

# Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter

Second Edition – December 30, 2010

## Words From Our President

Members of the Board of Directors of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association (OSCA) are pleased to issue the Second Edition of the OSCA Newsletter. Many positive comments were made with the publication of the Inaugural Edition, June 5, 2010. We plan to use this means to keep you, the Association members, informed of the work, business, and plans of the Association.

In accordance with the By-laws, "There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Association held the third Sunday in July of each year." Traditionally, the annual meeting is called "Memorial Day at Old Saltillo." The 2010 Memorial Day was well attended and the cemetery was decorated with beautiful floral arrangements. Every grave in the cemetery had a floral arrangement placed there by either family members or by OSCA Directors. Flowers placed by Directors were purchased with the OSCA funds.

As she has for many years, Mrs. Jewel McAfee delivered a very meaningful memorial service to honor those who were interred in the cemetery since the previous Memorial Day. As she read a tribute to each individual, their family members in attendance stood in honor and remembrance of their loved one.



Each year, a speaker, singer, or group of musicians entertain those in attendance during a segment of the program. Each delivery or performance is delivered by members of the OSCA or friends/family of the membership. *Continued, Page 2...*

## Spotlight: Manuel Aguayo

For several years, the OSCA has been fortunate to have cemetery maintenance under the care of Manuel Aguayo and his family. Manuel performs mowing, weeding, removal of dead flowers and dirt leveling related to new graves, fire ant eradication,

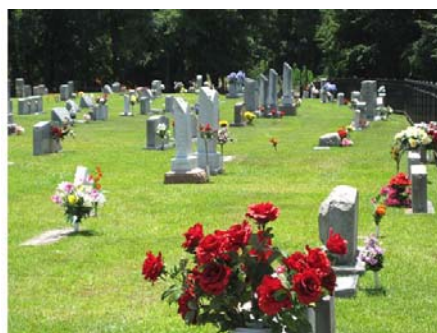
tree trimming, etc. Manuel deserves many plaudits for maintaining the beauty of our cemetery.

It is only fitting that members should become familiar with Manuel and his family, valuable assets to our loved one's sites.



Manuel Aguayo was born in Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico in 1958, oldest of six children; four sisters, and one brother. He has worked in the United States, off and on, since 14 years of age. At age 23, he met and married his wife, Maria, and they moved to Dade City, Florida. In 1982, they relocated to Saltillo, Texas where Manuel was employed many years for a dairy. Later they moved to Winnsboro where he and Maria own a home and acreage.

The couple has three children; a daughter, Maria; and two sons, Jose and Rodrigo. Educating their children was a top priority. Manuel is quick to tell you that he has only a first grade education and he was determined to see that his children received an education he was denied. All three children graduated from Winnsboro High School and received their Bachelors from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Maria and Jose continued their education and obtained their Masters in Management and Finance, respectively. Maria and Jose reside in Dallas and currently Maria is employed in the Strategy & Analytics department in an automotive servicing company and Jose is associated with a mortgage servicing company in the Finance division. Rodrigo is presently assisting his Dad in the landscaping business which Manuel, with the help of his wife and children, started approximately ten years ago.



In addition to the landscaping business, Manuel is also employed as a floor supervisor for USA Harness in Winnsboro. In the year 2000, Manuel and Maria became proud United States Citizens.

The Old Saltillo Cemetery is one of the most beautiful cemeteries in our area and we express our gratitude to Manuel and his family for their efforts and continued dedication.

*Connie McGill, Contributing Columnist*

## Thank You, Dr. Parnell

At the conclusion of his 2007 – 2010 term on the OSCA Board of Directors, Dr. Billy Joe Parnell withdrew his name from consideration for re-election, after many years of service. Of course, Dr. Parnell has served a much larger community as a medical doctor. Parnell graduated from Mount Vernon High School and completed his medical training at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He trained in Radiology at Parkland Hospital in Dallas and was affiliated with St. Paul Hospital in Dallas for over 30 years. He and his wife Tommie moved to Gilmer where they resided for seven years as he continued to practice medicine. Later, they moved to Winnsboro where they have resided for approximately 20 years. Dr. Parnell is highly respected by his peers and patients. His expertise and caring manner have proven to be of great contribution to so many. We are fortunate that he took time out of his busy schedule to share of his time, talents, and other resources.



On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Darwin and Connie McGill opened their home to OSCA Directors and spouses, for a spectacular meal and fellowship in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Parnell. Dr. Parnell was honored with a plaque commemorating his years of service, and Mrs. Parnell was presented a floral bouquet in appreciation of her own contributions.

*Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President*

## President's Words, continued...

This year, Tom and Becky Bennett (Darwin McGill's daughter), and Joe and Debbie Roe made up the Little Rock Bluegrass Band. Members of the Little Rock Bluegrass Band presented a wonderful selection of gospel music with the audience joining in on many of the renditions.



Lunch was served immediately after the program in a buffet manner with all eating utensils, plates, and iced tea provided by the OSCA. Those in attendance provided an abundance of delicious food. Some ate inside the air-conditioned Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center and others kept with tradition and ate outside under the beautiful oak trees in back of the church. (Again, thanks to the Agee family for their purchase and installation of the air-conditioning system in the WKMC.) Visiting preceded the meeting, continued at lunch, and lasted into the afternoon. Many of those in attendance at Memorial Day strolled through the cemetery.



We hope that you will plan to attend the 2011 OSCA Memorial Day, to be held at 10:30 a.m., July 17, in the Old Saltillo Church. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the traditions established over the years.

*Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President*

## Editor's Corner

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## Treasurer's Comments

As shared in our last publication, down-trending interest rates have adversely effected the OSCA's interest income, which has customarily served as the OSCA's primary source of income. OSCA investments have not seen lower rates of return in many years. However, thanks to the generosity of OSCA membership, the Newsletter readership and other friends of the Old Saltillo Cemetery, the OSCA has been blessed this year in the last six months of the year... able to meet all financial commitments.

The OSCA incurred no unforeseen or extraordinary expenses in 2010, and in curtailing non-essential expenditures, Directors remain steadfast in their fiscal responsibility to the OSCA. All cash assets are invested in FDIC insured instruments, namely checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit, with sound local financial institutions.

In memory and/or honor of your friends, family and loved ones, please consider a donation to the **Old Saltillo Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 123, Saltillo, TX 75478**. Donations are tax deductible.

As a reminder, a full accounting of the OSCA's annual revenues and expenditures is provided (both orally and in written form) during the OSCA's Annual Meeting (aka Memorial Day.)

*Ryan Agee, Treasurer*

## "Can I put this there?"

As referenced in the Inaugural Edition of our Newsletter, the Association publishes '**Rules and Regulations**', intended to provide current and relevant guidelines to Association members, interment officials and the general public who may enter upon the Cemetery grounds, in an effort to preserve the beauty and serenity of the cemetery grounds.

Copies of the revised Rules and Regulations are available upon request. Since the publication of the 2009 revised edition of the Rules and Regulations, the following statement has been added. "No lights or light fixtures of any kind (solar, electrical, etc.) shall be placed or otherwise installed in the cemetery. The right is reserved by the Cemetery Association to make such removal through the direction of the cemetery caretaker.

If you are unsure of the policies and procedures of the Cemetery, please ask a Member of the Board of Directors what the policy is that pertains to your question. No individual Board Member will act alone, so please give that director enough time to research the material, collaborate with the entire board, and get back to you in writing.

*Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President*

## Recent Interments

As of the date of publication, the following individuals have been laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery, since our last Association Newsletter:

Jo Ann Goswick, interred September 5, 2010

Duane J. Appleton, interred September 28, 2010

Nat Gibbs, interred September 30, 2010



## About Your Board of Directors

The Association was created and organized as a non-profit corporation chartered solely for the purpose of maintaining the graves of early settlers and those of our loved ones who are buried in the Old Saltillo Cemetery, and to preserve, erect and maintain such fences and walkways as may be necessary to such care; and to provide for burials under the direction of the association's officers and directors; and for the operations and upkeep of the cemetery grounds in a perpetual state of repair.

The OSCA shall have nine (9) Directors, serving alternating three-year terms. No Director acts independently in managing the OSCA's affairs and no Director receives monetary compensation for his/her services. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, Chris Skelly and Johnny McAfee were elected to serve three-year terms. The Board of Directors meets four times annually, on the third Saturday evenings of March, June, August, and November at 6:30 p.m. in Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center. Meetings are open to OSCA attendance and your participation is always welcome!

**Your OSCA Board of Directors is as follows:**

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President  
Darwin McGill, Vice-President  
Lou B Riley Daniel, Secretary  
Ryan Agee, Treasurer  
Kenneth Patrick, Caretaker  
Chris Dennis Skelly, Historian  
Louis Agee  
Barbara Conley Norris  
Johnny McAfee