

# *Whites Chapel Cemetery Association*

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's annual meeting is set for January 9, 2016. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM and we will keep the meeting as short as possible not to exceed 12:00 PM. If you need directions please call Roger Hays at 817-475-0880. This year's meeting will be held at Whites Chapel Methodist Church, 185 S. White Chapel Blvd, Southlake Texas. This is the Adults Education building next to the cemetery. The double doors in the west end of the building will be open and either Roger Hays or Michael McGarry will be there to guide you into our meeting room. I know everyone is busy but it is important to the Association for as many members to attend so we will have a quorum to discuss these changes to the bylaws.

## **2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Currently, John Bailey and Wayne Clowers have requested to be removed from the board of officers due to health reasons. The nominating committee has contacted Linda Lain and Lanelle Whisenant and they have agreed to a term as Trustee. All other existing officers are working on their three year commitment or have volunteered to complete another year of service. At the meeting the membership will be asked if there are any nominations from the floor. At that time, the members present for the meeting will vote to accept the existing nominees or persons nominated from the floor. If you wish to nominate someone or yourself, you and the nominee must be present at the meeting to run for the office.

## **2016 ANNUAL CLEANUP**

The annual cleanup will be the 3rd Saturday in April. Put April 16, 2016 on your calendar. We will have more information at a later date and will send you a notification in advance.

## IN MEMORY

From the present and past board we wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of our Board members who served the Association and passed away this year.

Betty Mattes who was born Jan 11,1941 and passed away Aug 4, 2015. Betty has served faithfully as a trustee for many years. Betty volunteered to help with the duties of Secretary/Treasurer during the illness of Elinor McConnell. Betty worked along side of Mary Hays Koenig in raising the funds for the fence which was installed around our cemetery in 2010. Betty also served as Vice Chairman of the Trustee committee and was faithful to attend cleanups and meetings throughout the years. Betty is buried in Whites Chapel Cemetery next to her mother and father Virgil and Beatrice Cash and grandparents Beulah and Leonard Cathcart.

Wanda Stowe was born on Dec.16,1930. Her parents were Arthur and Jessie Ritchey. Also buried in the cemetery where the Brumblows in which Wanda was kin. In 2009 Wanda served on the board as Vice President. She continued to serve on the board for several years as Vice President but worked along with other board members and filled in as needed during her years of service. She worked with Mary Hays Koenig acquiring the mineral rights for the cemetery. The funds were used to pay for the cemetery fence. Wanda lived in Southlake area until her death on Sept. 9, 2015.

Morris Bailey was the son of Louia Napolan and Mettie Bailey. Morris' name can be found on the earliest Whites Chapel papers. He served on the board since the formation of the Whites Chapel Cemetery Association. Morris served on the board to include Trustee and Vice President. Morris was one member who had close to perfect attendance at all annual meetings. You could also depend on Morris for his diligent fight to eradicate fire ants in the cemetery and other cleanup duties. He served on several committees and worked with all the board to erect the fence and the historical marker and plaque in the cemetery. Morris was known for his efforts to keep the history of the cemetery and his knowledge of running the association under Roberts Rules of Order. Morris passed away Sept. 2015 and was buried in the National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas for his service in the Armed Forces of America

Join me in sending our condolences to these families of these board members as they will be greatly missed..

## ANNUAL FUND RAISER AND TOMBSTONE RESTORATION

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. In recent years and present, persons who were buried in the cemetery paid \$200.00 as a burial fee. This payment is made through the funeral home which is handling your family's arrangements. These funds are then forwarded to the Association and per the Association By-laws are deposited in the permanent fund. There is a self addressed envelope enclosed in the Newsletter for those wishing to make a donation. For those of you who are receiving the Newsletter by email, please send your contribution to Whites Chapel Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 92082, Southlake, Texas 76092. As always your contribution is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

## NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Another year has come and gone and I can't express enough my thanks to everyone for supporting the continuing efforts to maintain this much beloved property.

Our major improvement and beautification project for 2015 was to remove a portion of the fence around the Cannons family plot. It was in need of repair and repaint. This work was done as an Eagle Scout project and was performed by Matthew Bell with Boy Scout troop 284 of Flower Mound with the Longhorn Council. The work was completed on Oct.17, 2015 at the annual cleanup.



In addition we have located eight gravesites which were not on our records or were in disrepair. During our 2015 annual meeting the membership voted to spend \$4,000 for repair, replacement or adding tombstones. We contacted Worthington Monument in Burleson, TX and have contracted with them to provide all of the tombstones we need. The current stones which have been installed are Nanomi Morton Catrone, Reverend Cleveland L. Wester, Namie Wester, Georgie Ann Roach, Joseph Lee Roach, Howard Madison Roach, George William Clark and Harold Eugene McMurtrey. We also have leveled or repaired 150 tombstones. We have located an additional 8 stones which we will begin working on in 2016.

Examples of the tombstones and releveling of a tombstone are included below.



Example Headstone



Before



After