

# FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

May 2007

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### ANNUAL WORDAY AND ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

Please Join Us!

### RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETED AND PAID FOR!

### CONTRACT LET TO GRADE AND RESURFACE ROADS

The extensive Restoration Project, begun last fall, should be completed before our workday on May 19<sup>th</sup> and, due to the intensive fundraising efforts—and the personal donations—of the Kalangis family, has been paid for. The 122 new trees along the roadbeds, and the hundreds of lilacs and other shrubs, have all been planted and are watered by a drip irrigation system. The landscaping of the entrance area and the crossroads at the center of the cemetery still needs some final adjustments as of this writing, but it should all be finished and ready to be admired by the many members of the Association who contributed so generously to this project.

The prairie dogs have also been relocated—a total of 110 of them last fall and again this spring after they awoke from their winter hibernation. And all of the many unsightly tree stumps of the trees which had died over the last century have been ground out. The cemetery looks so much better! Still much to be done, but *paso por paso*!

The Board, hopeful of your continued financial support, has voted to take one of these additional *pasos* and has signed a contract to have all of the cemetery's roads graded, leveled, and resurfaced. Hopefully this will also be done before May 19<sup>th</sup>. The roads were in bad shape even before last winter's 25-inch snowfall, and the landscaping project further damaged them. We will pay for this by withdrawing some of the income earned from our trust fund.

With the completion of the Restoration Project, our members now have only two ways to contribute financially to Fairview. (1) We continue to need your donations to our **maintenance** efforts—send checks to our PO Box above, made out to "Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association, and (2) Add to our **endowment** by sending checks written to the Santa Fe Community Foundation, annotated "Fairview Cemetery Endowment," and send to:

Santa Fe Community Foundation  
PO Box 1827  
Santa Fe NM 87504

Our goal is to build up our endowment funds sufficiently so as to pay for all of the necessary maintenance at the cemetery.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, has been set for 2007's **Annual Spring Cleanup and Annual Meeting**. Please, put this date on your calendar now! We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring your yard tools—rakes, leaf rakes, shovels, pruners—with your name on them. Trash bags will be provided. Even if you are not physically able to do the yard work, we want you there for the fellowship, the potluck luncheon, and the Annual Meeting!

There will be a lot to discuss, and new board members and officers to be elected, at the **Annual Meeting**, following the potluck luncheon at the Odd Fellows Hall on Cerrillos, adjacent to and just south of Fairview. Our luncheon chairs again this year will be board members Joanne Legits and Lucy Dix, who will be at the Odd Fellows Hall at 9:00 a.m. to receive your potluck offerings, hot or cold, salad, main dish or dessert. Soft drinks, paper plates and eating utensils will be provided.

The cemetery has a new caretaker, Joshua Loeser, who began a 90-day trial period this spring. Joshua recently returned from Iraq and was honorably discharged from the US Army. The caretaker position is part time, 25 hours/week throughout the summer and 15 hours/week during the winter.

**Fairview's Families.** Former Fairview Association President **Bob Lawrence**, 85, made national news in March when he traveled to the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, DC, with his wife Tina, to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bush. The medal, the highest civilian award bestowed by the US Congress, was awarded to Bob and the other surviving members of WWII's first, all-black air squadron of the US Army Air Corps. Almost 1,000 fighter pilots trained as a segregated Army Air Corps unit at the Tuskegee, Alabama, air base after President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered that such a unit be created. They saw combat throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa; dozens died in the fighting; others were held prisoners of war. At the ceremony, former Secretary of State and General Colin Powell said, "You caused America to look in the mirror of its soul, and you showed America that there was nothing a black person couldn't do."

Bob, who retired after a career in education, has been an important figure in Santa Fe and was designated a "Santa Fe Living Treasure" in 2001. His wife Tina has four generations of her family buried at Fairview.

### **Recent Burials.**

**Dorothy Pauline Bates Strawn** died on 14 December 2007 at age 88. The eldest of 14 children, she was married in 1936 to Enos James Strawn, born in Santa Fe in 1914. In 1944 they moved to New Mexico where her husband studied to become a geologist at UNM. In 1965 they retired in Colorado but continued to work in real estate sales. In 2000, when her husband died, Dorothy returned to New Mexico to be closer to her daughters. Both Dorothy and Enos are buried in the Stauffer/McBride family plot of Enos' grandparents.

**Wesley F. Swope** died on 10 March 2007 at age 76 and was buried next to his wife of 53 years, Fredericka, who died in 2004. Wesley was born in Albuquerque and was in the

dairy business his entire life, retiring from Dean Foods in 1996. I never met Wesley, but I greatly enjoyed talking to him several times on the phone and meeting part of his family, who came from out of state to work at our Annual Workday last year! Wesley's parents and his stepmother are all buried at Fairview. Shortly before he died, Wesley contributed to Fairview yet again, to the Restoration Fund at the Community Foundation.

A very handsome upright headstone has been placed on his grave by the family of **Estevan Vasquez**, who died in 1933 at age 24.

**UNMARKED GRAVE?** We will coordinate marking graves with flat granite headstones with a text including name, dates of birth and death, and a short sentiment of 2-3 words. The larger standard size of 12" x 24" costs \$350; the smaller 8" x 16" stone costs \$250, including installation. Call Erik Mason (505) 982-1258 to make arrangements for these stones. And remember, Fairview now again permits installation of upright headstones, one of the great visual delights of the cemetery. Although Albuquerque Monument twice increased the cost of their stones in 2006, we will continue to coordinate the placing of the flat headstones for the same prices quoted above.

### **Contributions to the Fairview Renovation Fund at the SF Community Foundation (Jan-Mar 2007)**

S. Peter Bickley	William G. Loomis
Maria E. Naranjo	Julienne Loomis Tolen
Paula Odor	Howard E. Groff
M.L. Rounseville	Constance Marsh
Betty Fletcher Mast	Ted A. Smith
The McCune Foundation	

### **Contributions to the Fairview Endowment Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation (Jan-Mar 2007)**

Edward W. Sargent

### **Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Feb, Mar 2007)**

Gale & Marguerite Fairchild	In memory of J.M. Stevenson
William & Virginia Jordan	In memory of Pauline Adair
Joyce Martin	In honor of Marian Meyer
M&M Amado Chaves Summers	In memory of the Honorable Amado Chaves
Dorothy Brylinski	Conchita Lopez
Mr. M.H. McCrary	William H. Kersting
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