

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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THE NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe two months have already come and gone in 2015. On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff I'd like to wish you all the best in this new year!

The past year went by quickly, and 2014 saw many projects completed here at the cemetery. Thank you all for your generosity and continued support; most of what we do just wouldn't happen without it, and we can all be proud of just how good the cemetery is looking.

The Board met in early January to review last year's activity and set our operating budget and plans for this year.

We are adding a new “Gateway” Columbarium this year, (at the front of the cemetery), and completing the work around the new “Lakeshore” Columbarium (south side of the cemetery), installed last year.

We are also in the process of renovating the interior of the administration building. The building was originally constructed in 1986, and the Board felt that now was the time to address a number of issues that were becoming apparent with the building, and we look forward to this project being completed in April. Please feel free to come in and see the completed job at the end of April, or any time after that.

It doesn't seem possible that I joined the Board in 1997, but that's when I first sat down at the table, and how the cemetery has grown, changed a little, and evolved over the years. Some of the people who sat at the table are no longer with us; some are resting in the grounds, while others have moved on to other things. It's been my pleasure to serve with so many wonderful people, and when I think of what I have learned I know that I take away so much more than what I have given; I have learned a lot. I've decided that I will be leaving the board this year, my term is coming to an end, and it's time for me to step aside.

The Board I leave is a strong one; people with both open minds and set opinions; but team players one and all, sharing a common bond to make St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery all that it should be. My interest in the cemetery won't diminish; but it's time for someone new to come to the table; and when they do they will be joining a Board that knows how to look after the cemetery, and respect the heritage that they have inherited from all of the other boards that have gone before.

I'm proud to have been able to serve and thanks to all for the advice, support and ideas that were brought to me over the years.

Sincerely, Steve Ostler - Chairman



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**If you are interested in joining the Board,
please contact the Administrator for
more information.**

**General enquires may be directed to the
Administrator**

April 1st to October 31st - Monday to Thursday -
9:30 am. - 4:30 pm. and Friday - 9:30 am. - 4 pm.

Off-Season

November 1st to March 31st - Monday to Thursday -
10:30 am. - 3 pm. and Friday - 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm.



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

by Bonnie Ross

Amid Winter's cold menacing chill, I am witnessing a rush of God's little creatures busily feasting themselves at the bird feeder outside my office window. Perhaps this is a sign of Spring not too far away. As surely as a new season will arrive, business at the Cemetery will once again commence and

with it the usual maintenance and special projects the Board of Directors have planned for this year.

With cremation continuing to be on an upward trend in the death care industry, we are endeavoring to meet the growing demand with the addition of a new Gateway Columbarium this year. It has been several years since the first columbarium was installed in the northwest section of the cemetery, so this addition will help to solidify the master plan for this area. We expect installation to take place in late May. It will once again be an east and west configuration with two rows on each wall. If you know of anyone who would be interested in purchasing interment rights in this new columbarium, or in our new Lakeshore Columbarium, they may contact me at any time and I would be most happy to go over the details with them.

We are also planning on Memorial Trees being planted along the Lakeshore Columbaria area this year for anyone who may be interested in this type of memorialization. As well, a lovely Memorial Bench is still a practical and beautiful option.

As with any building, repairs and renovations are ultimately needed at some point in time. I have been listening to the drum and hum of hammers and saws busy at work for the past two weeks now. I am looking forward to these much-needed upgrades to be completed for our Annual Lot & Niche Holders Meeting in April. When out and about this spring, please drop in and see our lovely new office. A big thank-you to our groundskeeper for taking on this all-important task.

We are pleased that you continue to support your cemetery and remember your loved ones by your generous donations for which an income tax receipt is issued. Your donations also help us to keep you, the Rights Holders and families, up-to-date on the happenings in the cemetery over the past year and what is being planned for the year ahead. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, either by mail or email, please let me know. As well, The Newsletter is added to our Website each year. Previous year's issues can also be viewed online in our Website. If you would prefer to have your copy of the Newsletter emailed to you as opposed to hand-mailing, kindly send me an email and I will add your name to the list.

With our Annual Meeting fast approaching, perhaps you have been thinking about joining our Board. If interested, kindly contact the office to obtain more information and a Bio Guideline to complete and submit by the deadline date of Monday, March 16, 2015.

Just a friendly reminder for those of you who have ordered porcelain pictures in the past, I am still holding the original pictures in the office for you to pick up.

I look forward to seeing one and all at our Memorial Service this year. Winter will soon be over and flowers and trees will once again be in full bloom for everyone to enjoy in our beautiful park-like Cemetery!

AS LONG AS YOU LIVE AND REMEMBER - YOUR LOVED ONE LIVES IN YOUR HEART!

*May tender memories soften your grief,
May fond recollection bring you relief,
And may you find comfort and peace in the thought
Of the joy that knowing your loved one brought -
For time and space can never divide
Or keep your loved one from your side
When memory paints in colors true
The happy hours that belonged to you.*

- Helen Steiner Rice

2014 INTERMENT SUMMARY

Caskets	38
Urn Burials	38
Niche Interments	<u>47</u>
TOTAL	123
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IN MEMORIAM - 2014

by Date of Interment

**April
May**

Hickey, Addie Eileen
Carnegie, John Luke
Lacelle, Gilles
Hunter, Gertrude
Morrison, Dorothy Elaine
Morrison, Clifford Elroy
Monch, Jane
Cater, Marie
Horvath, Bela
Bender, Gower Adrian
Campbell, Lawrence Joseph
Toltesi, Madeline
Mattice, Hugh James
Grant, Donald Earl
Mitton, Frederick Alfred
Ainslie, William Ferguson
Girard, Ewen
Beattie, Jean
Ruest, Joseph Jean Henri
Wilson, Marie Estelle Claire
Sokolow, Jana
Sheets, Gladys Mildred
Rose, Jean
McArthur, Ronald Albert
Robertson, Douglas John
Prieur, Cecile Harold
Baker, Ruth
Surgeson, Bernadette
Pinger, Hilda
Adams, Blanche
Willard, Eileen Phyllis
Saklas, Dimitrios
Hart, Leonard Walter
Campeau, Hubert J.A. Jr.
Larone, Janice Patricia
Brunet, Florence
McLaren, Constance Elsie
MacDonald, Lawrence
Devitt, George
Briere, Rose
Smith, Mona Iris
Lauzon, Rose Alma Lea
Alguire, Lillian Irene
Mulhern, George Boyd
Lajoie, Ruth
Downing, Olive Veronica
Downing, Gabriel Anthony
Hiscock, Arlene Anne
Babcock, Randy
Edwards, Lena Bessie
Coleman, Patricia Christena
Hiebert, Elizebeth Ann
McLellan, Colleen June
Gosselin, Maurice Peter
Eastop, Donald
Crites, Leslie
Fraser, James Barry
Marshall, Myrna Mary
Hickey, John Burt
Wickens, Arnold J. (Barney)
Jones, Reggie

June

July

Marzano, Giuseppe
Smith, June Lavina
Hansen, Kirsten Kamilla
Derry, Donald Wesley
Tyo, Doreen Yvonne
Nurse, Alfred Edward
Crowder, Ruth
Warner, John (Jack) Leonard
Roy, Peter John Victor
Murphy, Archie Harold
Murphy, Gay

August

Rudolph George Alexander
Oleksiuk, Raymond Walter
McMullen, Carolyn
Gudelis, Jonas
Fry, A.J.E. (Jack)
Stimpson, Leonard Alfred
Morglan, Janet
Brown, Marjorie
Daye, Faye Joyce
Moss, Iris Mary
Leger, Marcelle
Davis, Ina Isabelle
Deppe, Frederick
Deppe, Jutta Ruth Lotte
Bodie, Roland George
Boltz, Donald

September

Reid-Desrosiers, Suzanne L.
Ransom, Reta
Atchison, Robert Joseph
Crites, Brian Robert
McLeod, Margaret
LeBlanc, Laura Gertrude
Gemmell, Gloria
Crawford, Janet
Heath, Margaret Eleanor
Germain, Lionel Hector
Armstrong, Shirley J.
Boyd, Stuart M.
Bixbee, Ronald Charles

October

Prieur, Wildred
Raymond, Leonard
Wilson, Dorothy
Forbes, James Wallace
O'Neill, Patrick Michael
Mullen, James Russell
MacPherson, Gerald
Jeurond, John Brent
Manson, Lyall Gordon
Taylor, Sharron Fern
Foster, Stephen Stanley
Foster, Robert James
Fournier, Verna Mary
Roderick, Lawrence Cecil

November

Savard, Wayne
Seguin, Roger
deMoor, Pieter
Price, Mary Leonia

December

Whitford, Irene Gladys
Rose, Maurice
Blakely, Barry Hough
Van Egmond, Norma Adalene

KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The annual
LOT & NICHE HOLDERS' MEETING
will be held on
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
in the Administration Building.

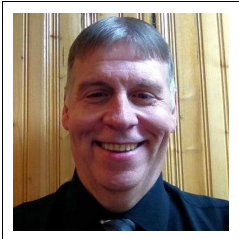
All Rights Holders' are welcome to attend. The meeting will be comprised of Committee Reports, motion to appoint Auditors, passing of the General Operating By-laws and election of the Board of Directors for 2015.

THE ANNUAL
MEMORIAL SERVICE
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015 @ 2:00 PM
ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS.
(PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR)

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE
DR. SALLY GRANT
RETIRED PSYCHOLOGIST OF ADULTS,
CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN SD&G

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*PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR A
SPECIAL TIME OF REMEMBRANCE!*



PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

by **Scott Sayers**
Committee Chairman

At our recent budget meeting, the Board of Directors approved plans for the Promotion Committee to increase visibility of certain areas within the cemetery and, in particular, new signs for the Gateway Columbarium and Sunset Cremation Garden areas. As well, the Promotion Committee met this year to discuss other ways in promoting the cemetery. We are certainly fortunate to have such a beautiful location and natural surroundings on Lake St. Lawrence making our job that much easier.

Our annual promotional event, the Memorial Service, was discussed at some length this past year to ensure that it continues to meet all expectations of our Rights Holders and visitors alike. This year, we are very pleased to have as our speaker, Dr. Sally Grant. Dr. Grant is a Rights Holder of the cemetery and is a specialist in many areas including bereavement. We look forward to hearing her message and trust you will find the service to be both inspirational and hopeful.

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Please plan and join us for refreshments after the service where you will have a chance to meet Dr. Grant and the Board of Directors for 2015!



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by **Connie Winters**,
Committee Chairman

2015 will be another busy year at the Cemetery. We will be completing projects started last year and we have a number of new projects planned for this year.

Last Spring, we took delivery of our new larger backhoe which has enabled us to complete burials and foundation installations in less time thereby leaving more time to do those endless jobs to keep your cemetery beautiful.

This Spring, we will purchase an RTV utility vehicle which will be able to save some hours on the backhoe and make the job of flower bed work and picking up garbage and limbs around the cemetery much easier. It will also allow the Administrator to use it to show prospective Rights Holders the grounds.

The new Lakeshore Columbarium was installed in August and this Spring we will have the new ramp and paver walk installed. Also this Spring, we will install a new Gateway Columbarium. In April, if you drive by, you will see the foundation being constructed to the northwest of the Administration building. The new columbarium will arrive in late May or early June and should be all completed before the Memorial Service.

Again this year, we will do 10 or 12 foundations in our foundation restoration program. We have made some progress in cutting the weeds along the shoreline to enhance the beauty of the cemetery and make for a nicer river view. We will continue this work starting in the Spring.

We are in the process of doing a major renovation to the inside of the Administration building which was built in 1986. New windows and doors will be installed as well as new insulation, air conditioning, lighting, flooring, new gyprock and painting. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at the change when you are at the Memorial Service this year.

The Maintenance Committee wishes to ask for your continued patience and understanding while we complete these projects. Thank you for making your Cemetery a wonderful place of peace and remembrance!

SERVICES, MEMORIALS AND PROGRAMS

4' x 10' in-ground burial lots for caskets and urns / 3' x 4' in-ground cremation lots for one or two urns
Columbaria niches for one or two urns

Solid bronze vases, emblems and porcelain pictures / Completion inscription service

Winter Vault Committal / Pre-Need Planning Services

Flat bronze or granite markers with or without a vase

Memorial Tree and Bench Programs / Genealogical Research Assistance / Annual Newsletter and Memorial Service

One-time Care & Maintenance fee on lots, niches and foundations

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