes three lines of text, installation and mileage cost from Albuquerque. Call Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

ONE INTERMENT SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Jim Kerch Book
JAMES VANDERSYS: We did not know that Jim was born in Holland and came to America as a small child. We knew him as a member of our board of directors for many years. He was in charge of installing the first section of sprinkler system—in Section D. He was a dear man—a good volunteer, and when he finally decided to step down from the board, we missed him. Our condolences to the family.

ANOTHER IDEA TO MAKE MONEY FOR FAIRVIEW

Board members and others have been making suggestions on raising money for the cemetery. Since we have done it before (but not for money), and it is in keeping with our historical background, it will be considered, probably next year. The idea originated during the planning of our 1984 Centennial. Catherine Thayer saw an article about an important San Diego Cemetery which held an RIP tour each year to generate income. It was called both a "Revisiting Important People" tour or the "Rest In Peace" tour. We adopted it for the Centennial and also held another one for

the Santa Fe Trail Association—End of the Trail Chapter two summers ago.

It was well attended and Marian sold copies of her Pioneer Women stories to cover costs and it made a little extra for Fairview. The large placards we have displayed at our luncheons were made for the original tour by our Association, with help from the now disbanded Santa Fe Historical Society. They included about 80 prominent old families, many with enlarged photocopies of the people. For the Santa Fe Trail tour, Marian made several new ones, specifically people who had traveled the Santa Fe Trail before the railroad arrived in 1880.

If the tour were held in the summer and given some publicity, it might attract some summer visitors. If this catches your fancy, some of the old posters could use renewing (we didn't even have computers then!). Also, people will be needed at the cemetery the day of the tour. We will have our new information shelter, so the data will be close at hand. Think about this for the future. It really is a fun thing.

THE EXTRA! EXTRA! HEADLINE WAS A LAST MINUTE ADDITION TO NEWSLETTER—THANKS TO COUNTY

Editor Marian Meyer and husband Lee had just returned from their 50th anniversary junket to Hawaii, so Marian had no idea that during her absence the County had installed a six-foot stainless steel chainlink fence across the complete back of the cemetery. After talking to a board member, Marian went over to see it and it is wonderful. We have always had a problem with people hopping the short back fence and using Fairview as a shortcut. No more. This should deter most people from that and also eliminate the summer problem of vagrants using the cemetery for sleeping. One of them destroyed an expensive sprinkler control last year when the water went on automatically early in the morning and wet him down. So we heartily thank the officials of Santa Fe County for this parting gift. They have really been extremely cooperative in making this changeover easier for us.

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