

From the President

The past months have been a time of challenge for Willow Bank but our very hard working and capable all volunteer board continues to excel in responding to this reality. Our newest board member, Leanne Crawford, who brings experience as the current Secretary for the Gananoque Lions Club, told me she was amazed at how much work is involved in running a cemetery. This is very true.

Finances are always tight, however with the skilled oversight by our Treasurer Glenn Cowan, and with occasional generous donations from our internment rights holders and other friends, we manage to soldier on. One huge expense is cemetery maintenance, which involves frequent grass cutting and dealing with damaged and fallen trees. In both October 2017 and October 2018 we lost large trees, both of which caused some damage to tombstones and required expensive and delicate tree removal. Our thanks to Gary Bullock, our retired Fire Chief board member who always handles day to day issues at the cemetery so well.

Keeping up with the times whilst preserving the character of our heritage cemetery is also hard work. Our Registry Officer, Mona Lamontagne ensures we run the cemetery in a proper and orderly manner. Her fountain of knowledge and creative experience is remarkable. We are currently dealing with some administrative legal issues, exploring building a new columbarium in the upper level area at the rear of the cemetery, as well as exploring all options, including grant proposals for

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funding to secure a solid base going into the future. Greg Owen has set up a web site for us. It is a work in progress but already a great asset in this 21st century world. Jim Douglas with Mona's help has become our cartographer extraordinaire and helps us locate grave sites both ancient and modern from a map that looks to me totally unintelligible. He is the go to person concerning sales of plots. His work will make it so much easier in the future to know "who is where" in our beloved cemetery.

The rest of the board continues to work hard. Ewart Richardson and Allan Clark make sure we stay on track and follow procedure. Shirley Clark, despite some health challenges this past while, loyally attends meetings and offers her support and good humour. Doug Cowan deals with public relations and so capably produces and distributes our cemetery newsletter.

Which brings me to yours truly, your board president. With everyone else working so hard you must wonder what I do exactly! I chair meetings, although Mona does all the work preparing agenda minutes, records etc. I write letters and messages for this newsletter, but am always gently reminded to do so by Doug. I sign cheques at the request of Gary and Glenn, which makes me feel very important! Seriously though, I am humbly trying to ensure that this superb group of volunteer board members continue to serve us so well. This task is not so difficult because they are all self starters. We are truly blessed.



Tribute To Lorna Whyte

Lorna Whyte, who passed away in mid February 2018, was a great friend of Willow Bank Cemetery and served as board secretary for over 20 years from the mid 1980's on. She had a good working relationship with the then president of the board, Peter Maitland. They would meet weekly at the Whyte residence to review cemetery business.



Peter and Lorna took over the reigns of running the cemetery from the legendary Ed Clark, and played a pivotal role in securing the cemetery as an ongoing viable enterprise.

The term "Secretary" is misleading, and does not really reflect the extent of the administrative leadership Lorna took on. As current president of the cemetery board I am very aware that my role as president is nominal when compared with the work of our board members. Lorna was the "go to" person during those many years she served the cemetery. I would often visit Willow Bank and it seemed very

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strange when she retired not to see her name on the billboard as the contact.

I met with Lorna's husband, Jack Whyte, in mid January. He said that the phone would ring at least three times a day concerning cemetery business.

She worked closely with both Peter Maitland and the part time paid manager, Dale Trickey, and together they kept things afloat. During Lorna's "watch", a water system was installed at the cemetery, the columbaria were also built, and in 2006

the impressive entrance gateway was installed to mark the 150th anniversary of the cemetery's founding. Lorna also helped to arrange for Queen's University archives to hold some of our valuable record books, and with Peter Maitland launched a Newsletter for cemetery stake holders. However her real achievement was in dealing with the myriad of day to day matters that arise in administering any enterprise.

Her husband Jack was a loyal board member until his retirement, following Lorna's passing. Jack knew the local community well due to his local roots and his employment at the Gananoque golf club, so he really knew who to call when help was needed.

Lorna's parents are buried in the cemetery, and she too now rests in peace at her beloved Willow Bank. All "friends of Willow Bank" are indebted to her.



From the Registry Officer

The updated Willowbank Cemetery By-Law (2018) was approved by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario on July 17, 2018. To view, visit www.willowbankcemetery.ca)

Following last year's severe summer storm, a few trees fell and have to be removed. At this same time a review of the health of our heritage trees was carried out with a horticulturalist in order to prioritize our tree maintenance. *con't...*



A tree survey was completed to map out their location in order develop a short and long term plan prioritizing removals and replacement. Several old stumps were removed to give the earth time to regenerate in preparation for replanting. The best location for new plantings is always where centenary trees have been removed in order to maintain the historic character of the cemetery. Your donations have greatly contributed in our efforts to move ahead with a comprehensive replanting plan.

Please note that our website now has Paypal for donations.

Thank You

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Lane Don
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Winfield Harvey
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Leanne Crawford - Director, Secretary
Gary Bullock - Director, Cemetery Operator

Record of Internment

June 15, 2018 - Little, Violet

June 2018 - Hill, Oliver

July 17, 2018 - Whyte, Lorna

August 7, 2018 - McBean, Bruce Ewart

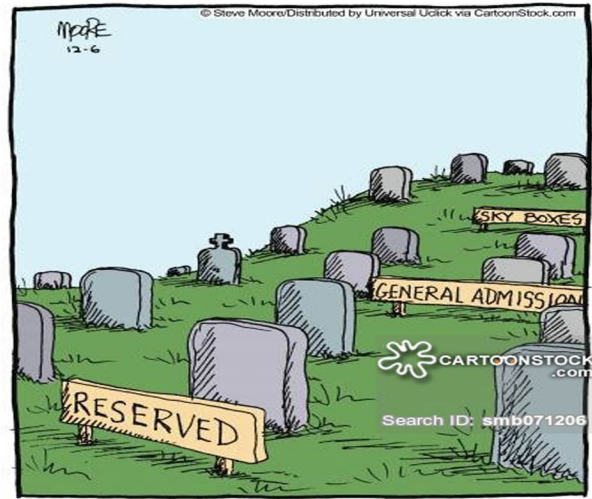
June 27, 2018 - Wilson, William Harold

October 15, 2018 - Winfield, Brian Arthur Charles

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From The Editor

Thank you once again for those of you that have forwarded your email addresses, as we hope to one day have a 100% "Electronic Newsletter". That would of course be better for the environment, more cost effective, and time efficient. So for those that may have forgotten, please forward your email contact to dcprolific@gmail.com.



This newsletter edition will be added to our website <http://willowbankcemetery.ca>, and will be located under the "Archives/Info" section.

Spring Fever

Robert Stockton (© 2008)

Across

1. Loading locale
5. Harriet Tubman, once
10. They share a Ma and Pa
14. Free speech org.
15. Itching to begin
16. Greeting in Guadalajara
17. SPRING
20. Tither's portion
21. Something to run in a bar
22. Big name in 2008 politics
23. Singer & activist Joan
25. Intoned endlessly
26. SPRING
31. Canonized king of Nor.
32. Warty amphibian
33. ENT's org.
36. RBI or ERA, e.g.
37. Come to pass
39. Rush to review
40. "The Fox in the Hound" fox
41. Animation
42. Like urban air, often
44. SPRING
46. Ships of the desert
49. West coast gas brand
50. New York politician Alfonse D' _____
51. Future home of W's presidential library
53. Like some beers
57. SPRING
60. 1993 peace accord locale
61. Approach indicated by two lanterns
62. French bean?
63. Close by
64. Raise up

65. Phonograph frustration

Down

1. Kind of tense
2. Frozen drink brand
3. Animation
4. Declining industrial region, slangily
5. One in a hundred in DC
6. Taoism founder
7. Kodak competitor
8. Eat or greet, e.g.
9. Byron's "before"
10. Cindy Lauper hit single
11. Herbert Hoover or Meredith Wilson, by birth
12. Fault

13. Green course
18. Scarlett surname
19. Santa-tracking org.
24. Exertions
25. Letter opener
26. "Hey! Over here!"
27. Camp Swampy canine
28. Pictish pigment
29. Maj.'s boss, perhaps
30. Slugger Gehrig
33. Jason's craft
34. Nativity trio
35. _____ nitrite (heart medicine)
38. Langley org.
39. Gilligan's Island props, often
41. Under

43. "Solid Gold" host Marilyn
44. Shooting star
45. Hardy pal
46. Fatty fowl
47. Entertain
48. Donald Trump ex-wife Maples
51. Place for a final voyage
52. Table-like terrain
54. Wearying walk
55. When we meet Quince and Bottom
56. Sugary Easter treat
58. "Honest" president
59. Posed for a portrait

For those of you that are not aware - *Gananoque* - is a name of First Nations origin. In it's present spelling it has a French ending and appears nowhere else on the North American continent. Some say the name means "Town on two Rivers" (the St. Lawrence River and the Gananoque River), or "Meadows rising out of the water", or "Water flowing over rocks".

What I know for sure is that it's an "Excellent" place to visit, and to pay respect to your family and friends at the beautiful Willow Bank Cemetery.

An Irish Poem

*"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, and very dear."*

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

We ask that any and all join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**. There is no set time, however we usually start at 9:00 a.m. and stay as long as it takes.

Obviously the more people attending, the less work for everyone. We often collect over 100 bags of leaves, and the fallen twigs and branches are everywhere. Hopefully the weather will be excellent and it will be a great chance to get some exercise, breathe in the fresh air, and make our Willow Bank beautiful after this long winter. We hope to see you there - bring a rake, some gloves, yard waste bags, and some “good energy”.

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