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Greetings to Everyone,

Hopefully everyone has survived the winter and looking forward to spring. The anticipation of warmer weather, short sleeves, that feeling of a fresh start, and of course breaking out the "sticks" and walking the links. I would really like to take this opportunity and seriously invite everyone to this year's convention to be held in McCall, June 19-21. We are confident that you will have a wonderful experience. We have tried really hard to schedule good entertainment and educational and informative speakers. This is truly a great opportunity to rub shoulders with fellow associates and getting to know new faces as well. It is a great opportunity to have families mingle with families and generate lasting friendships. If that isn't enough in itself, keep in mind the chance you have to earn CE credits. We all know how valuable these can be. I am looking forward to attending the NFDA Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C. to join fellow funeral service professionals from across the country to advocate on legislative and regulatory issues specifically affecting funeral service and to talk about and learn from the others on issues and challenges we all face. I would like to give a big shout out to the IFSA Board Officers and all the Trustees. Thank you for all you are doing in making our state a great place to serve in the Funeral Industry. You have been and continue to be a great help and support to me. Looking forward to visiting with many more of you as I can in the coming months.

Yours truly,

Kerry Morrison

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State Board of Morticians Appointment Voting

Thank you to everyone who has already sent back their ballots voting for nominees you would like to see serve on the State Board of Morticians for the term of May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. If you have not voted, please return your ballot by April 1, 2016. Please let Kate know if you need another ballot. The nominee are as follows:

- Hyrum Flamm** with Flamm Funeral Home, Inc.
- Craig Geary** with Nalder Funeral Home
- Ryan Reeves** with Wood Funeral Home
- Ron Smellie** with Webb Funeral Home



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All in the Family In Remembrance

All in the Family



Bruce Adam Eckersell, 88 of Rigby, passed away at his home Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Bruce was born August 22, 1927, in Idaho Falls, the son of Adam Berdett and Pearl Thomson Eckersell. He attended Rigby schools, graduating from Rigby High School. He continued his education at Ricks College and then attended and graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.

After returning from Mortuary School, Bruce's mother encouraged him to go visit Luana Poole. They were married in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, May 18, 1949.

They lived in Rigby where he worked with his father and eventually owned Eckersell Memorial Chapel.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he served as Scout Master, Bishop, Counselor in the Rigby Stake Presidency and Patriarch. With Luana he served a mission to the Singapore Mission, which included India and Malaysia. They served together for 21 years in the Idaho Falls Temple where Bruce was called to be a Sealer. He was always willing to do whatever his Heavenly Father asked of him, and always seemed to be

spiritually in tune when others were in need of his special type of knowledge and his most gentle reassuring council.

He served in our community on various committees and boards. In his professional career he served as president of the Idaho Funeral Service Association, was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Idaho State Board of Morticians and was President of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board.

His example of love towards everyone, his tenderness as he served countless others in their time of grief and sorrow, and his deep devotion to Heavenly Father and to our wonderful mother, will always be remembered fondly. Thank you Dad, we love you.

Bruce is survived by: his wife Luana; his children, Paula Eckersell Johnson, Shauna (Glen) Bennett, Laine (Vicki Marie) Eckersell, Lisa-Eckersell (Donald) Williams, Clair (Vicki Joie) Eckersell and Terry (Shauna Ann) Eckersell; his sister Sheron (Don) Olson; his 28 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, his dearly missed sisters Marilynne Eckersell and Clarece Bowler, and two precious granddaughters.

Bruce's funeral was held, Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Rigby Stake Center in Rigby, Idaho. Interment will be at the Annis Little Butte Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family online at

www.eckersellfuneralhome.com

News From the Treasure Valley District



Heather Felkel

The TV District held a meeting on Monday, January 11th at Louie’s in Meridian. Members of the IFSA Board, in town for the mid winter meeting, also attended. Speakers included Val Brisbin, Ada County deputy Coroner, James Earp, Director of the Idaho Veterans Cemetery, and Roxanna Dempsay, from Ada County Indigent Services.

Congratulations to Heather Felkel (Relyea Funeral Chapel), newly elected President for the Treasure Valley District, and Valden Christensen (Dakans), newly elected Secretary-Treasurer. The district would also like to thank Charlie Grunig (Relyea Funeral Chapel), for his faithful and devoted service as President of the District for the last 10 years. Heather, you may have to serve even longer!

calendar

2016

- March 27Easter Sunday
- April 15Tax Day
- April 22Earth Day
- April 27Administrative Professionals Day
- May 5.....Cinco de Mayo
- May 8.....Mother’s Day
- May 30Memorial Day
- June 14Flag Day
- June 19Father’s Day

- June 19-21IFSA Annual Convention
- July 4Independence Day
- September 5.....Labor Day
- October 31Halloween
- November 11.....Veteran’s Day
- November 24.....Thanksgiving Day
- December 25.....Christmas Day
- December 31New Year’s Eve

Please let IFSA know of events you’d like to add to the calendar.

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Classifieds

A Great opportunity available for full-time licensed funeral director, intern, management positions. We are currently seeking applicants who are interested in a long-term career with our family owned and operated funeral homes in Montana and North Dakota.

We value compassionate customer service and communications skills for those who wish to join our team. We are looking for highly motivated people who are willing to grow with our company. We focus on care of the families and meeting their needs. We appreciate someone who wants to make a real difference helping families during difficult times through compassion, understanding and providing the utmost in service.

Benefit Options:

Competitive salary based on experience

Health benefits

401 K retirement savings plan

Paid vacation

Possible housing allowance available

Other benefits

For more information, visit our website at www.stevensonandsons.com

If you are interested or have any questions please call Joe Stevenson at 406-951-1676 or Todd Stevenson at 406-853-4460 or office number 406-232-4457. You may email your resume to stevenson@midrivers.com.

SAVE THE DATE!



Idaho Funeral Service Association
2016 Annual Convention
June 19~21, 2016

Shore Lodge—McCall, Idaho

1- 800-657-6464

www.shorelodgemccall.com

www.mccallchamber.org

-Scroll to the next page for speaker and entertainment announcements!

IFSA 2016 Annual Convention

June 19, 20, 21 🏡 Shore Lodge—McCall, Idaho



Sunday, June 19

1:00 pm– 4:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting.....Shore Lodge Mill Room
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration TablePayette Pavilion, Upper
4:00 pm– 6:00 pm	Vendor Meet and Greet Social HourPayette Pavilion, Upper

Monday, June 20

7:45 am – 8:30 am	BreakfastPayette Pavilion, Upper
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Speaker - Jack LechnerPayette Pavilion, Upper
10:00 am– 10:30 am	Sponsor Introductions and BreakPayette Pavilion, Upper
10:30 am –12:00 pm	Speaker-Jack LechnerPayette Pavilion, Upper
12:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Nature Hike & Picnic (for Non-Golfers)Meet in Lobby
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Golf Tournament (John Yraguen)..... Whitetail Golf Club
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Free Time Various Locations
7:00 pm—8:00 pm	DinnerPayette Pavilion, Upper
8:00 pm—9:00 pm	Christine Barger, VentriloquistPayette Pavilion, Upper

Tuesday, June 21

7:30 am– 8:00 am	BreakfastPayette Pavilion, Upper
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Service of Remembrance - Kevin Bodily.....Payette Pavilion, Upper
8:30 am– 10:30 am	Speaker– Bob Boetticher.....Payette Pavilion, Upper
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break – Sponsor Display OpenPayette Pavilion, Upper
10:45 am—11:00 am	Federated Insurance Presentation - Matt HeimPayette Pavilion, Upper
11:00 am—11:15am	NFDA Presentation—Stephen R. Kemp.....Payette Pavilion, Upper
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	IFSA Business Meeting.....Payette Pavilion, Upper
	Nominating Committee Report
	Election of Officers
	Policy Board Report
	Legal & Regulatory Issues
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	White Water RaftingRiggins
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Free Time Various Locations
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	President’s Banquet & Officer InstallationPayette Pavilion, Upper
7:00 pm	Kid’s Pizza and MoviePayette Pavilion, Lower
	BINGO—Dodge Boys.....Payette Pavilion, Upper

Family Hike and Picnic

Monday, June 20, 12:15 pm—2:30 pm

We have decided to do something a little different this year instead of the Spouses Luncheon. If you are not interested in golfing, please join us on our Family Nature Hike and Picnic on Monday at 12:15 pm-2:30 pm. Please meet us in the lobby at Shore Lodge to car pool to Ponderosa State Park. We will be having a picnic box lunch at 12:30 pm from the famous Stax Sandwich Shop. Sandwiches of turkey or ham with chips, apple, cookie, and cold water will be served. You are then welcome to go on a self-guided hike of your choice. There are several trails depending on your fitness level and amount of time you would like to spend. This will be a fun time to relax and get to know each other a little better all in a beautiful outdoor setting. Cost will be \$10.00 per person/per lunch. There is an entrance fee of the park of \$5 per vehicle. Don't forget your sunscreen, water and

Special Spa Rates for IFSA Members at The Cove

Shore Lodge has offered our group \$10 off per service at their spa, The Cove. Special appointments have been reserved for our group. All you need to do is call ahead of time to make the appointments you would like during the convention. A soak in The Cove's salt water Immersion Pools is included with any service. Immersion Pools are \$15 if you do not want a spa service (but why wouldn't you?). Available services include massage, facials, scrubs, wraps, manicures, and pedicures. Daily Excursions are not included with our group discount. We need to book 20 appointments within our group to receive the discount. When you call to book your appointment, please tell them you are with the Idaho Funeral Service Association Annual Convention. Please also let your guests know!

NFDA's Stephen R. Kemp, CFSP 2014-16 At-large Representative

Stephen R. Kemp, CFSP, is an at-large representative (2014-2016) to the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Board of Directors.

Stephen is the president and manager of Haley Funeral Directors in Southfield, Mich. Following a career as a research associate at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute, VA Medical Center and Biosan Laboratories, he earned his mortuary science degree from Wayne State University and began serving families.

Stephen has been an engaged leader with the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (MFDA). He has served on numerous committees, as well as the association's board of directors. Stephen was the first African-American president in MFDA's 125-year history. He has served as an instructor and clinical preceptor at Wayne State.

Stephen previously served as his state's representative to the NFDA Policy Board. His national volunteerism also includes service on the NFDA Professional Development and Advocacy Committees and the Environmental Workgroup. He has been invited to lead workshops on embalming and risk management during the NFDA International Convention & Expo.



Speaker: Jack E. Lechner, Jr., CFSP, CT

State Funerals of the 21st Century

Colonel Jack E. Lechner, Jr. was assigned to Arlington National Cemetery in June 2010 as part of the new leadership team installed to restore honor at Arlington National Cemetery. He served as the Executive Officer, Cemetery Administrator, Deputy Superintendent, and culminated his five year tenure by serving as Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery until 10 August 2015. COL Lechner came to Arlington National Cemetery from the Joint Staff, Pentagon, where he was responsible for logistical support to deployed forces and Joint Supply Chain Architecture (JSCA). Prior to his arrival on the Joint Staff, COL Lechner was the Chief of Staff for the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) headquartered in Balad, Iraq. This 650 Soldier Headquarters and its seven Brigades of 20,000 Soldiers were responsible for all logistical support in Iraq. Mr. Lechner earned an associate degree (1973) and mortuary science certificate (1976) from Mercer County Community College, became a licensed Practitioner of Mortuary Science in New Jersey, and was the cofounder of South Jersey Funeral Associates, Inc. He is a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), a member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), Northern Virginia Funeral Directors Association (NVFDA), Association of Death Education and Counseling, and is a licensed funeral service provider in Ohio and Virginia. Mr. Lechner earned a Bachelor of Mortuary Science degree (Suma Cum Laude), Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (1990). He holds a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management, Florida Tech (1993) and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy (Supply Chain Management Concentration), National Defense University, Washington, DC (2007). He is a graduate of Supply Chain Operation Reference (SCOR) model training (2008) LOGTECH Program for Executives in Logistics and Technology, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina (2009) and the Army Senior Executive Education Program, at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia. He attended the Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training Course this past June at the Center for Life Loss and Transition. Working as a licensed funeral director until 1983, Mr. Lechner enlisted as an Infantryman in the United States Army and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1985. His military education includes the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Mortuary Affairs Officer Course (Distinguished Graduate) Logistics Executive Development Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is also a graduate of the Airborne School, Aerial Delivery and Materiel Management Course (Rigger), Ranger Course, Jumpmaster Course, Support Operations Course, and the Army Force Management Course. He commanded the Regimental Support Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (2001-2003) during Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad, Iraq. He also commanded in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fulda, Germany (1987-1989). He has served in the 75th Ranger Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, Defense Logistics Agency, Human Resources Command, and as an instructor at the US Army Aerial Delivery and Materiel Management Course (Rigger). He has worked within the Army and Joint Mortuary Affairs system at various levels. He has earned the Army Staff and the Joint Staff Identification Badges. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals and various other awards. He is authorized to wear the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Rigger Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He is Past President of PennsaukenMerchantville Rotary Club, a Level III US Rowing certified coach, Past President of Woodbridge Crew Association and Past Board Member of the Prince William County Crew. He and his wife, Debbie, and have two children; Stephanie of Denver, CO and Jack III of Fairfax, VA.



Speaker: Robert Boetticher

Robert Boetticher has been honored to have served former U.S. Presidents, former First Ladies, Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members, business leaders, high-profile entertainers and well-known members of the clergy.

Mr. Boetticher began his career in funeral service in Los Angeles in 1965. He entered the U.S. Army a year later, serving as a supply sergeant and embalmer at the Army mortuary in Frankfurt, Germany. Honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1970, he graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science and joined Gates Kingsley & Gates Mortuary in Santa Monica, California. In 1974, Mr. Boetticher purchased four funeral homes and a flower shop in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where he was elected Teton County Coroner for Teton County, Yellowstone National Park and Teton National Park. He also held offices in many local and state organizations, including the Wyoming Funeral Directors Association where he served two terms as president. In 1983, Mr. Boetticher rejoined Service Corporation International and relocated to Kansas City, Missouri, where he served in a variety of field operations positions before moving to the company's Houston, Texas headquarters in 1991. Mr. Boetticher is also Vice-Chairman and CEO of the National Museum of Funeral History, a 35,000 sq. ft. facility located in Houston which houses the country's largest collection of funeral service artifacts. He also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents for the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service. His expertise in funeral service has led to consulting assignments for numerous films, including *The Gangs of New York* and *A Woman of Independent Means*. His television credits include work on *Six Feet Under*, The History Channel and the Discovery Channel. His professional accreditations include mortuary licenses in the State of Texas and the State of California, as well as an honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service. Robert and Jarka Boetticher currently reside in Houston and have three children.



Christine Barger, Ventriloquist

Christine began performing ventriloquism for audiences at the age of 7. As a teenager she won the international junior ventriloquist title at the convention. She now performs nationwide with her special "friends". She recently put words in Craig Ferguson's mouth on *Celebrity Name Game*. She also works as an actress on TV and Film. You may have seen her on *Days of Our Lives*, *Ghost Whisperer*, *iCarly* or *Made of Honor*.

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