

Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter

Sixth Edition – February 13, 2013

Words From Our President

At 10:30 a.m., the Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day program was called to order by Darwin McGill. Bobby Goswick led the congregation in an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Briley led congregational singing, accompanied by accomplished pianist, John Points. Darwin McGill recognized notable attendees, including Ina McGill Barnett, age 104, as the oldest person present.



(Mike Briley leads traditional gospel singing)

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo called the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association to order. An account of the four regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors (third Saturday evenings in March, June, August, and November) was delivered. Following is an abbreviated version of the topics presented as part of the 2012 annual report:

Business transactions performed during the 2011-2012 year focused primarily on the financial operations of the Association. There are two OSC cash accounts – the Working Fund and the Perpetual Care Fund. Money in the working fund can be used to pay expenses. No money from the Perpetual Care Fund is used to pay for any operating expenses. Perpetual Care Funds remain on deposit and only the interest is used to maintain the cemetery and make improvements.

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Spotlight: Memorial Day Program Available on DVD

The 2012 Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day Program, featuring a photo montage with recorded accompaniment from The Briley Quartet was very well received by those in attendance. As the congregation reconnected with familiar faces and voices from the past, attendees grew interested in purchasing copies of the program. The program was subsequently shown at the Greenwood Cemetery Memorial Day in August 2012 as well as the Saltillo Homecoming program in October 2012, and we continued to receive requests to purchase the DVD. In fact, publication of this edition of the Newsletter was postponed in order to research and respond to the overwhelming request, and we are now pleased to make the DVD available to you.

For a donation of \$15.00 or more, the OSCA will mail a copy of the 2012 Memorial Day Program to you (or a designee of your choosing), via regular mail. Delivery is anticipated to take approximately 2 weeks from the date of receipt of your request and donation. *The DVD's have been tested and will be functional in any DVD or Blue Ray player.* We hope you will enjoy the photos and music, over and over again. We also hope you will share the DVD with your family, evidencing the rich heritage of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day, and encourage them to attend future Memorial Day programs, beginning with the 2013 program at 10:30 AM, Sunday, July 21.

Please complete and detach the order form below, and mail it to the indicated address, with your donation. Net proceeds of the production will benefit the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Working Fund, which provides funding for the regular care and maintenance of the cemetery.

OSCA Board of Directors

Interments

Since last publication, the following individuals have been laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery:

Glenna Dean Knotts
interred November 3, 2012

Reta Nell Freeman
interred January 25, 2013

Treasurer's Comments

I believe anyone with a savings account or certificate of deposit... or anyone who has tuned into a financial news program or read a newspaper headline in recent months is aware of the record low interest rates available to "conservative investors" (a term which surely describes the Old Saltillo Cemetery) so I won't belabor the point.

Rather, I would like to recognize the family of Glenna Dean Knotts for identifying the Old Saltillo Cemetery as a suitable and preferred alternative to flowers following Glenna Dean's passing. Although I'm sure many who are reading this newsletter have made similar requests in the passing loved ones, in the years I've served as Treasurer, I cannot recall a greater response to the request. The display and support from friends and family is surely a tribute to Glenna Dean's life. The Association is grateful for the Knotts Family's consideration and support.

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

Ryan Agee, Treasurer

The Tom Briley Quartet 1949 - 1965



Don't forget to order your DVD of the 2012 Old Saltillo Memorial Day Program!

Words From Our President, Cont...

With interest being below one percent (1%) for the certificate of deposits, the expenditures essential for the care of the cemetery, Memorial Day Expenses, and other necessary operating expenses were approved by the Board. Interest received from the Perpetual Care Fund is sufficient to pay for only one-half of the labor costs necessary to keep the cemetery mowed and maintained in an excellent condition. Donations added to the interest from the Certificates of Deposit make up the Working Fund.

The Association contracts for the mowing, weed trimming, fire ant eradication, filling of graves, and flower maintenance which includes tidying/editing wind-blown flowers, and distributing dirt evenly around recent interment sites. To enhance the beauty of the Old Saltillo Cemetery, flowers were purchased this year to be placed at headstones of persons that do not have family and/or friends in this area. A small bouquet was placed at their markers the Friday prior to Memorial Day. If you bring your own floral arrangements and find a small OSCA-provided flower at your loved one's grave site, please move it to another grave in need.



(Ina Barnett McGill and Louis Agee pose for paparazzi)

With CPA oversight, all tax filings required of a 501(c)(3) organization were completed and remitted. Donations made to the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association may be tax exempt from Federal Income Tax. A donor may not, however, deduct a contribution made for the perpetual care of a particular lot or crypt. Meaning, reservation fees are not deductible, even though the reservation fees

are payable to a non-profit organization. Please seek guidance from a tax professional if you have questions about deductions to which you may be entitled.

Many of the monuments in the Cemetery are affected by mold and lichen. Since the monuments are considered personal property, no Old Saltillo Cemetery Association funds will be used for cleaning of monuments. It is the responsibility of each family to decide if and how they will remove mold or lichen from their monuments. Prior to cleaning a monument, individuals should perform thorough research, seek permission from the persons reserving a burial space or next of kin and/or obtain consensus among known relatives.

Burial spaces in the Old Saltillo Cemetery are not sold – no person receives a deed to the property when they reserve a burial space. Plots are reserved and duly recorded in the Association records, but they are not purchased. Reservations for interment of a space are used exclusively in a permanent fund for maintenance. There shall be no reserved space until the reservation price of \$750 is paid in full. The fee acknowledges the right of interment in reserved spaces of the Cemetery.

Rule 18 of the Rules and Regulations for the Old Saltillo Cemetery, Hopkins County, Texas states: "Markers and/or monuments will be made of granite, marble, bronze, or materials approved by the Board of Directors." Many of the gravesites in the cemetery do not have permanent stones. The small markers placed by the funeral homes last for a very short period of time. Anyone buried in the Old Saltillo Cemetery should have a permanent stone. As time passes, history is lost and with the present financial restraints, the Association is prohibited from erecting any permanent identification. If one of your loved ones does not have a marker/monument, the Association encourages you and/or your family to inquire about the feasibility of placing one at the site. There are several reputable monument companies in the Tri-County area which are familiar with the Old Saltillo Cemetery, and the guidelines for setting monuments in the cemetery.

Six names were added to the Veteran's Memorial in the Old Saltillo Cemetery in 2012, and over eighty American Flags were placed at veterans' gravesites prior to Veterans Day. New flags replaced any that

were faded or damaged. All flags were donated.

With deep regret, that it was announced that Darwin McGill had submitted a letter of resignation from the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Board of Directors. Darwin's hard work was recognized and an engraved plaque was presented to him at the Annual Meeting. Darwin and Connie McGill have given generously of their time and work to enhance the beauty and operations of the Old Saltillo Cemetery.



(Vivian Dennis-Monzingo honors Darwin McGill)

Following the business meeting, a truly meaningful program continued. Mrs. Jewel McAfee delivered a Memorial Program that eulogized each person buried in the Old Saltillo Cemetery during the past year. The congregation then enjoyed an outstanding photo montage, accompanied by recordings of the Tom Briley Quartet. *Additional details of the program contained elsewhere in this newsletter.*

As usual, a plentiful, delicious lunch was served in a buffet manner, immediately after the program, in the air conditioned Kirby Hall Memorial Center. We offer special thanks to the Harvey Funeral Home, which erected a tent to shade attendees as they greeted one another before the program. Even though the weather was hot on the third Sunday in July, every provision was made to ensure that everyone was comfortable and had a memorable day.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Dennis-Monzingo
President

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I have enclosed a \$.00 donation to the Old Saltillo Cemetery and wish to receive # DVD(s) of the 2012 Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day Program, featuring The Tom Briley Quartet.

Note: A minimum donation of \$15 per DVD is required.

Please mail my DVD(s) to the following address:

Full Name: _____
 Street Address or PO Box: _____
 Apartment Number (if applicable): _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____

Make checks payable to: **Old Saltillo Cemetery Association**
 Mail donation and request form to: **Ryan Agee, 3900 Vitruvian Way, #467, Addison, TX 75001**