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Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

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Newsletter

2022

LOT OWNERS MEETING

The 2022 lot owners meeting was held on May 30, 2022. Again this year, there were an insufficient number of lot owners in attendance to satisfy the quorum requirement of 15, and no official business could be transacted.

The trustees each presented reports, however.

President Gerd Halusa opened the meeting and introduced the board members present: Rudolph Becker, Treasurer, Elisabeth Herold, Secretary, Eva Brandt and Edith Gill, as Trustees.

Secretary Herold read the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Superintendent Connell reported on his activities during the past year including grass cutting and trimming around headstones, removing trash and debris from the exterior locations around the cemetery, escorting vagrants off the property, meeting with lot owners seeking to locate the graves of their relatives, showing available cemetery lots to prospective owners, and supervising contractors working in the cemetery on clean up, burials and monument installations. Superintendent Connell also presented the attendees with before and after photos of various fallen headstones that were repaired by Tegeler.

Treasurer Becker reported on financial activities in 2021. Donations and bequests totaled \$59,360. Investment income totaled \$34,177, and other income totaled \$8,545. Expenses were \$78,359. Net proceeds for the year were \$36,501.

A discussion about the use of grave markers was reviewed amongst the board and Attendees. This will be reviewed by the board, with an announcement to come on grave marker protocols.



Treasurer Rudy Becker, President Gerd Halusa, Trustees Eva Brandt & Edith Gill look on as Secretary Elisabeth Herold reads the minutes of the last lot owners meeting

OTHER WAYS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

When we gathered at Prospect Hill to honor our loved ones, we did so out of love and remembrance. We enjoyed the cemetery grounds with well-manicured lawns trimmed close to each headstone. The new paving at the entrance provided a smooth ride onto the property.

Over the years, your donations have enabled the day-to-day operation of the cemetery to keep it in tip-top shape for you and local citizens. But major projects such as replacement of the roof on the stone house and the recent paving project required major donations. These projects were funded by grants and especially bequests.

And so, you can help ensure the future of our cemetery by including it in your will (called a bequest). We have received several such bequests in the past and would welcome any in the future. It is best that a bequest is “unrestricted”, so the cemetery can use the funds to fulfill any of its needs.

Also, another opportunity for you to honor your deceased loved ones and contribute to the upgrade and upkeep of the cemetery is to transfer appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, etc.). You’ll receive a federal tax deduction for the value of the security, and not have to pay a capital gains tax calculated on the original value of the security.

Consult your attorney for more information on how you can transfer your securities or honor our cemetery with a bequest. Your Board of Trustees appreciates any such contributions that will help secure the future of our historic Prospect Hill Cemetery.

FALLEN TOMBSTONES RESTORATION PROJECT

Having received a favorable response from the lot owners on moving forward with tombstone restoration, the Board of Trustees developed a plan to begin restoring fallen tombstones. A survey of the cemetery determined that there are about 140 tombstones in need of restoration. W. S. Tegeler Monument Company was approached to provide an estimate of the expected average cost of restoration. They suggested that a crew be sent to the cemetery to determine by actual work how many tombstones could be restored in one week's time. The result was 7 tombstones at a cost of \$3,500, or an average of \$500 per tombstone. Below is a table of tombstones restored so far:

NAME OF DECEASED	LOT NUMBER	BEFORE PHOTO		AFTER PHOTO
Burrows	B 52			
Floegel	B 52.5			
Eichler	C 43			
Link	C 21			
Krautler	C 55			
Brandt	CR 20			
Klenk/Rick	CL 50			
Killian	C 16			

PHC AWARDED RELIEF BY DOEE OF THE CRIAC FEE FOR 2021-2022

PHC applied to the DC Department of Energy and Environmental (DC DOEE) for relief from the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC) fee on its water bill for the period from October 1, 2021 until September 30, 2022. Criteria for approval is net income for the previous year is greater than 1 and was awarded \$10,095 in relief as a lump sum credit applied to the September 2022 DC Water Bill. This is the fourth consecutive year PHC as received this relief.



A good day for mowing on the PHC grounds

CEMETERY PLOT MARKERS AVAILABLE

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AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The Karl Braun Family

Karl C. Braun and Frieda Rose Blank Braun

Karl C. Braun was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in February 1870. Frieda Rose Blank was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, on October 25, 1877.

Karl grew up attending a German preparatory school. He learned a variety of languages-French, German and English. After his schooling experiences, he fulfilled his two-year military service requirement by serving in the German Cavalry Unit. He was knowledgeable about proper military procedures for special events of state. This knowledge and expertise helped him gain employment as the personal valet to the Ambassador in Washington, DC. This was the beginning of Karl's career in the United States.

In 1896, at the age of 26, Karl traveled to America with the German Ambassador's entourage. They traveled by ship to Ellis Island, New York, and then by train to the German Embassy in Washington. In 1899 his wife, Frieda, came to America to make a new home.

Karl worked as the German Ambassador's personal valet. He eventually became the head butler supervising state dinners and special events.

The couple had five children. One son was born in Germany, and four children (three daughters and one son) were born in Washington, DC.

In 1911 Karl and Frieda decided to open the K.C. Braun Saloon and Restaurant. Karl was experienced in serving drinks made with any kind of spirits; Frieda was an outstanding cook who prepared hearty, home-cooked meals. Together they created an amiable atmosphere where Washingtonians could enjoy good food and drink. Their first place of business was at 1139 7th Street, NW; later they moved to 907 7th Street, NW, in Washington, DC.

The Braun family lived on the second and third floors over the saloon and restaurant. The saloon and two dining rooms were located on the first floor. Delicious German and American food and spirits were served to customers every day of the week except Sunday.

Karl and Frieda were members of the Lutheran Church. Karl belonged to the Masons and Shriners (3rd order) and also to a German singing society. The Braun family enjoyed singing engagements at German family gatherings around the Washington, DC, area. Frieda was a member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed cooking, knitting, crocheting and embroidering.

When Prohibition became the law of the land, Karl and Frieda closed the K.C. Braun Saloon and Restaurant. They were not very happy about this political event in our nation's history. Purchasing one hundred acres of farmland in Aspen Hill, Maryland, they became tillers of the land and growers of crops. They often drove a truck filled with fresh fruits and vegetables into Washington, DC, to sell at the farm markets in town.

Karl C. Braun, 57, died on June 18, 1927, at his farm in Aspen Hill, Maryland. He died before the end of Prohibition in the United States. Frieda died on July 24, 1946, at the age of 68. "Karl and Frieda were wonderful German-born people who enjoyed life to the fullest. Throughout their lives, they shared their friendship and hospitality with friends, neighbors and relatives. These two unique individuals are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery."



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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 preservation, maintenance and operation of the cemetery \$_____

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 – 1858 thru 2003* (\$35) \$_____

_____ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List – 1858 thru 2003* (\$20) \$_____

Total number of books _____

\$5 postage for each book purchased \$_____

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Of markers Name Name Name

Total amount of book order, plot markers and/or donation \$_____

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