

REMINDERS:

- Community Forum
River View Cemetery
November 4, 2009
6:30 p.m.
- Speaker's Bureau
Contact: Sylvia Bouneff
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- Have a Personal
Instruction Form on
file with your mortuary
choice.
- Next Board Meeting
November 2, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Tualatin United
Methodist Church
20200 SW Martinazzi
Tualatin, OR 97062

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River View shares a few words

For just over two years, River View Cemetery Funeral Home has been privileged to serve as the contract mortuary for Portland area members of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Oregon.

We have provided service to numerous families experiencing a death and created pre-arrangement files for many new members joining the organization.

In addition, many FCAO members have transferred their pre-arrangements to River View Cemetery Funeral Home from other funeral homes, knowing they will receive the benefits of the special FCAO packages and pricing.

Last fall, River View Cemetery Funeral Home hosted the FCAO Annual Meeting. In addition to the regular business meeting and officer's reports, the Officers and FCAO Board members arranged a special panel presentation on selected topics. During the presentation, speakers discussed organ donation for transplant and also body donation to Oregon Health Sciences University.

There was a great deal of interest in organ donation and body donation. River View Cemetery Funeral Home, following the example of FCAO, is planning a community forum to explore these topics again. We extend an invitation to all FCAO members to the community forum. It will be **Wednesday evening, November 4, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** and will be held at Adams Chapel in River View Cemetery, 0300 SW Taylor's Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97219.

A panel of experts will discuss how the processes work and answer questions. The forum is a cooperative effort in partnership with Donate Life Northwest, Lions Eye Bank, Community Tissue Services and Oregon Health Sciences University Body Donation Program. We would welcome your attendance.

Thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in us to serve as a contract mortuary and cemetery for your organization.

David Noble, Executive Director, River View Cemetery
Steve Moore, Manager, River View Cemetery Funeral Home
The Staff of River View Cemetery and River View Cemetery Funeral Home

Volunteers Needed!

If you volunteer a few hours a month, you can help FCAO thrive. Your help is vital! Here are some of the many ways you can help:

Spread the word among your family, friends, church and social groups.

Invite our speakers to talk with a group, large or small.

Join our Speakers' Bureau and give informal talks yourself!

Help us get other members' e-mail addresses.

Forward this newsletter to your family, friends, pastor, etc.

Send money!

Consider a special donation in memory of, or to honor, someone dear to you.

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Take the Second Step

As a recipient of this E-Newsletter you have likely taken the first step in joining the FCA team. That step was to become a member by paying your lifetime membership fee to join the Oregon Memorial Association or FCAO and provide your contact information. Perhaps you have sent a donation as well, for which we again say ... Thanks! You are part of the team along with fellow members, including volunteer FCAO Board members.

Now for step two. We encourage you to join in FCAO's mission to support education and consumer protection. We provide information to help others review and adjust their current funeral plans, and serve as a protector of the consumer with attentiveness to laws for funerals, cremation, and related matters. We operate with great help from part-time Administrative Secretary Sandy Lofy, providing 24/7 contact for inquiries by telephone and e-mail. (Perhaps you have talked with Sandy.) All the service is provided with a small budget of approximately \$1,000 per month. Our website (www.FCA-Oregon.org) has recently been updated. Be sure to bookmark it in your computer and share it with friends.

You can help by: (A) attending a quarterly Board Meeting, (B) organizing a date for our speakers bureau, (C) making an extra donation (sorry, we are not yet tax-deductible), and (D) helping us find a donated replacement computer.

If you have questions or suggestions, send us an e-mail for consideration at the Board Meeting in Tualatin Monday, Nov.2.

Ed Warmoth, Treasurer

Other Brief Bits

If you believe in the mission and purposes of FCAO, and have some time and energy to spare, please consider serving on the board. The bylaws call for a Board of Trustees of 7 to 11 people. We currently have only five board members who are consistently able to attend, and frankly folks, we're all getting a bit older! There are some changes in the wind, and if the board is to reflect the wishes of the membership, we need more representation.

Underway is the creation of a companion organization that will concentrate only on education: the Funeral Consumers Education Foundation. It will be a 501(C)(3) non-profit, so donations will be tax-deductible. Also needed: an observer on the Oregon State Mortuary and Cemetery Board (meets in Portland.) Could you help?

If there is no FCAO contract mortuary near you, you can help us do price checks in your area. Contact Sandy for information.

There will not be an annual meeting this fall for two reasons. The main reason is the high cost of mailing an announcement. Also, the bylaws call for an annual meeting in the spring. Stay tuned!

The national FCA staff has helped us send a fund-raising letter. Many of you have responded. Thank you for your generosity!