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Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

Summer-Fall Newsletter 2015

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

May 25, 2015 was a glorious, sunny, warm day. A perfect day to celebrate Memorial Day at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Many lot owners and friends of PHC were in attendance, as Pastor William Federici of The United Church reminded us of why we honor the fallen soldiers buried at PHC and the Washington Saengerbund's music spread throughout the cemetery grounds and surrounding environs.



The Washington Saengerbund under the direction of Nicholas Alexander Brown with Nadia Christova accompanist

Memorial Day Service

May 25, 2015

11:00 AM

Sponsored by

Prospect Hill Cemetery Board of Trustees

The Washington Saengerbund

The United Church

Welcome

President of Prospect Hill Cemetery Board of Trustees

Carol Holler

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

"Wandrer's Nachtlid"

The Washington Saengerbund

Opening Prayer

The United Church

Pastor William Federici

Douglas T. Ward Dedicated to the memory of Sharon Ward

"Dank Deinem Segen"

The Washington Saengerbund

Historical Perspective

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Gerd Halusa

Adolf Frey-Voellen (1925 – 2008)

"Der Ruf nach Frieden"

The Washington Saengerbund

Message

The United Church

Pastor William Federici

Moritz Hauptmann (1792 – 1870)

"Wandrer's Nachtlid"

The Washington Saengerbund

Blessing

The United Church

Pastor William Federici

The Washington Sangerbund

President

Hans-Joachim Endrikat

Music Committee Chair

Matthew McIntyre

Conductor

Nicholas Alexander Brown

Accompanist

Nadia Christova

The United Church

Pastor

Rev. William Federici



Pastor Federici leading the Opening Prayer



WSB Conductor Nicholas Brown (I)
PHC President Carol Holler
Composer Douglas Ward

LOT OWNER'S COMPOSITION PREMIERED AT PROSPECT HILL

The Washington Saengerbund premiered Douglas T Ward's sacred musical work composed in honor of his late wife's family buried at Prospect Hill. Here are his words about the piece.



Douglas T. Ward on "Dank Deinem Segen"

"My late wife's family has graves spanning six generations at Prospect Hill Cemetery, beginning with J. Christ. Schultze, born in 1799, and his wife, Anna Dorothea Morgenroth, born in 1801, who emigrated from Germany. I wrote most of the hymn originally in English and also in German in 1994, near the time my wife and I first became pleasantly acquainted with Prospect Hill Cemetery. I felt like we needed more Thanksgiving hymns."

CLEAN UP DAY AT PROSPECT HILL

Nearly a dozen lot owners and friends of Prospect Hill met at the cemetery on Saturday, May 16, 2015 to spruce up the place for the upcoming lot owners meeting and Memorial Day service.

As in past years, the volunteers raked leaves along the walkway running from the house to the Memorial Grove, trimmed tree branches overhanging walkways in the cemetery, and weeded gardens and gravesites near the circle at the top of the hill.

Refreshments and snacks were provided for all to enjoy. The weather was perfect for working at the cemetery.

LOT OWNERS MEETING

The 2015 lot owners meeting preceded the Memorial Day Service. As was the case at the last several year's meetings, a quorum of lot owners in attendance was not achieved and no official business could be transacted. The trustees each presented reports, however.

Trustee Gerd Halusa read Treasurer Rudy Becker's report on financial activities in 2014. Donations totaled \$ 24,576. Investment income totaled \$ 24,889, and other income totaled \$ 91,926. Expenses were \$ 143,018 and net proceeds for the year were (\$ 1627).

Major expenditures during 2014 included repair of sidewalks to eliminate unsafe conditions, and cleanup of trees and branches damaged during storms. Future projects include repair of roadways and continued repair of sidewalks. Major investment activity included security sales of \$66,537 and purchases of \$66,290, which resulted in an increase in the dividend rate from 3% to 4% for the securities involved.

Board members are: Carol Holler, President; Edith Gill, Secretary; Rudolph Becker, Treasurer; Eva Brandt, Gerd Halusa, Gerhard Meinzer and Albert Rietz, Trustees.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for attending this year's Annual Meeting. It was another beautiful day and it was great to catch up with everyone.

The Memorial Day service presented by the Saengerbund singers and the United Church was awe inspiring with the pastor's message and beautiful voices.

Kudos also to our superintendent-caretaker Joe Connell. He outdid himself in getting the cemetery looking in tip-top shape for the annual meeting. Many thanks to the faithful board of trustees who are always ready to tackle any problems that come our way.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of our beloved newsletter editor emeritus Henry Fankhauser. Henry revitalized the newsletter with his creativity and vast knowledge of editorial practices. Under his direction, the newsletter became an outstanding means of keeping lot owners informed about goings on at the cemetery. We will miss him greatly.

The cemetery always looks wonderful so come and visit anytime when the cemetery is open: Thursdays thru Mondays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Old and new friends are always welcome.

Carol Holler, President
Board of Trustees

+ HENRY FANKHAUSER +

On Monday, July 25, 2015, Henry Fankhauser, Editor Emeritus of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Newsletter, passed away.



Henry joined the board of trustees in March 2001 as a trustee. He soon assumed the role as editor of the newsletter upon the retirement of Jean Crabill.

Henry was a career newspaperman, author, and avid and lifelong participant and promoter of the sport of bowling in the Washington, DC area. For his contributions to the sport, Henry was inducted into Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association Hall of Fame. The following are excerpts from the article written on that occasion.

Henry joined the staff of the *Washington Daily News* in 1948. He became the bowling editor in 1954. He advanced to assistant sports editor before the paper ceased operations in 1972.

Henry served as associate editor of the *National Bowling Review*, a biweekly printed in Washington, D.C., that won three consecutive national awards for content and layout.

In 1965, Henry was color commentator on D.C.'s first televised tenpin show on WOOK-TV. Three years later, he authored *The Wacky World of Sports*, which included a long chapter on bowling.

He was bowling writer for the *Sentinel* papers from 1971-1975, and in 1974 became a columnist for *Down the Lanes*. In 1978, he wrote the chapter on the history of local bowling for the book entitled *Sports in the Nation's Capital*.

Henry was a weekly bowling columnist for the *Washington Star* from 1978-1981. Since then, Henry has written bowling columns for the *Prince George's Journal* and *Montgomery County Journal* papers.

He was a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America since the early 1950s and a charter member of the Southern Bowling Writers Association. Henry has written many articles for national sports publications and has won several national awards in *Bowling Magazine's* annual writing contest.

Henry put this vast experience to good use as editor of the PHC newsletter, revitalizing it with many interesting stories about goings on at the cemetery. He updated the layout, developing a new masthead and giving it a professional appearance. He composed most of the articles but encouraged others to contribute too. He was a master proofreader. No misspelling, misapplied punctuation or misplaced punctuation mark escaped his attention. After transcribing Henry's text into MS Word and sending it to him via fax, I looked forward to his call to give me the corrections. It usually took a couple of iterations until everything was perfect for Henry.

Henry was generous in sharing his knowledge. He was a joy to work with on producing the newsletter.

Henry is survived by his wife, Louise, and daughters Janet Fankhauser and Jeanne Mack
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*Rudolph Becker, Editor
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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.

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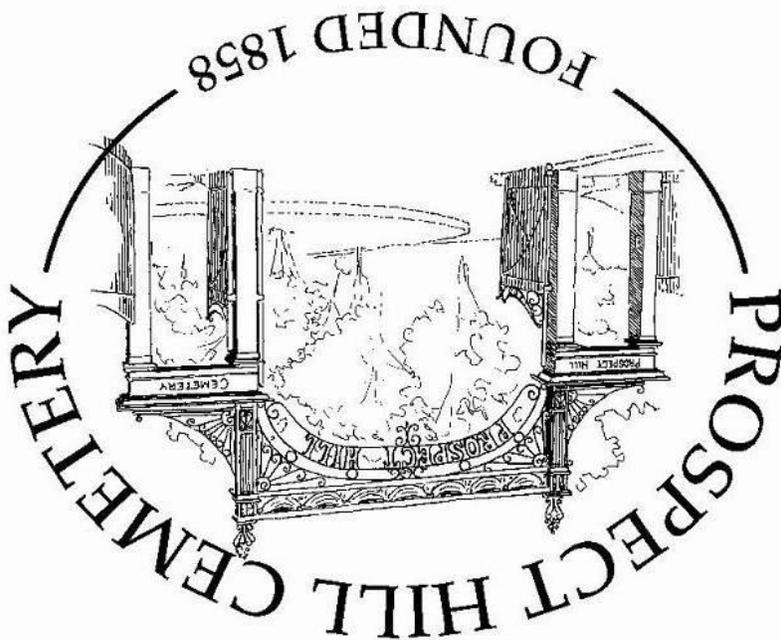
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PLEASE CALL FIRST AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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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