

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery P. O. Box 2173 Wilmington, DE 19899 302-762-4705

October 1. 2017

Dear Members and Friends:

We recognize and appreciate your generous donations made over the past few years toward the Capital Campaign for the renovation of the Office and Information Center. Renovations are nearing completion and it would not have happened without you.

Because we encouraged donations to the Capital Campaign, funds from annual and lifetime memberships have been drastically reduced. Your membership dues sustain the operation of the cemetery. For example, there are costs associated with property insurance, groundhog removal, mulch for 4 large flowerbeds, tools and supplies for volunteer projects, post office box, printing for snail mail members and postage. We continue to keep operating expense as low as possible through volunteer service and community partnerships. We have no paid employees.

A few statistics on our membership:

- 146 member dues in 2010 provided \$12,000
- 14 member dues in 2017 provided \$550
- Most of the 225 members on our roll have not paid dues for 5 years.
- Please renew now at any level: \$30 \$50 \$125 \$300 \$500 \$1000.

As dedicated volunteers, our 5 member Board of Directors lead by example in every facet of fulfilling the FHRC Mission to: Operate – Maintain – Restore – and Preserve the cemetery. In 2018 we will be starting our 10<sup>th</sup> year of service to the cemetery and its surrounding community.

Now is the time to renew your membership on the website or by mail. We need your financial strength to begin the next chapter in the Riverview Cemetery story.

Mary King Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery



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## October 2017 News Flash

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Congratulations to Mary King! She will receive a 2017 Governor's Volunteer Award for her community service to Riverview Cemetery.

<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> Now is the time to join or renew before the 2017 year comes to an end! Individual \$30 – Family \$50 – Restorer \$125 – Preserver \$300 – Guardian \$500 – Gatekeeper \$1000 All membership fees are used for cemetery expenses aligned with the FHRC Mission to OPERATE – MAINTAIN – RESTORE – PRESERVE the cemetery. Please renew now by mail or on the website.

### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS: VISITOR & INFORMATION CENTER**

Drywall, paint, and interior doors are finished. Casework and wood trim are installed. Flooring, toilet fixtures, trim and electrical devices will be next. Mechanical equipment start up will follow. Miscellaneous exterior work remains.

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# 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT: OCTOBER <u>14, 2017 FROM 9:00AM TO NOON</u>

Bring work gloves and tools for cutting branches, picking up trash, and removing vines and shrubs from fence line. Enter the cemetery at the Market Street office entrance and drive straight back to the sign in table. Volunteers will be dispersed to project areas with needed equipment. At the end of the project, volunteers will place FHRC tools/equipment in truck and unload it at the mausoleum.

#### Student certificates are available.

Bring canned or boxed food for The Resurrection Center (TRC) neighborhood food closet.

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Oral History - The Underground Neighborhood - Mail your memories & stories to P.O. Box 2173 Wilmington DE 19899

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With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care,

Lee Anderson, Tedd Cocker, Mary King, Kate Wilhere, Debbie Dodd (FHRC Board)

Donations & Memberships to FHRC are tax-deductible.

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