

RIENZI RAMBLER

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Rienzi Cemetery and Chapel Mausoleum

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FROM THE COUNSELOR ...

Greetings from the Office,

The photo to the right was definitely NOT taken this winter. It actually was taken on Christmas Eve 2013. Someone told me recently their grandmother used to say, "white Thanksgiving, brown Christmas, white Easter ... There now that I have ruined your day ...

Seriously, we have used the December warm-up to work on some projects we were anticipating would not get touched until next Spring.

If you are in the area be sure to drive in and view the new flag display at the entrance to the Veteran's Section. We received some matching funds through the Rienzi Ramble from Thrivent and a very generous anonymous donation to help off-set the flag project. We have over 1100 veteran's buried here at Rienzi which makes the flag display long overdo.

It is not complete, as of now, but we hope to be able to finish it before Memorial Day 2015.

There are so many exciting things going on out here at Rienzi. Many, of which, because of very generous volunteers and contributors like all of you.

I am very pleased at how large our Rienzi family is getting.

If you have any suggestions or want to make a contribution just call. I will be happy to assist you!

Until next time,
Happy New Year!
Rae Nell



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RIENZI RAMBLE

On Saturday, September 20th, twenty teams embarked on a search and find effort to participate in the 1st ever Rienzi Ramble.

Teams of 2 or 4 had to count how many flags there are in the entrance driveway, find a name on a monument with more than 12 letters, count how many names are on crypts in the Rienzi Memorial Home and how many Christmas ornaments are on the Mielke monument in Section N.

The fastest time all day went to the team of Schneider/Sharp/Schraufnagel/Jameczko who came in at 49 minutes 30 seconds. Thanks and congratulations to all participating Rienzi Ramble Teams!



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VETERAN'S SECTION

Rienzi's Grounds Superintendent, Norm Waldschmidt along with George Rapp, of Fly Me Flags and a Rienzi lot owner, joined forces late this Fall to enhance our Veteran's Section.

Cement for the flag pole foundations was poured in late October. The poles were added mid-November and shortly after that the flags were flying.

Although the project is not totally paid for it was funded in part by a matching grant from Thrivent, along with a very generous anonymous donor.

The landscaping is not totally complete. The hopes are to finish that part of the project before Memorial Day 2015.

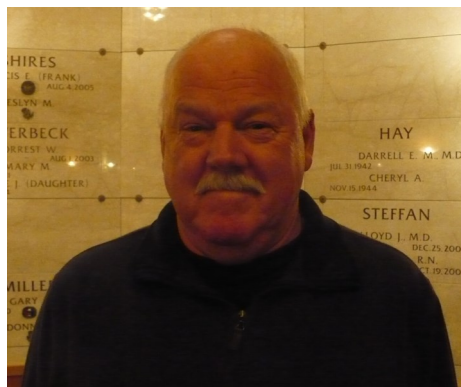
Rienzi is home to over 1100 veterans. We will be holding an official ribbon cutting immediately following the "Reading of the Veteran's Role" on Memorial Day 2015.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Rienzi Cemetery Assn lot owners met on Monday evening October 20, 2014. The Board of Trustees held their re-organizational meeting immediately following. Re-elected to the Board of Trustees were Clark Koechel, Mike Olig, Gary Sadoff, and Robert Wegele Jr. Sharon Stormo was elected to the Board of Trustees replacing longtime Board member Gary Miller who chose not to seek re-election.

Lance McClellan was elected President. The McClellan family has been lot owners at Rienzi since 1929. The remainder of the Executive Board are David Dobogai, Vice President; Paul Rosenfeldt, Secretary; and Bill Mauthe, Treasurer.



Rienzi Cemetery Association Board President,
Lance McClellan



Back row l-r; David Dobogai, Vice President; Bob Wegele Jr.; Mike Olig; Dan Dobogai; Dr. Karl Pennau; Clark Koechel.
Front Row l-r; Sharon Stormo; Anne Kallas; Gina Frank; Dr Bill Mauthe, Treasurer; Lance McClellan, President; Ed Barnes





EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday evening, January 2nd, Rienzi held their annual Evening of Remembrance. Invitations are sent out to all families who lost loved ones in 2014.

Pre and post music was provided by Brittany Becker, presiding was Chaplain Douglas Hedman, Army National Guard and vocals were provided by the Fond du Lac Women's Chorus, directed by Kris Bartelt

Over 50 people gathered to enjoy a short program/service, the music and the reading of the names of those people who we buried at Rienzi in 2014.



GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S

As always, the year at Rienzi concluded with the task of leaf removal. Fortunately, we were able to acquire a replacement chipper vac in early Fall which greatly enhanced our ability to collect and dispose of the mountain of leaves that descend on Rienzi.

Late Fall also saw us design and install a new border around Babyland and the design and installation of a Veteran's display which includes 6 flagpoles and foundations.

We continue to update our wish list of equipment we could use to improve our efficiency and enhance our capabilities. If you are interested in helping us with our needs, feel free to contact Rae Nell or me.



*Grounds Superintendent
Norm Waldschmidt*

MONUMENT SALES

Rienzi offers a full-service monument business for property owners at Rienzi. We work with Blast Craft Service, Inc. out of Slinger WI. Blast Craft's goal is to deliver more than their customers expect. When it comes to the supply of granite memorials they strive to see how much value they can pack into every interaction between their company and Rienzi. They believe that customer care is the all important factor that separates them from their competition.



New arrival from Blast Craft

Keep in mind when you purchase a monument from

Blast Craft through Rienzi the profits are

re-invested in the long term maintenance of Rienzi Cemetery!

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...at Rienzi!*

FAQ

Is it disrespectful to host a Scavenger Hunt at Rienzi?

Answer: I will take opinions on this questions but not without giving you my thoughts. There is a lot of history at Rienzi. If we don't take the opportunity to inform people it will be lost in the Rienzi archives. I felt it could be done with respect which we accomplished. Rienzi is a very expensive place to keep up. We need to create methods of raising money that uses the wonderful grounds. The Rienzi Ramble accomplished that also. We do not have a scavenger hunt planned for this year but I am interested in hearing what you think.



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