



# Prospect Hill Cemetery

*Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery*

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Spring

**Newsletter**

2014

## **ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 26 at 10:00 AM ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

It's time again for our biggest happening of the year at Prospect Hill – the annual lot owners' meeting and special Memorial Day observance. It's also a time to meet and chat with members of your Board of Trustees.

The lot owners' meeting will open the schedule of events at 10:00 am. The meeting will feature reading of the minutes of the last lot owners meeting, the treasurer's report and activity reports by the officers and trustees.

Please indicate your plan to attend the meeting on the Order Form on page 7.

The Memorial Day service is scheduled for 11:00 am and will be conducted by Pastor Tabea Muenz of the United Church in Washington, D.C. whose members established our cemetery back in 1858. The famous Washington Saengerbund choral group will sing several favorite German hymns during the service.

Finger-food refreshments will be served at approximately 12:30 PM.

If you plan to visit the cemetery on Memorial Day to decorate your deceased loved ones' grave(s) why not schedule your visit in time to join the festivities. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

If it's a nice spring day both events will be held on the site of the old chapel at the top of the hill. If the weather is threatening, we'll meet on the roadway by the gatehouse. If real bad weather occurs, call the office, 202-667-0676, for the final decision.

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

## **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CEMETERY**

What a wonderful and caring group of families, relatives, and friends we have here at Prospect Hill. Thanks to all of you for making our annual year-end Holiday Memorial Fundraiser campaign a tremendous success. You came through like we hoped you would.

Your Board of Trustees truly appreciates your consideration and tremendous generosity. Your donations continue to make Prospect Hill a beautiful and a more stable entity. Let's keep it that way! Thanks again to all of you.

A reminder, if you're interested in facts and figures on our historic cemetery, four books, written by our late historian Jean Crabill, are still available to purchase. See the Order Form on the last page or visit our web site [www.prospecthillcemetery.org](http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org).

Once again I'm looking forward to our upcoming Clean Up day (see story on page 4). About a dozen volunteers participated last year and they had great fun despite the cleanup work. I plan to be there again May 10. Join me. Everyone is invited. We'll make the cemetery look its best for our Memorial Day service and lot owners meeting. I plan to be there again.

Carol Holler, President  
Board of Trustees

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenues during 2013, including income from donations, bequests, burials, lot sales, publications sales, and returns on our investment portfolio, were \$109,100. Expenses were \$88,600, leaving a surplus of \$20,500. No major capital projects were undertaken in 2013, but through the generous support of a lot owner, the main bathroom in the gatehouse was renovated.

## RESULTS OF 2013 HOLIDAY MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHERS

Your Board of Trustees deeply appreciates the many contributions made to the end-of-the-year Holiday Memorial Fundraiser campaign which includes the Gatehouse Roof Replacement Project and other special monetary gifts received throughout the year. These donations go entirely for the upkeep of your cemetery, our superintendent's salary and his gatehouse residence.

We sincerely thank you and hope you will continue to support our/your cemetery in future donations campaigns. A list of year 2013 contributors follows.

### Memorial Gifts

Ackad, Abdon  
Adams, Dee Dee  
Alley, Wade & Patrice  
Alspaugh, Silvia  
Blenkiron, Vera E.  
Brown, Elizabeth E.  
Chow, Carol & Howard  
Cornell, Sally Ann  
Crone, Charles F. & Mary  
Curtis, Christine  
Dean, Dallas P.  
DeMoll, Harry T.  
Drechsler, Richard and Barbara  
Durgin, Frank & Linda  
Fankhauser, Henry and Louise

### In Memory of

Abdon D. and Janet V. Acked  
Walter & Dorothy Allen; Maria Allen  
Wade H. Alley, Sr.  
Kranaur & Hillman families  
Milton & Emma Erhardt  
Adam Ehlschlager  
Rose P. Noble  
Lena Cornell  
Essie Crone  
Charlotte A. Curtis  
Caroline (Brinkman) and Frederick W. Plugge  
Adam Joseph and Monika Droll de Moll  
The Holtz and Behrens families; Jean Crabill  
Alfred & Anna Schicht  
His parents, grandparents, and sister's ashes, all buried in Prospect Hill

Fauntleroy, James M.	Irene Baulsir Gavin; George & Barbara Baier; Rosa & Irma Baulsir
Fisher, George H.	John & Frederick Lehnert
Fisher, Myrtle K.	Hulda Louise Coomes
Francis, David & Suzanne	The Weber and Willis families: Robert Mills
Frazier, Barbara V.	Minerva A. Daavid; Najeeb Daavid
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Gist, John & Virginia	Henry Sievers family
Graves, Ernest. K. & Ann	The Klee & Graves families
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Haislip, Pliny L	Pliny L. Haislip, Sr.; Andrew J. Haislip; Walter Haislip; Mathew W. Haislip
Hall, Jennette Marie	Liesmann family
Halusa, Gerd	Karin Halusa
Jennings, Edna K	Emelie & Christian Kronenbitter
Jones, Barbara L.	William & Mary Reichenbach
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Larson, Mr. and Mrs. William H.	Larson and Mostyn family
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Letts, Daniel R	Virginia I. Bule Letts; Robert G. Letts
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Ziese, William C.	Adolph and Henny Ziese
Zink, Charles & Nancy L.	Mr. and Mrs. Karl K. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Butt

## Other donations throughout the year 2013:

Alspaugh, Silvia  
Andrews, Kimberly  
Arminius Social Club  
Arminius Lodge No. 25  
Baker, Anne G.  
Bold, Ethel R.  
Brandt, Volker & Eva  
Brooks, Ray K.  
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Clifford, Ernest C., Jr  
Comprinck, Laetitia  
Concord Club  
Czayo, Sylvia  
Daniels, Dorothy  
Derrick, John & Linda  
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Enstam, Dennis & Sandra  
Essex, Robert E. & Rebecca  
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German Lutheran Church  
Gill, John & Edith  
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Johnson, Erik R.  
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Meinzer, Gerhard  
Meredith, Edwin W.  
Mesrobian, Ara  
Meyer, Louis  
Plitt, W. H. and E. R.  
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Qualter, William & Patricia  
Radisch, Virginia D.  
Reitz, Albert  
Ries, E. Teresa  
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Ruggiero, Dianna C.

Sass, Hans-Martin  
Schaffert, Stephen & Karen  
Schenkel, John  
Schuster, Richard & Margaret  
Shea, Kerry S.  
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Shoemaker, Karen S.  
Simon, Nancy S.  
Sladen, Paul  
Smith, Rebecca A.  
Smith-Vanderslice, Paula  
Stout, Helen M.  
Strack, Stephen G. & Suzon  
Swale, Marie  
Sweeny, Carey  
Tang-Yates, Helen  
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Baha'i  
The Phase Foundation  
The United Church  
Trautman, Mark A.  
Turner, Nancy B.  
von Kaenel, Elizabeth  
Watson, Gudrun  
Wenzel, Alwin & Renate  
Whitcomb, Mary Ellen  
Wilcox, Theresa S.

## **ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY SATURDAY MAY 10**

Spring has sprung! And it's time for some spring cleaning at our Prospect Hill Cemetery. Superintendent Joe Connell says there is plenty to do, but he also says he could use a little help.

Your Board of Trustees has designated Saturday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. as our fifth annual Clean Up day to make sure our historic cemetery will look it's best for our annual lot owners' meeting and memorial service on Memorial Day, May 26.

So get out your rakes, brooms, clippers, weed wackers, old shoes, work clothes and gloves in preparation for the big Memorial Day weekend when many relatives and friends of those buried here visit and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

Best of all, refreshments will be available to the volunteers when the work is done. In case of inclement weather, call the cemetery office for a decision on canceling the program.

## NINE BURIALS PERFORMED AT PROSPECT HILL LAST YEAR

Superintendent Connell oversaw nine burials at Prospect Hill last year, six more than in 2012. Eight were the result of cremations, which require far less effort than ordinary burials. Cost for the interment of cremation ashes is also much less.

But more and more the financial burden for running our beautiful little cemetery and keeping its gatehouse in livable condition is falling on the generosity of our present generation of heirs, relatives and friends of those original lot owners buried here.

Why? It's obvious. While most cemeteries depend on burials and the sale of lots for much of their income, Prospect Hill does not.

Names of the deceased and ages:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
Charlotte Curtis	91	June 1	cremains
Margaret Gilkes	95	June 15	cremains
Milton Lemons	91	June 29	cremains
Dorothy Lemons	94	June 29	cremains
Eleanor Emch	81	July 6	full body
Henry Goping	89	July 18	cremains
John Goping	44	July 18	cremains
John Childs	61	September 8	cremains
Eberhard Fischer	80	November 26	cremains

But don't think for one minute that Prospect Hill is sold out of burial sites. We're far from it. Hundreds of lots are still available. And at a price comparable, or less, to other cemeteries in the area.

If you are interested, or thinking about purchasing a burial site (or sites) at Prospect Hill call Superintendent Joe Connell at 202-667-0676. He'll be glad to answer any questions, show you some available sites and help you make your final decision.

## FLAGS WILL FLY AGAIN OVER GRAVES OF U. S. MILITARY VETERANS

Memorial Day weekend is always an important time of the year to our United States military veterans buried at Prospect Hill.

That's when Superintendent Connell and members of your Board of Trustees place American flags on the military veterans' graves similar to the annual ritual performed at Arlington and all national cemeteries.

To make certain we do not miss your ancestors or family members who served in the U. S. military please fill out and mail the form on the last page indicating on whose grave(s) you would like flags placed. There is no charge for this service.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT PROSPECT HILL

It won't be long before the cemetery's beautiful flowers burst forth in all their springtime glory, like the azaleas in the picture below. We can't wait!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 10:00 am Clean Up Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 10:00 am Lot Owners Meeting 11:00 am Memorial Service	27	28	29	30	31

### 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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*Rudolph Becker, Editor  
Henry Fankhauser, Editor Emeritus*

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## Order Form

Your gifts are very important to the operation of the cemetery. Each donation, no matter how large or small makes a difference. We will work to keep expenses down, and with your help we'll continue to have a beautiful historic cemetery. One of the nicest things you can give to your ancestors is a donation to Prospect Hill Cemetery for the maintenance and upkeep of their final resting place. Thank you for your love and concern.

My donation for the maintenance and operation of the cemetery \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like American flags placed on the following grave sites (no charge):

\_\_\_\_\_

### Books for sale

#### # of books:

\_\_\_\_\_ *The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill* (\$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Families of Prospect Hill* (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List* (\$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List*, (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of books \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$5 postage for each book purchased \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of order and donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

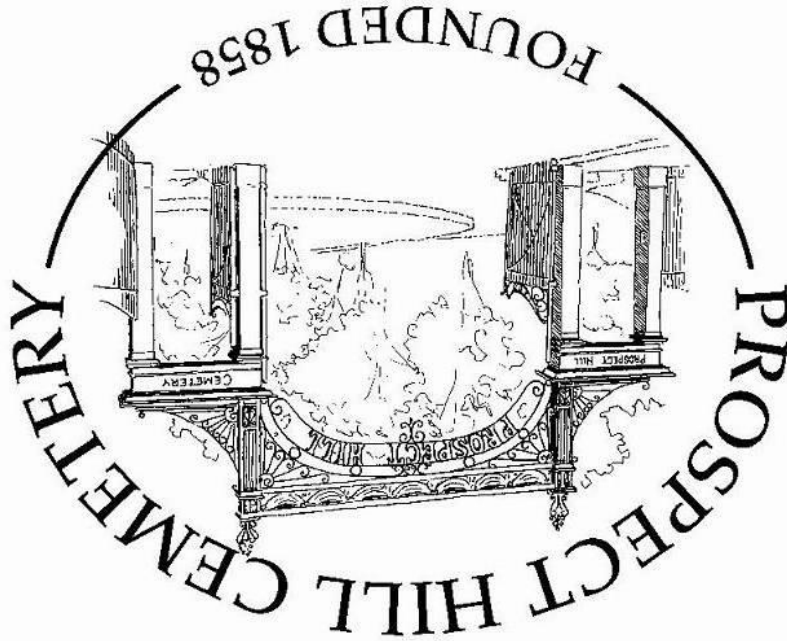
Prospect Hill Cemetery  
c/o Rudolph Becker, Treasurer  
2608 Lakeview Parkway  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

All correspondence should be sent to the address above. Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.

**I (we) plan to attend the Annual Meeting on May 27, 2013 at 10:00 am**  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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