Happy Holidays from PCA!

PCA has accomplished many projects, and goals this year. Thanks to you, our members, and all of our partnerships, we continue to preserve our cherished pioneer cemeteries. The historical significance of Arizona and its pioneers lives through your support and assistance in our ongoing projects.

We will continue to preserve the memory of loved ones, family and historical documents, monuments and landmarks, and Arizona history into the new year.

Won’t you please join us as an honored member in our mission? Or, remember to renew?

Here are other vital things you can do to assist:

- Enjoy fun and fellowship with other members, make new friends
- Explore the pioneer cemeteries, and learn about history
- Donate
- Volunteer for a committee
- Help us in our gravestone preservation projects
- Conduct a fundraiser
- Write for the newsletter

Thank you for all you do for Arizona’s historic cemeteries.
Hark! the tolling of the bells.
    How it sinks and how it swells!
O'er the sleeping town it knells,
    "Fare thee well, Old Year."
Far across the snowy plain
Rolls the many-tongued refrain,
And the echoes cry again,
    "Fare thee well, Old Year."

Thou hast been a kindly year,
Thou hast spared us many a tear,
Thou hast vanquished many a fear,
Fare thee well, Old Year.
Lightly touched by summer showers,
Budding hopes have grown to flowers,
Happy days have flown like hours,
Fare thee well, Old Year.

Many a lesson thou hast taught,
Precious favors thou hast brought,
Pleasant changes thou hast wrought,
Fare thee well, Old Year.
- Belle Mahone, 1897.
1 Cupful of Molasses
1 Cupful of Sour Milk
1/2 Cupful of Butter or Lard
1 Teaspoonful of Ginger
1 Teaspoonful of Soda
1/2 Teaspoonful of Salt.

Stir the soda into the molasses until it foams, add sour milk, ginger, salt and melted butter. Last of all, add flour enough for quite a stiff batter, and bake. This makes one sheet.

(for modern ovens, bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, and increase time as needed)
**Smurthwaite Gets a New Roof - Donna Carr**

Smurthwaite received a new roof this summer from the City of Phoenix. During the first week of July, workmen stripped off the old shingles and replaced them with period-appropriate cedar shakes which will eventually acquire the patina of age. The project was funded by money from the Phoenix Parks & Preservation Initiative (PPPI) and the work was done by ForeSite Design & Construction, a company that specializes in historic preservation.

**Boy Scouts Beautify the PMMP - Donna Carr**

Thanks to the work of several Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts and Adventurers, the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park has never looked better! During the spring of 2016, these young men outlined paths with donated river rock to enhance the appearance of the cemeteries and make it easier for visitors to locate specific lots. Sterling Foster and Mark Lamm helped direct the projects, which extended to all seven cemeteries. Visitors now have clear paths to walk and locate their loved ones, while enjoying the peacefulness and historical significance of the cemetery. Thanks to all who helped in this wonderful endeavor.
Dining Among the Dead—by Donna Carr and Val Wilson

Dining Among the Dead this year was a smash hit! Kudos to PCA members Judy Smith and Kathy Laurier for organizing this very successful fundraiser, and muchas gracias to their 'cast of characters' and the staff of Macayo's, who catered the event.

The event started out with a delicious Mexican dinner of beans, rice, tacos, and enchiladas. While diners ate, Ballet Folklorico, a children’s dance troupe, performed dance routines to many pieces of music. Dinner was accompanied by Dolan Ellis, and followed by tours to the many famous pioneers interred in the cemetery. There was also a raffle with such prizes as a hotel stay in a luxury resort, to an officially signed Cardinal’s football.

Proceeds from ticket sales over and above expenses go to support the PCA's mission of preserving and protecting Arizona’s historic cemeteries. The Pioneers' Cemetery Association, Inc., wishes to thank Ballet Folklorico de Tolleson and Arizona balladeer Dolan Ellis, who entertained more than 200 guests at the PCA's 4th 'Dining Among the Dead' gala on Saturday, October 29th. Because of you, we can continue to do what we do best!
Happy holidays 2016

The PCA sponsored a colorful gravestone preservation fundraiser event on Saturday, September 10th, 2016 in the dining room of the historic Smurthwaite House. Debe Branning and Cindy Lee hosted 25 ladies as they created traditional "Dia de Los Muertos" beauties from porcelain dolls dressed in typical Victorian ball gowns and party dresses.

Upon arrival, each guest selected a doll waiting for them from a display filling the Smurthwaite House parlor. First they covered and prepped each 14 inch doll, painted the doll faces a base coat of white, and enjoyed a sack lunch. Then the magic began! The porcelain dolls began to take on a festive array of colors! No two dolls were alike in any way! The proud ladies displayed their masterpieces on the wooden staircase of the Smurthwaite House, and as you can see, this project turned a traditional porcelain doll in to a beautiful “Dia de los Muertos” table decoration! The afternoon fundraiser reaped $560 for gravestone preservation.

Photos by Debe Branning
In October 1995, Kelly J Schroeder, archaeologist and then president of the Pioneers’ Cemetery Association, launched a project to make replacement headboards for burials that appeared on the Thomas Hayden maps, but had no markers in 1974. Time, the elements, and especially termites, destroyed any originally placed wooden headboards in the cemetery. It was originally to be an Eagle Scout project, but when the scouts backed out, KJ made the first six boards himself, with plans to make 12 more. The project is documented, and at the PCA.

Different types of wood and finishes were used to determine which would endure the arid temperatures of Phoenix. Today, any wooden ones you see are those placed by KJ. The Memorial Marker Project has replaced the ones that are gone, but more need to be replaced and will be, as the Project moves forward. Here are three examples from 2002 and 2009. In 2016, we can now barely identify these grave sites.

**The Headboard—by Diane Sumrall**

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PCA Officers

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Sterling Foster and Debe Branning
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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:

(Choose 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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