

# *Whites Chapel Cemetery Association*

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**2016 Newsletter**

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's annual meeting is set for January 14, 2017. 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.

## **2017 ANNUAL CLEANUP**

The annual cleanup will be the 3rd Saturday in April. Put April 15, 2017 on your calendar. We will have more information at a later date and will send you a notification in advance.

## **2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

This year we will be electing a replacement for one of the four Trustees due to the unexpected death of Leslie Reynolds. The committee will be making their recommendations. The trustee and we will take nominations from the floor at the meeting. If anyone desires to serve on the Board please notify Michael McGarry at 817-805-1978 no later than December 20, 2016 where the committee can review your recommendation

## ANNUAL FUND RAISER AND TOMBSTONE RESTORATION

I am going to pass on some figures regarding the status of our Association finances and what the Association is looking like in the future. A complete 2016 financial report is available at the annual membership meeting or if you are unable to attend the meeting I will send you a copy via internet or by US postal service. You can request a copy at rdhanddsh@gmail.com or Roger Hays, 244 Apple Drive, Springtown Texas 76082. Currently we have the following CDs:

PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD550	\$11,180.80
PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD8157	\$27,194.13
PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD8194	\$163,608.35
Total value of CDs as of 12/31/2016	\$174,789.15

Name and account	Maturity	Annual % rate
PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD550	7/6/2017	1.40%
PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD8157	1/25/2018	1.40%
PROVIDENCE BANK #1111213 CD8194	8/25/2018	.90%

We also have a maintenance account used to pay monthly expenses associated with mowing, upkeep and replacing some tombstones which have eroded, damaged or in some cases repaired or replaced. This account balance as of 30 November 2016 is \$37,098.67. As you can see we look pretty good on paper. Keep in mind the CD's maturity dates and if these are cashed in before maturity the interest would be forfeited. Also CD 8157 is the permanent fund account which according to the by-laws and constitution, the trustees cannot invade the principal for any reason other than discontinuance of the association.

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 persons who were buried in the cemetery paid \$200.00 for handling your family's arrangements and was deposited in the permanent fund. Interest is then rolled into the general fund for use in maintaining the cemetery. Whenever this fund was established interest was high enough to cover the expenses of maintaining the cemetery. Unfortunately today's rates are low, providing us with little interest per year.

The 2016 budget was \$8,383.00 for maintenance expenses. This year we spent \$8,841.09. Our contributions from members in 2016 was \$2294.09. Our expenses exceeded our intake by around \$5800.00 which was taken out of our maintenance account. Fortunately we did have the funds available but unfortunately without contributions coming in from our membership we are going to eat up our available funds. Therefore it is the task of the Treasurer to ask the family members to support the cemetery with contributions to our maintenance funds. You can make a tax exempt donation at any time during the year or a monthly contribution if this fits your situation better. Please make your check payable to Whites Chapel Cemetery Association and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are receiving this via e-mail please send your check to:

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In advance thank you for your support of our cemetery. We are collecting email addresses from everyone to be used to send out via email it will save us \$2 per copy for the newsletter. Please reply via email to rdhanddsh@gmail.com

## In memory

During this year we have had several deaths . Among those were Leslie Reynolds who died of injuries from a motorcycle accident July 4, 2016. Leslie was born on Jun 24, 1952 and grew up in the local area. Leslie served on our Board of Trustees and last year was voted as President of Trustee's. We will miss his service to our community and The Whites Chapel Cemetery Association. Leslie was buried in Blue Bonnet Cemetery in Colleyville. Another death occurred in the Reynolds family with the passing of Ford Reynolds who died on August 30, 2016 at the age of 94. Ford was born July 17, 1922. His Daughter is Linda REYNOLDS Lain. She has served on our board as a Trustee for several years. Ford was faithful in supporting the cemetery and will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to this family.

### 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. This year we had a successful clean up. We hope most of everyone can make it out this year to one of our cleanups. The dates to put on your calendar are April 15 2017 and October 21, 2017