

Gifts Given to the Community

The first contributions received by the Memorial Fund were used to purchase a Resusci-Annie and film on C.P.R. training (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). That was in April 1978. In the next twelve months, Hawthorne security personnel trained seven classes of twenty persons each in CPR. Of course, that was before the age of defibrillators. We have come a long way!

Another early expenditure was the Memorial Fountain to honor all deceased residents. The concept was excellent, but a number of problems developed. The pump was too small and the layout insufficient. Amos Henley, Colonial-Penn General Manager came to the rescue with the needed funds. Major design changes improved the appearance and function of the fountain. As we composed this up-dated history of the Memorial Fund, a revitalization of this fountain located at the entrance to our community was being planned. That project was completed in 2011 under the guidance of Pete Peterson.



The Memorial Fund donated the money for the two automatic doors in the Clubhouse. The first was to assist our handicapped with access to the building. The second, installed in 2000, was to assist our maintenance personnel with moving tables and chairs between the storage area and the Clubhouse.

For a list of the items furnished to Hawthorne by the Memorial Fund, visit our current website at www.hawthornememorialfund.com.

The policy of our organization is to use the donations for the betterment of our community. We maintain the Garden of Memories and annually donate between \$2,000 and \$2,500 to HRCA toward the flower displays at the entrance to Hawthorne.



In 1982, our Memorial Fund established a Scholarship Fund at Lake Sumter Community College in the name of our community. With additional donations, this fund has grown to a current principal of \$33,142. Scholarships are awarded annually to nursing students at LSCC. The fund will allow for over \$3,000 in awards each year.

As we look toward the future, the Memorial Board is exploring various enhancements to our facilities and the development of the Hawthorne common grounds in the area west of the Palatlahaha River. We hope to continue to help fund the projects that help improve the quality of Hawthorne living.