

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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23rd SPRING CLEAN-UP AND 15th POTLUCK LUNCHEON SATURDAY, ON May 22 AT IOOF HALL, ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWS---COME IF YOU CAN

ACTING PRESIDENT GENE VALDES--MESSAGE INCLUDES FINANCIAL CONDITION

"PLANT A TREE"-FUTURE LOOK BY ERIC MASON

DONATIONS ARE INCREDIBLE HELP-THANK YOU UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT RECEIVED--\$18,000 PLUS

DEATH OF PRESIDENT BRAD HEARTBREAKING--BOARD CARRIES ON--PAYS HORRENDOUS \$35,000.00 TO CITY WATER COMPANY

TIME AGAIN TO PUT A HEADSTONE ON UNMARKED GRAVES INTERMENTS: MILLIGAN, TRUJILLO, WEISS, POMONIS, THOMAS

THIS IS OUR 23rd SPRING CLEAN-UP AND THE 15TH POTLUCK LUNCHEON--NEW LUNCHEON BOSS

We lost our longtime luncheon chair and when we called Joanne Legits asking if she would take over, she willingly volunteered. What a day brightener! We thank her. You can bring your main dish, salad or dessert to her at the Odd Fellows Hall south of Fairview, before the clean-up, or if you pick up some fast chicken or such, just before noon.

We could use another hand in the kitchen for the first hour or so. If anyone wants to help or has questions, call Joanne, 424-3855 or Marian, 982-5635. Bring tools with your name on them—lawn rakes are usually needed. Trash bags will be in a box at the entrance.

We hope you will join us for either the clean up or lunch or both. If you are past the age or ability to do yard work, just come, visit and stay for lunch. It is Saturday, May 22, 9:30

am, with lunch at noon. The annual meeting and election of officers will follow.

LOSS OF PRESIDENT BRAD THOMAS

The doctors told Brad there was a danger involved in his surgery for lung cancer, but we simply didn't believe he wouldn't make it. We were devastated, but when we finally got back to Fairview business, the board made a decision to pay the \$35,000 water bill by liquidating some of the stock which had been donated by generous members of our Association over the years. Some of it is restricted by the donors to using only the proceeds for maintenance of Fairview. So we used only non-restricted funds. It was a wrenching decision, but we are carrying on from there. The water company is still making surcharges on every drop of water that runs through our pipes. Also, the watering times are so restricted that with our 24 sections to be watered, none of them ever received adequate water last year. Therefore, at its last meeting, the board decided that we

could not afford to spend 5 to 7 thousand dollars each month on water that would still not keep the cemetery beautiful. The city does not permit sod or grass seed use, so we ^{have} a checkerboard of dirt and the grass which is left. We hope to use bark or woodchips on bare graves. Until such time as the drought ends, we will forego watering. Erik Mason explains our alternative in the following article.

"PLANT A TREE" BY ERIK MASON

The reality of Santa Fe's drought has forced our cemetery's Board of Directors to the reluctant and sad conclusion that, in the foreseeable future, we are not going to be able to do anything to improve, and not very much even to maintain, what remains of the cemetery's lawns.

So we've decided to concentrate on trees. Beautiful young trees to replace the hundreds of dead trees that have been removed. But again, as usual, we must rely on the wonderful generosity of our membership.

We decided that drought-tolerant, tall-growing 40-50', non-pollinating, non-suckering shade trees, under which we can eventually walk, were best for our purposes. Because, in general, drought-tolerant trees are slower growing than other trees, we thought we should plant slightly larger, but also more expensive, trees with trunks of 2" in diameter. After consultation with the nursery, we decided to begin with Patmore Ash, Flowering Locust, Shademaster Locust, Bradford Pear and Western Hackberry.

Paynes Nursery is offering us a 30% discount on the cost of these trees and will plant them. Planting the trees includes transportation to the cemetery, digging the hole, soil amendment (Nature's Life), forming a "well" for watering and initial watering with a root stimulator. To reduce the cost of planting, trees will be planted 12 at a time. We've already ordered the first 12, secure in the knowledge of your generosity, and will have them planted before the May 22nd Cleanup Day and Annual Meeting.

And we *will* water the new trees, at least once a week during the growing season and once a month throughout the winter. We've purchased a 550-gallon water tank which can be lifted into the bed of a pickup, filled and maneuvered around the cemetery to insure the new trees will receive a good start.

Even with the generous discount by Paynes Nursery, the cost of planting a 2" tree is still a breathtaking \$300, so you can see how much we again need your help with this program. To acknowledge persons who plant a tree, and because individual plaques situated near the new trees have a tendency to disappear, in the kiosk we will hang a large plaque with the names of the donors who contribute to this campaign.

We realize that now, just after your wonderful response to the water bill program, is a terrible time to ask for more

money. But now is the time! Please help us in this effort to maintain, into the future, the beauty of the cemetery we love.

\$300.00 TREE DONATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED JUST BY WORD OF MOUTH—FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- John & Jo Bloom
- Cooper, Blair
- Mason, David
- Mason, Erik
- Mason, (sibling)
- Mason, (sibling)
- Meyer, Marian
- Thornburg, Ann
- Johnson, Dan
- Watkins, Stephen E.
- Marian & Abe Silver

Other tree donations were received before people knew the cost per tree. The following are those who have donated toward a tree, Corinne Sze, Martha Maxwell and Jean Califf.

ACTING PRESIDENT GENE VALDES: "The Cemetery is Dependent on Your Donations"

As most of you know, Fairview Cemetery is principally an historical cemetery. While it is not completely full, few full burials and a limited number of interment of ashes (cremains) take place each year. Thus unlike modern fully functioning cemeteries, Fairview receives only a very small income from sale of plots. This income is by far insufficient to cover the regular, re-occurring expenses of the cemetery. The latter include the caretaker's salary (which is very modest, upkeep and repair of the water system, the water bill itself, removal of dead or dying trees, other landscape maintenance, monthly refuse fees, insurance premiums, other administrative expenses and other costs associated with maintenance and repairs to the grounds. The Fairview Cemetery Preservation counts on your donations to help meet these expenses.

The Cemetery does have investment accounts. However, the Board of Directors views these as held in trust to cover emergencies or extraordinary or unforeseen needs, and not as yet, to be used to cover daily expenses. Recently, the Association was forced to liquidate some of these holdings to cover its water bill that amounted to approximately \$35,000. In responses to the Association's pleas to help recoup some of this amount, our generous members donated around \$18,000.00. This is being placed back into our investment accounts, which will bring them back up to over \$75,000. In addition to the investments which are held directly by the Association, there is approximately \$12,000.00 in a completely separate account held in trust for the Santa Fe Woman's Club, the former legal owners of the Cemetery. The proceeds from the trust, which is in essence a perpetual care account, go to our Association for regular upkeep of the cemetery. However, the checks are infrequent and relatively small.

Finally, I need to mention that the Cemetery has no paid staff other than a contractual arrangement with a caretaker. The Board of Directors and other volunteers do not receive any compensation whatsoever for their work. Despite the effects of the 4year drought and extraordinarily restrictive and expensive watering regulations, the Board is committed to the preservation of the cemetery as a monument to our loved ones who are buried there. The success of this effort, now and in the future, depends on your financial assistance. Thank you!

Contributions total over \$18,000.00! Plus tree gifts.

IN MEMORY OF BRADLEY M. THOMAS

Frith Firm, The
Karlson, Ernest & Marian
Vigil, Tim, of Land America
Capitol City Title Services
Legits, Joanne
Meyer, Marian
Quintana, JoAnne & George
Anderson, Richard & Anne
Street, Dorothy
Gagnon, Karleen & Jordan
Peck, James & Vae

In reply to our Association's appeal for help, these 109 wonderful contributions were made in amounts from \$10.00 to \$1000.00. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

A very special donation of \$4500.00 was made by Montezuma Lodge No. 1, AF & AM.

*MEMORIALS

Antink, Josephine (2)
Austin, Carolyn
Barker Family, Rene & Laughlin
Bayless, George Donoho
Bickley, Peter
Bowman, Dr. Robert
Boyd & Betty Fletcher Mast (2)
Brinkerhoff, John
Broome, George *to Tom & Edith Broome
Bullick, Alice
Burgess, John Acie *to Baby Burgess
Burns, Lois *to Dudley & Vesta Williams & Aunt Dorothy Williams
Chambers, Jean
Clancy, Albert
Compton, Dorothy L.
Cook, Tark *to mother, Mary Brownlee Cook
Corbett, Nancy G.
De Castro, Barbara
Field, William
Fitzgerald, Melvin
Fix, Barbara
Gans, Harold
Groff, Ethel N. *to mother Dorothy Gnagey
Guarini, Janet
Hall, James & Wendy Fickers
Hall, Ruth
Hiatt, Stephen
Hoover, David
Horner, Dr., Althea *to Gr. Gr. Luis & Abe Gold
Jockle, Frances
Jordan, Lou Ann
Jordan, Virginia

Kahn, Burton H.
Karlson, Ernest & Marian
Kaune, Julie
Kegel, Walter
Kennedy, Lee
Klingbeil, Lores
Lawrence, Ernestine*memory Karolyn Roberts, her mother
Ley, Delfina, M.
Littleton, Richard & Judy
Livingston, Leona
Loomis, Margaret
Mason, Erik (2)
Matthews, M/M David Matthews
Maxwell, Martha
Mayer, Dr. James
McConnell, Taylor & June
Mench, Martha
Miles, Jeanne Yashvin *to Yashvin Family
Miles, M/M Bob*
Miller, Vera (Littleton)
Lilyan M. Moix *to parents Mike & Geo. Robertson & Jack Robertson
Mossman, Ann L.
Mudd, Mrs. France
Myers, Helen C. *to Mrs James & Sally Hyer
Naranjo, Juana and Maria (2)
Nolan, Elizabeth N. Weld *to Elizabeth Margolis Hendryson
Odor, Mrs. Paula
Order of Eastern Star, SF Chap. 19
Ortega, Victor
Pick, Henry*
Romero, Joe
Ruvolo, Bertha
Sanchez, Lucy (Salazar)
Scott, Anna R.
Seth, Jean
Seth, Jean
Sherman, John*
Simpson, Christine *to James & Mattie Simpson
Sitter, Mary
Smith, Carolyn
Strawn, Dorothy
Summers, Amado & Ruth *to Summers & Chaves Families
Talbot, Skip
Technigraph, Inc.
Thornburg, Ann
Tucker, Stephen L.
Walter, John K. S.
Wilson, Gale & Martha
Zander, Virginia
Zinn, Frank B.

John Sherman, author of the Santa Fe and Taos Pictorial Histories, now of Indianapolis, is a good friend of Marian's, and of Fairview. He sent us \$100 "to honor Marian Meyer". She is indeed honored. Thanks, John.

If a donation you made does not appear in this newsletter, please let Marian Meyer know. It has been a real challenge (but a pleasure) for Margaret Brunk and Marian to keep up with the mail. It has slowed, but never stopped since Gene Valdes sent his appeal to you in March. In the 23 years Marian has worked as a volunteer, there has never been such an outpouring of donations (and love) to the cemetery. We thank you.

INTERMENTS

HAROLD MILLIGAN was a member of an early New Mexico family. His father was an old-time doctor in the Estancia Valley, and his mother, a nurse, assisted him. They are also buried at Fairview. He was a Mason.

The ashes of PAUL TRUJILLO were interred in the grave of his mother, Amelia Trujillo.

Nell Batts omitted. to be in next newsletter. Very sorry.

CYNTHIA THORNBURG JOHNSON was buried next to her father, Sam Thornburg in Section B. Front. She and her husband, Daniel Johnson, lived in Minnesota, but he decided to have her interred in Fairview, where so many Thornburgs lie. Her mother Ann Thornburg, is a stalwart supporter of Fairview.

The ashes of MARIAN CHARLOTTE WEISS were interred in the grave of her parents, Harry and Eleanor Wilhelm in Section B.

Our Association president, BRADLEY MORRIS Thomas, JR., was interred in the Thomas plot, next to his parents and grandparents. RIP, Brad.

HEADSTONES FOR OLD GRAVES

As usual in the summer, we will order headstones for old or unmarked graves, of plain gray granite. A small marker, 8" x 16" is \$225.00; standard size, 12" x 24" is \$350.00 This includes the setting fee, mileage from Albuquerque and 3 lines of text; name, birth and death dates. Write or call Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

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