

Highlights

Business Meeting President's Report, Election of 2024 Officers, Adoption of 2024 Budgets, Committee Reports (2 CEUs)

Legal & Legislative Update with CFDA Attorney Jennifer DiBella, CFDA Lobbyists Michael Dugan, Liz Connelly and CFDA Legislative Chairpersons Nicole Paquette and Jonathan Green (1 CEU)

Educational Seminars:

FTC Compliance in Today's Market presented by **NFDA Attorney Chris Farmer**. (1.5 CEU) Learn the top Funeral Rule compliance issues and the steps your funeral home can take to avoid FTC Funeral Rule violations. Hear the latest information on the FTC review of the Funeral Rule which kicked off at the beginning of 2020 as well as a discussion of how the review process will play out.



The Relevance of Restorative Art with **Mr. Dominick Astorino**. (1.5 CEU) The most important question that a grieving family asks when traumatic or unexpected death occurs is "Can we see her?" All too often the funeral profession tells the families we serve that they can not have an open casket viewing in these circumstances. Why? The early part of the last century regularly saw trauma cases restored for open casket viewing. What changed? We'll examine the basic history of restorative art, and how it is relevant to embalmers today. Discover how the cultural shift in the United States affected restorative art education and practices, and how its continued relevance is important to our society and profession.



Toy Drive: Donations of gift cards, funds and toys to support the Connecticut National Guard Foundation's Operation E.L.F. program that assists military families with a loved one in the deployment cycle who suffer financial hardship as a result of the call to active duty.

This year we have a new partnership with The Toy Closet Program at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. The Toy Closet would appreciate Unwrapped Toys and Monetary Funds for the young patients at Yale New Haven Health's hospitals, Emergency Departments and Pediatric Specialty Centers from Old Saybrook to Greenwich. **Thank You for Your Generosity!**

For Continuing Education Credits

You must sign-in and pickup your Continuing Education Form. Please have your form punched at the conclusion of each event. If you are a CFDA member it is your responsibility to return the white copy to the CFDA registrar and forward the pink copy to APFSP. You will retain the yellow copy for your records.

The law requires that funeral homes, in addition to funeral directors, maintain copies of continuing education certificates for funeral directors licensed at the funeral home.

Your CFDA Officers, Executive Committee and Staff extend
A Very Special Thank You to Our Friends in Funeral Service
who have generously agreed to assist in its planning efforts by sponsoring some of the
events, speakers, or reception for the 135th Annual CFDA Convention.

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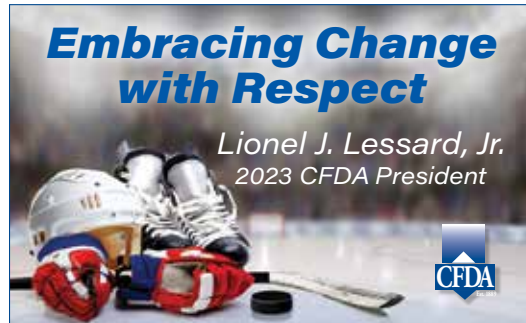
135th Annual Convention

Embracing Change with Respect

Lionel J. Lessard, Jr., CFSP
2023-2024 CFDA President

Thursday, December 7, 2023
Bristol Event Center
112 Century Drive, Bristol

Celebrating the Continued Success of President Lionel J. Lessard, Jr., CFSP and the 2023-2024 Officers and Executive Committee



Lionel J. Lessard, Jr., CFSP
D'Esopo Funeral Chapel
East Hartford & Wethersfield



2024 Officers

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Lissa Lovetere-Stone, Munson-Lovetere Funeral Homes, Inc., Southbury & Woodbury
June Williams, CFSP, CPC, Carmon Funeral Homes, Inc., Windsor



Christina & Lionel at his
Installation in December 2022.

Events Schedule

- 10:00 Registration and Annual Toy & Gift Card Collection
- 10:30 - 11:30 Business Meeting, President's Report, Election of 2024 Officers, Adoption of 2024 Budgets, Committee Reports, NFDA Report with NFDA Treasurer Daniel Ford (2 CEUs)
- 11:30 - 1:00 Luncheon with Vendors
- 1:00 - 2:00 Connecticut Legislative update with CFDA Lobbyist Michael Dugan, Liz Connelly, and CFDA Legislative Chairpersons Nicole Paquette and Jonathan Green. Connecticut Legal Update with CFDA Attorney Jennifer DiBella (1 CEU)
- 2:00 - 3:30 Educational Seminar presented by NFDA Attorney Christopher Farmer "FTC Compliance in Today's Market" (1.5 CEU)
- 3:30 - 5:00 Educational Seminar presented by Mr. Dominick Astorino "The Relevance of Restorative Art" (1.5 CEU)
- 5:00 - 6:30 Reception with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres after the seminars
- 6:30 Dinner, Installation of 2024 Officers, musical interludes from "Tony V"

Registration

The Business Meeting & Luncheon, the Legal and Legislative Update, Educational Seminars, and the seminars, are included in the registration fee (\$250 per person).

Non-Member Funeral Directors: \$400 for Educational Seminars. \$250 for Dinner.
Contact CFDA for reservations. (860) 721-0234

Room Reservations for the Double Tree by Hilton, 42 Century Drive, Bristol CT 06010 will be made by individual attendees directly to the Hotel's reservation department at (860) 589-7766. Please have your credit card available and identify yourself as a member of CFDA. The daily cost of the room will be \$169.00 plus tax and you must make your reservation by Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Cocktail Reception: A delicious array of Hors d'oeuvres and Open Bar provided by the generous support of many of our CFDA Suppliers.

Dinner Selections:

Filet Mignon with Peppercorn Sauce; Grilled Salmon with Sauce Vierge;
Roasted Chicken with Lemon Herb Jus; Chef's Choice of Vegetarian Entrée.

Dinner includes Garden Salad, Chef's Selection of Sides, and Dessert.