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A History of Oakhill Cemetery

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Guests:

No guests today, maybe because it's summertime.

Announcements:

Our Fest of Ale committee met Aug. 8, and the planning for this year's event is underway. Dave O'Leary reported the Diamond Center is the major sponsor for our glasses. Tickets will sell fast, so inform your friends now about buying tickets. The event will be November 10 at the Holiday Inn Express. The next Fest of Ale Committee meeting will be at noon on August 29 at the CK Restaurant (formerly Country Kitchen).

Note: If you know how many tickets you need, email tickets@fallfestofale.com.

We will reserve the number of tickets you request, if possible, and you will be billed for that amount (\$40 per ticket) as soon as the tickets are printed and available.

Note that we expect to sell out again, even with a larger location this year, as we are limiting the number of tickets sold to less than the facility will accommodate this year.

Our monthly Board of Directors meeting will be August 16, 2007.

Two golf fundraisers are on September 14, 2007:

Glen Erin at 1 pm, \$100 / person, proceeds for the Rock County Habitat for Humanity.

Wisconsin Dells, Trappers Turn, \$90/person, proceeds to the WI-Upper MI Kiwanis District Convention being held Sept. 14-16. Dave Wimann has the registration forms.

Drawing:

\$518 is the size of the pot. Dale "Hard Luck" Henning drew an "8". The lucky ticket holder's chances of winning next week will be 1 in 18.

Happy Dollars:

Merlin announced this is his 55th wedding anniversary. Ed Pulliam and his S.O. Sophie celebrated their 60th birthdays this week.

The Program:



Our speaker was Maurice Montgomery, long time curator of the Rock County Historical Society, now retired. He told us the history of the Oakhill Cemetery, which was organized by a group of 20 businessmen January 4, 1851. A Board of Directors was appointed, by-laws were written, and the organization was formed like a trust or foundation. Land was purchased on North Oakhill, roads and perimeter fencing was built, and the organization began selling burial lots.

At that time the cemetery was on the outskirts of the City, and a woman suggested that some form of public transportation be started so visitors wanting to go to the cemetery would not have to walk so far. The idea of public transportation was appealing to many, so in 1880, small street cars pulled by donkeys began transporting people. Eventually public transportation in the City was expanded, and this service eventually became today's Janesville Transit System.

The cemetery has grown from the original 20 to 89.7 acres, with 26,000 graves, and room for maybe 20,000 more, if above-ground graves are used. It has become the largest cemetery in Rock County.

A book, "Oakhill Cemetery Association, A History" has been written by Mr. Montgomery, and is available through the Association. See Dale Henning if interested in purchasing a copy.

Thanks to David Calverley for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.

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