

# The Pioneers' Cemetery Association (PCA) Mission Statement

*To conserve and protect the historic physical remains, grave markers, artifacts, and buildings of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park and provide a safe, accessible community resource for present and future generations;*

*To acknowledge, celebrate, and promote Arizona's Pioneer History, represented by those interred in Arizona historic cemeteries, through research, education, conservation, and community engagement.*

The present PCA organization is a non-profit IRS 501(c)3 incorporated in 1983, reusing the name of an earlier organization formed in the 1930s. Their research is the basis for the present PCA.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

The PCA offers guided tours of the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park (P&MMP) cemeteries and the Historic 1897 Smurthwaite House for school groups, senior centers, community groups, and the general public. In addition, PCA volunteers meet with descendants, and Historic Cemeteries to assist with research projects. The PCA Research Library is open as a resource tool for historic cemeteries and early Arizona Pioneers.

## PUBLICATIONS

For many years PCA has researched historical documents and has compiled a list of burials for the historic cemeteries of P&MMP dating from 1884 -1914.

## EVENTS

**Open House** – PCA will host the following themed events during 2017:

- 1/28/17 – “Victorian Valentine” making
- 2/25/17 – “Blarney Stones” featuring an Irish Wake and a look at Irish Grave Markers.
- 3/25/17 – “Wild, Wild West” starring Sheriffs, Lawmen, Cowboys, Arizona Rangers, and the Bad Men of Arizona.
- 4/22/17 – “Bee-tiful Flowers” hand decorated wildflower seed packets and refreshments in the Avenue of Flags.
- 5/29/17 – Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. Representatives from historic organizations in historic dress, Victorian Funeral in the Smurthwaite House, guided tours of the P&MMP cemetery and light refreshments.
- 7/22/17 – Members Ice Cream Social.
- 9/23/17 – Victorian Doll painting fundraiser (2<sup>nd</sup> annual).
- 10/28/17 – October Fest. Sauerkraut & Brats plus Polka Music in the Cemetery.

- 11/18/17 – Jacob Waltz Days. Hear the legend of the infamous “Lost Dutchman” and his legendary Gold Mine.
- 12/9/17 – Holiday Party and Membership Drive.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Free access to research materials of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park (P&MMP)
- Attendance at monthly Board and Membership meetings
- Free attendance at Open House events
- Free walking tour guide and map of P&MMP
- Free tour of the historic 1897 Smurthwaite House
- Quarterly electronic newsletter – “Rest In Peace (RIP)”
- The opportunity to acknowledge and support Arizona history

## Location and hours:

*1317 West Jefferson Street  
Phoenix AZ*

*The Smurthwaite House and P&MMP cemetery is open every Thursday from 10AM-2PM with tours available.*

## Contact Information:

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Phoenix AZ 85067*

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*Facebook: Pioneers' Cemetery Association*

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

New Member                       Renewal

Name(s):

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Address:

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City:

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Categories:**

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Organization \$50
- Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:  
Pioneers' Cemetery Association, Inc.**

**Mail to:  
PO Box 33192  
Phoenix AZ 85067**

*Memberships are for one calendar year and date from January 1 through December 31. Membership dues are deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

**I AM INTERESTED IN BEING A VOLUNTEER FOR PCA**

- Cemetery Tour Guide
- Smurthwaite House Docent
- Gift Shop
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Researcher
- Reenactor
- Record Keeping Assistance
- Grounds Beautification
- Fundraising
- Special Event Volunteer
- Grave Marker repair/restoration
- Publicity & Marketing
- Graphic Artist & Designer
- Grant Writing
- Newsletter Contributor
- Other

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