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*A Newsletter from Oak Grove Cemetery Association
1407 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601
A not-for-profit cemetery*

Fall 2009

Dear Friends of Oak Grove,

Please take a moment to catch up on what's happening at Oak Grove.

Upcoming Events

Smart Money Week is returning to La Crosse October 12-16. Last years' presentation by Glenda Lee, "Can I Afford to Die" was such a success that she will be presenting it twice this year. Please consider attending either session: Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:00 p.m. or Wed., Oct. 14 at 10:00 a.m. Location of sessions will be announced prior to the start of Smart Money Week.

9th annual "A Light to Remember"

Have you lost someone close to you?

Whether it was recently, or years ago, you are invited to join us for "A Light to Remember". This year you can remember that person in a special ceremony on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 4:30 pm. This service will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery chapel. We are located at 1407 La Crosse St, La Crosse, Wisconsin (across from UW-La Crosse).

- Customize a holiday ornament for your loved one.
- Participate in a non-denominational service.
- Take a brief walk outdoors to hang your ornament on a tree.
- Listen to live holiday music.
- Enjoy warm beverages and holiday cookies.

The public is welcome. A free-will donation will be taken. For more information, please call (608) 782-6956.

Event Recap

The Annual Lot Owner's Meeting of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association was held on Wednesday, April 22, at 10 a.m. at the Oak Grove Cemetery Chapel. There were 12 lot owners present, in addition to the Board of Trustees and Oak Grove office staff. Steven A. Nicolai and Anita K. Evans were each re-elected to the Board for 3-year terms.

The Memorial Day parade ended at Oak Gove Cemetery with a special service following in the Civil War section. This year's featured speaker was retired Army Major John Ness. Special music was provided by the Aquinas High School band. We thank the Memorial Day Association for their decoration of the graves and coordination of this annual ceremony.

Event Recap (continued)

Approximately 136 people attended the “Discover the Silent City – Oak Grove Cemetery Tour” on Saturday, September 12. This year’s tour focused on UW-La Crosse’s Centennial. In addition to our public tour, Oak Grove Cemetery was host to approximately 560 middle school students during the week who participated in a student version of the “Discover the Silent City” tour. Plan to join us Saturday, September 11, 2010, when “Discover the Silent City” honors “Hometown Heroes”.

Thank you

Oak Grove extends special thanks to:

- To the generous people who have donated money when requesting genealogy information or planning guides from the cemetery.

Seasonal Décor

- Spring flower vases cared for by Oak Grove were picked up the week of Sept. 21st.
- For the holidays, Oak Grove offers wreaths for cemetery gravesites and artificial holiday bouquets for niches and crypts.

Consider a gift to Oak Grove Cemetery

When you’re making decisions about which organization to donate money to, please consider Oak Grove Cemetery. Oak Grove Cemetery is a 501©(13) not-for-profit cemetery. As such, we truly appreciate donations and charitable gifts to help offset the costs of expensive improvements and the maintenance of our park-like 80 acres. Any donation that you make to the cemetery is tax-deductible. To learn more about how you can give, or what we will use the funds for please contact us.

Oak Grove offers a wide variety of products and services

Burial services, chapel, grave sites, monuments and markers, cremation services, urns, mausoleum, pre-arrangement counseling and seasonal décor. Please call or stop in, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by special appointment. You can learn more about us by visiting our website www.oakgrovecemetery.com.

When you purchase products and services at Oak Grove Cemetery, you help support the longevity of the cemetery by providing dollars to continually maintain the grounds and update the buildings. Thank you for your support.

Are you looking for a speaker?

Please call our office today. We cover topics such as pre-planning, cremation and history.

Enjoy the park-like setting at Oak Grove

Fall is in the air. Take advantage of the fall weather and explore the beauty and history of the cemetery with a tour of our grounds. Stop in today and pick-up your copy of Oak Grove’s “Self-Guided Walking Tour” brochure.

From Your Friends at Oak Grove,

Trish, Adam & Glenda