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Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

HOLIDAY ISSUE

NEWSLETTER

2021

President's Message

We always appreciate the donations from interested parties to make Prospect Hill Cemetery a memorial to ancestors, friends, and family members, and to help keep the place in the best possible shape.

It is also important to have volunteers who can help with clean-ups as we do every year before the annual meeting, and to enjoy the Washington Saengerbund memorial concert.

Therefore it has been a pleasure to welcome a new member to the board of trustees: Elisabeth Herold decided to take a greater part in the affairs of PHC and to help with the concerns of the cemetery. Elisabeth is a native Washingtonian and first generation American. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Florida International University and holds a German Language Diploma DSD II. Elisabeth currently works in the local financial industry focused on wealth management services. She enjoys traveling, running, yoga and volunteering. She currently resides in Falls Church, Virginia with her husband James and their Shepherd-Lab mix, Maya.

Again, welcome Elisabeth and thank you to all the donors.

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SUPPORT PROSPECT HILL WITH A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

You can gift up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Prospect Hill Cemetery without having to pay income taxes on the funds.

Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are supporting and making a difference. This popular gift option is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

A charitable gift can be made year-round from your IRA account. To proceed, contact your IRA administrator (Fidelity, Schwab, Vanguard, Morgan Stanley, TD Ameritrade, etc.) to help get you started.

Please have the check made out to, "Prospect Hill Cemetery" and have it mailed to 2608 Lakeview Pkwy. Locust Grove, VA 22508. Ask your IRA administrator to include your name and address for acknowledgement purposes.

Alternatively, you can have your IRA administrator transfer the funds directly to Prospect Hill's Wells Fargo Advisors account. Just contact our treasurer, Rudy Becker at 540-308-5965 or email rbecker2004@yahoo.com.

Please note, we must receive your gift by December 31st for your donation to qualify for the 2021 calendar year.

In advance, we greatly appreciate your support!



UPDATE ON THE WATER BILL ISSUE aka CRIAC

Continued Good News – CRIAC relief program renewed for FY 2020

DC Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA) renewed the amendment to its Customer Assistance Program which provides a significant one-year discount of the CRIAC fee for FY 2020 (October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021) to cemeteries and other non-profits. Organizations need to provide proof of nonprofit status and demonstrate need by proving that the CRIAC fee is at least 1 % of revenue after expenses. In addition, organizations would be required to install and maintain stormwater mitigation onsite or implement an alternative stormwater mitigation measure in the District, or in lieu accept a reduction in the discount to 72.3% if onsite mitigation is not possible.

PHC applied and was approved for the program. It received a credit to its account of \$10,665 for FY 2020.

We hope that the program for non-profits will continue to be renewed in future years.



100 YEARS AGO AT PROSPECT HILL

The following are excerpts from the book by Jean Bischof Crabill, "The Immigrants and their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill, Chapter entitled "The Nineteen Twenties:"

"\$66,000 for Western Section. The amendment was reintroduced in the House District Committee of the 6th Congress by Mr. Reed on July 7, 1921, and it remained there until December 12, 1921, when the House finally passed it. The Senate accepted the amendment on January 20, 1922. Thus the western part of the Cemetery could now definitely be sold, though Congress had granted this right on August 5, 1890. The Board did not sell until forced to do so. It remained true to its principles! Three bids came in at once, the highest being from Mr. C. P. Knapp for \$66,000. It was accepted. The sale was approved in the Annual Meeting of Lot Owners on March 14, 1922. It comprised all land between V and Bryant Streets, NW."

"Mr. C. A. Bricked died November 7, 1921, after an accident while riding on a streetcar at Dupont Circle. He was 70 years of age, came to America in 1871, and was a member of the Board for 20 years, and treasurer for 8 years. He was also one of the founders and directors of the American Commercial and Savings Bank."

"Printed financial reports reveal cash assets of \$43,934 for 1921."

"Seven Members on the Board (1920). In harmony with the amended charter, seven members served on the Board (instead of eight) since 1920. 130 votes were cast in the 1921 election."

"The year 1921 constitutes the beginning of a good new custom – the writing of a brief general annual report by the president or secretary of the Board. Up to now there had been only chart-like dull financial accounts."

THE HERMANN WINKLER FAMILY

Published in "The Families of Prospect Hill," page 438

Hermann G. Winkler was born in Bunzlau, Germany, in 1888. After completing his basic education in Germany, he trained to become a printer. In 1911 he came to Washington, DC, to take a position as printer for the *Washington Journal*, the city's weekly German-American newspaper.

Gertrude Schillings was born in Cologne around 1887. Hermann had known her in Germany. A year or so after Hermann came to America she too left her native land. She and Hermann were married in Washington's St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on January 8, 1913. The couple had two sons, Carl H., born May 2, 1914, and Hermann Martin, born November 9, 1915.

During his earliest years in Washington, Hermann lived at 536 20th Street, NW, and 306 H Street, NW. He became a naturalized citizen in 1917.

Within four years of beginning his work with the *Washington Journal*, Hermann had become its publisher and editor. The newspaper had become bankrupt; he purchased it and kept it in operation. In 1920 he bought the building at 710 6th Street, NW, which served as the business location of the *Journal* as well as a printshop handling both German and English printing. The Winkler family also lived at this location until the early 1930s, when they moved to 1434 Holly Street, NW.

Hermann took great pride in the fact that during his years as publisher and editor of the weekly, the *Journal* always met its deadlines and came out on schedule.

Hermann, Sr., was quite active in affairs of the German-American community. He founded a German Language School and served on the Board of Directors of the German Orphan Home for many years. Elected to the Board of Trustees of Prospect Hill Cemetery in 1919, he was named the Board's secretary in 1925. The last secretary to record minutes in German, he began using the English language in November 1925 in matters of the Board. He remained a most faithful and diligent secretary for nearly 30 years. In November 1953 he resigned from the Board because of ill health. The following spring, his son, H. Martin, was elected a Cemetery trustee; the following month he assumed his father's position of Board secretary.

Hermann died of cancer on October 5, 1954. His wife Gertrude lived until July 1968.

H. Martin had married in 1944. He and his wife, Jean, from New Haven, Connecticut, had three children: John Arthur, David and Jean. John Arthur lived only three years; he died on December 10, 1961. Jean, H. Martin's wife, died in August 1986.

-Carl and H. Martin Winkler, respondents

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Since 1858 Prospect Hill Cemetery, the final resting place of our family members and other loved ones, has remained practically untouched in a serenely beautiful setting high on a hill just a few blocks from the Capitol building of the free world.

Surely, all of us want this beautiful legacy to continue for years to come. That's why this annual appeal goes out to you today. As you know, our Prospect Hill Cemetery is privately owned by its lot owners, and heirs of those buried here.

But sadly, that faithful circle of dedicated folks is dwindling day by day mostly by death or relocating somewhere else. And as you also know, our historic cemetery depends primarily on the financial support of those remaining lot owners, family members, heirs and friends.

Much needed voluntary donations, in any form, ensure the continuing existence of our cemetery by helping finance its daily upkeep and growing operating expenses.

It's nearing that time again, the holiday season, when fond memories of our departed loved ones are felt the most. When memories of joyful days gone by keep filling our hearts and minds.

And once again your Board of Trustees invites (and hopes) you will contribute to our annual Year-End Memorial Fundraising Campaign this holiday season. Let's not forget our own departed loved ones during this time. In good times and bad, we are still counting on you to find it in your hearts to continue to support the historic final resting place of our departed loved ones.

All contributions received from your holiday season memorial donations go entirely toward the upkeep, expenses and beautification of our historic cemetery and its old stone house residence.

If you wish to honor your departed loved one(s) with a holiday season memorial donation, and we hope you do, please indicate it on the Order Form in the back of this newsletter. A complete list of contributors and the departed loved one(s) they are honoring will be printed in the Spring 2022 issue. (The amount contributed will not be published.)

If you do not wish to contribute a memorial donation please help us with an "End-of-Year" Financial Support donation, also indicated on the Order Form.





Your Board of Trustees wishes you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

PLEASE CALL FIRST AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

At times, folks have entered the cemetery unannounced seeking help or direction from Superintendent Connell and found no one at home. Since he is our only employee, his duties sometimes take him away from the cemetery. He suggests you call first and make an appointment. This way he can prepare for your visit and give you his undivided attention. He will be glad to help you in any way. The office number is 202-667-0676.

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Order Form

Please fill out the form below completely so we can accurately account for your donation and purchases in the cemetery's financial records. Use return address label for your convenience. Separate checks for donations and purchases are NOT required.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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1. I wish to give a Year-End Memorial donation in memory of or in honor of:

Amount of Donation \$ _____

2. I wish to make an end-of-year financial support donation of:

\$ _____

3. I would like to order the following books:

_____ copies, The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Families of Prospect Hill (\$20) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List (\$20) \$ _____

Total number of books _____ times \$5 each for postage \$ _____

Plot Markers for sale – indicate the name as it is to appear on the marker – one name per marker
See photo sample at our website <http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org>.

# of markers	Name	Name	Name	@ \$35 ea.	\$ _____
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Total amount of book order, plot markers and donation \$ _____

Make checks payable to Prospect Hill Cemetery, and mail **this full sheet** with your donation and book order to:

Prospect Hill Cemetery
c/o Rudolph Becker, Treasurer
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All correspondence should be sent to the address above. Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.

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