

# *Friends of Nunda Cemeteries*

January 26, 2009

Dear Friends and Future Friends,

2009 will be an important year for the Friends of Nunda Cemeteries. We are looking forward to renewing our organization and taking important steps toward fulfilling our mission of restoring and preserving the historic cemeteries in the Town of Nunda. The purpose of this letter is to update you on the Friends, to tell you about some exciting plans for the coming year and to invite you to begin or continue your membership.

Although the Friends did not have the usual spring and fall meetings in 2008, we were active during Nunda's Bicentennial Year. Working with the Nunda Historical Society and the Town of Nunda Bicentennial Committee, the Friends co-sponsored both the traditional Memorial Day Service by the Sons of Union Veterans and the dedication of the Revolution War Plot in Oakwood by the Sons of the American Revolution. We also participated in the Victorian Picnic at the Cemetery (held at the high school gym because of rain.) Photos of these events are in the Friend's scrapbook found on the Historical Society's website, [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org). Members also participated in a spring clean up and worked on gravestones throughout the year.

This year we will have our **Spring Meeting at the Nunda Historical Society Building on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30**. The program will be "**Plans for Oakwood Cemetery**" and include a discussion of the new addition that needs to be developed and opened in the coming years. Be sure to bring an interested friend! There will also be a brief business meeting that will include election of officers and board members for 2009-2010.

**Our annual spring clean up day will be Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM to Noon**. Meet at the West Street entrance to Oakwood Cemetery and bring work gloves and tools. If there are enough folks we will also spread out to the other cemeteries in Town. We will have something to do for the youngest to the oldest - so don't hesitate to join us! (You can bring a chair if you like!)

Other activities are planned. The Friends will host a traditional "Decoration Day" activity. On Memorial Day, Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will lay flowers on veteran's graves in Oakwood and other cemeteries in the morning before the parade. We will also be completing our transcription of veteran's graves this year, and do our usual gravestone work, woodchuck patrol, flower plantings, and summer tours. [More details on these activities at the Spring Meeting!](#)

As you can see, we have a busy year planned. We hope you will take part, and encourage your friends and family to join us. **A membership form is enclosed for the current year that runs from Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2009**. If you like, you can pro-rate this year's dues by 50% (ex: family dues are only \$10) and then renew in the fall for the 2009-2010 year.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 468-5991 or email me at [tscook@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tscook@rochester.rr.com)!

Sincerely yours,

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