

# FRANKFORD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

March 2009

PO Box 831866  
Richardson, Texas 75083

## Decoration Day

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Dinner on the Grounds: 12:30

Program: 2:00 followed by a Business meeting

The FCA board of directors extends a warm invitation to all Frankford community members to attend our annual Decoration Day Dinner on the Grounds and program.

The program will include a speaker and singing of the old hymns sung at Frankford for well over a hundred years.

Following the program we will have a business meeting where general business of the association will be reported and discussed and an election for new board members will be held. The business meeting is open to all but only lot members can cast votes in the election.

We hope to see a great turnout for Decoration Day. Please come to hear the exciting news about the restoration of the old church that means so much to all of us.

Kathy Power, President



## Cemetery Board

Term 2012

Patsy Sudden, Secretary  
972-272-9209

Term 2012

Linda Spragins, Treasurer  
972-334-9997

Term 2011

Katherine Power, President  
972-234-0401

Term 2011

Vacancy due to  
resignation

Term 2010

Jim Reynolds  
972-669-4781

Term 2009

Virginia Cotten  
214-729-7301

Term 2009

Andrew Tenney, Curator  
972-380-6593

**RSVP for "Dinner on the Grounds"**

**Sunday May 17, 2009**

**12:30 PM**

Catered by Babe's Check Dinner House

Please let us know how many are attending and which entrée you prefer (one entrée per person):

Chicken Fried Steak: \_\_\_\_\_

Fried Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Smoked Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

FCA: P. O. Box 831866, Richardson, Texas 75083

Email: Pharis Ann McKamy – [texan1837@aol.com](mailto:texan1837@aol.com)

Call: Sara Ann Matthews – 972-620-7479

**A Word from the Secretary**

Since our last newsletter in October, I have been able to gather additional or corrected information on our cemetery records. Each bit of information I receive is documented and a paper trail is kept on each lot. Some information that I do not have, but would like to have, is a copy of deeds or certificates of title on all lots to add to the files. If you have this documentation and would like to share it with the association "just for the record," it would be most appreciated. You may send it to me at the address on the front of this newsletter.

Several people have expressed an interest in purchasing burial spaces in Frankford Cemetery. Initially, I created a listing of vacant burial spaces according to information in the records. Then I sent a letter to each of those lot owners asking if they were interested in selling spaces on their lots. Many lot owners contacted me to let me know they were not interested in selling, so they were taken off the list. I have since learned there are others who do not wish to sell, so their names have been removed, as well. The association does not sell burial spaces, but we can help put buyer and seller together.

Thanks to all of you who have shared information with me regarding the burial records. All information is appreciated and is now included in the records. I will have a copy of your lot records available on Decoration Day if you do not already have a copy. I will need your lot number in order to locate the record quickly. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Patsy Sudden

**Cemetery Board Elections**

At the annual business meeting May 17, the board of directors election will be held. Only association members who own at least one lot containing eight spaces are

eligible to run and serve on the board of directors.

The board meets at least four times a year and is a very active board with several large projects planned. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for a seat on the FCA board please do so by April 20, 2009. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. The board nominating committee will also submit names of candidates for board members. The election will be by secret ballot. A slate of candidates will be mailed to you including a proxy form for lot owners if you are unable to attend.

**Open Board Positions**

Term 2013

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**Frankford Community News**

Since our last newsletter, these association members have been laid to rest at Frankford Cemetery.

Lorene Hughes

b 9/27/1924 d. 10/29/2008

Ila Gallop Henderson

b 10/11/1922 d.12/20/2008

Lauretta Varney

b. 1/ 6/1944 d. 3/5/2009

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these members of the Frankford community.

**Cemetery Information**

For information regarding burials and or other issues regarding your lot or burial spaces please contact one of these two board members:

Kathy Power, president

Andy Tenney, cemetery curator

## **November Dinner on the Grounds**

The first annual fall Dinner on the Grounds was held November 2, 2008. Over a hundred attended and enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner near the beautiful old tree behind the church. Everyone seemed to enjoy this occasion so much that the board decided to make it an annual event. We hope that our two annual events, Decoration Day in May, and Dinner on the Grounds in November will help us continue to rebuild a sense of community at Frankford.

## **Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol**

On Decoration Day weekend many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flowers on graves of loved ones. Some folks like to do a little gardening on their plots as well. With just one main access into the cemetery (the concrete drive in the middle) it is easy for vehicles to get wedged in between other vehicles and unable to exit the cemetery. To avoid this frustrating situation the board asks everyone decorating graves or visiting the cemetery during Decoration Day weekend to follow this protocol:

Park outside the cemetery if at all possible. If you must park on the drive in the middle of the cemetery—please, no more than two vehicles on the drive at a time. Be alert to the need to back out your vehicle if the person in front of you needs to leave.

\*\*\* Please, no vehicles on cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds.

## **Frankford Church Restoration Fund**

The Board has a fund for contributions toward the restoration of Frankford Church. The following people have contributed toward the fund since the last newsletter:

Martha Noell  
Larry and Jeanine Kuhlke

Frankford Cemetery Association has 501C 13 tax status as a non-profit cemetery association. Donations to the association are tax deductible and will be noted in future newsletters.

## **FCA Projects**

Plans to restore the church are underway. The board has hired a construction manager to make necessary repairs, being sensitive to the historical integrity of the church. Plans will be approved by the Texas Historical Commission to ensure that the church maintains its designation as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL). The actual work should start by this summer and end in December 2009. We know that many join in the excitement about breathing new life into our little prairie church, which we believe is a jewel.

## **FCA Website**

Plans are underway for a Frankford Cemetery Association website that will contain general information about the association, its history and upcoming plans. Future newsletters will be available on the website which will lower the cost of mailing newsletters to everyone in the association. We will be happy to continue to mail newsletters to those of you without computer access. Please notify Kathy Power or Patsy Sudden if you would like to continue to receive your newsletters by mail.

**NOMINATION FORM**

To: Nominating Committee  
FCA Board of Directors  
P. O. Box 831866  
Richardson, TX 75083

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate to fill  
a vacant seat on the Frankford Cemetery Association Board of Directors. The election is  
to take place on May 17, 2009 at the annual meeting of the Association.

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please return by April 20, 2009 to address above.