The R.I.P. Report

Pioneers' Cemetery Association

Happy New Year from PCA!

PCA has been growing by leaps and bounds in the past years, and we have you to thank for it! Without you, our members, and all of our partnerships, we would not be able to accomplish our ongoing work to preserve our cherished pioneer cemeteries.

The preservation of pioneer cemeteries is a rewarding and challenging process that brings about honor to loved ones, family and historical documentation, monument and landmark preservation, and even a mystery or two! It is a vital process linking our past and our future.

Why visit and join the PCA?

- Enjoy fun and fellowship with other members, make new friends
- Bring your family, explore the pioneer cemeteries, see the Lost Dutchman's grave
- Support the PCA by shopping at our Gift Shop (100% of proceeds support historic cemetery preservation)
- Renew your annual membership
- Volunteer for a committee for 2015
- Make donations to our Grave Marker Preservation Fund or help fund a grave marker for an unmarked grave.

Thank you for all you do for Arizona's historic cemeteries.

Smurthwaite House:
1317 W Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

PCA Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 33192
Phoenix, Arizona 85067
At the PCA, we honor individuals of all walks of life and ages year round, who have passed on and are interred in our Arizona pioneer cemeteries. We do this through several programs. Three of our most prevalent ones are:

Grave Marker Preservation Program
Memorial Marker Program

We also do a myriad of research and other projects for our pioneer places of rest to remember the lives of those who have made Arizona great! If you are interested in donating to our programs, or becoming a member, please fill out our application in the back of this newsletter. We appreciate your interest!

Thank you Questers! - Donna Carr

On October 1, 2015, the Phoenix Firebird Chapter of the Questers presented PCA President Mark Lamm with a check for $1000. Two Questers also made individual donations of $100 each. These very generous donations will allow the PCA and the City of Phoenix to purchase and install approximately 24 grave markers for pioneers buried in the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park who do not currently have any.

The Questers' mission is to help preserve historic buildings, sites and landmarks and to restore them to their former glory by providing funds for period-appropriate antiques and other artifacts. The Questers also provide scholarships and assist with educational programs.

The Phoenix Firebirds Chapter has submitted an application for a statewide grant of up to $2,000 that will, if funded, go towards the PMMP Grave Marker Preservation Project to help preserve and repair other grave markers at the PMMP.
Dedication of the Chinese Memorial Monument — By Mark Lamm

A monument honoring Phoenix’s Chinese pioneers was placed in the City Loosley Cemetery on September 16, 2015, by a crew from Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery. Cathy Johnson, PCA member and archaeologist was present during the installation along with members from the Chinese United Association of Greater Phoenix and Chinese United Welfare Council, who paid for the monument. Other PCA Committee Members were also in attendance.

The Chinese United Welfare Council has worked closely with the Pioneers’ Cemetery Association for the past 18 months to design and place an impressive granite monument in memory of the Chinese pioneers who are buried in the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park. Donna Carr and the PCA researched and documented the Chinese pioneers. From 1886 – 1914, Chinese immigrants and a few of their descendants were buried in the City Loosley Cemetery with a few of remains being transferred back to China by their loved ones. Since most Chinese did not appear in the obituary sections of the local newspapers, there is little information to help with identifying these Chinese or their descendants. The Chinese community is planning a Ching Ming Tomb-sweeping ceremony, similar to Memorial Day, at the PMMP in April 2016.
BOY SCOUT TEN COMMANDMENT HIKE
—BY MARK LAMM

During the Boy Scout Ten Commandment Hike held in downtown Phoenix on Friday, November 27, 2015, more than 50 Scouts and their families stopped to visit the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park. As they rested beneath the shady porch and majestic trees of Smurthwaite House, Sterling Foster, himself a former Scout, gave the group a brief overview of the PMMP and Smurthwaite House.

The PMMP has been the recipient of many good works done by the Boy Scouts, from cleaning the grounds to outlining paths and graves with crushed rock.

ONLY ANIMAL BURIED AT THE PMMP—VAL WILSON

In the mid 2000’s, K.J. Schroeder, a member of PCA and top archaeologist, did an underground sonar study of the PCA grounds. In his findings, he located Hohokam artifacts, pit houses, artifacts from bygone times, root cellars, and remnants of canals. However, he also discovered a surprise interment—a furry “man’s best friend”!

On the north end of Rosedale Cemetery, near the fence line, he discovered the grave of what appeared to be a Spaniel type dog. He deduced that it was someone’s beloved pet, as it had a leather collar with metal rivets, and a heart shaped registration tag dated 1917-1920, Maricopa County. The tag did not show the dog’s name. There was evidence to suggest that the dog had a misfortunate event, and its owner most likely wanted to honor his or her four-legged friend by burying it on the outskirts of the city cemetery. The grave has no marker.
2015 Pioneer Cemetery Association
Year at a Glance

AARP Presentation
Chinese Pioneer Memorial Monument
“They fell, but o’er
their glorious grave.
Floats free the
banner of the cause
they died to save.”
Francis Crawford

Memorial Day
240th Army Birthday and Flag Day

Teen Volunteers
In Memory of
K.J. Schroeder

Boy Scout and Company Volunteers
Cemetery Research and Partnerships

Happy New Year 2016
Gravestone Preservation
Memorial Marker Installation
### PCA Upcoming Events

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<td>Saturday, January 23rd</td>
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<td>Thursday, January 28th</td>
<td>Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House. Donations gratefully accepted. Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson in Phoenix</td>
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<td>Thursday, February 4th</td>
<td>Monthly Board meeting at 9:30 AM. Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House. Donations gratefully accepted. Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson in Phoenix</td>
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<td>Thursday, February 11th</td>
<td>Monthly meeting at 9:30 AM with Parks &amp; Rec personnel. Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House. Donations gratefully accepted. Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson in Phoenix</td>
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PCA Officers

President: Mark Lamm
Vice President: Sterling Foster and Debe Branning
Treasurer: Val Wilson
Secretary: Vivia Strang

Membership Application

____New Member       _____Renewal

Name(s) ___________________________
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Phone _____________________________
Address ___________________________
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City _______________________________
State ______ Zip code ______________
Email ______________________________

Membership categories:
Individual $20 _____ Family $25 ____
Organization $50 ______
Additional Donation $________________

Interested in becoming a volunteer:

Yes ____        No ____

Make check payable to:
Pioneers’ Cemetery Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 33192, Phoenix 85067.

Memberships are for one calendar year, Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st.
Membership dues are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Volunteer Opportunities:

(Check one or more)

◊ Cemetery tour leader
◊ Historical researcher
◊ Recordkeeping assistance
◊ Grounds beautification
◊ Fundraising
◊ Special event volunteer
◊ Tombstone repair/restoration
◊ Website assistant
◊ Publicity & marketing
◊ Graphic artist & designer
◊ Grant writing & research
◊ Academic liaison
◊ Newsletter contributor
◊ Any other ideas are welcome

How did you hear about Pioneers’ Cemetery Association?

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Thank you for your support!

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