

May 2003

Editor: Marian Meyer

22nd SPRING CLEAN-UP AND 14th
POTLUCK LUNCHEON SATURDAY, ON May 17th AT IOOF HALL, 9:30 AM
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWS---COME IF YOU CAN

□

**PRESIDENT'S IMPORTANT MESSAGE
FOR EIGHT MONTHS OUR SECRET WORRY, NOW WE
CAN TELL YOU OUR GRAVE WATER PROBLEM**

TIME AGAIN TO PUT A HEADSTONE ON UNMARKED GRAVES

AN APPEAL FROM MARIAN FOR A DEDICATED HELPER

INTERMENTS: POLLOCK, ROBINSON, HUNKER, SANCHEZ

WE THANK YOU FOR A WHOPPING \$6310.00 IN DONATIONS!

*THIS IS OUR 22nd SPRING CLEAN-UP AND THE 14th
POTLUCK LUNCHEON*

We hope you will join us. If you are past the age or ability to do yard work, just come, visit and stay for lunch. It is Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am, with lunch at noon. Bring a hot or cold dish—salad, main dish (people like KFC chicken) or dessert, to the Odd Fellows Hall adjacent to Fairview. The annual meeting and election of officers will follow.

Luncheon Chairperson again this year is Joan Stotts. She and her helpers will be there at 9:30 a.m. to take your food. Soft drinks, paper plates, and eating utensils will be provided. We could use another hand in the kitchen for the first hour or so. If anyone wants to help or has questions, call Marian, 982-5635 or Joni, 471-2758. Bring tools with your name on them—lawn rakes are usually needed. Trash bags will be in a box at the entrance.



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, Brad Thomas

I want to tell you about our ongoing water problems and the city. We have kept this quiet until now, but a memo from the city saying they were going to disconnect our water made it possible to go public. According to a memo from Past President John Adams, we stopped getting water bills in October 1999. John called and went by the office several times to ask about it. The city was totally irresponsible to his inquiries. In his memo, John says, "While the staff were not exactly rude, I had the definite impression that they were telling me that nothing I did and nothing they could do would make the bills come any faster...." By the time John's presidency ended in 2001, we still had not received current bills and we had turned the meters back on in April.

When I took over the presidency in the middle of 2001, I was aware of all this. We waited in vain and finally in September 2002 a bill came for a whopping \$26,000.00. In not one of those years did we use a normal output of water, from 1999 to 2002. In 1999 John Adams had participated in a water audit with the city. This gave guidance to the water system improvements made in the following years. In 1999

and 2000, the cemetery was dug up in many places for the repair of leaks and the replacement of broken pipes. We did not even mow for six months because of all the repair work.

Then, of course, in 2002, came the Stage Three directive. We were only permitted to water one night per week. When you have six sections, each with six or seven zones, each one gets only about 20 minutes of water, which is not anywhere near to what it needs to keep grass alive. Also, we couldn't fertilize because it takes a lot of water.

Our *pro bono* attorney, Thomas B. Catron III, made efforts in our behalf with no success. In April 2002, an article appeared in *Journal North* of the *Albuquerque Journal* saying that the Santa Fe Community College had never been billed for any water in the entire fitness complex, which includes a swimming pool, since its opening. **THE CHARGE FOR THE ENTIRE NINE YEARS WAS FORGIVEN.**

After we started getting bills in September, we were scrupulous in paying the one for the caretaker's house, because we have the caretaker living there. Despite this, the \$26,000.00 bill in September rose to \$30,000.00 at the PRESENT time. The bills state that 0 gallons have been used by the three meters we have for the cemetery, excluding the caretaker's house. This was while the meters were turned off. The following will give you an idea of the charges made EACH month since our billings began in September.

The bill for the month of January lists:

5 Water Commercial	
Conservation Fee	\$40.00
2" Small Commercial Svc chg	\$192.45
Gallons used	0
	<u>\$232.45</u>
6 Water Residential	
Conservation Fee	\$25.00
1 1/2" Small Commercial Svr Chg	\$121.94
Gallons used	0
	<u>\$146.94</u>
7 Water -Residential	
Conservation Fee	\$ 7.50
1/4" Small Commercial Svc Chg	39.67
Gallons used	0
	<u>\$47.17</u>

The total of these charges for one month is \$426.56. And we're not even sure what they are for. Multiply this for the months since September and you get the \$30,000.00 figure. It is truly baffling. Our caretaker says he has not seen a meter reader or water company truck at the cemetery during this period, and he is very aware of all events that occur at Fairview. So we wonder if they are estimating these figures.

About the middle of April we received an URGENT notice in the mail that they were going to disconnect our service

and that we would have to pay for a reconnect service and a new deposit. A few days later a notice was posted on the door of the caretaker's cottage, giving us, in essence, the same information. I talked again to Tom Catron. He met with Mayor Larry Delgado who was sympathetic and said our service would NOT be disconnected. They will meet with officials of the water company to discuss and to resolve it. Hopefully, we will receive the same consideration as the Community College.

President, Brad Thomas



MARGARET BRUNK TAKES OVER JOB OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARDS

Because of illness the past few months, Marian Meyer has had a difficult time getting all the Fairview work done. In fact, one job did *not* get done—the sending of acknowledgement cards. Chairperson Marian Karlson has done it for several years. She and her husband were planning to spend Christmas and several weeks in Mexico with their daughter and son-in-law so she had turned over the cards to Marian M. Ernest fell and broke his leg just before they were to leave, so they had to cancel. Marian M. became ill so it has been hit and miss since then. She is better now and trying to catch up. Margaret Brunk helped Marian K. from time to time and she has agreed to take over the acknowledgement card job. They will be late, but she will try to catch up next month.

Note: Also, without Marian K. to turn the donation lists in to when a deposit was made, Marian M. may have missed entering a donation or two in this newsletter. If that has happened, please let Marian M. know and she will correct it next time

MARIAN MEYER APPEALS FOR HELP

I just turned 76 and am looking toward the future, when I will not be able to hunt up graves, meet people at Fairview to look at plots and all the myriad chores that go with the job I have been doing for 22 years. The volunteer should be younger than I, enjoy tramping cemeteries and willing to do bits of research. If I could start showing someone the ropes now, by the time I can't do it anymore, they might be willing to take over. Now that I am feeling better, I still hope to finish the research on my book, *Who Was Who in Santa Fe*. It will include all the tenants of two historical cemeteries, Fairview and Odd Fellows. However, the IOOF records are lost so I can only use people who have headstones and those I have found in *The New Mexican*. Call Marian if you are interested and have questions, 982-5635.

INTERMENTS

Since our last newsletter in early December, we have had four interments:

PAULINE UHRFELDER PETCHESKY POLLOCK
(See article, next column)

JUNE BISHOP HUNKER, 82, was one of those rare people, a native Santa Fean. From the beginning of the Santa Fe Opera, it was the love of her life. Her ashes are interred in her father's grave in the Bishop plot.

LUCILLE ROBINSON, 96 of Mundelein, IL, was buried next to her husband Roy Henry Robinson, who died in 1970. Her father-in-law, John Robinson was a contractor who installed the huge square stone on the Robinson plot, before his death here in 1918.

The ashes of **GILBERT SANCHEZ** will be interred in the grave of his mother, Mable Hoefler, in Section F.

HEADSTONES FOR OLD GRAVES As usual in the summer, we will order headstones for old or unmarked graves. These are plain gray granite. A small marker, 8" x 16" is \$155, standard size, 12" x 24" is 355. This includes the setting fee, mileage to Albuquerque and 3 lines of text: name, birth and death dates. Write or phone Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

CONTRIBUTIONS Our heartfelt thanks to the 38 donors who gave so generously since our December newsletter. This wonderful amount was \$6310.00. Thank you all so very much.

Antink, Josephine
Barker, Laughlin
Bickley, Peter*
Blauvelt, Ardath
Brinkeroff, John
Broome, George*
Brylinski, Dorothy
Bullick, Alice Marsh
Cerrillos Lodge #19 AFAM
Cook, Tark
Corbett, Nancy
Eddy, John
Fairchild, Gale*
Fix, Barbara
Fletcher, Betty
Gilbert, Dorothy
Guarini, Janet*
Johnson, Bambi
Jordan, Louann

Kahn, Burton
Kaune, Julie
Keeshan, Elizabeth
Legits, Joanne
Leonard, Don*
Livingston, Jean*
Livingston, Leona
Matthews, Janice
McConnell, Taylor
Miles, Jeanne*
Miller, Kajean
Naranjo, Maria & Juana
Ortega, Victor
Petranto, Joseph
Pick, Henry
Silver, Marian & Abe
Simpson, Christine
Thornburg, Jean
Wiley, Tom

MEMORIALS*

From Jeanne Miles in memory of her daughter, Dana Reid and her father, Morris Yashvin; from George Broome to his parents, Catherine and Charles C. Broome; from Jean Livingston, in memory of Ida and Dr. Wallace Livingston; from Janet Guarini, in memory of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs John K. S. Walter; from Alice Bullick, in memory of the Marsh Family; from Abe and Marian Silver in memory of Pauline Pollock; from Jean Thornburg, in memory of Sam Thornburg.

THE BLATT, PETCHESKY AND SILVER WOMEN

Pauline Pollock was buried in the Petchesky/Blatt/Silver plot next to her first husband Barney Petchesky. She was 99. Pauline had a long and interesting career. Her family founded the White House with clothes for women in 1912 at the corner of Palace Avenue and Old Santa Fe Trail.

Her mother, Johanna, was born in Coblenz, Germany and traveled to the United States alone. She married Emil Uhlfelder in Arkansas and came with their young daughter Pauline, to Santa Fe. She was widowed in 1916 and married Barney Petchesky in 1918. They continued to operate the White House until it became The Guarantee in 1939. Their two children, Gene Petchesky and Marian Petchesky Silver were both involved with the Guarantee.

Three generations worked at the store. Johanna Blatt, Pauline's mother, taught her daughter the basics of merchandising and took her to the fashion markets every year. Pauline was an icon of fashion, an outgoing woman liked by everyone. She in turn involved her daughter in the store and Marian also "went to market" for many years. Most Santa Feans were dismayed when the decision to close the Guarantee was made. It was the last of the family-owned stores on the Plaza to close.

OFFICERS

Pres. Bradley M. Thomas—O 984-1188
H 988-3075

VP Gene Valdes—986-2010
VP Marian Meyer—982-5635
Treas. Joan Stotts—O 982-3610
H 471-2758

Sec. Blair Cooper—820-2659

Directors:

Peter Bickley—455-2301
Margaret Brunk—471-1571
Bob Clifford—984-8600
Marian Karlson—471-2805

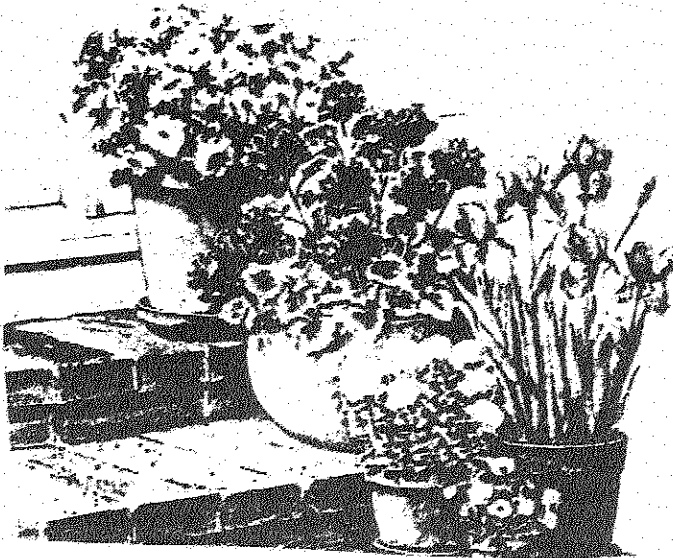
ESTABLISHED **1912**

SANTA FE'S FASHION SHOW PLACE

the
Guarantee *inc.*
on the plaza

From *The New Mexican*
"in the olden days"

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOC.
P. O. BOX 5958
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87502



COME TO THE CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, May 17, 9:30 a.m.