

Rutherford

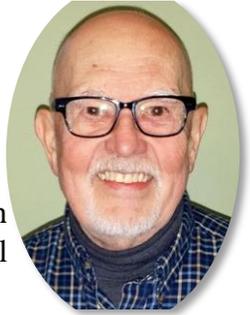
CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM ASSOCIATION
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Newsletter

February 2018

Dear Members and Friends:

*A message from our
President, Dr. Tom Lange*



Having enjoyed one of the warmest October's in memory gave us an opportunity to wrap up projects before the cold weather arrived. The cemetery grounds have never looked better in my opinion. We have had amazing participation in a couple of our cleanup / spruce-up days, allowing us to take great pride in our cemetery.

Our new "Grounds Director" and VP, Donald Grund has taken on his responsibility with the vigor of a much younger man. We're certainly glad to know Don has had a full recovery from his recent surgery -- we need you Don!

Our Rutherford Board members have decided to meet in a home, instead of a restaurant. Our Fall board meeting was hosted by our Secretary, Leslie Dorendorf. The only noise was the noise we made ourselves, so we were able to hear each other, and had a great discussion with our two new Trustees, JoEllen Lange-Brandt and Julie Speltz.

I had the privilege of representing Rutherford Cemetery at the Minnesota Association of Cemeteries in September. We met at the Breezy Point Resort which was a scenic venue on Pelican Lake. There were 50 to 60 participants including vendors and guests. Several topics of interest were covered including the need to have General Liability Insurance in the event of injury on the site, or worse. What could be worse, you ask? Mistakes in burial, cremation or other mistakes on our part.

Another interesting talk was by an historian-author, who has photographed many grave site memorials and did research to get the stories behind them. Did you know that fences around cemeteries were put up to keep cows out of the graveyard? A hobo by the name of John Cody has a memorial built of railroad ties – he was killed in a train derailment – a rosary was found sewn in a seam of his jacket.

In addition to stories, there are interesting people at these conventions. Next year's meeting will be back at the Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel.

Be sure to visit our wonderful website and read about our new launch into social media as we continue to develop our "Rutherford" brand.

Thanks to the dedication of our Officers and Board of Trustees, who give extra time for our mutual benefit in the care and management of our cemetery.

Sincerely,
Tom Lange
Tom Lange, President

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

**79TH ANNUAL
MEETING**
Tuesday
April 10
6pm

**ANNUAL
CLEAN-UP**
Saturday
May 5, 9am
Rain date May 19

**MEMORIAL
DAY**
Monday
May 28, 7am

**CLEAN UP
DATES:**
Wed. 6pm
June 13, July 11,
Aug. 8, Sep. 12



Lot Sales

Burial lots or columbarium niches may be purchased at any time. Burial lot or columbarium fees are due at the time of purchase. Opening / closing fees may be paid at the time of purchase or at interment. Additional fees may be incurred for a winter burial. If you are interested in purchasing a Burial Lot or a Columbarium Niche, please contact: Ron Johnson 651-430-2669; email rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com or visit: www.RutherfordCemetery.org

Association Gift to the Historical Society!

Last September, Leslie and I met with Brent Peterson of the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) to gift the museum with historical Association items. These valued Association keepsakes now have a permanent home and will be accessible to anyone! The treasures included minutes, treasurer, and burial permit books, bylaws, scrapbooks with photos, a file box of miscellaneous documents, and a tape measure used to measure grave sites. Brent and his team of volunteers will be cataloguing, making available for online searches, storing, and sometimes displaying these gems that honor the rich histories and record-keeping of the Rutherford Cemetery Association and the Priscilla Club.



Please visit www.wchsmn.org to learn more about WCHS, another volunteer-run non-profit organization invested in the conservation and preservation of cherished historical mementos. See their membership page for the many benefits they offer for community support!



JOELLEN LANGE, TRUSTEE

Find us on



With the start of a New Year, so begins the launch of our presence on social media. Our newly created facebook page will allow us to communicate timely information related to upcoming events (i.e. clean-up days, Annual Meeting, etc.), historical insights, reminders, photos, and much more. Our Facebook page will allow us on-going engagement with all persons interested in the Rutherford Cemetery and Columbarium. We look forward to interacting with you, please  on Facebook and spread the word! <https://www.facebook.com/rutherfordcemetery/>

JULIE SPELTZ, TRUSTEE

79th Annual Meeting

April 10, 2018 6 PM **Note start time is 6pm**

Agenda

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| <p>Welcome</p> <p>Minutes from last annual meeting</p> <p>President's Report</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Grounds Report</p> <p>Lot Sales Report</p> <p>Old Business</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>Review, discuss, and vote on revised Constitution and Bylaws</p> <p><i>Please read the enclosed document</i></p> <p>Elections</p> <p> Secretary</p> <p> 2 Trustees</p> <p>Social Time</p> | <p>Tom Lange</p> <p>Leslie Dorendorf</p> <p>Tom Lange</p> <p>Julie LeMoine</p> <p>Don Grund</p> <p>Ron Johnson</p> |
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Secretary's Report



2017 was a very productive year for our Association. Among our accomplishments are a presence on Facebook, establishment of an online donation option, the rewriting of the association's bylaws, design of a new logo and header, updating of the website, installation of a shed and planting of more trees and daylilies.

After 3 years of planting daylilies in the fall and spring, we have finally covered and mulched the entire slope. The lilies will continue to fill in and grow with some weeding and TLC. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped. A special thanks to **Peggy Masterman** Hansen for donating most of the lilies & helping to plant them!

We continue to update the website and encourage everyone visit it at www.rutherfordcemetery.org. The email account for inquiries and questions is: rutherfordcemeteryassociation@hotmail.com.

The Board has also approved a new header and logo created by **Teri Rogness**, Betty Wilke's daughter, to improve the recognition of our cemetery. Many thanks to Teri for her contribution.

The computerized records and mapping of the cemetery is coming along nicely and we hope to have the burial records on our website this year. I would like to thank **Sue and Jeff Olson** for their donation of a computer to be used for these cemetery records.

Donations received will be used for improvements to the grounds, such as new trees, the removal of ash trees when necessary, and ongoing projects to improve our cemetery and columbarium.

It's very important that everyone review the updated Rutherford Cemetery Constitution, Bylaws and Rules & Regulations that are included in the newsletter. They will have to be adopted at the annual meeting. Many hours have been invested in these important documents by **Jeff Olson**, an association member, & Board members **JoEllen Lange**, **Julie Speltz** & myself. They define job duties, include the columbarium, mission statement as well as rules and regulations. We are very proud of these new documents and feel they will serve the Association for many years to come.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have donated their time and talents to improve the cemetery. We have accomplished many projects this year and have much to be proud of!

LESLIE DORENDORF, Secretary

Grounds Report



First and foremost, a huge 'thank you' to the wonderful group of volunteers. Without their help we would not see the fabulous progress that has been made at the cemetery, especially over the last few years. So Thank YOU Volunteers!!

A new shed: Yes indeed After doing some in-depth research, we located a well-built shed at a good price and recommended the Board make the purchase. **Ron Johnson** and I could not have built one for any less. Ron and I installed it, built the steps, and put some shelves inside and we'll continue to make improvements.

A brief recap of items on our list include a water problem we need to resolve; working out how we could bring water down to the lower level now that we're expanding further into this area; we're working on cleaning up the area around the south driveway; and I have signs to put on the fence. These will all be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Don Grund, Vice President and Grounds Chairman

A special mention

*The Board would like to add a special **Thank You** to Don Grund himself. He's done an excellent job with the grounds and has donated gravel for the road, cut back buckthorn, trees, and much more. We are most fortunate to have him.*



Clean Up Day 2017

The cemetery grounds are looking gorgeous. The front slope is now complete & will bloom beautifully in the spring. Thank you to those who come to the annual clean up day, and thank you to everyone who comes to the monthly summer clean up evenings, or who simply visit the resting place of their loved ones and who take some time to pick up some stray branches, or place beautiful flowers at the gravesite. Everything helps make our cemetery a place of pride & beauty.





2017 Memorial Day at Rutherford Cemetery. Every year more and more people attend this special event where we remember and honor those who served our country. It is especially heartening to see young children and teenagers standing proudly beside their families. Thank you for supporting this important day.



It's now easier to donate ...



I am so excited to share with you our newest piece of banking coming soon to the Rutherford website. We'll have a new feature where anyone can donate to Rutherford Cemetery through the website. We expect to have this available April 1 if not sooner. I want it to be close

to the annual meeting so if anyone has questions I will be able to address them. It will be simple to navigate and I can demonstrate at the meeting as well. We are joining the online era! It will be a safe, fast way for folks to donate. Thanks,

JULIE LEMOINE, Treasurer

Our sympathies to the families of Association members who have lost family and friends.



Below are burials during 2017

Roland P Flaherty
Edward Kotoski
Marlene McKeown
Oluseyi Banjoko
Myrna Christian
Marilyn Peterson
Karen L Flaherty
Lisa Treleven



Donation Report

Our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who donate your time, services and make financial contributions.

A total of \$3,150 was received in 2017.

You'll find included with this Newsletter, a self-addressed envelope should you wish to use this to send a donation. Read further in this Newsletter to learn of more ways you can make a donation.

MAXINE ENFIELD, Donations Coordinator

Donations (\$1,700)

Maxine A Enfield
Michael & Leslie Dorendorf
John Rutherford
Thomas & Cheryl Arnold
Fred Kruger
CJ Trefethren
Roger & Darlene Mooney
Linda Foth
Charles & Ute Buehler
Nick & Ann Mastrodicasa Trust
Michele/Marlene McKeown
Steve & Sandy Roth
Susan & Jeffrey Olson
Matthew & Kimberly Rowley
Bruce & Judy Goldstrand
Khal & Clara Slayhi
Janice Japs
Iona Holsten --- to the Tree Fund

Memorials (\$1,450)

JC & BD McComas
Scott & Kum Cha Kruse
Iona Holsten
Iona Holsten
Scott & Kum Cha Kruse
Elizabeth A Welke
John C Jentink
Michael & Carolyn Dosland
Dean & Lisa Renk
James & Susan Burton

In memory of

Ramsden Family
Linda L Devalois
Marlene McKeown
Myma Christison
Linda L Devalois
Skip Welke [Harold]
Alta Jentink
Marilyn Peterson
Marilyn Peterson
Charles Burton, John Larson,
& Derasier's



+ donations of time, goods & services from many members

Honoring our Veterans

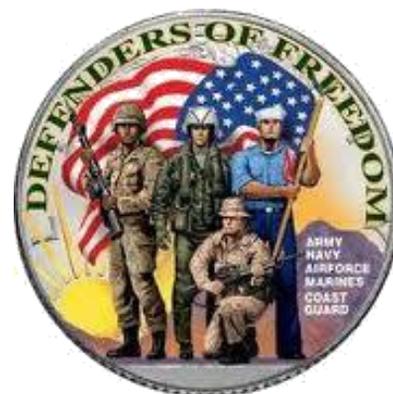
We are honored that Rutherford Cemetery is the resting place for veterans dating from the Civil War and we want to make sure all veterans are acknowledged. **Iona Holsten** keeps our Veteran list updated so please contact Iona if you have any updates.

CIVIL WAR	April 12, 1861 – April 9, 1865
Fairbanks, Joseph N.	Civil War: Co. D. 28 ME. INF.
Hall, Watson W.	Civil War: Co. E. 113 ILL. INF
Keene, John M.	Civil War: Co. C. 16th Maine Volunteers
Powell, Stephen W.	Civil War: GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865 GAR
Ramsden, Thomas Peach Jr	Civil War: Co. B. 11 Minn. INF
Rutherford, William	Civil War: Co. K 13th Reg MN Vol.
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR	April 1898 – August 1898
Masterman, Joseph N.	Spanish-American War Captain.
Rutherford, William Henry	Spanish-American War - CO K 13th MN INF
WORLD WAR I	July 28, 1914 – November 11, 1918
Beecroft, Albert Ernest	WWI MN PFC Signal Corps
Ramsden, Charles (Chas) J.	WWI US American Legion Star
Rutherford, Lyle S.	WWI US Army
Seifert, Frank L.	WWI MN Sgt 161 Depot Brigade 1917-1918
WORLD WAR II	September 1, 1939 – September 2, 1945
Benson, Ronald Martin	WWII US Army
Brosious, James Elmore Jr.	WWII US Army
Brosious, William A.	US Army (WWII and Korean War)
Carlson, Dale V.	WWII US Navy Merchant Marine
Chizek, Shirley	WWII US Navy - PHM 2
Collins, Robert C.	WWII US Navy Medical Corp
Gimmestad, Richard Allen	WWII US Navy
Grund, Robert A.	WWII US Navy
Guse, Reinhold Bud Ludwig	WWII US Army - Europe
Guse, William	WWII US Army Tech 4
Jordan, Robert Manseau "Bob"	WWII US Navy
Kruger, Fred E.	WWII US Navy, Seabee
Marshall, Warren J.	WWII US Navy
Masterman, Royal James	WWII US Navy - Veteran star
Michaletz, Raymond H. Sr.	WWII Seabee
Peterson, David LeRoy	WWII US Navy Vet AVCAD
Schilling, Clinton John	WWII US Army PFC
Schoonover, Charles A.	WWII USNR Minnesota SF 2
Stone, George D.	WWII US Coast Guard
Stone, Ronald S.	WWII Navy Seal
Van Duren, Arthur Dale	WWII US Army Air Corps
Speltz, Robert	WWII US Army
Kotoski, Avis	US Coast Guard
Kotoski, Edward, Jr.	US Coast Guard Veteran
Roth, Paul	USMC
KOREAN WAR	June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953
Brosious, William A. - repeated	US Army (WWII and Korean War)
Joslin, Robert George	Veteran: US Naval Air Corp. from 1950 to 1953 in Guam & Fallon NV (He was a tail gunner in a B24)
Krueger, Roland Henry	Korean War US Army
Maley, Ron	Korean War Veteran
Speltz, Donald	Korean War US Army
Wilfer, Bob	Korean War US Army 1952-1954
Derosier, Elmer	Korean War US Army
VIETNAM WAR	November 1, 1955 – April 30, 1975
Colombo, Barrett Lorne	Vietnam War US Army Captain - 1968-1972
Michaletz, Raymond A. Jr.	Vietnam War US Army
Welke, Harold 'Skip'	Vietnam War US Navy
VETERAN	
Haire, Gerald Lee	US Navy - 1958-1961
Hurley, Dennis P.	Army



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Veteran markers

the family will be responsible to obtain metal flag holders for the grave site if they so wish.

And do remember, if you are considering pre-planning a funeral, and are a veteran, include an appropriate emblem in the headstone or niche. Ron can provide more information.

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CURRENT	MEMBERS
Benson, Darrell	Air Force
Christison, Dean	Korean: US Army 1957-59
Dahler, Jodi	US Air force
Francis, David	Navy Captain
Johnson, Ron	US Navy
Lange, Thomas, Dr.	US Navy Vietnam 1968-75
Olson, Jeffery	Army
Ramsden, Bruce	USAF 1959-63 A1C
Siegle, Philip	US Navy 1960-64
Tollefsbol, James	Marines
Wojtowicz, John	US Navy 46-47 US Airforce 48-66

Cora Hall – WRC - GAR : A special mention for her contributions to the war efforts, but who has no official recognition:

Each of us has an opportunity to serve our association, to create a cemetery that helps to heal our losses, to celebrate life and to preserve our heritage. If you are interested in taking a more active part in the Rutherford Cemetery Association, please contact any one of the board members listed below or email us at: RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com

Remember, all donations, whatever the amount, whatever the service you might be able to provide, is crucial to the upkeep of the cemetery and we are truly grateful to everyone who is able to contribute in any way. Donations are tax deductible.

Rutherford Cemetery Board as of April 11, 2017		Term of Office
President	Tom Lange	2016-2019
Vice President	Don Grund	2017-2020
Treasurer	Julie LeMoine	2017-2020
Secretary	Leslie Dorendorf	2015-2018
Lot Sales	Ron Johnson	Ongoing
Trustees		
Betty Welke		2015-2018
John Rutherford		2015-2018
Darell Benson		2016-2019
Tim Kruse		2016-2019
David Stone		2017-2020
Julie Speltz		2017-2020
JoEllen Lange		2017-2020

Mission Statement

Our mission is to honor the memory of those who have chosen our hallowed grounds as their final resting place. We include people of all faiths and offer ground burials as well as a columbarium. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of this lovely historic site. To this end, we rely on individual and community support as well as donations.



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2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

79TH ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2018. 6pm

note earlier start time

MEMBERS OF THE RUTHERFORD CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM ASSOCIATION, FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC, ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING BEING HELD NEXT DOOR TO THE CEMETERY AT THE STILLWATER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH. POT LUCK SNACKS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING.

MEETING LOCATION:

STILLWATER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, 7671 MANNING AVE. N., STILLWATER, MN 55082

CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018. 9AM

THE 2018 ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY IS SET FOR SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018

WITH A BACKUP DATE OF MAY 19 DEPENDING ON WEATHER.

We gather at 9am. There is always something for everyone, so please come along and join your fellow members in giving the area a good sprucing up. We will have several tools and supplies available, but buckets, rakes, shovels & gloves will no doubt come in handy.

If you have questions or want to check the date due to weather, contact Leslie Dorendorf 612-237-9074, or check the Facebook page

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM: MAY 28, 2018. 7AM SHARP!

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

PROGRAM COMMENCES AT 7AM SHARP



Refreshments will be available on the Cemetery grounds. Everyone is welcome.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE -- 2018

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS

June 13 July 11 August 8 September 12

We continue the monthly maintenance gatherings as they have been so successful. We extend an open invitation to everyone for the 2nd Wed. of each month at 6pm starting June 13 and going through Sept. 12. We typically have several tasks that are the focus and are always eager to hear from you on what you would like to see accomplished.

Come along to join the fellowship and help out and / or focus on your family sites.