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FINAL WISHES

Death may not be the most comfortable topic to ponder, but 37% of Americans say they have given a great deal of thought to their own wishes for end-of-life medical treatment – up from 28% in 1990. A third (35%) say they have put their wishes in writing. At the same time, however, about a quarter (27%) say they've given no thought or not very much thought to their wishes. (Source: Pew Research Center)

2016-2017 CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Strong, professional associations utilize the input, expertise and talents of their members in a number of ways. Service as a member of a key standing committee or ad hoc task force is an important way that members create the future of the association through creation of policy, member and public services, or the governance of the organization. NYSFDA President-Elect **WALTER J. KENT**, will soon be appointing committee and special task force members. The summarization for the Budget and Finance, Constitution and Bylaws, Continuing Education and Convention Education, Government Affairs, and Ad Hoc/Special Task Forces is outlined on www.nysfda.org. If you're interested in serving on one or more of these committees, please complete and return the form (linked on the website) to NYSFDA no later than Friday, **July 1, 2016**. For more information, contact cherie@nysfda.org.



IN REMEMBRANCE

GERALD W. CHESTNEY, 80, of Pine Plains, passed away on April 3, 2016. Jerry came to work as a funeral director for Peck & Peck Funeral Homes in Copake and Pine Plains in 1958. He eventually became the owner of the funeral homes in 1985. In 1985, Jerry was also honored with the opportunity to purchase Dapson Funeral Home in Rhinebeck. Jerry was a member of the Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster Funeral Directors Association and NYSFDA.

MICHAEL J. TORSONE, 62, of Poughkeepsie died March 18, 2016. Michael graduated from the Simmons School of Embalming and Mortuary Science, class of 1973. Upon graduating from Simmons, he became a Licensed Funeral Director-Manager with the family owned business, Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home for 36 years.



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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

Last month NYSFDA held a meeting for local funeral director association leaders. The purpose of this program was to bring together local leadership from around the state to learn what NYSFDA is about and does, not only for its members, but also for funeral service. Representatives from 14 local associations attended, along with officers and staff of NYSFDA.

The guest speaker was **BILL PAWLUCY** from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Pawlucy, from his bio, is the **PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OPTIONS**, a global management consulting firm that helps nonprofit associations in strategic planning, board development, management assessments, searches and special long-term projects.

He talked to the group about his many experiences and he shared his knowledge of effective leadership. In addition to describing board roles and responsibilities, he pointed out that to continue to grow, we must identify future board leaders.

During the course of the day, your local leaders shared with each other the problems and concerns within their associations. It was amazing to learn that these issues were much the same around the state. We discussed the problem of getting CE programs and also getting a commitment from members to take on leadership roles in both officer and committee capacities.

Unless we get members of your local association to step up and make the commitment to serve in some capacity, your state association and our funeral profession will be negatively impacted in the future. I believe that everyone who attended this second local leadership program was enlightened about the strength of commitment NYSFDA, its Board and staff have made to making funeral service a meaningful experience for the families we serve in our communities.

I would ask that you attend your Region's meeting this month being offered by New York State Funeral Directors Association [see page 24 for dates and locations]. And I ask that you continue to support your local and state associations. Please consider getting involved because this is your profession and only you can make a difference. ■

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas R. Brueggemann

DEAR MEMBERS:

We all see our own lives and the world at large through our particular prisms, and sometimes make the mistake of believing that everybody else sees things (or should!!) exactly as we do. And even more jarring is that we strongly believe we are right about lots of stuff.

It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.

~Mark Twain

As my very best friend in the world has told me on several occasions, "Bonnie, you always sound the most certain when you are full of #%!!!!" (Expletive deleted, of course.)

Which is exactly when real trouble can start.

Mind-reading is an innate talent that no one actually possesses. Just when we convince ourselves we know how others observe their worlds we can be resoundingly proven to be absolutely, completely wrong.

This is exactly why NYSFDA leadership constantly asks you what you think and believe utilizing a number of tools.

These tools include in-depth conversations at face-to-face meetings, one-on-one discussions, short surveys . . . in other words, a lot of talking, and a lot of listening. These tools stand all of us in good stead, because communication with what members are thinking, what they need, what they dream, is critical to providing you with what you actually need and want, not what we think you need and want.

In addition to these constant communication tools, every five or six years we do a very in-depth online survey of our members. The results of this survey, which are scientifically validated using a number of statistical models, are what guide your association going forward. The data we mine using much analysis helps us to understand just who you all are, what your business challenges and sweet spots are, and how current NYSFDA services and programs are helping . . . or NOT helping . . . YOU. In short, we can make decisions about that all important target . . . "WHAT'S NEXT."

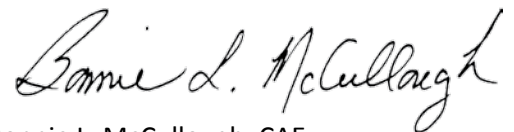
If you have already completed the survey . . . thank you so much. If not, please take this opportunity just before the survey closes to complete it.

I promise you it is worth your time and thought. This organization represents funeral service in this state. Please make sure you take this opportunity to not only create the future, but to create the right future.

After all, it's not just about doing things right, it's about doing the right things.

Thank you so much for your participation. ■

Sincerely,



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EDRS PILOT

Update



FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS

*By Chris Squillacioti, Health Program Administrator II,
Guest Columnist*

The **NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** continues to move forward in the pilot phase of the **ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM (EDRS)**.

We have been meeting with funeral firms, hospitals, medical examiners, coroners, and registrar offices throughout Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery, and Monroe County to provide orientation and training as well as to assist users with creating Health Commerce System (HCS) accounts and to establish EDRS roles.

Over the last couple of months, we have offered trainings and demonstrations at our facility in Albany as well as webinar-based trainings for all funeral firms located in these counties. Approximately half of all the funeral firms in these counties attended the Department's training.

We are currently putting together a reoccurring training schedule for funeral firms who were unable to attend these initial sessions. These reoccurring trainings will be provided monthly.

The schedule will soon be available on the Department of Health, Vital Records and EDRS webpage. However, we will also reach out via e-mail and telephone to re-invite firms to attend these trainings.

Instructional videos and user manuals will also be made available when we reach out to a new region in the State. Also, we urge you to periodically check the EDRS website for additional documentation and audio/visual material at http://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/edrs/funeral.htm.

Additionally, the **EDRS EXTERNAL USER GROUP** is currently conducting testing on a variety of scenarios to help acclimate users to the EDRS as well as to identify issues with the functionality of the system. As we proceed with cases in our pilot area and with the assistance of the EDRS External User Group, the Bureau of Vital Records is working with our vendor, VitalChek in making modifications to the system to meet the needs of all stakeholders in the death certificate process.

We expect that a new release of the system that will address the specifications and concerns of all the users will be available in the summer of 2016. As always, feel free to contact us at edrs@health.ny.gov with any questions or concerns. ■



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The United States Department of Labor is on the verge of enacting new regulations that will redefine who is entitled to overtime and who is exempt based on their status as an executive, administrative or professional employee. These regulations will dramatically expand the number of employees who are entitled to overtime. We will discuss the changes, issues with respect to calculating overtime, and how to plan for the future. We will also discuss the push to increase the minimum wage and wage compression and how it affects the small business owner.

Your Presenter



MICHAEL J. MURPHY is a trial attorney handling complex litigation with an emphasis on employment law and professional liability law. He maintains an active trial practice in State and Federal courts as well as before the EEOC and New York State Division of Human Rights. He is regularly retained by leaders in business, government, community organizations, and the professions to represent their interests in sensitive, high profile litigation and investigations. Mr. Murphy is a Past President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association.

COST? NYSFDA members: \$50 per webinar per person / Non-members: \$125 per webinar per person. The first webinar in the series was held on 2/11/16. Visit www.nysfda.org to register, or call Michelle at **800-291-2629**.

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GETTING PEOPLE TO THEIR FUNERALS



By Ed Munger

I saw an e-mail alerting funeral directors to an airline's new policy on the weight of shipments, including deceased loved ones being transported home for their funeral.

The airline didn't bother informing funeral directors about the change, and that left one funeral home in a bind, temporarily.

The loved one was in New York but their funeral was scheduled to be held soon in another state.

The loved one exceeded the airline's new weight limit, leaving a difficult situation: how to get that loved one down south when the airplane wouldn't bring them.

Aside from urging funeral directors to try to keep abreast of airline company changes, the e-mail suggested if all else fails, try **ROBERT GORDON**, because Gordon says he can

get a loved one anywhere on the entire East Coast of the U.S.

Wow, I thought – now that's a guy whose name a funeral home would want to keep handy – just in case.

I figured it would be worthwhile learning a bit about Robert Gordon, somebody who, as it turns out, has been helping get people to their own funerals for four decades now.

Gordon, 59, operates the New Jersey-based **RELIABLE REMOVAL SERVICE**. He started transporting loved ones in 1975 when working for a Newark, NJ funeral home right after high school.

He moved on and started working for a Medical Examiner's office, again transporting the deceased, and coping with what he described as "horrible scenes."

The Marine Corps. Veteran, who served his country for six years, has been helping other funeral homes since he left the military.

Roughly four decades later, Gordon now owns that funeral home building he worked from as a teen. He saw it for sale about five years ago and bought it.

And he operates it under the name **EVANS-GORDON FUNERAL HOME**, while he studies mortuary science to become a funeral director himself.

Gordon's got a staff that includes a funeral director at his funeral home, in addition to a network of people he connects with throughout the East Coast and beyond.

"I have contacts up and down the East Coast, and the Midwest. In California, I have contacts," Gordon said. "Wherever you want to go."

Gordon said he needs a reasonable amount of time to get the job done and funeral directors need the necessary burial permit in order for a transport to take place. All jobs are different – he calculates the cost of staff time and travel to price a project.

Gordon said he's helped funeral directors in the New York – New Jersey metro area get loved ones to Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Delaware, Alabama, Ohio and a host of other states.

He said he also fields calls from funeral directors in his area who need assistance getting a loved one back home from another state.

"I have contacts in different states that I use in order to get the remains back to the funeral director," he said.

He's helped funeral directors get loved ones to Buffalo, Utica and other major cities across New York State.

BRIAN HITCHMAN, Financial Secretary and Treasurer for **EMPIRE FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, got to an airport with a loved one he was transporting for a funeral home only to learn they exceeded the weight limit under a new policy.

The loved one's funeral was being held in North Carolina the following afternoon, and he suggested the funeral home contact Robert Gordon because he heard Gordon could help in these situations.

"Next morning, about noon time, [Gordon's] man was at the North Carolina funeral home's front door," Hitchman said.

With Gordon's help, that funeral went on as planned.

"My motto is to get things done. If someone calls in need, I am there and available for them. I don't want to say I can't help," said Gordon, who said it isn't only airline policy issues that lead funeral homes to call on him.

In some cases, people prefer transportation on the ground. He said some have told him their loved one never flew in a plane and wouldn't while alive.

"My mother never rode on a plane and I don't want her in a plane," he recalled one woman telling him.

There are many other "removal" services in the massive New York – New Jersey metropolitan area, and Gordon said he's heard from many startups and doesn't mind giving them advice.

"They call me and ask how did I do it, what should they do to enhance their business. Number one, you need money. Number two, you need time, and number three you need knowledge," Gordon said.

"It's experience. You just don't learn all at once, you learn over the years, and I am still learning," he said.

Gordon prides himself on being able to boast he can help get loved ones anywhere on the East Coast. He also stresses that he's not in the "transportation" business, per-se.

"We are caring for people's loved ones. That's somebody's mother, that's somebody's brother, father, sister, aunt, uncle. Although they are dead, they are respected," Gordon said.

Gordon is one of many whose work takes place behind the scenes of funerals – his job is to make sure people get to their own funerals.

NYSFDA's blog [www.SympathyNotes.org] doesn't make endorsements – nobody would ask an ex-newspaper reporter for advice on moving a loved one to another state anyways. But for those in a bind needing to get a deceased loved one to their family, Robert Gordon said give him a call and he'll help if he can. ■





CONGRATULATIONS

NYS Senator **JOSEPH A. GRIFFO** (47th S.D.) recently sponsored a resolution (J4785) commemorating the 100th Anniversary of **STRONG-BURNS AND SPROCK FUNERAL HOME** in Rome, NY. The resolution which was adopted on April 12, stated, " . . . It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the success it has worked so hard to achieve; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Strong-Burns and Sprock Funeral Home . . . "

LOCAL LEADERS MEET IN ALBANY

NYSFDA was pleased to host an orientation meeting for leaders of local Funeral Directors Associations from throughout New York State at the Association headquarters on April 5. NYSFDA president **DOUGLAS R. BRUEGGEMANN** (standing) welcomed the group. ■



THANK YOU

Representatives from the **NYS MILITARY FORCES HONOR GUARD / MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM** were here in Albany last month, discussing how to ensure our Veterans get the honors they deserve. In this photo, L-R: Sgt. 1st Class **ERWIN A. DOMINQUEZ**, NYS non-commissioned officer in charge, Military Forces Honor Guard; **PETER MORAN**, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator (a Veteran); and 1st Lt. **ALIX WALLS**, Officer in Charge, Military Forces Honor Guard; **MARIANNE SCHROM**, NYSFDA Director of External and Member Relations; and **DANNIELLE MELENDEZ**, NYSFDA Public Policy Coordinator. ■



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MARTY'S EMPLOYER:

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Title: Manager

ABOUT MARTY:

- Licensed Funeral Director since 1996
- Adirondack FDA, NYSFDA EDRS Implementation Committee
- Recipient of the Community Hospice of Amsterdam Healing Hands of Hospice Award in 2014
- Chairman of the Amsterdam Elks Soccer Shoot
- Member of the Board of Directors of United Way in Amsterdam, Amsterdam High School Marching Rams Booster Club, and Horace J. Inman Senior Center in Amsterdam

*We recently had the opportunity to sit down with NYSFDA Leadership Academy participant **MARTIN J. "MARTY" HUGHES** and asked him a few questions:*

What inspired you to become a funeral director?

I was first employed at the former Johnson-Lindsay Funeral Home and Rossi Funeral Homes as a teenager washing cars and doing odd jobs around the funeral home. My cousin, Vincent Rossi, was the owner of Rossi Funeral Home and gave me the job. I was always around the funeral home but never thought I would be a funeral director until going away to college in South Carolina. I wondered there what I would do for my career. When I returned home for summer break, I told my cousin I was ready to go to school and become a funeral director. It was like a light bulb turned on and I heard the calling. Vince was very supportive of me and mentored me to achieve my goal.

How do you consider yourself successful?

I consider myself a success because of the families that I serve each day. I know I have helped them to the best of my ability. I have suffered great loss in my life, so I have walked in their shoes. I lost my 36-year old brother to kidney cancer in 2005 and my dad to lung cancer in 2012. I always put myself in my families' shoes to try to help them to move forward and celebrate the life of their loved one. I immerse myself into their lives. This career is demanding, but also very rewarding.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing NYS funeral service?

1. The misconceptions of consumers and media. We are not all just out to get a paycheck. It is an emotional journey for us and for the families we serve. We are caregivers that deal with the most trying times in a family's life.
2. We also are trying to deal with rising cost of Health Care and other costs related to the operation of the funeral home and recruiting/retaining strong employees. I believe the more that funeral professionals can work together, the better off we all will be in the future.
3. It's really challenging today to find young people interested in our profession. We work long hours and probably don't make a lot of money compared to the work we do. Many colleges are seeing a huge drop in students in their Mortuary programs. This is one of our greatest challenges today.

Favorite leadership quote:

"Surround yourself with great people; delegate authority; get out of the way."

~ Ronald Reagan

What do you hope to learn throughout the NYSFDA Leadership Academy?

I am very excited to be the oldest participant at 43 years young in the Leadership Academy and look forward to continue learning about the NYSFDA and the wonderful people that are part of our profession. The future will be bright in our profession as long as there are leaders that are willing to learn and grow along with our calling." ■



LIFTING AND MOVING THE *Dead*

Helpful tips for preventing injury

Caring for the dead necessitates lifting or helping move them. Compared to objects lifted or moved in traditional or industrial settings, the body is generally heavier, more delicate and awkward to handle. Also, the center of gravity can change during the handling activity. This can suddenly put a funeral director in an awkward posture or position and require them to make more forceful exertions.

Back injuries can have a long-lasting effect on your funeral home. A back injury to a key employee could require a change to your operation.

WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO BACK INJURIES ?

Lifting or moving the dead requires the interaction

of the funeral director, the individual being moved, the equipment used, and the work environment. There are a great variety of activities involved, including:

- Manual lifting
- Laterally transferring between two horizontal surfaces
- Repositioning furniture in a home to remove the body
- Manipulating extremities
- Dressing and casketing
- And who can forget those dreaded stairs!

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of the neck, shoulder and back. Bending the back forward when lifting places great loads on the muscles, discs, and ligaments of the lower back.

One of the most damaging activities is to bend, reach out and lift, and then twist while raising the trunk. The ligaments of the back do not support twisting movements very well, especially when the back is bent forward.

As pressures on the discs in the lower back increase, the center or nucleus of the disc is forced backwards. If the disc bulges or ruptures, this can damage the surrounding nerves.

GENERAL TIPS TO PREVENT INJURY

- Know your own limits and do not exceed them
- Assess before lifting or moving a body
- Eliminate or reduce manual lifting whenever possible
- Use assist devices or equipment when available or appropriate
- Get co-workers to help as much as possible by giving them clear, simple instructions with adequate time for response
- Mentally plan and prepare (e.g., consider obstructions; clear out paths)
- Use (or modify) surfaces to keep work tasks, equipment and supplies close and at the correct height (i.e., between the waist and shoulders)
- Make sure brakes hold properly and apply them firmly on gurneys
- Use upright, neutral working postures and proper body mechanics
 - Bend your legs, not your back. Use your legs to do the work

- Do not twist when turning. Pick up your feet and pivot your whole body in the direction of the move

FOOTWEAR

The appropriate footwear can also provide good traction to help prevent slips or falls and cushioning when standing or walking for long periods on hard surfaces.

GURNEYS

Make sure your transport gurneys are easy to steer as well as easy to adjust (e.g., can easily raise or lower). Also, controls that allow upright, neutral working posture (e.g., easy to reach without bending or reaching).

PREP ROOM TIPS

1. Try to have storage shelves located between waist and shoulder height in your office or prep room
2. Have sufficient and accessible storage for hoists and other assist equipment and devices

TRAINING

Effective training is an important part of trying to reduce or prevent injuries at your funeral home as the tips mentioned above.

Keep in mind that training is not effective at reducing injuries unless it:

- Includes education and hands-on practice
- Allows feedback
- Requires that employees demonstrate the skills learned in a competency evaluation
- Is systematically reinforced by retraining

Finally, remember that for training to be successful at reducing employee injuries, your funeral home should strive to provide support and workers must practice the skills on a daily basis during work activities. ■

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BURIAL at Sea

One family member just loved to walk on the beach.

Another told relatives he had the best time of his life sport fishing in Fort Lauderdale. Another made sure her children and grandchildren gathered each year for a family reunion in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Before hundreds of voyages, family members described various heartfelt reasons they brought their beloved's ashes to be scattered at sea.

"They'd like to bring their loved one back to where they had their fondest memories, and that's what we see all the time," said Capt. **BRAD WHITE**, owner of **NEW ENGLAND BURIALS AT SEA LLC**.

A mariner since age 12 who grew up on Boston's south shore, White embarked on a career as a businessman before deciding to pack up his desk not long after a friend asked him to scatter his uncle's ashes while he was out at sea.

That request was followed by another and then by dozens, and White eventually traded his corporate business cards for a mariner's cap.

"I just got tired of the board room. I turned the ocean into my office and I haven't looked back," said White, 57, a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Master Captain whose company now serves families on the east and west coasts of the U.S.

His vessels typically bring funeral parties of between six and 25 passengers out to sea to bid a final farewell to loved ones – people with

an enduring love for the ocean their families never forgot.

"In America, there are 175 million Americans that live within 10 miles of the water. There is a huge gravitational pull to come home when somebody passes away," White said.

White said people are often surprised – many had never realized they could bring a family member's ashes for sea scattering. But the growth in cremation rates is gradually reaching the sea – and White believes his services can add another offering funeral directors can pass on to their families.

"When a funeral director offers a scattering at sea, not only do they earn on it, they're able to allow the family something new and different and that's a new source of revenue and margin for the funeral director," White said.

His company now makes use of a variety of vessels on both the East and West coasts – boats small enough for an intimate group of six and ships large enough to carry a party of 400. They also provide voyages for full-body burials and White is proud of to say "we're the only licensed and insured provider that performs full body burials at sea with ocean friendly burial shrouds."

A voyage brings the group out at least three nautical miles, where family members can scatter ashes on the outbound tide. The ashes are accompanied by flower petals and the ceremonies can include an eight bell "end of watch" blessing and a cannon salute.



Guests on ocean burial trips see a variety of life on the way – from gray and humpback whales to sea turtles eight-foot wide. Tuna fish, sharks, seals and a variety of birds often show up too.

It's a moving experience, White said, when families on a funeral voyage witness dolphins "dancing in the water."

These experiences provides guests with a better understanding of their family member's love for the ocean.

Often, White said a scattering ceremony will take place within view of a lighthouse that serves as a marker where family and friends can look to as they gaze out at the sea and remember their loved one.

"They travel the world forever with the ocean currents and with incredible wildlife. That fulfills part of the decedent's last wish," White said.

For many, "that far outweighs visiting a columbarium or a family gravesite," he said.

There are those who prefer not to go out on a boat – but that doesn't mean they can't get their loved one's ashes out to sea, White said.

"They rely on us to scatter their loved one in a photo-documented manner," White said. These families receive photographs and a video of the ceremony created during the trip.

Families of Navy veterans – and other branches of the military – often seek out a sea burial for their beloved, he said.

"Much like a farmer wanting to be scattered over his cornfields, maritime military personnel ... they'd like to be back where they spent their career," White said.

People are now signing up pre-need programs through sea burial-certified funeral homes – which are listed on the company's website to assist people in their pre-planning efforts.

"We offer funeral homes a non-charge, sea burial certification training program which is only 70 minutes in length. Then we direct preneed families their way, based on marketing and geographic area," White said.

For White, whose memories of the sea extend back more than 40 years, there is no other final resting place.

"I am absolutely going to be part of the sea again," White said. ■

We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came.

~John F. Kennedy Jr.

GARRITY AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

The EDWARD J. GARRITY LEADERSHIP AWARD was established in 1996 to recognize funeral directors who embody the crucial characteristics of distinguished volunteer leaders, i.e., integrity, strength of conviction, and dedication.

President **ED GARRITY**, who died while serving in office, exemplified every one of these essential qualities. The Award is presented during the NYSFDA Annual Convention Banquet. The criteria includes:

- The nominee cannot be the current NYSFDA President, President-Elect or Immediate Past President. It's not necessary to have served as President to be nominated.
- Can only be awarded to individuals affiliated with a current NYSFDA member funeral firm and the firm must be a member for a period of at least ten (10) consecutive years.
- Can only be awarded to individuals who have served in offices, on the board or committee positions at the State level.
- The individual must have shown leadership and commitment to NYSFDA's goals and objectives

and to the enhancement of funeral service over an extended period of time.

- The individual has consistently considered the merits of issues and the broad implications of them, not just as they may impact their own funeral service operation.
- The person has exhibited the strongest ethical conduct throughout their leadership tenure.
- The individual has played an integral part in the development and implementation of a project that has had a positive impact on the funeral service industry.

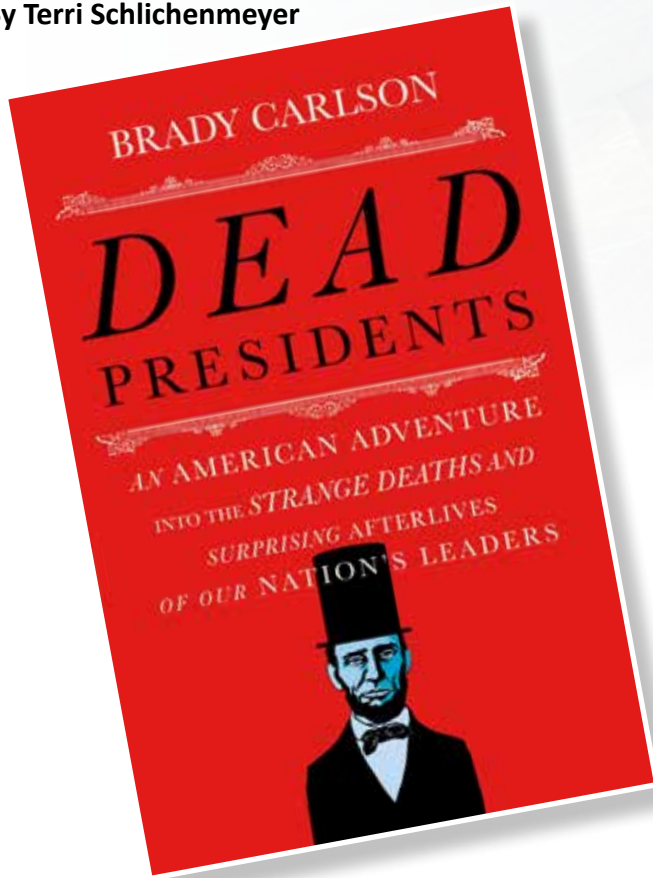
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Do you know a worthy candidate for the **GARRITY AWARD**? Please submit a nomination no later than **JUNE 30, 2016**. Questions? Contact Kelly@nysfda.org or 800-291-2629.

Book Review

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



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Someday, you might have your very own stone.

Everyone will know it's yours because your name will be on it, along with a couple of dates. It'll be yours for a long time, perhaps forever, but sadly, you'll never see it in its finished form. You'll just have to trust that it's the right size for the job or, as in "**DEAD PRESIDENTS**" by **BRADY CARLSON**, you could be memorialized with a stone the size of a South Dakota mountain.

Brady Carlson is a curious guy and when his curiosity is piqued, he tends to go all-out in a search for information. Years ago, in grade school, he became interested in U.S. presidents and he noticed that most books are written about "the lives of our leaders." That led him to wonder about their deaths.

A few years ago, he finally acted on his inquisitiveness with a cross-country journey to the graves of the presidents and their monuments.

Beginning with the Father of Our Country, Carlson learned that Washington didn't want a lot of foofaraw upon his death. He really didn't want a city to be named after himself, either; one can only imagine how he'd feel about his monument which, by the way, wasn't finished for nearly 90 years after George died.

Every schoolchild knows that John Q. Adams and Thomas Jefferson – friends, rivals, and signers of the Declaration of Independence – both died on July 4, 1826. That's an eerie coincidence, but Carlson says it's more common than we think. Presidents Ford and Truman both died the day after Christmas (in different years). James Madison almost died on Independence Day, 1836, but he declined medical help to do so, and died a few days prior.

Abraham Lincoln's bones sat in a basement "for almost a decade." Parts of James Garfield's skeletal remains are in a museum, remnants of an attempted murder, a trial, and mishandled injury. One president was exhumed 140 years after he died, one lay in a temporary crypt for "two months longer than his entire presidency . . ." and, surprisingly, just one (so far) rests in peace in Washington.

In less than a year, a new person will sit in the Oval Office. What happened to thirty-nine of his (or her) predecessors is the premise behind this peek at presidential passings.

You don't have to look much past the title of "Dead Presidents" to know that you're in for something enjoyably irreverent here, but author Brady Carlson isn't disrespectful. His fascinating journey was genuine, as evidenced by places he sleuthed, people he met along the way, and the can't-stop-reading information he found.

We learn about gravesites and places where we only think a president rests in peace. We learn how he got there – sometimes a circuitous route. And we learn how our former leaders are remembered forever. Or not.

History buffs will relish this book. Trivia lovers will eat it up, and political fans should lobby for it. If politics as (un)usual has your ear this year, "Dead Presidents" is stone-cold fun. ■

EDITOR'S NOTE: Terri Schlichenmeyer, a regular contributor to NYSFDA's blog *SympathyNotes.org*, has been reading since she was three years old and she never goes anywhere without a book.

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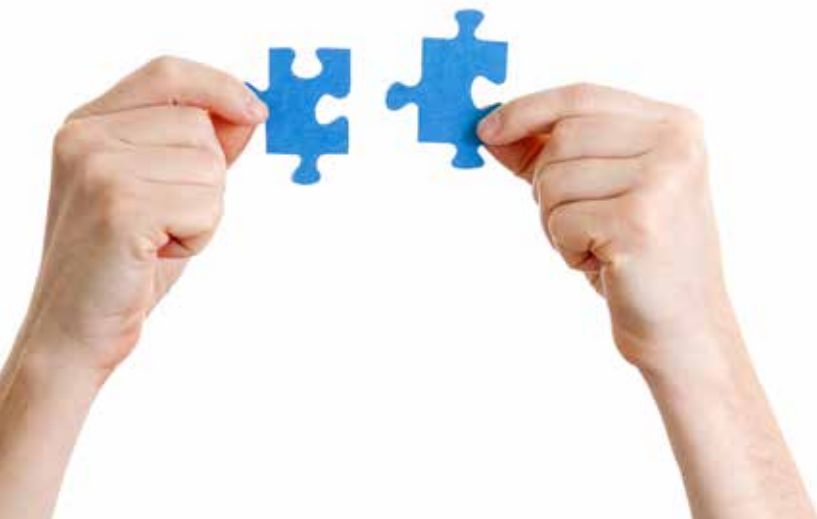
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For those consumers who are set up on a **SELECT PAY PLAN**, an invoice is generated and mailed upon opening an account each time a payment is processed. This will also be mailed out if the consumer becomes delinquent on the payment plan or shortly before an annual payment is due. The next payment due date is provided on the bottom of each statement.

ANNUAL TAX STATEMENT

When making prearrangements with the consumer, be sure to remind them that the funds are being set aside in an **INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT** and the **INTEREST INCOME** will need to be reported to the IRS. A **GRANTOR TRUST TAX INFORMATION STATEMENT** is mailed annually at the end of January to each account holder. Funeral homes and consumers may view the last 3 years of tax statements by logging into our website www.preplan.org.

CONSUMER ACCOUNT STATEMENT

A **CONSUMER ACCOUNT STATEMENT** is mailed when a change has been made to the account, such as an additional deposit, change in contract type or guarantee, removal or addition of the **SELECT PAY PLAN**, change of taxpayer information, etc.

DISBURSEMENT STATEMENT

A **DISBURSEMENT STATEMENT** is generated when a consumer account is closed for payment to the funeral home for the services provided. This statement is sent to either the alternate person listed on the account or the informant listed on the death certificate.

Consumers have 24/7 access all 365 days of the year to check their Account Balance or obtain their Grantor Trust Tax Information Statement by visiting www.preplan.org:

- Simply click on the **CONSUMER** tab
- Enter the *PrePlan* Trust **CONTRACT NUMBER**
- Enter the last 4 digits of the Purchaser's **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
- Enter the Purchaser's **LAST NAME**

Please inform each consumer that these statements are mailed directly by *PrePlan*. It's important for the funeral home to be advised of all address changes to ensure accurate and timely delivery of these statements.

If you'd like more information on our correspondence please contact us at 800-577-3752 or preplan@preplan.org. ■

WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE PREPLAN FAMILY:

- **Crestwood Funeral Home & Funeral Services**, New York
- **Donaldson - Seymour Funeral Home**, Potsdam

FICO WHAT?

Aside from verifiable cash flow, your credit report and FICO score are two important factors in not just obtaining a loan, but receiving a great rate.

Do you know your Fico credit score? You can receive a free copy of your credit report annually at www.annualcreditreport.com. This report doesn't give you your FICO score, but does show all accounts on your credit history. You can also obtain your current FICO credit score at www.myfico.com for \$19.95.

The general formula for FICO scores is comprised of the following data:

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| • Payment History | 35% |
| • Amount you owe (Capacity) | 30% |
| • Length of Credit History | 15% |
| • Types of Credit | 10% |
| • New Credit | <u>10%</u> |
| Total | 100% |

Some interesting facts about FICO Credit Scores are that it is not offered by a large number of credit card accounts. FICO looks at the balances on the cards, not the number of cards. A denied loan has no impact on a credit score and six payments are required on an active loan to generate a FICO score for the first time.

A bankruptcy filing is the worst thing that you can do to a Fico Credit score: Chapter 7, 11 and 12 Bankruptcies will remain on a credit report for ten years, while a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy will remain on a credit report for seven years.

If you have co-signed a loan and that account is on your credit report, then it is included in your credit score.

CREDIT REPORT

www.DirectorsChoiceCU.com

The date payments are due on student loans is a part of the credit score calculation. If they are not due yet, then they are not included in the score.

There are several items that can "hurt" your FICO score. Some items are closing revolving accounts in a short period of time, multiple late payments and derogatory public records. Also, having loans at second tier finance companies that charge very high finance charges and settling a debt for less than the full balance can impact your score.

Things that a FICO score does not take into consideration are where you live, your salary, occupation, your employer or employment history. It also does not factor in your race, color, age or religion, sex or marital status. ■

For more information, contact Directors Choice!

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UPCOMING CALENDAR



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May 2016

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Magicians Honoring Teddy Lee, LFD

Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Avenue South, Queens, 8:00 p.m.

The American Society of Magicians is honoring one of their longtime members - Funeral Director Teddy Lee - as 2016 Magician of the Year!

Cost: \$45 each

For more information contact Ken Ferst, 917-533-3406

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Dodge Technical Seminar, May 12 - 13

Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

More information is available at shop.dodgeco.com or contact: Tom Fusco at 800-443-6343 or tfusco@dodgeco.com

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Westchester County FDA, 3 CEUs

Temple Beth Abraham, Tarrytown, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60 per CEU or \$150 for all three

Registration and payment by mail is requested by May 10. For additional information, call Terri Flynn: 914-263-9118 or e-mail terrif@live.com

Make checks payable to: Westchester County FDA, PO Box 668, Tarrytown NY 10591-0668

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Hudson Valley Professional Services, NYS Law Exam Seminars

Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$120

NO CEUs - Program for Registered Registrants only

Cost: \$120

Register at www.hudsonpros.com

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Jack A. Rampulla, 4 CEUs

Adria Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd., Bayside

2 classes, \$24 per credit

Contact: JRamp87908@aol.com / 516-650-0716



2016 Regional Meetings - Earn 2 NYS Law CEUs!

REGION 9: Melville

Monday, May 9

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Melville Marriott, 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road

REGION 8: East Elmhurst

Tuesday, May 10

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

LaGuardia Marriott, 102-05 Ditmars Blvd.

REGION 7: Poughkeepsie

Wednesday, May 11

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Blvd.

REGION 6: Albany

Thursday, May 12

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Desmond, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany

REGION 5: Saratoga Springs

Thursday May 12

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott, 11 Excelsior Avenue

REGION 1: Amherst

Tuesday, May 17

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Buffalo Marriott Niagara, 1340 Millersport Highway

REGION 2: Fairport

Wednesday, May 18

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive

REGION 4: Syracuse

Thursday, May 19

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Genesee Grand Hotel, 1060 East Genesee Street

REGION 3: Oneonta

Friday, May 20

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Foothills Performing Arts and Civic Center, 24 Market Street

Program:

Preneed Funeral Insurance, 1 NYS Law CEU

Funeral Service Education, 1 NYS Law CEU

Cost:

Free for NYSFDA members / \$250 for non-members

More details can be found on our website, www.nysfda.org!