



FCACO

Funeral Consumers Alliance
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News

Save the Date 
Annual Meeting: May 19, 2018

FCACO Mission Statement

- To promote end-of-life planning and preparation
- To outline practical steps to be taken before death
- To inform and instruct the public concerning the funeral industry
- To offer reasonably priced options for dealing with remains at death
- To monitor the funeral industry on a local and statewide level
- To maintain public awareness through action, education and publications

Funeral Advice You Can Trust

Founded in 1953, FCACO is a 501(C)3 organization run entirely by volunteers who have no connection to the funeral industry or any religious group. Our service area for members includes Columbus and surrounding counties, Springfield, Yellow Springs, and Dayton.

FCACO is an affiliate of the national organization: Funeral Consumers Alliance, which is actively involved in improving regulations of the funeral industry through the Federal Trade Commission. Many useful resources may be found on its website, www.funerals.org.

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The Board of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio is excited to welcome Susan Moussi as our guest speaker at its Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 19, at the Unitarian Church, 93 W. Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, OH, 43214.

Ms. Moussi is an Action Team Leader with Compassion & Choices, the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit organization committed to improving care and expanding choices at the end of life. Please join us to hear the compelling story about how she became involved with this organization, and to learn that medical aid in dying is not assisted suicide. Coincidentally, State Senator Charleta B. Tavares plans to introduce "death with dignity" legislation, modeled after similar laws in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Vermont and Washington, D.C.



The meeting begins at noon with a light lunch, followed by our speaker. And a business meeting. **Call 614 263 4632 to reserve lunch for yourself and guests. No fee is charged, but donations are welcome.**

Please let us know your new address.
Call the office at (614) 263-4632
or send a message to info@funeralsohio.org.

Agenda for May 19th Annual Meeting:

Noon: Lunch

1 PM: Guest speaker, Susan Moussi

2 PM: Reports from 2017

Election of Officers

Slate of officers for 2018-19

President: Marylou MacDonald

President Elect: Su Ann Farnlacher

Treasurer: Celia Elkins

Recording Secretary: Vivian Fiscus

Membership Secretary Cathy Elkins

Directors 2018-2021:

Jef Gamblee: replacing Maria Garcia

(Vivian will also serve as Past President for one year)

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From the President's Desk

Marylou MacDonald

FCACO'S VIRTUAL OFFICE

The virtual office concept is a variation of the traditional office. An office lease does not work for many business models. Therefore, FCACO Board members have embraced the virtual office option as a way of being wiser stewards of operational expenses. By May 1, 2018, the following setup of a virtual office is expected to be in place:

- Non-sensitive documents (e.g., planning forms, blank applications, minutes, contracted provider prices, funeral home prices and surveys) will be placed in a password protected cloud service for easy access by Board members.
- Active members' hard copy applications have been placed in secure storage.
- A database of active members, containing only contact information for mailing or answering queries, is stored on computer discs and in the cloud. No sensitive data is stored

- Returned mail and the related applications are kept in storage. A database of the same information is in the cloud in the event a valid mailing address is found.
- Our website is unaffected by this move. Newsletters and other educational material will continue to be posted.
- Our telephone number and email address remain the same.
- We will continue to provide two informative newsletters each year.

Board members are available to speak to groups on end-of-life planning.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual lunch meeting May 19th. (See page 1 for details.)

FCACO Is Going Social

Board member Michel Coconis has taken us to a new level by adding Facebook content regularly and connecting us on Twitter. We welcome content from members and friends. When you see a Facebook post you like, please "like" it and maybe "share" it to your own feed. You can like a Twitter post by clicking on the heart below the post; you can retweet with or without comment. Twitter uses the @ sign for addresses and the # to indicate themes, topics, and trends.

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Resources for Your Planning Folder

Body Donation

OSU: (614) 292-4832: <http://go.osu.edu/bodydonation>

WSU: Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dayton OH
(937) 775-3966; www.med.wright.edu/agp

Organ Donation

LOOP (Lifeline of Ohio Organ Procurement; (877) 223-6667
www.lifelineofohio.gov/probate

Advanced Directives forms: Franklin County Probate Court:
www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate

Funeral Consumers Alliance: www.funerals.org

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio: www.funerasloh.org
(planning forms, newsletters, membership application, donations, etc.)

FCACO contracted providers for discounted services to members:

Columbus Area: Cook & Son-Pallay (614) 444-7861

Dayton/Springfield area: Conroy Funeral Home: (937) 324 4973

Speakers Bureau

Coming to Yellow Springs

Cathy Elkins

The Yellow Springs Senior Center, 227 Xenia Ave, has requested a presentation on end-of-life planning. Come to the potluck and stay for our presentation on Thursday, May 17.

FCACO attempts to verify all information in this newsletter. Legal questions should be directed to your attorney.

(Households with two different surnames are often mangled by mail-merge. We apologize for any strange labels.)