



# ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY CEMETERY

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*“An Historical Cemetery  
Where Peaceful Waters Flow”*

*A member of the OACFP (Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals)*

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## THE NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year we are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery! The Cemetery and I have something in common as I will be celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> as well. 60 years of independent growth and stability are really something to celebrate. I have now been with the Board over 25 years in many different capacities and roles. Over the years, a lot has been accomplished and I feel privileged to be able to share these accomplishments with you. In 1957, the flooding of 18 villages took place to make way for the St. Lawrence Seaway project. Ontario Hydro had quite an undertaking moving 15 village cemeteries to our present location, 32 acres of which have been cleared and established and another 40 acres of bush land to the west for future development.



The cemetery has been on it's own ever since. To summarize our accomplishments, the following growth took place and projects have been completed -

- 8,215 interments (both in-ground and niche interments) have taken place to the end of 2016
- the establishment of a Care & Maintenance Trust Fund
- a brand new winter vault and workshop added
- a Master Plan for the cemetery
- the addition of the Administration Building
- natural resurfacing of the Ring Road
- on-going improvement and replacement of tools, equipment, backhoe and service vehicles
- 14 Columbaria have been installed and one on the way for this spring
- complete renovation of the Administration Building interior
- tree care and planting, extensive landscaping and shoreline clearing, on-going
- website and FB page, upgraded office equipment and master map plan
- improvements to areas at the highway area and new stone pillars
- new signs for entrance way and grounds signs
- implementation of the annual Memorial Service, Memorial trees and benches and this Newsletter
- monument foundation restoration - approximately 500 foundations replaced or repaired

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2016**

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Groundskeepers – Kevin Tobin  
and Mark Cook  
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**If you are interested in joining our  
Board of Directors, please contact the  
Administrator for more information.**  
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**General enquires may be directed to the  
Administrator**

April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> - Monday to  
Thursday - 9:00 am. - 4:00 pm. and  
Friday - 9:00 am. - 3:30 pm.

### **Off-Season**

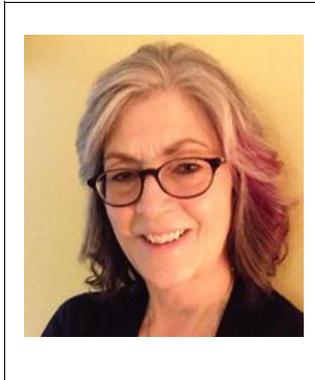
November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> -  
Monday to Thursday - 10:30 am. - 3 pm.  
and Friday - 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm.

## **2016 INTERMENT SUMMARY**

Caskets	24
Urn Burials	49
Columbaria Interments	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>

*cont'd* - In light of the fact that we have never been government funded in any way, I would like to give thanks and appreciation to all those who have contributed for the past sixty years. Thank you to all members of our Board of Directors, past and present who give of their time freely and continue to be challenged with the finances we have to work with, administrators and grounds keepers who keep everything looking beautiful and running smoothly and especially you, our Rights Holders and donors who continue to support us with your financial generosity year after year. Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's Memorial Service on June 25<sup>th</sup> when we can celebrate and remember together. Here's to another 60!

*Sincerely, Mike Cook, Chairman*



## **ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES**

*by Bonnie Ross*

Hello everyone! How are your New Year's resolutions working out for you? If you're like me, maybe you have given up on making any to begin with. As we age, our priorities change, however, one thing remains constant and that is looking after ourselves as we approach the "golden years" or while we are living them. A healthier lifestyle becomes a must and helps with fewer trips to the doctor's office and planning or maintaining our finances requires special attention. **Did you know**

**when planning out your Will, Powers of Attorney and funeral arrangements, you can also prepay your interment fees here at the cemetery? Prepaying will help to alleviate one more detail when you or your loved one passes away. As well, your dollars go directly into a trust fund that builds interest to help the cemetery with operating expenses. As a not-for-profit, charitable organization, this is very much appreciated. As well, to help defray mailing costs for this Newsletter, we would be happy to provide you with a copy each year by email. Please email the office and I will add you to our list.**

The subject of snow removal has come up again this year. As in prior years, we do not plow out the Ring Road for several important reasons; we do not conduct winter burials and the cost involved for continually plowing it out, either daily or weekly, would still not ensure safety due to heavy drifting snow conditions and ice situations. There have been several incidents over the years where cars have driven off the road. Just happened again this year, involving a senior couple, even though I had just advised them of the reasons and dangers, they ventured around the road anyway. Their car narrowly missed turning over in the ditch at one of the worst corners of the cemetery. Luckily they had a cell phone and called me at the office to get a tow truck. Had they not had a phone with them, I am not sure what they would have done since they weren't able to open either door to get out. I had no idea this had happened. This is very alarming to say the least. To help rectify this situation going forward, the Maintenance Committee is looking at installing highly visible signs at each entrance way to the Ring Road. Your safety is of the utmost importance to us and we thank you for your patience and understanding in this regard.

Again this year, we have a couple of openings on our volunteer Board of Directors. If you feel you would like to be part of an interesting board, we would love to welcome you at our Annual Meeting this year. Please call the office by the end of March to obtain further information.

I leave you with this Bible verse "*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*"

*\*Ps. 35:18 NIV*

## **KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

**The annual  
LOT & NICHE HOLDERS' MEETING  
will be held on  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 @ 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 2017.**



# **IN LOVING MEMORY – 2016**

## ***by Month of Interment***

### **April**

Ray, Robert Claude  
Wylemans, Wilhelmina Hendrika  
Lough, Brenda  
Ainslie, Harry Joseph  
Davidson, Patricia  
Savard, Cameron William  
Robertson, Heber Eamon  
Kimmitt, Kevin James  
Lamoureux, William Mack  
Alguire, Kathleen E.

### **May**

Riddell, Jean  
Purcell, John William  
Eglinton, Daisy Isabel  
Galna, Paul Douglas  
Leger, Sarah Isabella  
Hutchings, Mary Eleanor  
Duchesne, Karen  
Donnelly, Wilda  
Payette, Maurice  
Donnelly, Dorothea Jean  
St. Pierre, Guy Fidel  
Morgan, John  
Maclure, Francine Catherine  
Alguire, Heidi Kaye  
Michaud, Colleen  
Nadon, Lucille Bertha  
Labbee, Robert  
Pilon, Carol  
Ouderkirk, Dalton  
Chadwick, Lera  
Green, Walter  
Coleman, Vivian  
Legue, Duane Ronnie  
Bancroft, Donald  
MacIntyre, Donald Bruce  
Cappione, Lise  
Robertson, Kenneth  
Payne, Anna

### **June**

Madsen, Jonathan  
Daley, Brian Douglas  
Fenton, Bill  
Markell, Loretta  
Arthur, Beatrice  
Juneau, Sandra  
Smith, Merrill Leslie  
Brassard, Odette  
Legue, Kenneth Elie  
Sullivan, Maureen  
Sullivan, Patrick Leo  
Cadieux, Raymond  
Douglas, Barbara Irene  
Hamilton, Ivy  
MacDougall, Gladys Irene  
Randlett, Deltra  
Markell, Ethel Lulu

### **July**

Markell, Clarence Stephen  
Gallinger, Sharon  
Paulin, Jo-Anne  
Alguire, Mary Elizabeth  
Stacey, Joan Anne  
Young, Barry Wilson  
Young, David  
Van Maanen, Hyer Jacoba Henrica  
Fontaine, Michael  
Lajoie, Eric  
Dolan, Bernard Keith

### **Aug.**

Morin, Raymond Simeon  
Caza, Dorothy Joy  
Leduc, Fernande Clara Marie  
Campbell, Sybil Meuri  
Watkins, Samuel  
Gratton, Edith  
Lalonde, Lucial  
Esdale, William John  
Dube, Bernard  
Barclay, Carolyn  
Sayyeau, Roy  
Runions, Gregg Donald  
Snetsinger, John Austin  
Miron, Rodolph Ray  
Jarvis, James Gordon

### **Sept.**

Dicaire, Roger  
Dumoulin, Carolyn Elizabeth  
Glorieux, Francis  
Carriere, Irene  
Logan, Joshua  
Brunet, Leoria Ida  
Aitken, Alan  
Kania, Helena  
Noon, Lillian Yvonne  
MacKenzie Hugh Alexander  
Lazzari, Luigi  
Roberts, Leonard  
Dudek, Carolyn  
Warner, Sarah Bertha  
Adams, Donald Claude  
Coombs, Jean  
Horil, John  
Major, Muriel Janette

### **Oct.**

Fairweather, Gordon  
Moquin, Pearl  
Gibbons, Douglas  
Yekel (Gibbons), Brenda  
Marlin, Elizabeth Airlie  
Reany, Richard Harley  
Briere, Guy  
Desnoyers, Luc Allan  
Brunet, Michel Louis

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Cont.d - Bentley, Joan Sylvia  
 Dugan, William Martin  
 Myers, Hildred  
 May, Thomas Robert  
 Prosser, Marion  
 Cross, Malcolm MacKenzie  
 Evason, Joan  
 Cayer, Eleanor Mary  
 Russell, Harold Lee

**Nov.** Cronn, George Albert Boyd  
 Quesnel, Jean-Claude  
 Labelle, Gertrude  
 Daye, Ray C.  
 Bookhout, Carol  
 Tyrell, Jack  
 Losey, Marilyn  
 Tremblay, Margaret  
 Logan, Jared  
 DeMary, Jeffrey  
 DeMary, Barbara  
 Aylesworth, Frank Thomas  
 Loucks, Audrey

**MAINTENANCE  
 COMMITTEE  
 REPORT**

**by Ron Symington  
 Committee Chairman**



I would first like to thank everyone for their assistance in my first year as Maintenance Committee Chairman. I

would especially like to thank our grounds-keeping team of Mark Cook and Kevin Tobin for their hard work and great ideas to make and keep our cemetery looking beautiful.

This year we will be installing Lakeshore Columbarium # 4. The foundation preparation has been started and will be completed this Spring, to be ready for a May/June delivery of the new columbarium.

We will be opening the “Sunset Cremation Garden” on the westerly side of the grounds. Signs will identify the area in the same manner as the existing Harmony Cremation Gardens. We will continue to identify and replace the foundations on existing monuments that are failing or sinking and causing an unsafe and/or unsightly condition.

The cleanup along the waterfront has gone well. The “work area” along the water will be improved further with the installation of concrete blocks which will aid in material management as well as visual screening.

We will endeavor to keep St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery a beautiful and peaceful memorial garden. Should you have any comments or concerns, please send them to our Administrator for our consideration.

Thank you.

**PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**by Susan Lopez, Committee Chairwoman**

This year marks our 60<sup>th</sup> year since the opening of the cemetery. Please join us for a special service of celebration and remembrance. We would like to thank everyone for their support of St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery and look forward to seeing you at our

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

to be held on

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 at 2 pm**

on the Cemetery grounds, rain or shine under the tent. Please bring a lawn chair. The speakers this year are -

**REV. PATRICK STEPHENS, CHRIST CHURCH SEAWAY  
 (Anglican) Long Sault and**

**JIM BROWNELL, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed.  
 President, Lost Villages Historical Society  
 Honorary Colonel, SDG Highlanders Regiment**

**Music by – MELISSA LALONDE and  
 BONNIE ROSS**

**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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