

**Gowanda Pine Hill Cemetery
(GPHC) Friends Newsletter #3
Feb. 1, 2024**

Our 2023 Annual Appeal has surpassed our goal! Our total is \$8755.00. We are most grateful for the generosity of the following 44 donors:



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Get to Know a Board Member... Jill Smith

Jill has served as our Treasurer for the past 4 years. She maintains extremely important financial record keeping and is required to submit reports to New York State Office of Cemeteries.

As a dedicated kindergarten teacher for 28 years, Jill's students at Frewsburg School District enjoy learning and achieve their best. They love Jill!

She is married to David Smith who serves as the Mayor of Gowanda. They provide a biweekly Facebook address every other Sunday to encourage local citizens to become involved in their community. Look for them on "You Know You're from Gowanda if..."

Jill and David's families mean the world to them. They often travel across country to visit relatives and welcome new babies to the family. >

Because community members like Jill care so much about its residents, Gowanda remains a vibrant village with a positive image. She is proud to call Gowanda her home. We are thankful for Jill's talents and hard work with the cemetery.



President's Address:

Happy New Year to all our Friends of GPHC!

As we begin our 2024 year it is clear to the Board of Trustees that there is much to do. However, we are encouraged by your support and hope to make this another year of significant improvements.

I noticed an interesting trend and want to share a thought as a result. Please excuse the volume of abbreviations in the following information. GPHC = Gowanda Pine Hill Cemetery.

If you are over 72 1/2 years old and receiving an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRA's, there is an option called a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) which can benefit both you and GPHC. At your request GPHC can receive your next contribution directly from your RMD. Since RMD's are considered income, and therefore taxable, any QCD to a charitable organization reduces your tax burden by that amount. So before you write your next check to us (and we truly hope

you do!) why not consider this option and simultaneously reduce your taxes?! The only caveats are you need to request this through your tax professional, financial advisor or financial institution where you have an existing retirement account. The donation must come directly from them. (most ROTH IRA's do not qualify) Finally, it needs be done in time for him/her to accomplish the logistics. (Think October or November.) Here is a link to an IRS site which contains more information:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/qualified-charitable-distributions-allow-eligible-ira-owners-up-to-100000-in-tax-free-gifts-to-charity>.

You can also find this link on our website, gowandapinehillcemetery.com.

Sincerely,
Scott Campbell, President

