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President's Column

With school back in session and fall around the corner, it's the time for regrouping and recharging for the New Year. Your staff and board at Linwood have been doing just that, making plans to continue our important initiatives and enhance our membership activities.

As Linda and LeeAnne settle into their second year in our beautifully restored Gatehouse offices, their supervision of our restoration activities continues full steam ahead. Our full-time team of masons is working on brick walls and tombs, and our national-level experts are planning a return trip to Columbus early next spring for continued work on precious stones and ironwork, some of which have been recognized as among the finest in this region of the country.

We have also established a new Research and Publications Committee, which Past President Mary Jane Galer has agreed to chair. It is not too soon to begin planning for a first-class publication about Linwood Cemetery, and Mary Jane and her committee will be doing just that.

In the meantime, new board member Mimi Childs has taken on the¹chairmanship of our Fall Ramble with great enthusiasm. Mark your calendars now for October 22nd, and prepare for an evening of fun and adventure as we learn about the ladies of Wynnton, in story and song, at their gravesites, followed by food and refreshment served by torchlight.

Looking further into the year, Nancy Reaves is chairing our second annual Victorian Christmas celebration this December, and Tom Crymes will continue to supervise the improvement and beautification of the Linwood grounds as chairman of our Grounds Committee. Scott Boyce is spearheading a new membership drive, Lea Dowd is working to continue and expand our publicity, and board chairman Warren Foley is working diligently with John Holt and Frank Lumpkin to complete our capital campaign, which is already over halfway to its goal.

Stop by the Gatehouse to see our growing collection of historic photographs relating to Linwood, ask a friend or relative to join our Foundation and support our work, and get ready for a fun Ramble in October. It's going to be a great year!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"2002 Fall Ramble"

Evening of October 22nd

Watch your mailbox for more details

Executive Director

The Summer has been quite busy for us at HLF. The Association for Grave-stone Studies Conference in Savannah was very informative. Besides touring cemeteries in Savannah, there was a day trip to Charleston. We visited several of the downtown cemeteries and then went to Magnolia, Charleston's rural garden cemetery. In Savannah, we worked in Laurel Grove South resetting and cleaning tombstones. A lantern tour of Laurel Grove Cemetery was very entertaining. I appreciate so much being able to attend these conferences. Besides learning things that will help me and Linwood, it is great to be with other "cemetery nuts." Board member Helen Horwitz attended with me and we took some time to do a trolley tour of Savannah. The highlight of the Conference for us both was the tour of Colonial Park Cemetery.

In July, the team of David Via and Diane Oliver were here evaluating the condition of the stored iron fencing and the feasibility of replacing it. Preliminary findings seem to be that a lot of the fencing can be saved. We are awaiting a report from the Strangstad company on the findings. A form also was designed for us to do a fence survey which has already begun.

We have received approval from Board of Historic and Architectural Review to place a temporary storage building on the cemetery grounds. This will be used to store mortar mix and tools.

Five Columbus High School students worked this summer in Linwood for their community service projects. Each student gave us 20 hours of his or her time surveying lots in the old cemetery. We are also ready to begin surveying outside the old section. Now that the weather will begin to cool off, I hope more people will volunteer to help us with this tremendous task.

