

Woodlawn Word

Our initial newsletter last summer was nameless. We asked the readers to suggest names for our quarterly newsletter. We know that you were reading because several names were submitted. The Woodlawn Board voted, and the winning name is *Woodlawn Word*, submitted by Charles Beam. Congratulations to Charles and many thanks to all who participated.

Hello to all of our Woodlawn Families and Friends!

Fall is here and Winter at Woodlawn is not far behind. This is when we play catch-up! The years of 2020 and 2021 have been rough years for all of us. We have not had the Pruntytown inmates to help us with weedwacking. We hired a new mowing firm. It costs us \$1,700 every time that they mow. However, we do not need to use our equipment as much which saves on wear and tear and gasoline. This change scared us for a minute or two, but we are not afraid to make hard decisions at Woodlawn.

Our Board Members are wonderful and assist with all of our projects at this BUSY PLACE. We have welcomed two new Board members: Kim Cox and Sandra Vaughan. They are both anxious to jump in to help with projects. We had lots of exposure with our Newburg Monument Project and the open house at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Historian, Raymond Alvarez, held a book signing for his "Good Morning" book, which has sold like "Hot Cakes." We hosted a large group of Lifelong Learners and provided one of the sessions for Leadership Marion. The leader of Leadership Marion advised me that the group liked their Woodlawn visit the best!

The DAR ladies are using Woodlawn Manor for their monthly meetings. They love the Four-Square Historic Manor House.

Kudos to Charles Beam for his submission of the name "Woodlawn Word." Charles has been sent a "Good Morning" book and will be welcome to a free tour of the Manor House.

Woodlawn is making a name in the Friendly City! We are planning a Tea and Tour on Saturday, December 11, 2021. This will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and coordinate with the Feast of the Seven Fishes. See next page for more details.

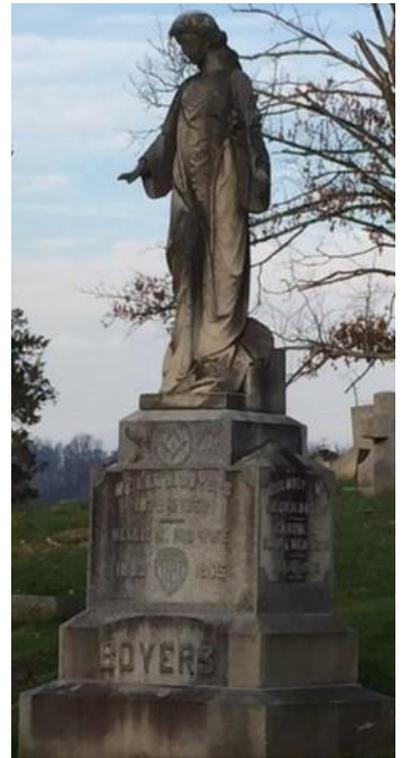
We are also planning to host the Marion County Commissioners for lunch at Woodlawn Manor. They have been very supportive of the restoration efforts here at Woodlawn and some are working to restore the Dr. Leroy Howard mansion located around the corner at 612 Madison Street. It's quite a challenge!

Our Fundraising Letter will be coming out soon! We are going to ask families to put their "Thinking Caps" on and come up with unique ways to support the cemetery. Perhaps families of a section could pool their money and take on a project, such as restoring the Abbey, paving a street, or anything else that the group would like to see accomplished. Pud and Patricia Reese took on the paving of Fleming Lane. We helped them get the contract and all the details. We are very grateful for their generosity. It takes all of us working together to continue our restoration of Woodlawn.

Stay Safe, Miss Nancy

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Woodlawn Projects

PAVING OF FLEMING LANE

Dr. Edgar B. Reese and Elizabeth Reese purchased a family cemetery plot in the 1930's. They are currently resting there with their son, Edgar Jr., who died of polio in 1936. Access to the Reese Family plot is from Fleming Lane in Section 3. Drs. Errol L. (Pud) and Patricia S. Reese have donated \$20,000 in the name of the Reese Family for the restoration of Fleming Lane. The Reese Family plans for future contributions to assist further needed improvements in Section 3. The Drs. Reese encourage all families to adopt projects of interest in other sections of the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery, a very valuable resource in Fairmont.



DAR MEMBERS PRESENT WREATHS AT NEWBURG MINE MONUMENT



Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR was named for the first permanent European settler in what is now the state of WV and was organized July 25, 1922. The organization's motto is "God, Home, and Country," and the mission is to "Promote Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism." The group honors Veterans' graves by cleaning stones and placing wreaths. They also send cards to Veterans, present pins to Vietnam Veterans and certificates to WWII Veterans. They recently presented Nancy Bickerstaff and Raymond Alvarez with an "Excellence in Historic Preservation Certificate" that honors individuals who have preserved local history including restoration of buildings, collections, monuments, and cemeteries. Regent Barbara Channell of Col. Morgan Morgan Chapter, NSDAR and Rudy Vincent of the George Rogers Clark Chapter SAR were honored to present wreaths at the Newburg Mine Disaster Monument Dedication at Woodlawn on September 3, 2021.

Winter at Woodlawn

A Heritage Tour and Tea

Saturday December 11th

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. ----- \$10.00 admission

Guided tours and tea at the Superintendent's House and Chapel. Visit the 'map room,' or explore the Abbey and Historic District. Woodlawn Cemetery is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Buses to run every 20 minutes from the "Feast of the 7 Fishes" or park at the Woodlawn Administration Office.

Join us and experience this historic memorial park!

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