

FCAI Annual Member Meeting
June 2, 2018 1:00– 3:00pm
Library! At Cole & Ustick
7557 W. Ustick Rd. Boise, ID

Special Speaker Honey Goodman, Administrator/COO
Treasure Valley Hospice, LLC

Topic - The Teal Chair:
If you had limited time- what would change?
A GOOD LIFE: 5 easy steps: Conversations at any age.

People fight death so hard that they lose their vision of what's important. Teaching people to ask the question, "What would you do if you knew you had limited time to live?" changes the dialog. This presentation will take a unique look at living and dying well by first defining what is uniquely important to the individual.

From the president - "What!? Over already? I was just getting the hang of it..." It has been an honor to serve FCAI goals and mission statement. It has been a wonderful, challenging past 6 years...but alas, the new wave of volunteers take the helm. The folks that volunteer running this group are kind, generous, funny and delightful to serve with, thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be apart of this group.

Perched on the shoulders of the dedicated volunteers gone before us, my goal was to keep the organization vital and relevant; reach out to institutions, health care workers, churches, and the public. Our thrust has been education through community education, small group presentations and outreach with letter writing campaigns. By talking about death in frank ways, we've led candid discussions on funeral practices, options, choices, and rules widening the narrative surrounding death and personal choices.

Member volunteers have a legacy that has helped Idaho families face end of life choices. This is a good thing and you can be an active part of this good thing.

As per the FCAI Bylaws I have reached my second consecutive 3 year term. The recruiting efforts of member/volunteer Susan Randall has garnered FCAI 2 new candidates for board positions to be voted upon. Logan Sheridan and Nancy Gledhill have agreed to throw their hat into the ring.

We started the 2017/2018 fiscal year with a full board. Rose Thomas triumphantly recruited 3 nominees and the membership elected them all. Then unfortunately, Jody Mahnken resigned but graciously continued to volunteer with phone calls and email inquiries. Two members found employment that prevented them from continuing

Heather Felkel is a funeral director by trade, but was not currently working as such when she joined the board. Heather is a powerhouse and her employer is lucky to have her, as were we. Among her contributions are the Facebook page and a standardized process for selecting our annual speaker. She served as secretary until November when she tendered her resignation (as required in the FCAI Bylaws) due to new employment as a funeral director. Brett Herd left the board when he was offered a job in Washington State. Brett earned certification as a Physicians Assistant and left us in January. Susan Randall, a past board member, stepped into the secretary role and has been volunteering to serve as minute taker. She has also completed her 6 consecutive years of service and is not eligible to sit on the board proper. So that is currently the board situation.

Chuck Bonney fills the role of membership secretary role and is doing a great job. He proposed FCAI use a debit card for postage, which has worked out well; not only does it eliminate the need for members to pay out of pocket, and wait a month for the reimbursement process, but it names the addressee on the receipt for better tracking.

Rose Thomas ends her three-year term June of 2018, and is interested in serving another term. This is such a benefit to the organization as it keeps experience in place and keeps the staggered board positions, to help with continuity of knowledge and practice.

Every two years FCAI does contract renewal with our participating funeral home providers, Accent in Meridian and Rosenau in Twin Falls. Each on rotating years. Last year Randy Arnzen renegotiated his contract with a graduated increase over the 2-year period. Kevin Rosenau's contract was altered to reflect consistency. Here is the member's cost as reflected in the contract renewal.

2018 - 2020 Contract renewal with Rosenau Funeral Home

Contract renegotiations with Kevin Rosenau, owner Funeral Director of Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls, came due March 17, 2018. An agreement was negotiated and renewal was signed through March 31, 2020 for FCAI members.

Changes were made in this renewal period:

Type I, Direct Cremation

Basic contract cost \$780.00

Type II, Immediate Burial

*Basic contract cost \$ 805.00 if supply own casket,
\$ 1205.00 w/casket of mortuary's choice up \$200.00*

Consumer advocacy is needed as much today as it was in 1972. FCAI annual update of the GPL comparison is such an important tool to keep pricing transparent. We have received complaints from funeral directors that our GPL focuses on 'cost' not 'services' so we are doing something right.

Attention Members

Updated 2018 GPL Now Online

2018 Funeral Home Comparative General Price List is available online. New this year, Funeral Homes with their GPL online have been indicated with easy hyperlinks to their websites.

<http://fcai.fortboise.org/survey.html>

Putting My House in Order Form is needed by the funeral home prior to death.

This **PMHIO** is available in the membership packet, and online at our website. You still have time. Technically, **you are not a member until Accent or Rosenau receives your PMHIO Form.** Both the addresses are on the top of the Putting My House In Order Form. Randy at Accent and Kevin at Rosenau are very good to work with, sometimes processing new members hours before their death, but this is the least desirable way for our service providers to preform their duties. Members need to complete the paperwork

before the services are needed to have a win-win relationship with our providers. Thank you for your advanced consideration.

Only 2 Steps to becoming a member:

- 1) Make payment of \$35.00 for a lifetime membership fee. Or transfer in.
- 2) Provide the Funeral Home information for Death Certificate by submitting the “Putting My House in Order” (PMHO) form in the membership packet or download online.

If you have not provided Accent or Rosenau with your “Putting My House in Order” paperwork, now is a good time. Or if the paperwork needs reviewed or updated, please do it now.

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR	NEW	TRANSFERS IN	DEATHS
2018	57	8	24
2017	51	3	26
2016	61	7	25
2015	109	8	15
2014	43	9	16

Another Volunteer Opportunity: Each year, FCAI needs a member volunteer to help with the annual financial audit. This audit usually takes less than 3 hours and is done with the help of our treasurer and an awesome volunteer, no experience necessary, you will learn on the job. Last year’s audit yielded positive recognition that FCAI is financially sound and current on all obligations.

The financial audit was preformed and completed in August 2017 with no errors and all receipts and expenses accounted for; another example of the quality work performed by the outstanding member volunteer, Monica Perry and acting treasurer, Sherri Rudai.

If YOU are interested in volunteering and/or serving as a board member, please raise a hand and volunteer when we open the floor for nominations. This group is easy to work with and fun to be around.

If you are a members of an organization that would like a FCAI speaker just contact any one of the Board Members with the request. We are very happy to be invited to speak!

2017-2018
Board Members
President: Sherri Rudai term ends 2018
New term ends 2021

Vice President: Rose Thomas term ends 2018
Jody Mahnken term ends 2019

Treasurer: vacant
New term ends 2021

Secretary: vacant
New term ends 2020

Membership Secretary:
Chuck Bonney term ends 2020

Our bylaws call for five board members, with three year, staggered terms. *We need nominations for **three** board position **this** annual meeting. Will take all interested in serving!*

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Financial Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018 April 2017 – May 2018

Current Balance 5/1/2018 \$ 2,582.13

5/1/2017 Beginning Balance \$2,444.57

Income 49 new members @ 35.00 \$1715.00

*Donations 132.00 \$1847 .00

*Income includes donations, sale of printed materials, memberships and Gorey Books

Expenses: \$1709.44

FCA dues \$283.50

Printing, Postage, 741.78

Library! Meeting 46.98

Cell phone, POB ox renewal 147.18

Gorey Packets 500.00

ICCU (2) CD's Total includes \$25 Share Savings \$2620.03

Total assets saving & checking \$ 5202.16