

## We Have Been Busy!

When applying for several grants last year, EMCA had two main goals. The first was to find ways to sustain ourselves into the future with enhanced earned income. The second was a spin-off of the first—to enhance the visual quality of the cemetery. Well, we got the grants, and the work is about complete. We have had a busy year, and we have accomplished many projects toward reaching those goals. Here is what we have done in 2016.

- The work on the new memorial garden is almost complete. Some additional planting will be done as the wet season gets started. And the new steles at both the new and the old memorial sites are complete. Each stele offers the place-



*Hoisting tripod lifts toppled marker*

ment of up to 96 memorial plaques, a substantial addition to our future earned income.

- The 25th and University cemetery entrance has been regraded, and new gravel has improved the pedestrian entrances. New planting beds have been prepared, and planting will be done during the wet season here, too. Look for our new entrance sign. The road to the mausoleum also has a new layer of clean gravel.
- An industrious group of volunteers has embarked on a long-range project to clean and restore all the grave markers in the cemetery. Although this is a multi-year project, you can already see some of the results.
- To support the grave marker work, another grant has funded



*One of the new steles*

the construction of a hoisting tripod. This ten-foot-tall device will allow us to lift and reinstall toppled and leaning grave markers.

- Part of one grant helped our administrator develop a new program to sell grave markers. You can read about that in Sally's article on this page.

Three successful grants have allowed us to greatly improve the appearance of the cemetery and to enhance our ability to fund our operations. That, plus the hard day-to-day work of our staff, has made 2016 a very positive and successful year for EMCA.

*Denny Hellesvig, Treasurer*

## Sale of Grave Markers Supports the Cemetery

Morning Rose, Blue Pearl, and Red Wausau might be the names of flowering shrubs found in the Masonic Cemetery. Wrong. They are instead the names of some of the colorful choices of granite available for grave markers.

EMCA is now able to provide patrons with a selection of these and other attractive granite monuments, polished and engraved with your lasting message. Because

we are now able to offer our own selection of stone markers, it will be easier for you to focus on the appearance of the memorial and expression of sentiment.

We are offering grave markers in a selection of sizes and shapes that fit within the established specifications of the cemetery. Although we have always had guidelines on how high a marker can be, we also limit how low a memorial is posi-

tioned. In addition, we have some width requirements.

Although marble was used for markers in the past, we now know marble to be soft, easily breakable, and prone to deterioration in Oregon's climate. This is why it is not commonly used today. Granite is the most durable and workable material that you will see in our cemetery. Granite mark-

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# President's Column

I never dreamed that I would hold the title of "president" less than two years after first learning about the Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association (EMCA) and its board of directors. I'll never forget the first board meeting I attended. The faces around the room were so friendly and genuinely happy for me to be there. Many board members have served for over a decade and carry much knowledge and historical information in their minds. Finding ways to tap into this wisdom and oral history have been a fun part of my initial work as president.

My first months as president involved a lot of listening. What I

heard was that there were a few people doing a lot of the work, but everyone had something unique to contribute to the association. My goal is to tap into the numerous skill sets represented around the board room. To do this we are developing specific committees to divide the work load and engage board members in their areas of strength, expertise, and passion. Each committee will be closely tied to our long-range strategic plan and goals.

A second reason to begin working as committees is to allow for the engagement of our volunteers and supporters who don't wish to serve on the board but want to



Alex, Development Committee chair, and Crystal

contribute their skills. While each committee will include at least one board member, we need other community members to participate as well. Do you have a skill set or a specific interest in the cemetery or in nonprofits in general? We may be able to give you an out-  
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## What Do Board Members Do All Day?

"The cemetery is all about connections," says Sandy Ludeman, EMCA board member. "It allows visitors to connect with the history of Eugene and to contemplate the present and future of the community as they connect with Eugene's past." Sandy's work on the board illustrates her passion for connections—working with Caroline Forell on the reorganization of the cemetery's archives to provide a clearer understanding of the past and on long-range planning policies to sustain the cemetery in the future.



Sandy Ludeman

Both Sandy's and her husband Roger's professional careers have been in education. She grew up near Minneapolis and received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota and then a Ph.D. in Administration and Curriculum from the University of Colorado. She served as an English teacher, a

curriculum director, a principal, and a superintendent in various school districts in Colorado and Wisconsin, ending her career as a professor of school administration at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Following retirement in 2000, Sandy and Roger spent a year in South Africa on his Fulbright grant to initiate a program for student services in the post-apartheid era at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in Durban. Returning to the United States and with a son and grandchildren in Portland, they decided to settle in the Northwest and chose Eugene. Sandy "unretired" and spent three years as director of the Village School, one of Eugene's first charter schools, and then as a professor at Pacific University's Eugene campus.

Sandy's major volunteer activity is serving as coordinator of all book sales of the Friends of the

Eugene Public Library. This includes the annual April book sale at the Fairgrounds, online sales (which Sandy started), special sales at the library, and sales at Second Hand Prose. All books are donated to the Friends by the community.

Asked what she does "for fun," Sandy replied "I read, cook, and travel." Last summer she and her family traveled to northern Spain and southwestern France for three weeks.

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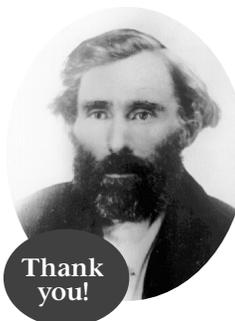
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Between April 1, 2016 and October 1, 2016 the Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association received gifts from the following. We wish to thank all who contributed and regret any errors or omissions.

## Monument Rebuilder (\$500-\$2,499)

John Bredesen in memory of Fran Ross  
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Dorothea Yellott in memory of Arthur M. Geary and Martha Smith  
Maggie Yokum in memory of Sarah Elina



## CONSIDER YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY...

# Burial Space for Sale

The Eugene Masonic Cemetery has burial lots to sell. We can accommodate earthen burials, cremation/urn, and ashes. Your purchase provides a beautiful and meaningful place for your family to visit and helps support the cemetery.

For more information, please contact Sally at 541-684-0949 or emca1859@gmail.com.



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*Newsletter by Karen Seidel  
and Beneda Design*

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## Grave Markers, *from page 1*

ers may have a polished surface, a rough surface, or a combination of the two. Lettering engraved into granite withstands our weather and remains legible and clear. There is a selection of granite colors readily available and several more by special order. Because we are working with a large stone supplier, we have dependable options.

When it's time to order a grave marker, we can help you with the



selection of color, size, and choice of wording. This information will be submitted to the stone company, which will then present a sample layout of how the memorial will look prior to actually being made. This gives you the option to make changes in color, finish, or wording.

All markers are set in a concrete foundation, providing stability on our challenging hillside. We also work with installers who are familiar with this site and can ensure proper placement of monuments.

Our intention here at the Eugene Masonic Cemetery is to create a process that works smoothly for you. Additionally, the money that we take in for services provided will be invested in the future of the cemetery. This is one more way EMCA seeks to ensure the cemetery's ongoing sustainability while providing a service that is useful now.

As always, you are free to use any memorial company of your

choosing. This has not changed. We are committed to having the process work well for you, whomever you choose to work with. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our new service (541-684-0949).

*Sally Dietrich, Administrator*

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## President's Column, *from page 2*

let to put your passion into practice. Some committees will be ongoing; others will come and go as work needs to be done. Some groups will be large; others will consist of just a few people.

Send us an email if you are interested in participating on any of the following committees: Site Management, Development, Budget and Finance, Policy Development, Events, Communications, and Education. We will be delighted to help you find your niche.

*Crystal Persi, President*