



# FRIENDS of EAST UNION CEMETERY

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“Restoring and Preserving our cemetery and its history for future generations”



**SOME PEOPLE STILL DO!** The day we have worked and waited for has finally arrived. East Union Cemetery Association is completely back in business. On October 16, we were asked to appear in Superior Court, and the Endowment Fund was restored to the care of the cemetery. Our current board has been working on both getting a license and regaining control of the Endowment Fund for the last five years. It is most gratifying—and exciting—to have the state and the court acknowledge our efforts to restore the cemetery to a healthy operating status.



### Shout it from the rooftops!

Our historic cemetery is ready to serve our community with 700 full plots and several thousand cremation spaces.

The cemetery office is open from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Special appointments may be made by calling the office at 209-823-8533. If you have an existing pre-need, we encourage you to stop by during business hours with your documentation to ensure our records are up to date.



**SUPERIOR COURT APPEARANCE**

Pictured left to right: East Union Cemetery representatives; Leon Sucht, Steven Stroud, Gloria Stanley and Janet Fiore California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau representatives David Edwards and Mona Mathews.

### **What is an endowment care fund?**

A cemetery **endowment care** trust **fund** is designed to ensure that income will always be available for the continued maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery, even when all the interment spaces are sold. **At NO time is the principal allowed to be withdrawn.** The interest, however, may be used for the maintenance and embellishment of the cemetery grounds.

**Become A  
Member**

One of the ways you can support the effort to restore our historical cemetery is by becoming a “**FRIEND**” of **East Union Cemetery.**

If you are already a “FRIEND” we encourage you to renew your membership. Membership year begins in January and ends in December.

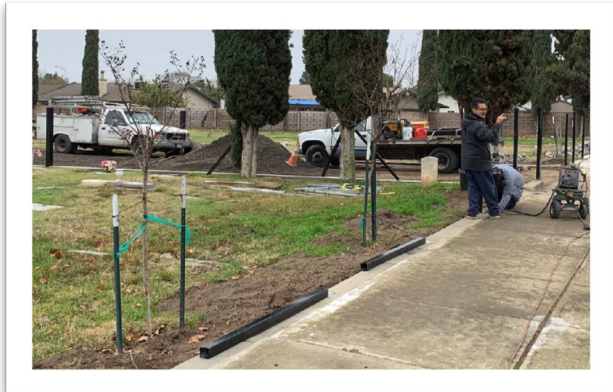
# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES!

**MANY THANKS  
TO  
TSUNEKO & L.P. LEONARD  
FAMILY**

We wrapped up the installation of the new wrought-iron fence and the new asphalt road-paving that began in 2018. Both of these huge and beautiful projects were made possible by a tremendous gift from the Tsuneko and L.P. Leonard Family—their generosity provided a beautification of the cemetery which will last for many years.



Starting to roll out the hot asphalt, near the recently re-furbished pump house, which was the work of Eagle Scout Joshua Taylor and family.



The old

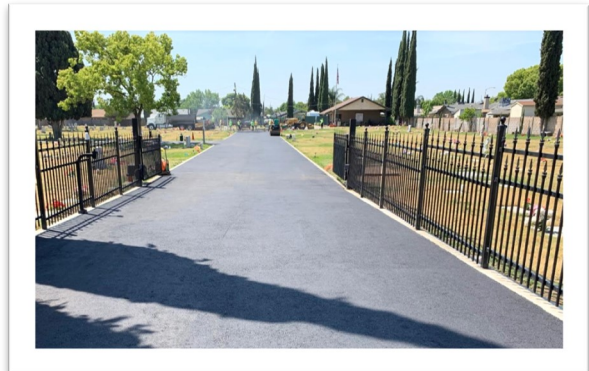
chain link fence was removed, and cement work was being installed to prepare for the new fence posts.



Finishing touches on the newly-laid road!



Old archway with new fencing! Henrietta Reynolds, who spearheaded the fundraiser to put in the arch in 1920, would be so pleased to see it still standing by this beautiful new fence.



Almost completed entry gates at the Louise Avenue entrance, and the beautiful asphalt lane.

It was a bit muddy and dusty for a few months—back to pioneer days!





Memorial Day is always an important event here at EUCA, as we honor the 460+ veterans who are interred on these sacred grounds.

Both of our fine veteran's groups—the McFall-Grisham Post No. 249 of the American Legion, and the Jimmie Connors Post 6311, VFW—honored the veterans who died in the service of our country, and were joined by other members of our community this past Memorial Day.



Sequoia Heights Baptist Troop #423 respectfully placed flags for us, as they have done for many years—we really appreciate the service this troop gives the cemetery on a regular basis.

Scouts young and old honored each veteran with a flag, an announcement of their name, and a salute.



The Manteca Boys & Girls Club has a Hall of Fame celebration annually to recognize community service. 2019 our own volunteers; Janet Fiore, Janice Zacharias and Gloria Stanley represented East Union Cemetery as new inductees.



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Dinner

April 18, 2020

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available at the cemetery office



## PIONEER DINNER FUNDRAISER

Each year the city allows a few non-profit groups to sell fireworks each 4th of July, and we were able to participate this year.



Pictured above: Jerry Metzler, Victoria Estrada, Bill Stanley, Gloria Stanley and Janice Zacharias—some of the volunteers who helped staff our booth. Rocky Wilson, was part of the great set-up/take-down crew who filled the shelves with fireworks every morning and packed them away securely every night.

Recently we had our 4th Annual Pioneer Dinner, held again in September at the Manteca Senior Center. This was a sold-out event, all 250 tickets. We ate a very tasty menu of delicious pork and chicken, excellent scalloped potatoes, and assorted spring vegetables prepared by Mark Angelo.

This year we not only had raffle baskets to auction, we also offered some mouth watering desserts. Steve DeBrum graciously worked his auctioneering magic...one lucky winner going home with a plate of \$250.00 caramel covered turtle brownies.

All profits made from this event go toward the care and maintenance of our lovely old cemetery.

There are so many volunteers and supporters to thank for the success of this event. Just know that the improvements made at our historic cemetery is because of YOU.



Pictured: Janet Fiore, Gloria Stanley and Janice Zacharias holding the centennial sign.

In September, the City of Manteca held a ceremony to commemorate the 100 year founding of Manteca. They had a short ceremony showcasing items to be encased in a time capsule, which will be buried out by the 1920 arch and hopefully opened in 2118!



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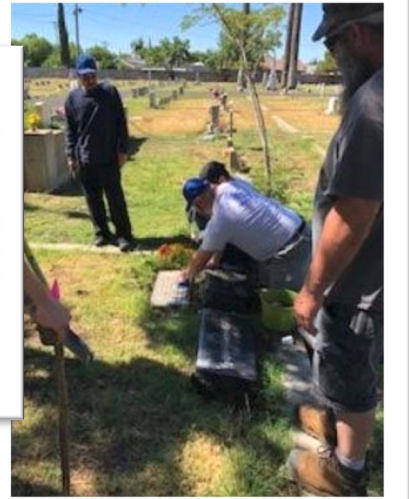
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Service and volunteering are big themes at our little Pioneer cemetery, and there have been many people all year who have come by to help us out.

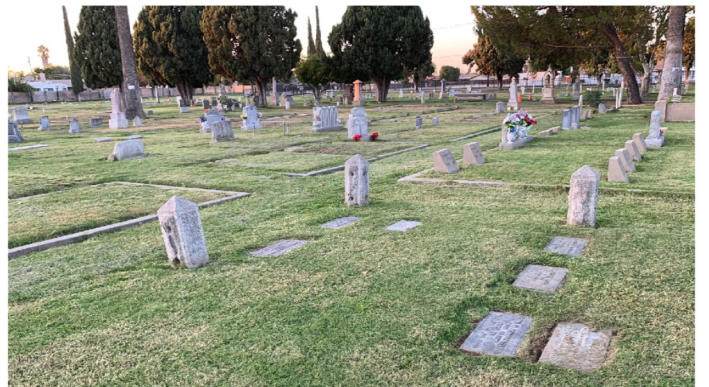


MASONS TRYAN LODGE NO. 439

About 100 youth and leaders from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came out in two shifts early in November to weed, lift and reposition markers, and trim around markers and borders. Such a great way to turn the hearts of today's youth to their ancestors.

A Big  
**THANK YOU!**

At the end of the work day our historic cemetery looked beautiful!!



# “FRIENDS OF EAST UNION CEMETERY”

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HISTORICAL  
CEMETERY

If you have any questions please feel free to drop by the cemetery office Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or call (209) 823-8533.

The “Friends of East Union Cemetery” is operated and maintained through generous memberships and gifts to benefit the care and maintenance of the all-volunteer historical East Union Cemetery.

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## 2020

### January—December

Please make checks payable to “Friends of East Union Cemetery”

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# WANTED

**All able-bodied men!**

East Union Cemetery is looking for volunteers willing to assist once or twice a month preparing graves for burials.

## What kind of work?

Setting up/tearing down chairs & pop-ups  
Moving equipment from one place to another  
Light Shoveling

If you have that volunteer spirit and wish to be added to the "CALL LIST" please leave a message cemetery at (209) 823-8533. We will return your call.



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