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No. 128
Fall 2021

P.O. Box 621320 • Cincinnati, OH 45262-1320

Fall Seminar Friday, September 24, 2021

Marietta, OH - Hackett Hotel
203 1/2 Second Street Marietta, OH 45750

6 Hours have been applied for in OH
\$80 Members - \$160 Non Members (includes dues).
Pre-Registration Strongly Recommended

DAY AT A GLANCE

- 8 – 8:45 Coffee, Registration
- 9 – 11 **Mike Squires**, Editor Southern Calls Magazine - *Always follow your passion*
- 11 – 12 **Jon Rettig**, Ohio Board of Embalmers and FD – *State Board Update, Rules and Laws*
- 12 – 1 **LUNCH**
- 1 – 3 **Adam Dwyer**, Dwyer Professional Services – *Embalming Best Practices*
- 3:30 – 4:30 **William Peoples**, Peoples Mortuary Museum – *Self guided tour and short talk about Museum*

Accommodations

Lafayette Hotel has a block of rooms **740.373.5522**
Located at 101 Front St. – Marietta OH 45750.

Cut out and return with payment registration form

**Reservation Information for Seminar - Fall Seminar September 24, 2021,
Hackett Hotel, 203 1/2 Second St. Marietta, OH 45750**

\$80 member - \$160 Non-member

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow embalmers,

It is hard to believe how fast the year is passing by. But it is nice to have life back to (kinda) normal. There is a second wave of the virus but for the moment we can enjoy life without masks and isolation. Speaking of the years passing by, OEA is Celebrating 90 years of providing quality continuing education for the embalmer and funeral director.

We have a great program scheduled for September in Marietta, we hope to see many of you there. The area around Marietta and the Ohio River is beautiful in the fall so come and enjoy the meetings and explore the area.

Sincerely,

George Eastman

OTHER NEWS

Stop by the OEA Booth at the 141st OFDA
Convention August 24 – 26
at Hilton Columbus at Easton.

Several OEA Members will celebrate
50 years as an Ohio Licensee,
including our past **President Bill Eberle**,
and our **Treasurer, Bill Peoples**.

Also celebrating 50 years are OEA Members,
Wilson Toothman and **Paul Young Jr.**

I'm sure there are others and we salute all of
those celebrating this professional milestone.

Elections will be held at 5 pm
Friday, September 24 at
Peoples Mortuary Museum.

TOPICS

Always Follow Your Passion “A Funeral Director’s Perspective” 2hrs Mike Squires CFSP, CCO

Mike Squires began his funeral service career in 1965 at age 17. Squires will share highlights of his 56-year career, including his early days in funeral service and 19 years as SCFDA executive director. He will take you behind the scenes of his incredible eight-year journey as founder and publisher of Southern Calls Magazine, including his unprecedented interview with Robert L. Waltrip, founder of SCI, featured in the June 2015 issue.

With a current circulation of 6000, Southern Calls shares the everyday stories of people doing common things in an uncommon way, featuring in-depth stories of the People, the Places, the Passions indigenous to funeral service across the country--this is the mainstay of the magazine’s editorial content.

Don’t miss this engaging presentation, in stories and pictures, as Mike takes you on his incredible journey of a lifetime that has shaped his career, fired his passion, and fulfilled a dream.

Ohio Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors 1 hr

Mr. Jon Rettig and possibly other Members of the Board will provide an update on happenings at the State level. This hour will count as one (1) hour of Law toward the five special topic hours. Mr. Rettig will discuss recent changes and those currently going through JCARR process. Other areas included:

- Overview current Ohio Law and Rules as they relate to funeral service
- Overview of recent rule changes and those currently going thru the JCARR process.
- Review of recent changes to forms used in the apprenticeship program.
- Review of the role the Master Embalmer and Funeral Director.
- Review of the process followed by the Board when a consumer complaint is filed.
- Review of the makeup and process used by the Ohio Crematory Review Board
- Review of how the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors interacts with the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.
- Questions

Embalming Best Practices 2hr

Adam Dwyer

This lecture covers methods and fluid used to treat various cases encountered by Dwyer in his years spent as a trade embalmer. Trauma, edemic, obese and others make up the talk. Restorative techniques and cosmetic application will also be discussed. Adam will use photos to illustrate the techniques used.

Peoples Mortuary Museum – walk or drive from the Lafayette to 408 Front St. (located behind Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home). See a large collection of antique funeral and embalming items. Including a wonderful collection of Packard and Henney Hearses. A recent acquisition of Victorian era funeral mourning jewelry and keepsakes is a must see. Peoples recently expanded and updated the museum so even more items can be “viewed”.
1 hr.



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MEET THE SPEAKERS

Mike Squires CFSP, CCO

Publisher & Editor, Southern Calls Magazine

Mike Squires’ career in funeral service has spanned five decades, from the earliest days at a funeral home in rural South Carolina to managing South Carolina’s state association for the past 18 years.

In between, Squires served families at McEwen Funeral Service in Charlotte – one of the largest firms in North Carolina – and was vice president and general manager of Wilson Funeral Service, also in Charlotte.

In 2013 Mike began publishing Southern Calls, A Funeral Director’s Perspective, with a circulation of 6,000.

A licensed funeral director, Squires resides in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina with his wife Gloria.

Jon W. Rettig, Sr.

Jon was born in Defiance, Ohio and is a 1973 graduate of Holgate High School, Holgate, Ohio. He then attended Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, majoring in business. He is a 1976 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Cincinnati, Ohio and earned certification to enucleate donor eyes in 1979 from the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Medicine.

An Ohio licensed funeral director and embalmer since 1977, Jon is President of Family Care Services, Inc. which owns and operates the Woods-Rettig Funeral Home, Leetonia, OH, Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home, Columbiana, OH, Van Dyke-Swaney-Rettig Funeral Home, East Palestine, OH, and Family Care Cremation Services, Columbiana, OH. In 2014 he was certified as a Certified Crematory Operator.

He is a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Leetonia, OH and Grace Lutheran Church, East Palestine, OH where he served on both church councils. He is a member and Past President of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association and served on most committees of the association. He is also a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Cremation Association of North America. Locally he is a member and past president of the Columbiana Rotary Club and was active in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program for several years, having his family host nine exchange students over the years. For nine years he served as a board member of the Salem Regional Medical Center, Salem, OH where he served on the finance committee, the quality improvement committee,

and the Ad Hoc Information Technology Committee. He is also a charter member and past chairman of the Charitable Foundation of the Salem Regional Medical Center, Salem, OH and has served several terms on the Columbiana County Planning Commission.

He was appointed to the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in April 2016 by former Governor Kasich and reappointed to the board by Governor DeWine in July 2020. He served as president of the board from July 2016 until July 2019 and is currently serving as chairman of the State of Ohio Crematory Review Board. In February 2020 Rettig was elected to the board of the International Conference of Funeral Examining Boards and was elected Secretary-Treasurer in February 2021. Jon is married to Ellen Mraz Rettig, a licensed funeral director and they make their home in Columbiana, OH. They have four grown children and six grandchildren.

Adam Dwyer is a licensed FD and Embalmer. Dwyer earned his Bachelor of Mortuary Science in 2001. Dwyer worked in Cincinnati at Imwalle FH. Eventually he went to work at Greater Cincinnati Trade and Livery where he spent the next 16 Years. There he honed his embalming skills making him one of S West Ohio’s most sought after Embalmers. Dwyer opened Dwyer Professional services in 2012. He expanded his services from just embalming to include livery work and funeral directing. Adam most recently acquired Storer Mortuary Services. Adam is married to Katie and they have 2 Children. He resides in Cincinnati.

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