

## **GRANDVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The contribution by taxpayers to Grandview Cemetery in 2009 helped with maintenance costs and was much appreciated.

Fifteen more gravestones were reset in 2009. Since this is an ongoing program, any contributions toward gravestone maintenance would gladly be accepted and thoughtfully spent.

Prices for lots and perpetual care, and the cemetery rules and regulations are posted in the cemetery.

A full compliment of volunteers is serving on the Grandview Cemetery Board of Trustees. They are: Barbara Buxbaum, Debra Hill, John Kennedy, Priscilla Kennedy, Robert Loomis, Robert Nolan, Arla Sampsell, Cheryl Thompson, Patricia Waters.

Respectfully submitted

Priscilla Kennedy, Treasurer

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## **GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER**

The Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer center initiates and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer and provides support to volunteers in the form of excess liability insurance, training, transportation, and recognition.

There are currently 32 Shaftsbury area residents actively serving as RSVP volunteers in nonprofit agencies and public institutions throughout Bennington County. During the past fiscal year, the town of Shaftsbury received a total of 2,150 hours of service from RSVP volunteers who served at Head Start, The Senior Nutrition Program, Shaftsbury Elementary School, the Town Office, and Second Chance Animal Center. Using a modest figure of \$10 per hour, this service represents a total value of \$21,150 returned to the Shaftsbury community. Also, we have identified a leader for the RSVP Bone Builders Program (an exercise that prevents or reduces the effects of osteoporosis) who plans to begin a class in Shaftsbury in the new year.

As we move forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we look to baby boomers to find out how RSVP can be their ticket to fulfillment. We are energized to help caring people find their niche in the world of the future. It is our hope that retired individuals, and those still in the workforce, will contact RSVP to see how they can continue the RSVP traditions and create new ones.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia M. Palencsar, Director