

Coalition Courier

*"To build the future,
we do not have to destroy the past"*



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COALITION CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings

- Saturday, November 19, 2016
1:15-3:15 p.m.
Howard County Library
- Saturday, February 4, 2017
1:15-3:15 p.m.
Howard County Library

SAVE THE DATE:

Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting

April 29, 2017

St. James Episcopal Church &
Cemetery in Lothian, MD
(Anne Arundel County)

COMING SOON!!

**New, Updated,
Re-Designed Coalition
WEBSITE**

Watch for Launching

- Easy to navigate
- Great information for cemetery owners, advocates, neighbors, public officials, students, researchers, everyone...

*Photos in this issue by
Jack Carson and Diane Nesmeyer.*

Trader Foundation For Maryland Burial Sites Announces First Grant Application Cycle

The Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. was created to provide financial assistance for worthy cemetery projects in the State of Maryland. The Foundation's mission is to prevent further desecration of endangered historic Maryland cemeteries and to enable positive responses to emergency situations by awarding grants directly to qualified parties.

The Foundation honors James R. Trader, a man with deep roots on Maryland's Eastern Shore who documented hundreds of cemeteries in Wicomico and Worcester counties and passionately advocated strong legislation to dissuade vandals and protect cemeteries. He served as legislative chair and president of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites in the 1990s. In his will, Jim left a portion of his estate for the defense and preservation of Maryland cemeteries.

The Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites incorporated in 2015 and in 2016 was approved by the IRS as a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Its mission is carried out by volunteer Officers, Directors, and members of the Investment Committee. For further information or to request an application form, contact traderfoundationmd@gmail.com

The Trader Foundation invites applications for grants up to \$2,000. The project or program must benefit a specific burial ground in Maryland, and Trader funds must be matched by the grantee. Examples of eligible projects include rescue of an endangered site, gravestone conservation or restoration, documentation, protection of burial site from desecration by nature or by man, cemetery clean-up, and planning for restoration.

Submission Deadlines are January 1 and July 1 of each year.

To sustain this grant program and to supplement Jim Trader's generous bequest, the Foundation welcomes donations and bequests. Contributions to the Trader Foundation are tax deductible. Send donations to Dave Mills, Treasurer, 210 South Walnut Street, Milford, DE 19963-1958.



Family graveyard at Belmont

The Board met on JUNE 4, 2016, at Savage Library in Laurel, and on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**, at East Columbia Library in Columbia. Quorums and guests were present at both meetings. The Board appointed Jack Carson as Secretary for the 2016-18 term. Treasurer Dave Mills has transferred funds for the Trader Foundation to that organization's bank account. Draft minutes were approved and Treasurer's Reports accepted at both meetings.

Trader Foundation update: The new Foundation received approval from IRS for 501c3 status and is currently preparing to announce its existence and first grant application cycle. There will be a page for the Trader Foundation on the new Coalition website.

Coalition website: With input from the website committee, consultant Teresa Hopkins continues to design and update the new CPMBS website. A Heritage Fund grant was approved from Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust; this will match Coalition funds. Wordpress, Mail Chimp, and PayPal are being utilized. A test site has been

reviewed by Board members with an eye to launching the site before the end of the calendar year.

CPMBS Annual Meetings: A wrap-up discussion of the **2016 Meeting** at Belmont Historic Park in Howard County led to consensus that the meeting went very well. The group discussed several venues for **2017** and selected St. James Episcopal Church and Cemetery in Lothian, Anne Arundel County; Tina Simmons agreed to reserve a date at the end of April, and other individuals volunteered to serve on the planning committee.

2017 Maryland legislation: After hearing several suggestions for improving the situations of Maryland cemeteries, the Board agreed that it would be prudent to meet with other advocates to develop strategies and create partnerships.

Future Board Meetings: Next meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturdays November 19, 2016, and February 4, 2017, at a central Howard County location.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Carson, secretary

2016 Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting

The Coalition celebrated 25 years on April 30, 2016, in the Carriage House on the beautiful grounds of Belmont Manor in Elkridge. With lectures, networking, and a visit to two burial grounds, the day was educational, fun, and full of collegiality.

Continuing CPMBS traditions were a silent auction and good food.

The day began with a presentation on 300 years of Belmont history. After centuries of residential and institutional ownership, today Howard County welcomes the public here for events, weddings, picnics, and educational programs.

Michael Dixon, historian and author, traced the evolution of graveyards as well as changing practices in the Mid-Atlantic states. In another session, former Periwinkle Award recipients reflected on past cemetery projects and subsequent preservation experiences, followed by an



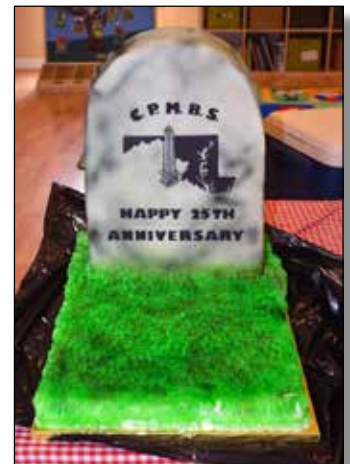
Open forum at annual conference

open forum and group discussion that covered a wide variety of topics.

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, colleagues and admirers honored Coalition founder Barbara Sieg. A relentless advocate for neglected and abandoned cemeteries, for decades Barbara has sparked interest and action in all corners of our state. She joined us at the meeting via video, and the group toasted our founder with stories, accolades, the gift of a garden angel sculpture, and a proclamation from Governor Larry Hogan.

At the business meeting we elected several new Directors and bade farewell to Gerhardt and Barbara Kraske, Ed Taylor, and Pat Warner. An initiative that will tilt the scales in favor of cemetery advocates was announced.

After lunch, we carved up the 25th anniversary cake in the shape of a tombstone. Fred Dorsey, president of Preservation Howard County, led a tour of the Belmont family cemetery and Billy Barton burial grounds. Attendees headed home with a CPMBS flash drive in a paper "casket," courtesy of Mosko Cemetery Services and Diane Nesmeyer.



A tombstone cake, of course!

Fall Cemetery Events in Howard, Carroll, and Montgomery Counties

- Sunday Volunteer Days at Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park on Washington Boulevard, in Elkridge, Howard County**
 Every Sunday (weather permitting) between 10:30 am and 2 pm.
 For more info:
www.rosabonheursociety.com
- Visitation Day at Holy Trinity Cemetery on Liberty Road in Eldersburg, Carroll County**
 Sunday, October 30, at 3 pm, sponsored by Friends of Holy Trinity Cemetery. Music, a visitor from the past, light refreshments.
 For more info:
www.oldtrinitycemetery.org
- Veterans Memorial dedication at Monocacy Cemetery, in Beallsville, Montgomery County**
 Saturday, November 5 at 12:00 Noon. All welcome.
 Donations toward the installation gratefully accepted at
<https://www.gofundme.com/2j742u6g>
 For more info:
www.monocacycemetery.com

Board of Directors and Officers of the Coalition

The Board of Directors meets quarterly. Scheduled meetings are posted on the Coalition's web site and announced in the Courier as publication schedules permit. The Annual Meeting and Conference is held in late April-early May each year. The meeting includes election of new officers and Board members, committee reports, speakers, and presentation of Periwinkle Awards. Conference sessions cover topics of interest to individuals and organizations dedicated to protecting and preserving cemeteries in Maryland. The event is open to the public.



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Questions?

Call Kristin Kraske, Membership 410-461-6313

Annual Membership Rates: New Renewal

Individual\$ 10
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 Organization\$ 20
 Household\$ 15

Can you help CPMBS to preserve Maryland cemeteries?
 Please list occupations / skills / interests.

