

Whites Chapel Cemetery Association

2012 NEWS LETTER

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

November 3, 2012 is the day to remember for the annual meeting of the association membership. This is a very important day for our association. The meeting will be held at the Southlake Christian Church, 1208 Carroll Avenue, Southlake Texas. We will be voting on changes to the by-laws and this is your chance to voice your opinion. In addition we have two board positions to fill. We encourage everyone to attend. If you get lost or just need directions call Roger Hays at 817 475-0880.

REMEMBER THE CEMETERY CLEANUP

October 20, 2012 will be our annual day for the Fall cleanup. We need your help in making our cemetery look as good as possible. Tarrant County Sheriff's Department will supply workers to do the heavy work and the county will provide a dump truck to carry off any debris. This is a great opportunity for you to have maintenance done on your family plot. The County has been doing the mowing for us this year and this has helped our pocketbook, however yearly contributions are still down so we continue to depend on the County and the annual cleanups to keep our cemetery looking good. Please support this day in any way you can. We will provide water and refreshments for everyone. Show up at 8:00 and plan on staying until 12:00.

2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following persons have been appointed by our Board of Officers to serve on this year's nominating committee. They consist of, Betty Mattes serving as committee Chairperson, Morris Bailey, Angie McGarry and Leslie Reynolds. It is the task of the committee to contact members to see if they are available and qualified for the different offices of the Association.



They shall report their recommendations to the membership at the annual meeting. Nominations can also be accepted from the floor. If you want to be on the Board or know of someone who is qualified and willing to perform the duties of the Board, please contact any of the nominating committee and give them your recommendations. This will give the committee time to talk with the person and have them on the recommendation list.

According to the WCC constitution it is customary for a person elected to the board to serve for a period of no less than three years. Those board members are Royal Smith President, Roger Hays Secretary/Treasurer, Leslie Reynolds Trustee, Michael McGarry, 2nd Vice President, and George Goff, Trustee. Wanda Stowe, 1st Vice President and Betty Mattes Trustee Chairman have served on the board for many years and have requested to be replaced by the membership. Since these two offices will be vacant the membership will vote on them at the annual meeting. Should any officer wish to be nominated for a different office they are currently holding, the membership will vote on the new office at the annual meeting. After election by the membership they will hold the new office for the duration of their three year commitment or can stay longer if desired in the same office.

A N N U A L F U N D R A I S E R

As you are aware Whites Chapel Cemetery is a non-perpetual care cemetery, family owned and the upkeep done by surviving family members. This means no trust fund for maintenance of your family member's burial space was established at the time of their death. So it becomes the responsibility of the family members. You can make a tax exempt donation at any time during the year or a monthly contribution. Please make your check payable to Whites Chapel Cemetery Association and return it in the enclosed envelope. In advance thank you for your support of our cemetery

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Whites Chapel Cemetery Association members and friends,

Another year is closing of our oversight and care for our common interest in the revered resting place for so many of our departed family and dear friends. You have done a remarkable job of supporting the continuing efforts to maintain this much beloved property.

Major proposed changes to WCCA bylaws will be presented for your consideration and possible approval at our next annual meeting and for endorsement of a new slogan for WCC. The new slogan that will be presented **"An Historic Treasure in the Heart of Southlake."** We send memorial letters, fund raising appeals, thank you letters to merchants who supply refreshments for our work days in the cemetery and it is one person's opinion that a slogan carries meaning for the tens of thousands of residents that have come to live in Southlake over these past two decades.

It has been my un-heralded objective to achieve at least one major improvement and beautification project every year. You were so gracious and thoughtful to contribute to the beautiful wrought iron and Austin stone fence. After the big snow storm three years ago you turned out in support of our cemetery work day and clean-up. Then came the Boy Scouts with the monument cleaning project and they followed with the project to place seating in the property for rest, prayer and meditation.

This past year you approved a \$3000.00 monument repair item in our 2012 operating budget for monument resetting and leveling. Over 25 properties in the cemetery benefitted from that project. We yet have over a hundred more monuments that need attention. Our secretary/treasurer, Roger Hays, has carried the load for executing these projects and for seeing that our suppliers are paid on time.

Now to go from the sublime to the ridiculous, some monuments are in a near terminal state and need to be placed in hospice care. If you know of such a service (monument hospice care) please give notice and you will be given editorial credit for your miraculous find.

Roger, working with my son, Alan, has a phone system that provides a direct connection to your Association's President for all incoming contacts. The total cost is in the neighborhood of \$30.00 per year and no monthly bill. The purpose is to reroute the cemetery number to any person elected to the office of President. The new WCCA telephone number is 817 697-5114

Due to the physical condition of many of our members, distant addresses, and advancing ages; I have long dreamed of a cadre of volunteers who may have no heritage interest in WCC but want to help our preservation effort by such things as fund raising, cemetery maintenance, and raising media and community support. I have made overtures to 8 or 10 prospective volunteers to serve as "Friends of Whites Chapel Cemetery." All responses have been positive but, as yet, nothing has happened. If you know of a way to jump-start such an effort, please contact me at once.

I hope to see you soon.

Royal E. Smith, PhD, President

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On Saturday October 13, 2012 Royal E. Smith PhD will be hosting a Whites Chapel Cemetery History Day. The tour will begin at 10:00 and will continue until 11:00. We will be celebrating the ten year anniversary of the dedication of the cemetery's historical marker. The marker was presented to the cemetery on October 21, 2001 by the Texas Historical Commission. The event is open to the public, members of the Whites Chapel Cemetery Association, Friends of the White Chapel Cemetery Association, including the Southlake Historical Society and Tarrant County Historical Commission to name a few. Highlights will include stories of the historic cemetery, the families who are buried there and their contribution to the community. We are hoping to bring awareness to the community of our historical cemetery. If you are interested in hearing more of the history of the cemetery and the community please come out and hear Dr. Smith.