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## NEWS & VIEWS

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FCSC NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2020

### *FCSC MISSION STATEMENT*

*Our mission is to inform and educate consumers on significant end-of-life issues.*

***NOTE: THE ANNUAL MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2020:***

***CANCELLED, due to Corona Virus***

**NOTE:** In addition to the Annual Meeting, FCSC Board meetings, usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 6 times a year, are on hold. We will be having Board meetings by Zoom; the next Board meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, call our new phone number: **720-432-5379** (the old phone number has been discontinued); website: [www.funeralconsumercolorado.org](http://www.funeralconsumercolorado.org).

***Your society is in urgent need of a Board Secretary!*** If you volunteer, you would become vital part of our very important non-profit work. You would receive a free Handbook and become a free member for life. Please contact us!

### *MEMBERSHIP AND DUES*

**Has your Membership expired?** Please check the address label for your Dues Date (for example, DD: 01-Jul-20), above your name. If this date is past or coming up soon, you must **renew your membership now** to remain active. Dues are \$10 for one person and \$20 for a couple, for two years. If the year indicated is 2020 or 2021, you are paid up until then. If you see DD: Life Member, you paid more to join as a life member prior to 1999 and owe nothing more. ***Voluntary contributions are always appreciated.*** Remember, we are strictly a volunteer organization, and no one is paid. All funds are dedicated to expenses of the society. NEW MEMBERS are welcome!

## *LEGISLATIVE NEWS*

To look at a summary of Legislative Bills that have recently been introduced or acted upon in the Colorado Legislature, go to: [www.leg.colorado.gov](http://www.leg.colorado.gov).

**There are a couple of bills that were passed before the legislature shutdown:**

\* HB 20-1051. This bill, introduced Jan. 8, 2020, concerns the "Final Disposition of the Abandoned Cremated Remains of Persons Eligible for Interment in a National Cemetery." This bill would allow cremated remains belonging to a military veteran for interment in a national or state veteran's cemetery. This bill was assigned to State Veterans and Military Affairs. **Passed and signed by Governor Jared Polis on March 20, 2010.**

\*HB 20-1060. This bill, introduced Jan. 8, 2020, concerns the "Conversion of Human Remains to Basic Elements Within a Container Using an Accelerated Process." The process is called 'natural reduction.' This bill would add 'natural reduction' to a statute's list of what qualifies under "Final Disposition." The bill was assigned to Energy and Environment. **Still under consideration as of February 24 and is in the House as 3rd reading unamended.**

\*HB 20-1148. This bill, introduced Jan. 17, 2020, concerns "Punishments Related to Offenses Committed Against a Deceased Human Body. The bill limits conviction in a single incident to either 'tampering with a deceased human body' or 'for abuse of a corpse.' **Passed and sent to the Governor on March 20, 2020. He has not signed it yet.**

### *2019-2020 FCSC BOARD MEMBERS*

Our current Officers and Directors are listed below. Term on the Board expires in the year in ( ).

|                  |                         |             |                       |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Jan Eccher       | (2022) Education        | Sue Mackey  | (2022) Vice President |
| Anthony Bowerman | (2022) Membership Serv. | Judy Taylor | (2022) Media          |
| Jim Taylor       | (2021) Treasurer        | Em Putnam   | (2021) Facilities     |
| Jill Ross        | (2020) President        | Andy Sweet  | (2020) Outreach       |
| Jennifer Bishop  | (2020) Outreach         |             |                       |

There are three Board Members who are up for re-election, who are willing to continue. **We are looking for a new Secretary! Please consider this worthwhile endeavor!**

Any member is welcome to attend any of our Board meetings; fresh ideas are always encouraged. The FCSC phone number is **720-432-5379**.

### *FCA (FCFC's National Organization) FACTS About COVID19*

**On April 2, FCA posted a Covid19 article concerning funerals, cremation, and transmission of the virus---"Facts, Not Fear---Covid19 and the Dead". See the article: <https://funerals.org/news>.**

Also, the Federal Government's Center for Disease Control (CDC) says, "There is currently no known risk associated with being in the same room at a funeral or visitation service with the body of someone who died of COVID-19." See the article: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>.

### *OUTREACH*

Our board members have been actively doing outreach programs all year long, presenting at senior living communities, senior law days and other community events in the Denver metro area. These **Outreach Presentations** are free and are the heart of the mission that you support with your membership fees. Contact FCSC (**720-432-5379**) if you would like your group to receive one of these free informative talks about funeral planning, organ and body donation, advance care planning and/or the funeral industry. (Outreach scheduled for the immediate future are postponed because of the Corona Virus.)

## ***SPEAKERS who were scheduled for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FCSC Meeting:***

### **Lauren Lipchak** – Operations Manager of Tomorrow Link

Death doesn't always make sense... but it can make a difference. We believe that, whole heartedly, at Tomorrow Link; Colorado's only Non-Profit, certified, Non-Transplant Tissue Bank that offers a whole new look at Whole Body Donation.

We are proudly Veteran founded and keep serving others at the heart of our mission. We are dedicated to providing critical care skills training to local EMS and military, a cause that our veteran and military families are proud to be a part of. Our donors live to get the most out of life, and it is our promise to help them give the most out of death.

We work closely with each donor family to understand their loved one's wishes beyond "donation to science", and while we can never guarantee placement for a specific cause, we guarantee that we will exhaust all of our resources trying to fulfill that wish. We encourage the family to be involved in the donation process, as much as they wish to be, in hopes that our personal approach will be a healing part of their grief journey.

Our Donor Family Program offers ongoing support, from the first time they call, until long after the donation process ends.

"Our hope is to create a community where donor families can find comfort in knowing they are surrounded by people that will embrace them through their struggles, celebrate with them in times of joy; and through every story told, every memory shared, will become a link in their loved one's legacy that can never be broken." [TomorrowLink.org](http://TomorrowLink.org) ; 1982 S. Bannock Street, Denver CO; 720-779-8677

### **Karen Van Vuuren** – Owner – The Natural Funeral

The Natural Funeral, based in Boulder County, is an award-winning holistic, independent, funeral home providing greener options at death. Most people do not know that many current deathcare practices are resource-intensive and harmful to the environment. They also remove the bereaved from creative participation in what happens to our loved-one at death. Our mission is to minimize the impact of our final footprints at end of life and reconnect families to the cycle of life with meaningful creative involvement.

Karen, Dan, and Seth are the managing partners at TNF. Karen is a natural deathcare educator and practitioner of twenty years' experience who publishes a magazine on end-of-life and has produced two award-winning hospice documentaries. Seth owned a successful commercial construction company before he answered the call to walk the end-of-life journey with grieving families with an abundance of patience, compassion, and selfless service. Dan is an atmospheric scientist whose passion is environmental activism and being helpful in the world.

TNF offers fire cremation (conventional cremation), but also water cremation (alkaline hydrolysis), which is a green option. Water cremation uses less than a tenth of the energy of fire cremation and turns us into a nutrient-rich fertilizer for the earth. TNF can also facilitate green burial in a locally made Colorado beetle-kill pine casket or a shroud. All our cremation urns and caskets are made by local artists and sustainably sourced.

We do not embalm or use toxic chemicals. We practice Reverent Body Care™ a washing and anointing of the body in a ceremony of honoring and blessing either in our beautiful beetle-kill pine chapel or in the home of the deceased.

We promote community, hosting educational end-of-life seminars and grief groups. We value aesthetics. Just join us for tea and see for yourself how our bright and uplifting funeral home is so beautifully different. [TheNaturalFuneral.com](http://TheNaturalFuneral.com); 102 W. Chester St.; Lafayette, CO 80026 CO; 720-515-2344.

## ***FINANCIAL SUMMARY April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020:***

| <b><u>Income:</u></b> |                    | <b><u>Expenses:</u></b>      |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Contributions         | \$ 1,660.00        | FCA dues & donation          | \$ 636.00          |
| Handbook Purchases    | \$ 200.00          | Printing (newsletters, etc.) | \$ 2165.00         |
| Interest & dividends  | \$ 464.66          | Postage                      | \$ 1,695.99        |
| Membership fees new   | \$ 920.00          | Telephone                    | \$ 933.06          |
| Memb. fees renew      | \$ 1,825.00        | Education & Advertising      | \$ 237.44          |
| Other Income          | \$ 0.00            | Other expenses               | \$ 535.99          |
| <b>Total income</b>   | <b>\$ 5,069.66</b> | <b>Total expenses</b>        | <b>\$ 6,203.48</b> |

We have unrealized income from investments that make the FCSC Financials Positive.

## FCSC CONTRACT PROVIDERS and FCSC member prices (as of March 2020)

**Note:** All direct burial prices *include* a minimum casket. Basic funeral and graveside service prices do *not* include a casket. Funeral followed by cremation includes rental casket. Contact the provider for more information or prices for other services.

### Stork Family Mortuary

1895 Wadsworth Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80214

303-237-5350

direct cremation with no services or viewing: **\$955**

direct cremation with memorial services: **\$1,475**

direct burial, no services: **\$1,425**

graveside services (plus casket): **\$1,605**

traditional services (church or chapel) + casket: **\$1,920**

ship out charges (no casket plus airfare) **\$1,025**

funeral service with cremation after: **\$2,205**

### M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors

7464 Arapahoe Rd Suite A-3

Boulder, CO 80303

303-530-4111

Mail to: P.O. Box 21450, Boulder, Co 80308-4450

direct cremation, no services **\$995**

direct burial, no services: **\$1,475**

basic traditional funeral: **\$3,580**

graveside service: **\$3,380**

funeral, cremation after: **\$3,580**

(Less 15% of all prices for members)

### Bohlender Funeral Chapel

121 W. Olive St.

Fort Collins, CO 80524

970-482-4244

direct cremation- no services: **\$995**

direct burial-no services: **\$1,495**

traditional funeral: **\$1,600**

graveside services: **\$1,395**

funeral-cremation after: **\$2,100**

### Cappadona Funeral Home, Inc.

1020 East Fillmore Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

719-520-1817

Mail to: P.O. Box 8151, Colorado Springs, Co 80933

direct cremation, no services **\$825**

direct burial, no services: **\$1,645**

basic traditional funeral: **\$1,840**

graveside service: **\$1,540**

funeral, cremation after: **\$2,315**

## **PLEASE tell us if you move**

If you have changed your mailing address, *please notify us* by sending the form below (or by E-mail: [fucosoco@yahoo.com](mailto:fucosoco@yahoo.com)) by USPS to **FCSC, P.O. BOX 4743, GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80155-4743**. You can also use this form to pay dues, or to make a donation to the Society to keep us financially strong. If you know someone who is not a member, they can use this form to join.

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box: I am a current (\_\_\_\_\_) new (\_\_\_\_\_) member of FCSC.

Old address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

New address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation to the Society in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are my dues for the next two years: (\$10 per adult member) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an FCSC information brochure and application to: