



VOLUNTEER PROJECT

December 12
9am – Noon

Clean the Cemetery and Decorate the Graves

- Place Pre-Ordered Wreaths on Gravesites
 - Assist with General Cemetery Clean-Up
- Visitors Welcome

Sign In at the Mausoleum
Snacks & beverages provided

Community Service Certificates available

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soup, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

BY DR. LEE ANDERSON, FHRC PRESIDENT

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery (FHRC), a 501c/3 non-profit organization, relies on many people who join, volunteer, and donate their time, skills, and money. The FHRC Membership List began in 2009 when we offered a wide range of annual membership levels. Later, we decided to recognize those who joined at the Preserver, Guardian, and Gatekeeper levels as Lifetime Members.

Individual	\$30	Preserver	\$300
Family	\$50	Guardian	\$500
Restorer	\$125	Gatekeeper	\$1000

We offer a special word of thanks to our 47 Lifetime Members for sharing our vision and strengthening the organization. Half of the money is invested for future needs and half is used for current cemetery expenses. And, we are grateful for your support of special projects.

We continue to welcome and appreciate every member who joins for one or more years. We currently have 127 Annual Renewal Members who have maintained membership for consecutive years. In 2012 we launched a grassroots Capital Campaign to raise \$350,000 for the renovation of the chapel/office building at the Market Street entrance to the cemetery. During this time some members made do-

nations to the Capital Campaign instead of renewing their memberships.

A cemetery the size of Riverview (42 acres) requires many resources. We have no paid employees and rely on volunteers and partnerships to keep operating expenses low. We **do not pay** for grass cutting and tree work (see "Partners" tab on website). Snacks and beverages for volunteers are also donated.

We **do pay** for property insurance, groundhog removal, a portable toilet on site, mulch and weed killer, gravel for potholes, flagpole maintenance and replacement flags, repair of roads and fence, repair of mausoleum, website design and maintenance, newsletter printing and postage, and temporary grave markers. All expenses are associated with our mission to operate, maintain, restore, and preserve Riverview Cemetery.

We value each one of our members and your dues are put to good use. Please help us grow the FHRC membership base of support by renewing your membership or enrolling as a new FHRC member while sharing the Riverview Cemetery story with others.

If you choose to renew or enroll in FHRC, please add "membership" in the memo line of your check or, for your convenience, you can join by visiting our website's "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page.

We Remember Them
(A Prayer for Visiting Graves - Jewish Tradition)

At the rising of the Sun and at its going down
We Remember Them.

At the blowing of the wind and the chill of the Winter
We Remember Them.

At the opening of the buds and in the birth of Spring
We Remember Them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer
We Remember Them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of Autumn
We Remember Them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends
We Remember Them.

When we are weary and in need of strength
We Remember Them.

When we are lost and sick of heart
We Remember Them.

When we have joy we crave to share
We Remember Them.

When we have decisions that are difficulty to make
We Remember Them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We Remember Them.

As long as we live, they too will live for they are now a part of us
We Remember Them.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief, visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium: www.degac.org

The mission of Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is to operate and maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.

Riverview Cemetery • 3300 North Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware • (302) 762-4705



FROM *the* BOARD



13 REACH Ministry volunteers from Word of Life Christian Center in Newark, DE joined FHRC Volunteers on Nov. 14 to fill holes with dirt and pick up debris inside and outside of the cemetery. Our spirits were lifted by their presence.



Students from P.S. DuPont Middle School added their energy to the difficult task of filling holes to keep Riverview Cemetery safe for those who visit the graves.

Daffodil Bulb Brigade

An anonymous donor presented Bank of America with 800 high quality daffodil bulbs and a team of 12 volunteers led by Kevin Fenimore (red shirt, below) got them planted in 3 hours! Look for signs of spring next year along the Market Street and Washington Street corridors.



A special thank you to George Pauley and John Toomey (John W. Pauley Cemetery Memorial & Monument Co.) for venturing out on a rainy and dismal day in November to repair six more of the monuments vandalized last year.



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Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials in November. We appreciate the good working relationship with Doherty Funeral Homes, Inc., Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes and Evan W. Smith Funeral Services.

Cremation

Families who choose cremation at the time of death may select a cemetery at a later time. We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related cremains may be placed in a single gravesite (a new grave or a grave belonging to your relative).

Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.

PROJECTS *of* NOTE

Capital Campaign Update

Help us reach our fundraising goal and fulfill the Longwood Foundation 50K Challenge Match before the end of the year. Remember donations are Tax Deductible. With your support we plan to complete the project next year.

Thank you to our November contributors:

\$100 Judy Lane

\$100 Delaware Saengerbund

\$200 John W. Gerber in memory of Compton, Downs, Cloud, and Casperson families.

\$500 William G. Day in memory of Ada Kenec, buried with her husband, Peter

Veteran Count: 956

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit www.riverviewcem.com.



Visit our website: www.riverviewcem.com



Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

There is still time to order your \$25 holiday wreath and support our Capital Campaign. Bank of America Volunteers will be at Riverview Cemetery on December 11th to handcraft the 18" evergreen wreaths and adorn them with ribbons and pinecones. The wreaths will be available for pick-up and placement on graves the next day (12/12).

Visit www.riverviewcem.com to print your order form today!