



# Prospect Hill Cemetery

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

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## **ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

**LOT OWNERS MEETING - 10:00 AM**

PLACE: In the circle at the top of the hill

**MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:30 AM**

MUSIC: Washington Saengerbund

HOMILIST: Rev. Tabea Muenz or Rev. William T. Federici of The United Church

REFRESHMENTS: Finger-food refreshments will be served at approximately 1:00 PM.

In the event of bad weather, please contact the Office at 202-667-0676 for information on cancellation

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

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

Every year goes by faster and faster and the holidays are just around the corner. It brings back memories of present and past friends. One of my fondest memories is walking around Prospect Hill Cemetery with my friend Jean Bischoff Crabill doing research on the many souls buried here. A few years ago Jean joined those that rest here but left a wonderful history of the families buried here. She truly enjoyed doing the research of our families and published several books for those trying to find out about their past.

These memories would not be possible without your generous financial support. Our only way of keeping Prospect Hill Cemetery this beautiful and peaceful is through your generous donations. The road to our future is paved with stones of our past.

Our Superintendent Joe Connell takes pride in keeping the cemetery in perfect condition. He and our volunteers work hard at keeping the grounds beautifully maintained. This work can be accomplished with your generous donations which we hold every year at this time.

Your Board of Trustees and superintendent extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all donors and volunteers who have given their time and generosity during the year.

All of us wish for you a prayerful Thanksgiving along with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol Holler, President  
Board of Trustees

## FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR-TO-DATE 2016

Below is a financial summary for the first nine months of this year:

Revenue	
Direct Public Support – donations, bequests & grants	
Donations	\$ 9,600
Grants	10,000
Program Service Revenue – lot sales, interments, publication sales, rent	15,000
Investment Income – dividends & interest	21,500
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	56,100
Expense	
Capital expense – new mower	4,100
Operations – maintenance, grounds keeping, insurance, refuse removal	13,800
Payroll & taxes	28,300
Program Service Expense	1,400
Utilities	
Telephone, gas & electric	8,500
Water & Sewer – including Clean Rivers surcharge (	13,700
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	69,800
Surplus (deficit)	(\$13,700)

### Analysis

- Program Service Revenue and Investment Income is fairly stable year over year. But Direct Public Support is variable. So far this year, donations are trending below the annual average value of \$26,000.
- Expense increasing due to Clean Rivers surcharge which is expected to increase by \$2500 per year (18%) for the foreseeable future.

### List of future major expenditures

- Paving of roadways - \$150,000
  - Phase 1 – main entrance - \$25,000
- Uprighting of fallen headstones - \$1,000 budget per year

These improvements, plus others, are in addition to the ongoing monthly and annual expenses for utilities, insurance, and upkeep of the old stone gatehouse plus Superintendent Connell's salary and administrative supplies.

All of these project and expenses depend mostly on financial contributions. We receive little outside help. What we need desperately are a few good sponsors or businesses to step forward and add Prospect Hill to their annual charitable donations list for tax purposes. With 2016 closing out and 2017 on the horizon now would be an appropriate time for them to begin the new year or close out the old with their first charitable contribution. And to our lot owners and friends, please be generous with your Year-End Memorial Fund contribution this holiday season.

## 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 2017 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.

## TWO INTERMENTS SO FAR IN 2016

Superintendent Joe Connell reports two interments at Prospect Hill so far this year, one less than last year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
Julie Ann Brady	67	March 12	Cremains
Margaret Lane	83	October 3	Full body

The cemetery is depending more and more on donations to keep it the beautiful, historic landmark it is today. So, please be generous with your Year-End Memorial Fund Raising gift this holiday season.

## OTHER WAYS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

### Appreciated Securities

Another opportunity for you to honor your loved ones and contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery is to transfer appreciated securities (stocks and bonds). You will receive a federal tax deduction for the value of the stock(s), and will not have to pay a capital gains tax calculated on the original basis of the stock(s).

With the uncertain times experienced by the stock market today you might want to depart with a stock(s) or bond(s) you feel is(are) not producing the way you would like. Prospect Hill welcomes such “non-producers” with hopes they will turn around in time.

One share, 10 shares, 100 shares (etc.) may be transferred to our brokerage account and would be a most appreciated end-of-year holiday gift to the cemetery and your departed loved ones.

### Bequests

Still another way you can help ensure the upkeep of our cemetery is to include it in your will (called a bequest). We have received several such bequests in the past and would welcome any in the future.

Consult your attorney for more information on how you can transfer your stocks or honor Prospect Hill with a charitable bequest in your will. Your kindness in respect to these gracious gifts will help secure the future, as stable as the past, at our historic and beautiful Prospect Hill Cemetery.

### Monthly donations

Donors can spread the amount of their donations throughout the year by making monthly donations. This option is available on our website via PayPal. Just visit the Publications and Donations webpage on our website at [www.prospecthillcemetery.org](http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org). You don't need a PayPal account; just a credit card. All card types are accepted. Donors benefit from this approach because they don't have to save up to make a large one-time donation. PHC benefits by having funds always available for expenses which occur monthly such as electricity, water & sewer and telephone.

## GERMAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE UNITED CHURCH/DIE VEREINIGTE KIRCHE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 18

This year the traditional German Christmas Concert will be given at the United Church (Die Vereinigte Kirche), 20th and G Streets, NW, in Washington, DC. The concert will be performed by the Washington Saengerbund and will begin at 3:00 p.m. It is for the benefit of the church's activities in helping those in need in the community. A collection will be taken up during the concert.

Following the concert by the German choral group, refreshments will be served in the church social hall downstairs. The Saengerbund has performed at many special events at Prospect Hill.

Both Prospect Hill and the Washington Saengerbund were founded by members of the United Church, in 1858 and 1851 respectively. The United Church was founded in 1833. We have striven to maintain relationships with these two organizations over the years and should continue to do so in the future.

For more information about the Washington Saengerbund, visit its website: [www.saengerbund.org](http://www.saengerbund.org). Information about the United Church can be found at its website: [www.theunitedchurch.org](http://www.theunitedchurch.org)

## THE HENRY TRIPP FAMILY

Among the 133 families included in PHC's publication "The Families of Prospect Hill" by Jean Bischoff Crabill are four generations of the Henry Tripp Family. There is not enough space here to include the 10 pages of the family's history as it appears in the book, so excerpts are provided. Those interested in learning all the details of this enterprising and successful family may purchase a copy of the book at our website or by filling out the order form on page 7 of this newsletter.

**Henry Tripp** – Born in Ernsthausen, Hesse, Germany, on February 17, 1841, Heinrich (Henry) Tripp immigrated to the United States when he was 19 years old. Arriving on the *Rowland* on May 31, 1860, he apparently came immediately to Washington, DC, since to him the city represented an opportunity in a free country to realize his dreams through hard work.

A blacksmith by trade, by 1866 Henry had settled in the southwestern section of the city. Here, at the corner of Virginia Avenue and South Capitol Street, he established a wheelwright shop, specializing in general repair work and the building of carts and trucks. His business flourished. By 1884, "No maker in the city enjoys a better reputation for the excellence of his wagons, carts and buggies than does Mr. Henry Tripp." It was written that "[Tripp] is doing a large and increasing business, and is esteemed by his patrons as a man of sterling business qualifications."

Once he had established his business and felt he could support a family, Henry married Anna Barbara Banf, born July 6, 1842, also in Ernsthausen. Her parents, Jacob and Anna Margarethe Engel Banf, had also emigrated from Germany and were living in Washington, DC.

Henry and Anna Barbara had eight children: Elizabeth Anna (1867); Henry Ernst (1870); John Eberhardt (1872); Eva Margaret (1874); Anna Elizabeth (1876); twins Edward William Andrew and Catherine Emma (1879); and Anna Barbara (1884). Henry and Anna Barbara raised these children to realize the privileges and opportunities they had by being Americans and living in the capital of the United States.

**John Adam Martin Wiegand** - John Adam Martin Wiegand, usually known as Martin, was born in Dankmarshausen, Thuringia, Germany, on January 19, 1864. He immigrated to the United States in 1882, entering through the port of New York and apparently coming directly to Washington, DC.

Once in Washington, he found a place to stay, and employment as a woodworker for the Thomas W. Smith Lumber Company. In due time he met Elizabeth Tripp, a native Washingtonian, born at 5 Virginia Avenue, SW, on September 12, 1867. Her parents were Heinrich (Henry) and Anna Barbara Banf Tripp.

In 1898 Martin established his own firm, the M. Wiegand Woodworking Company. A very successful venture, the company was operated by Martin throughout the rest of his life. The family's home was attached to the company's carpentry shop and lumber yard. In later years Martin also served as director of the Metropolis Building Association and president of the Kenesaw Apartment House Company, the American Realty Company and the Concord Improvement Company. At one time he was also a member of the board of the District National Bank.

Very active in the Washington community, he served for a number of years as the president of the board of the German Orphan Asylum. He was also a director of Washington's Chamber of Commerce and held memberships in the City Club, the Board of Trade, the Oldest Inhabitants Association, the Elks, the Arminius Lodge of Masons and the Concord Club. A music lover, he was an accomplished clarinetist and member of the Saengerbund, serving as its president from 1919 to 1924.

**Martin Tripp Wiegand** - The son of Martin and Elizabeth Wiegand, Martin Tripp Wiegand was born March 27, 1901, in Washington, DC. He grew up in the southwest section of the city. Martin graduated from Washington's Central High School on June 19, 1918, and the University of Pennsylvania in

Philadelphia on June 14, 1922. From 1922 until 1970 Martin was a wholesale lumber dealer. He also served as president of Washington's Metropolis Building Association.

A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, he served as the church's financial advisor and was active in men's organizations and the church council. Although the golf course beckoned to him many Sunday mornings, he always attended church when his children were appearing in Sunday School and church programs.

Martin belonged to the Washington Board of Trade and was very active in Kiwanis International, serving as president of the Washington club, lieutenant governor and governor of the Capital District, and eventually becoming an international trustee. He was also a member of the local Hoo-Hoo Club (Fraternal Order of Lumber Dealers), rising to the rank of Grand Snark of the Universe in 1949-50.

Quite involved in community affairs, he participated in inauguration festivities and the March of Dimes. The 1955 Red Cross campaign went "over the top" under his leadership.

For recreation, Martin enjoyed a good game of golf and his summer home at Bethany Beach, Delaware, which he bought in 1944. During the last five years of his life (1965-1970), he served as mayor of Bethany Beach.

According to his daughter, Martin was "a loving, devoted husband and father, extremely active in civic affairs, who always had time for his family. He also enjoyed his grandchildren when they started arriving in 1954, twelve being born before he died."

On June 17, 1970, Martin suffered a heart attack at his Bethany Beach home, and died several days later on June 19 at the Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Delaware. He was 69 years old.

*—Elizabeth Barbara Wiegand Pillote, respondent*

## **CEMETERY GATES WILL BE OPEN ON REGULAR SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays this year, there will be no change in the opening and closing of the cemetery gates during the holidays. The gates will be open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, which means they will also be open Thanksgiving Day.

## **ALL OF US EXTEND TO ALL OF YOU OUR GOOD WISHES AND THANKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Your Board of Trustees: President Carol Holler, Secretary Edith Gill, Treasurer Rudy Becker, and Trustees Eva Brandt, Gerd Halusa, Gerhard Meinzer, and Albert Reitz, plus Superintendent Joe Connell extend our heartfelt gratitude to all lot owners, donors, volunteers and friends for your loyal support, generosity and financial assistance during 2016. You are the primary reason Prospect Hill remains the beautiful cemetery it is today.

Cherished memories of loved ones interred in Prospect Hill will be in our hearts and on our minds more than ever this holiday season.

We wish all of you a prayerful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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*Rudolph Becker, Editor*

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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 instead of filling out name and address. Separate checks for donations and purchases are NOT required.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 (\$30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 mailed to the address above. Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.

I/we plan to attend the Annual Meeting on November 12, 2016 YES NO (circle choice)

### 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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