

## *The Legacy*

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

April, 2013

### ***2012— Another Exciting Year***

Wayne and I and our spouses started back at the cemetery in January to finish the cupola for the top of the gazebo and to complete some renovations on the interior of the chapel. It wasn't until I started to scan all the pictures Wayne took last year that I actually remembered everything we had accomplished. No wonder we were tired when the last leaf was vacuumed in December.

It was another busy year but it was also a sad year for us all as we lost two of our founding Board members. Murray Davidson who had been a Trustee from soon after the Foundation was formed passed away in July . Murray would often stop in at the cemetery, was always smiling and so proud of the renovations that had taken place at the cemetery. He attended the Memorial Day events last year and was truly pleased to see all the Scouts and people that were there to help remember our veterans. Murray was a veteran of World War II having flown multi-engine aircraft as a pilot in the European Theatre. Murray was also no stranger to University Circle as he served as Director of Development for UCI from 1967-1987 which represents only a few of his many life time achievements.

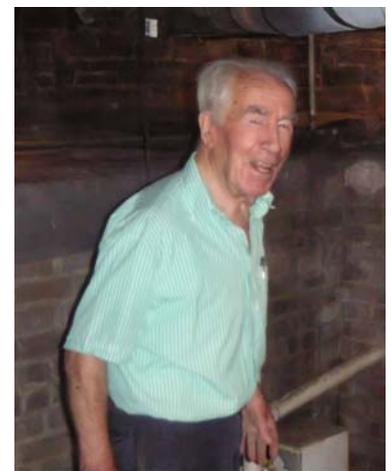


**Murray Davidson  
1922 to 2012**

Roy Harley or Dutch as we all knew him was one of the founding members of the Foundation along with Allen Ford and Bill Garrison. Dutch was one of the kindest and most modest individuals you could ever meet. Dutch passed away in January 2013 at the age of 98 and he was well into his 90's when he helped Wayne and his son stabilize the floor in the chapel. Dutch would stop over, drive through and just check on us to make certain we were on track and if we needed any guidance. As the President of Higley Construction for 18 years he was well versed in what we were trying to accomplish. His expertise in selecting companies to perform the work we needed was so very much appreciated.

We miss Murray and Dutch very much as they were always available with their advice based on their experiences and were always there with positive encouragement to keep us all moving forward, their contributions and devotion to the cemetery and Foundation will never be forgotten!

Regards ~ Nancy Adams



**Dutch Harley  
1914 to 2013**

# *The Gazebo*

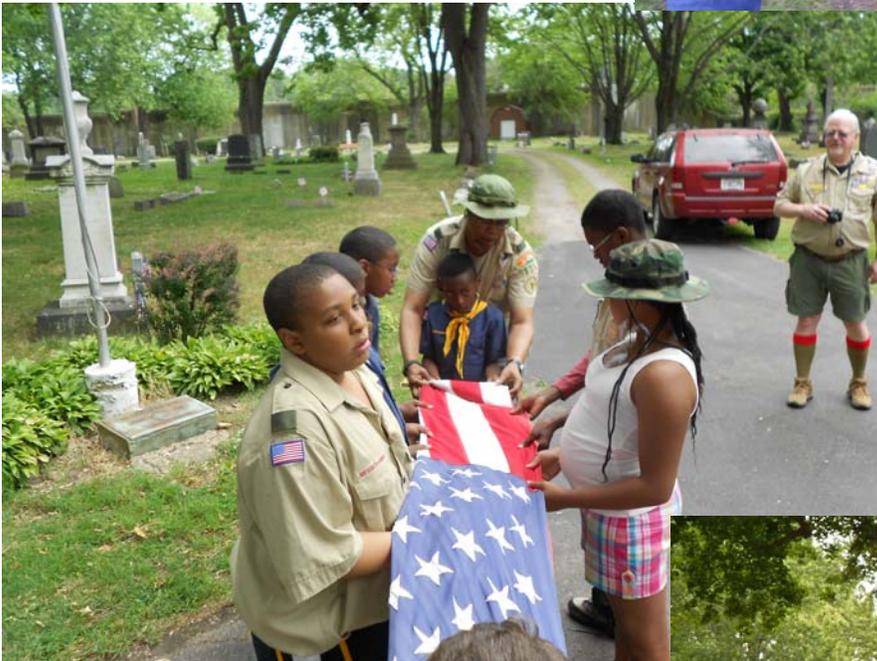
The cupola will be added to the top of the gazebo last Spring, the stairs were completed and a walkway with a flower bed of knock-off roses lead you up to the gazebo. Feel free to stop by, sit in the gazebo and relax whenever you are in the neighborhood!



# Memorial Day

The 8th annual Memorial Day event was held the Saturday before Memorial Day and we placed flags on each of the Veteran graves to remember their service to our country.

As part of that event a new flag was raised by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in attendance on the flag pole at the main entrance to the cemetery, and making certain the old flag is retired appropriately.



# Chapel Repairs

Before the weather got nice we completed some repairs in the chapel by repairing water damage to a wall, replacing some floor boards that had seen better days and adding cabinets to the office/kitchen area.



# *Grounds Maintenance Continues*

In addition to the normal mowing and trimming and despite the heat last summer we took out some tree stumps, added some gravel borders around the front garden area and spread 10 yards of mulch.



Hurricane Sandy paid us a visit and dropped the tree to the right. Amazingly enough the tree fell without damaging any of the headstones. It was really quite spectacular to see how the branches of this tree just missed the monuments by inches.



## *2012 Halloween Tour*

We held our 3rd annual Halloween Tour on Saturday, October 20th. A good time was had by all including Wayne Rhine and Nancy Adams who were the guides for the tours.



Santa made a cameo appearance at the Halloween tour.



You don't often see pictures of the Rhine family as Wayne is generally taking all the pictures. So we had this opportunity during the Halloween tour to get almost the whole family together .



People always ask us about whether or not we get visits from some of our permanent residents. The picture taken by the Edwards monument during one of the tours seems to suggest we had some visitors.



# *The Leaves Fell and the Scouts came to help!*

The Scouts helped us get started on the raking and piling of the leaves again this year. They helped so much that by the end of the first weekend in December and with a little help from the driver of the truck pulling the vacuum, Eric Gutzman, we were done for the year. Keep in mind we are talking just under 20 truckloads of leaves that are removed from the cemetery each year.



*Great Job  
Everyone!*

# Collaboration with the Sculpture Center

Back in 2005 Trustee Murray Davidson had a vision of a collaboration between the Sculpture Center and the Cemetery. We had several meetings at the time but the project never took hold as we had so many other tasks taking our attention at that time.

Nicholas Fennell the Cleveland Institute of Art student

who did his senior project at the cemetery took a position at the Sculpture Center after graduation and without knowing of Murray's previous vision reached out to us regarding a partnership for a series of events that will take place between September 13th through December 20th, 2013 that is called "Made in Mourning: Con-

temporary Memorial and Reliquary" along with a lecture series called the "Dirt on Death."

As we finalize the funding and dates for each event we will send out another mailing this summer as a number of the events will take place at the cemetery including an orchestra performance in the gazebo at the cemetery.

## *2012 Calendar of Events*

### **Memorial Day, Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 AM**

ECTCF will host our 9th annual tradition of placing flags on the graves of the 435 veterans in the cemetery. The activity begins at 10:00 AM and takes only a couple hours to complete. We invite those assisting to join us for hamburgers and hot dogs after we complete the placement of the flags. This time is used to remember and honor our veterans. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 216-536-7432 otherwise we look forward to seeing you again!

### **Halloween Tour, Saturday, October 26th**

ECTCF will host the 3rd annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 20th with tours starting at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM. The walking tour will begin at the cemetery chapel, please bring a flash light and dressing in costume is optional.

# *ECTCF—Memberships*

The on-going maintenance of the cemetery grounds including the office/chapel and gardens generates on-going expenses that include utilities, equipment maintenance, supplies, etc. None of the Board members are paid for the hours of work we put into the foundation/cemetery every year. We donate our time and resources.

We count on donations from the families of our permanent residents and others who enjoy the urban park we have created and those that participate in our tours. We are excited about our annual newsletter that lets us share with you everything that has occurred over the past year, however, there are costs associated with the newsletter as well. With a mailing of nearly 500 newsletters this cost is substantial. We want to continue to share our successes with you and are therefore initiating an annual membership to the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation that includes the receipt of the annual newsletter and continued notification of our annual events. We have several levels of membership:

**Individual**—\$25.00—Includes annual newsletter and advance notification of all events.

**Sustaining**—\$50.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events and helps to support the on-going preservation of this historical site.

**Patron**—\$75.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* .

**Lifetime**—\$250.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* along with a new updated *East Cleveland Township Cemetery* t-shirt.

Because of the Foundation's non-profit status (501(c)3) status your membership is tax-deductible and allows you to continue support to preserve the pioneer Victorian legacy for your children and grandchildren. Please utilize the enclosed form to submit your membership application.

We thank you for your on-going support of us and the East Cleveland Township Cemetery!

**Trustees/Officers**

Allen H. Ford  
Chairman  
Bracy E. Lewis  
President  
Nancy L. Adams  
Vice President & Secretary  
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Trustee  
Mark Derrickson  
Trustee  
Roy G. Harley, Deceased  
Trustee  
Marlin Wiley  
Trustee



*The mission of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is to provide educational and patriotic events for the community in an urban park setting that demonstrates the honor and respect due the early pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve.*

*The East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation's vision is to restore and maintain the East Cleveland Township Cemetery as a historic landmark, creating an urban park where the community can relax, reflect, and discover the historical significance of the area, and to build a solid financial foundation for its future.*

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## East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation 2013 Membership Application

### Information (please print or type)

Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

**Both the membership fees and donations are completely tax deductible.**

### Membership Levels

**Individual Membership - \$25.00**

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### Donations Greatly Appreciated

In addition to the membership fee any and all donations to continue to support the on-going work are greatly appreciated. Donation included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

Mail to: P.O. Box 1874, Cleveland, OH 44106-0074