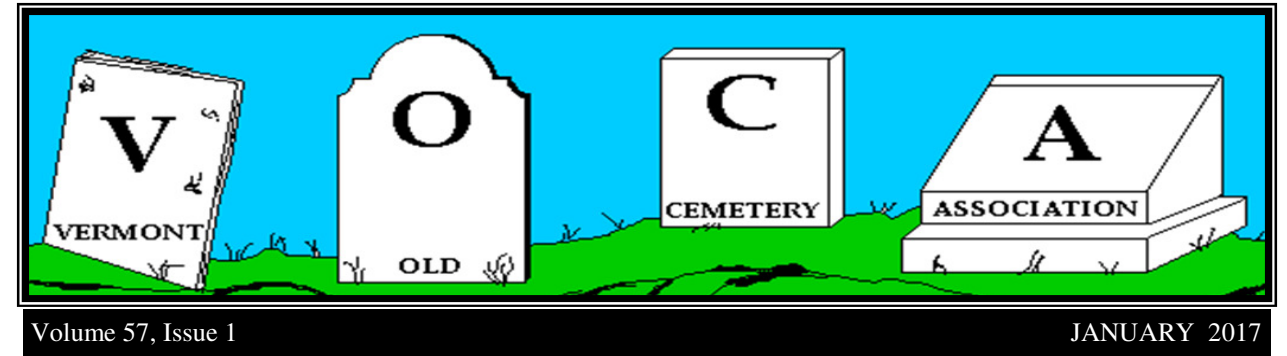


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**President's Report
 Winter 2017**

As I write my first report for VOCA's 2017, I am looking out the kitchen window at the accumulation of frost on my car's windshield on this cold January day and reminiscing on where VOCA took me in 2016. I did presentations as far north as Worcester and was involved in several cemetery restorations. I spoke with local select boards and cemetery commissioners on VOCA's programs and met many new volunteers. I gave out quite a few membership applications and I hope we gained a few new members. If you are planning a cemetery project and need some help, now is the time to be reaching out to VOCA officers and footstones for assistance

I do have to recognize the Comcast volunteers who participated in 3 successful cemetery restorative projects with me in 2016. Hopefully, we can continue working with them this coming year. The one comment that has resonated with me these last few months was from a Comcast volunteer. As we were restoring the Doty Cemetery in Wallingford, we were discussing the cemetery issues in Vermont and how there were over 1900 burial grounds in the state and many needed help. Without hesitation, the volunteer, who was straightening a monument, stated "well there is one less that needs to be fixed." In addition, the foreman told me that the crews that have been doing the cemetery work would drive by a burial ground on the way to their next work site that needed some attention and they told him that they "could take care of it." These are the individuals that will ensure that VOCA's mission continues in the future.

I noticed that VOCA member Morton Billings posted on the VOCA Face book site that we are beginning our 59th year as an organization. What a great

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accomplishment for a group that is made up entirely of unpaid volunteers!
 VOCA has a presence on social media and thanks to webmaster/membership co-ordinator (and unsung hero) Barry Trutor we have a website second to none.

One of the teachers from the Rutland Middle School stopped by recently and informed me that our yearly city cemetery project with the students is on again for the 9th consecutive year. This program continues to be overwhelmingly popular with the students and the roster is already filled with student volunteers. It is always a pleasure to work with these exceptional young people. We met with representatives from another local school on organizing a similar program with their students and we hope to hear from them before the school year ends.

Vice President and Grant Administrator, Diane Leary, continues to receive grant applications for communities that are dedicated to restore their burial grounds. If you know of a town that is looking for a grant, please direct them to Diane. I would also like to thank Jeni Newman for volunteering to be VOCA's Secretary and Jane Fletcher who has taken on the role of VOCA's Newsletter Editor. Having new members take on officer roles keeps VOCA a vibrant organization.

Our spring meeting will be on Saturday, May 6th. The details are being finalized and should be posted on the VOCA web/Face book once we have the information. It will also be in the next newsletter. If you have agenda items, please give me call at (802) 773-3253 or email tgifvt@msn.com.

Tom Giffin
 VOCA President

SAVE THE DATE!
 May 6, 2017
 VOCA Spring meeting in NEWFANE, VT

The meeting and catered luncheon will be held at the Union Hall. The program will be on the reconstruction of the historic Scott covered bridge and visits to 3 stone arch bridges nearby, though not in walking distance, presented by our own Charles Marchant. If you are able to stay later in the day, plan to attend the rededication of the Scott bridge, the ceremony is to be followed by a potluck supper and square dancing in the bridge.

See the next issue of the newsletter for reservation information and directions or, find it on www.voca58.org.

See you there!

Footstones:

As provided by the VOCA Bylaws, Article VI-ASSISTANTS TO BOARD, Section 1: A panel of six members shall be appointed by the executive board, shall be invited to board meetings as a part of their duties, and may vote with the executive board.

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For our readers that have internet access, be sure to visit the VOCA website at www.voca58.org. It is chock full of interesting stories, pictures and general cemetery information.

VOCA GRANT UPDATE

Two thousand and sixteen was a good year in the grant department. We had several inquiries from towns across our great state resulting in applications for grants from six towns and two private cemeteries. At this point in time, five of the grant projects have been completed. The wonderful news in all this, is two of the projects ended up not needing grant money.

The Middletown Springs project was completed by a professional who had decided to retire from the business. This was his last project and through tremendous generosity on his part, he donated all his labor and materials to the town. What an amazing gift to the town and the state.

When I received the photos of the work needing to be done in a cemetery in Wallingford, the repairs seemed to be rather straight-forward to me. I therefore forwarded the photos to our president, Tom Giffin. Tom lives just a short hop away from Wallingford, so I thought he might be able to do the work for them as a volunteer. In case you are not aware, Tom is one seriously dedicated individual to our mission. As good fortune would have it, Tom combined his time and knowledge with a volunteer crew from Comcast and two town volunteers to complete the project and they even did far more than the application called for. Every stone in the cemetery that needed straightening and repairs were tended to. Additionally, they weed wacked the entire cemetery, removed the brush along the perimeter fence, and cut down several large tree branches that were hanging over the cemetery.

The other three completed grant projects were for the towns of Roxbury and Richford, and a private church cemetery in Brandon, Maple Hill Cemetery. This very old cemetery had been neglected for many years. Joseph Whalen, a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Church spearheaded this project from start to finish. Without all of his volunteer time this project would not have gotten off the ground let alone completed.

I give heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and town employees who are taking the time to recognize the need of maintaining and preserving the old cemeteries throughout our state, and for making sure that the cemetery needs in their area are attended to.

Respectfully,

Dianne Leary

VOCA Grant Administrator

Dear VOCA members,

Unlike two thousand and twelve, I am not sitting here watching the butterflies flutter about in my garden, but rather watching the lake effect snow filter down from the sky above. But just like then, I find anything I put down on the page cannot adequately express how grateful I am to all of you who once again made a generous donation to our biennial fund campaign. As in years past, the two thousand and sixteen campaign was very successful. We raised over \$6,200.00 over the course of seven months. This means VOCA will be able to maintain our grant program at the current level of a total of three thousand dollars per year and a maximum level of seven hundred and fifty dollars for each grant.

All levels of support are critical to ensure that VOCA can carry out our mission to preserve and maintain our state's old cemeteries. From those of you who support us every year at the basic level of membership to those that have contributed to our biennial fund every time we've asked, I sincerely appreciate your support no matter the level. Without your dedication and continued support VOCA would not exist. Perish the thought.

Let us hope that the grant applications will continue to come in during our current year, just as they have in the past. Please reach out to your town officials, historical societies, and private cemetery associations and let them know we are here and ready to assist them with our expertise, time, and grants.

THANK YOU!!!

Dianne Leary, VOCA grant administrator

DUES

Dues are for a calendar year: 1 year \$10.00, 5 years \$40.00, and lifetime is \$200.00 (individual members ONLY). A new member joining in Oct, Nov, or Dec will have the dues paid applied to the following year.

I want to make a donation to the Leon Dean Permanent Fund in the amount of \$_____.

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TRIVIA

The ashes of Dr Eugene Shoemaker, a noted astromer, are the only burial in the neighborhood. Where was he buried? (VOCA members will be pleased to know that we should never have to be responsible for maintaining his grave.)

VOCA's Memorial Page 2016

2016 Biennial Fund Donors

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Frederick & Linda Adamson
William Aldrich
Lois A. Bailey
Charles A Brewster
Lorna Dean Brown
James Bulmer
Kathy Cardiff
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North Hero Historical Society

In Memory of

All those I love by Nancy Cobb
Rose (Trow) Angell by Eleanor Angell
Albert B. Atchinson by Frederick & Linda Adamson
Richard Holmes Bailey by Lois A. Bailey
Ezra Crary & Dorothy Randall Crary by Ted Yungclas
Leon & Hazel Dean by Lorna Dean Brown
Bobbi Bryant by Gail Deshane
Bullock and King of Guilford, VT by Barbara Jones
Roswell Chaplin by Emma Chaplin
William Cameron by Cynthia Clement
Peter B. Gore by Sally L. Gore
William Sanford & Adaline Bixby Greene by Marcelyn Karagosian
Richard Haas by Howard Graff
Darwin Hoadley by Mrs. Mona Hoadley
 Darwin took care of the South Woodstock Cemetery for many years
Hood Family by Nancy E.H. Bowman
John H. Kauffman by Jean Eisenhart
John and Priscilla Kennedy by Norton Kennedy
George & Betsy Kidder by Frances Kidder Stiles
Frank & Arloa Dean Leary by Dianne Leary
 They took care of Barnumtown Cemetery in Monkton VT for many years
Raymond & Victoria LeBeau by Victoria & Norman Hawley
Joan & Philip Lorber by Bryan Lorber
Joan Macaig by Terry Macaig
Our Parents by Art and Anne Cohn
Marguerite White Raacke by Linda Decker
Stephen Robinson by William Robinson
Claude and Wahneeta Sprague by Evelyn Sprague
Michael N. Stanton by Harry Orth
Oliver and Rebecca Pendleton Steward by Ted Yungclas
Genevieve Trutor by Barry & Kathyne Trutor

In Honor of

Kathan Family Association by Vickie Storlie