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ANNUAL MEETING HELD FOLLOWING CLEAN-UP MAY 19 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

PRESIDENT'S PROXY MESSAGE

STAGE THREE WATER ALERT DEVASTATING WORST WE'VE EVER SEEN FAIRVIEW

IN SHADY AREAS—GRASS IS BEAUTIFUL—THE REST IS VERY BAD

HISTORIAN CORINNE SZE MAKES INTERESTING DISCOVERY

INTERMENTS: EMMA GODFREY, PRISCILLA MARTINEZ, VERDA BENTLEY, AND LANCE CRAIG CARLSON



A SLICE OF HISTORY—ANTONIO JOSEPH

WE THANK YOU FOR A TOTAL OF\$3255.00 IN DONATIONS

BRAD THOMAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT, NEW DIRECTOR WAS TO HAVE BEEN ALEX KOLKMEYER

We were very pleased that Brad was willing to accept another term. He has done an excellent job the past year, culminating in the purchase of our great Walker mower.

Also re-elected were Gene Valdes, Vice President, Marian Meyer, VP, Blair Cooper, Secretary, and Joan Stotts, Treasurer. We elected a new director, Alex Kolkmeyer, but in mid-September, their house burned down, and coping has been difficult. She says she thinks she should put her board membership on hold until life is stable again. We are so sorry Alex, and look forward to working with you later.

Directors who still have a year left on their terms are S. Peter Bickley, Margaret Brunk, Bob Clifford and Marian Karlson. We thank Ron Ball and James Moore for their past service to the Board.

PRESIDENT BRAD THOMAS—MESSAGE BY PROXY

Brad has been out of town and also very busy. But we will tell you just a little of what he's been up to. In our shed is a brand new chainsaw which was a surprise to the Board. Most of them haven't even seen it yet, but Caretaker Brett was just beside himself. Thank you for this great gift, Brad. It will see lots of use. And also thanks for all the work you do.

SANTA FE'S STAGE THREE WATER A DISASTER FOR FAIRVIEW

There is no way that watering the cemetery one night a week will keep it green. As I understand it, we have six watering zones on an automatic timer. Within each of those zones are 4 to 6 sections and each is watered separately. That is about 30 different areas to be watered. Brett has tried to give each one 20 minutes of water, but says it simply isn't enough.

One thing we have learned: In many places where there are shade trees, the grass is green, where there are none, the grass is sparse to non-existent. Weeds have taken over in some of those areas. Brett is just mowing them. Better to have short green weeds than dirt.

NEW EQUIPMENT & ANOTHER WATER LINE BREAK

The new equipment we told you about in the May newsletter is being well used. Brett has found that he can hook the garden cart to the mower and carry stuff around, such as the big boards we use for the dirt taken out when there is a grave opening. He has also used it for hauling stuff: brush, rocks, etc. Next best thing to having a truck.

In early summer we had another bad break in a main water line just inside the gate. Another very big bill. But we knew it wasn't a rose garden when we accepted the cemetery.

OUR BOARD HELPERS & OTHER NEWS

Marian Karlson is one of our hardest workers. She sends out the acknowledgements for every contribution we receive and keeps a running list of names and amounts. Marian Meyer always checks her list with Marian K's and sometimes MM has to make a correction or two. It is good to have someone so dependable. Also, one of our other big chores is the newsletter. When Marian M. has it written, the committee spends an afternoon getting it ready for mailing. We have had various volunteers, but usually it is the two Marians, Margaret Brunk and Ernest Karlson. With his broken ribs, he may forsake us this time. We have a new volunteer, Jeanne Yashvin Miles. We look forward to working with her.

OUR HISTORIC REGISTER CHRONICLER CORINNE SZE MAKES INTERESTING DISCOVERY

During the Sze's summer school break from Bob's architectural studies at Harvard, Corinne was at UNM checking the John Gaw Meem collection. We had heard that he was involved with the remodeling of our caretaker's She did indeed find an house after World War II. architectural drawing of the house, but we are uncertain if it was used. It is not the same floor plan now in existence. There was no bathroom in the house until the remodeling, but in his plan the bathroom was in a different location. Marian plans to go over the Woman's Club collection in the Archives and the Woman's Club minutes for that year. We do know that in that period of Meem's career every architect in town was scrambling for work and small jobs were acceptable. (Meem did the dairy barn for the NM School for the Deaf-there are VIGAS in it!). It may be that the famous architect redesigned our modest little house, or Gianardi, the builder, may have drawn a plan himself. We will keep you up to date.

CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$3255.00

We thank each of the generous donors of this wonderful amount. 23 contributions ranged from \$10.00 to \$500.00 for a total of \$3255. Whether large or small, we appreciate every cent you send us. Donations were as follows:

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*MEMORIALS

From Althea Horner in memory of Luis Gold. To Leonard Valdes, the twin brother of Marian Karlson from her, Ernest and their family. To the Gardesky and Spitz families from Gretchen Klein; from Maria Naranjo in memory of her father Gaspar O. Naranjo, and her younger brother Jessie. From Elizabeth Nolan to her mother Elizabeth Margulis. From Mr. & Mrs. David M. Parry. From Kay Stefanides and her brothers, John and Fred Bentley.

We mention the subject of memorials in the newsletter from time to time. If your family loses a loved one, it can help the cemetery immensely if memorials are directed to Fairview in lieu of flowers.

INTERMENTS

Two were full burials. Of course they require a backhoe and careful scheduling. The backhoe man can come a day or more before the burial, but he must be there right after the graveside service, because the casket is not allowed by law to remain uncovered.

LANCE CRAIG CARLSON, age 58, was interred next to his great-great-grandfather, Antonio Joseph, in Section B. Carlson died in Costa Roca and his body was flown to Albuquerque, where the mortuary took charge. His wife and son, who live in Venice, Italy, were here. See separate additional article about Antonio Joseph.

PRISCILLA MARTINEZ: granddaughter of James and Isabel C. De Baca Johnson, was buried in the Johnson plot, Section E.

VERDA BENTLEY: One of the most generous people in our years of working with Fairview was this lovely woman. After the death of her husband, Walter Bentley, she moved to Albuquerque. She sent generous checks for many years and a few years ago, blessed us with stock valued at \$7000,00. She was 92. She and her husband lived on Coronado Road for many years and the children of all their friends, now grown, attended the service and had wonderful things to say about her. Her mother, Ela Redman, also buried at Fairview, was known for years as "the best cook at the Methodist Church." Verda inherited the title for some years before she moved to Albuquerque.

EMMA GODFREY: Her ashes were interred in her husband's grave in section F. She was a longtime resident of Espanola.

A SLICE OF SANTA FE HISTORY

(In view of the recent burial of the great-great-grandson of Antonio Joseph, Marian thought you might be interested in a piece on Joseph's life. In the 22 years she has worked with Fairview records, this is the first contact she has had with anyone in the family).

ANTONIO JOSEPH, NM CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATE 1884 TO 1894, ALSO OWNED OJO CALIENTE HOT SPRINGS

Of Portuguese descent, Antonio Joseph was born in Taos in 1846, his parents having moved there from St. Louis. Antonio and his mother were captured in an Indian raid and their home destroyed in 1848. Many months later, they were rescued by Col. Sterling Price and his men.

As a boy, he attended the Lux Academy in Taos and Bishop Lamy's School in Santa Fe. Later he studied at Webster College and Bryant and Stratton Business College in St. Louis.

He followed various pursuits in his business career, including stock, agriculture and horticulture. For many years he lived at Ojo Caliente and was proprietor of the hot springs there. He served as probate judge in Taos County for six years and also represented his district in the territorial council, where he was elected its president. Then came ten successive years of work in the House of Representatives. He was a prominent Mason, having taken the 32nd degree.

Joseph died in 1910 at age 64 of Bright's disease, a disorder of the kidneys. Only two other burials were in the Joseph plot, a five year old child and possibly the wife of Antonio, Angela. She died at age 35 and her obituary could not be found.

The great-great grandson of Antonio, Oliver Ricci Carlson, 18, and his mother were here for the service. He was pleased to have a microfilm copy of his ancestor and said he would contact some cousins for further information or an original copy of the newspaper picture used in the

obituary. He was a delightful young man and it was a pleasure to meet him.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OF SOME INFORMATION YOU WISH TO GIVE THE BOARD, CAL ONE OF US:

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Alex Kolkmeyer: Her directorship is on hold until she feels she can come back to it.



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CARETAKER BRETT PENN AND OUR NEW WALKER MOWER

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