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# FCACO News

Serving the Central Ohio Community since 1953

## From the President's Desk Cathy Elkins



Please join us for our Spring Annual Meeting, 12 noon May, 21, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church Columbus, 93 W. Weisheimer Rd. 43214.

Call 614-263-4632 to reserve your seat and your lunch choice. Box lunch choices are: vegetarian, vegan, ham or turkey sandwich plus salad, chips and a brownie. Please call by Wednesday May 11 if you wish to have lunch. There is no charge for registration or lunch, but donations are always welcome. Masks may be required and will be available.

A program will follow the lunch, featuring speakers from each of our contracted Funeral Homes. Both offer discounted services to our members.

A business meeting will follow the program

### Program Speakers:

Kyle R. Conroy is the co-owner, along with his brother, Bryce, of Conroy Funeral Home in Springfield. He is a fourth-generation funeral director following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. This funeral home provides the full range of funeral services that includes green burial.

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Charlie Bueshler is the office manager at Cook & Son, Pallay Funeral Home in Columbus. She is the one you first speak to when calling. This Funeral Home provides the full range of funeral services including pre-arranged requests for natural burial utilizing Eastlawn Cemetery.

### FCACO Mission Statement

- To promote end-of-life planning and preparation
- To outline practical steps to take 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 local and statewide levels
- 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, serving Springfield, Urbana, Yellow Springs, and Dayton.

FCACO is an affiliate of the national organization: Funeral Consumers Alliance, which is actively involved in improving regulation of the funeral industry through the Federal Trade Commission.

### 2021-2022 Board Members:

President: Cathy Elkins  
Past President: Su Ann Farnlacher  
Treasurer: Su Ann Farnlacher  
Recording Secretary: Kristin Figg  
Membership Secretary: Heather Pierson  
Director: Phyllis Byard  
Director: Jack Holdford  
Director: Nancy Alonzo  
Director: Dennis Rankin

### Save the Date!

Our annual meeting is on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the First UU church, 93 W. Weishierner Rd Columbus Ohio 43214. Lunch at noon followed By the program

Spring 2022

Newsletters will be mailed to only one person in a household. FCACO attempts to verify all information in this newsletter. Legal questions should be directed to your attorney.



## Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio

### **The Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (OBEFD)**

Cathy Elkins

OBEFD is the state body that regulates cremation facilities and funeral homes. I attend its monthly board meetings. At their January 19 meeting, I commended the Board for getting the bad players out of their profession and taking actions regarding illegal and unprofessional behaviors of funeral directors and funeral homes. Two programs I especially follow are the Indigent Burial Program and the Pre-need Recovery Fund.

I next urged the Board to mandate that all Ohio funeral homes post their General Price List (GPL) on their websites. The public now shops the internet, comparing prices. Our parent agency, FCA in Vermont, is working with the Federal Trade Commission to mandate this nationally.

FCACO plans to summarize a comparison of prices of central Ohio funeral homes this year.

Lastly, I commented on Schoedinger Funeral Homes in Columbus being purchased by Service Corporation International (SCI). SCI operates funeral homes and cemeteries in over 45 states and eight Canadian Provinces. SCI has had legal troubles in Texas, Florida, Virginia, California, and Massachusetts. I would hate to see Ohio added to the list. I urged the Board to keep an eye on them.

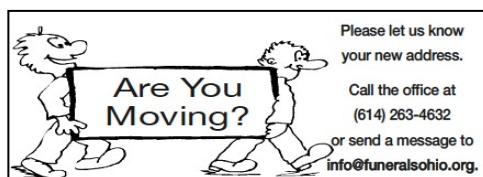
### **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE**

Su Ann Farnlacher

This list is based on a 16 minutes podcast by Joshua Slocum, the executive director of our national body, the Funeral Consumers Alliance, while talking to Brian Hayden about his project, "Redesigning the End." This is a website that offers educational courses for those wanting to become professionals in the alternative death care field.

- Be proactive. Get over thinking you're not going to die.
- Shop! Only 14% of people compare funeral prices.
- Call funeral homes for their price lists and specific services.
- Don't commit to anything on the phone. Set a reasonable budget for the funeral you can afford and stick to it.
- Make your wishes known, but ask your survivors what is practical for them.

You can view the podcast on the national website's Blog: [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)  
At the bottom of the page, click on NEWS, then select The Daily Dirge.





# Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio

Below are the candidates up for election at the meeting

## SLATE OF OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

		<b>Term</b>
President	Cathy Elkins	Ends May 31, 2024
Treasurer	Su Farnlacher	Ends May 31, 2024
Recording Sec'y	Kristin Figg	Ends May 31, 2024
Membership Sec'y	Heather Pierson	Ends May 31, 2024
Director	Nancy Alonzo	Ends May 31, 2023
Director	Dennis Rankin	Ends May 31, 2025
Director	Jack Holford	Ends May 31, 2025
Director	Phyllis Byard	Ends May 31, 2024
Director	Margaret Youngblood	Ends May 31, 2025

### *Resources for Your Planning Folder* **Body Donation**

Ohio State University: (614) 292-4832: <http://go.osu.edu/bodydonation>  
Boonshoft School of Medicine, (937) 775-3966;  
[www.med.wright.edu/agp](http://www.med.wright.edu/agp)

### **Organ Donation**

LOOP (Lifeline of Ohio Organ Procurement) (877) 223-6667  
[www.lifelineofohio.gov/probate](http://www.lifelineofohio.gov/probate)

**Advanced Directives forms:** Franklin County Probate Court:  
[www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate)

**Funeral Consumers Alliance:** [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)

**Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio** [www.funerasloho.org](http://www.funerasloho.org)

### **For FCACO members who choose to use our contracted discounted providers:**

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

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



### Did You Know.....

You do not have to purchase a casket from the Funeral Home that you have chosen for other services. Under the Federal Trade Commission's Funeral Rule, you may buy a casket from any other source. The Funeral Home may not refuse to accept delivery, nor charge you for storage of the casket or disposal of its packaging.

Some people have even made their own caskets:



Thank You to our Wonderful Donors!  
(As of April 1, 2022. Our apologies if we have missed anyone)



<p>MARY F ABICHT-LEMKE NANCY S ALONZO MARGRIT S BALLARD NORA R BARTH RUBIN BATTINO NANCY F BEJA V JANE BOOTH KATHLEEN M BOSTON CAMILLE E BOUCHER LUCY S CASWELL KRISTINE COX KATHLEEN CURLEY MARCIA E &amp; LEHR DIRCKS CATHERINE E ELKINS SU ANN FARNLACHER ALICE FARYNA GUNTER H FILDEBRANDT OLWEN FIRESTONE SHEILA FOX KENNETH P GOODRICH SHIRLEY A HATFIELD</p>	<p>FREDERICK HUNKER OLIVER J KIRK JANEEN &amp; ROBERT KIRKBRIDE JUDITH E KLEEN SUZANNE M KOEBEL JOSEPH &amp; ANITA R KOHLER MELODEE S KORNACKER SHIRLEY E KRISTENSEN NORMA J KRUGER JULIAN R A L LIPSITT SUSAN LOGANLARSON HARRY &amp; DONN SARAH L LUCKAY THOMAS A McDOWELL JOSEPH F MICCIO PHILLIP KELLY MILLEDGE MARIE ANN MILLER WILLIAM L MILLER MARGUERITE COX MOLK NINA D MYATT GEORGE D MYERS</p>	<p>BETTY L NELSON KATHERINE E POWER NANCY POWLICK DENNIS A RANKIN JANE D REISMAN ANN F RIGNEY LINDA M ROYALTY JANE N &amp; ROBERT SCOTT JAMES M SIDDENS INGRID L SILVIAN MURIEL A STANDLEY MADELON A TIMMONS BARBARA TREADWELL NANCY G VAN DEUSEN JANET V WATERS OHMA WILLETTE DAVID L WILLIAMS CONROY FUNERAL HOME BATTELLE FUND</p>
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**Got Your Ducks in a Row?  
Visit [www.funeralsohio.org](http://www.funeralsohio.org):**

1. Survivors Checklist
2. Ohio Disposition Form (to designate a person to arrange the disposition of your remains)
3. What To Do When Death Occurs
4. A Letter to My Family (lists the location of key documents and legal authorizations)

**On the national website: [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)**

(Go to: *Resources*, then to *FAQ pamphlets*) These are just a few of them:

1. Green Burial
2. Should You Prepay Your Funeral?
3. Death Away From Home
4. Embalming Explained
5. Cremation Explained