

Highlights

Business Meeting President's Report, Election of 2023 Officers, Adoption of 2023 Budgets, Committee Reports, Update from Chief Medical Examiner Dr. James Gill, Update on the progress of EDRS and Veterans Affairs. (2 CEUs)

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

Educational Seminars:

Cremation is _____ : Understanding Cremation Motivations

presented by **Barbara Kemmis**. This session presents ground-breaking research on consumer behavior and attitudes toward cremation. Attend and gain strategies to better meet the needs of today's cremation families.

- Learn insights from focus group participants describing their cremation experiences
- Identify strategies to meet the needs of cremation families
- Rethink professional and personal assumptions about cremation (1 CEU)



Responding to Violence and Hostility In the Workplace Environment

with **Lt. Kevin Dillon**. The workshop covers the challenges individuals face attempting to address violent incidents, personal conflicts or abnormal behavior within the educational or workplace environment. Lieutenant Kevin Dillon (Ret) introduces a program that explores an individual's cognitive and physical capabilities during violent outbreaks and effective response strategies. (1 CEU)



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

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who have generously agreed to assist in its planning efforts by sponsoring some of the events, speakers, or reception for the 134th Annual CFDA Convention.

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Embracing Change with Respect

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

Thursday, December 1, 2022 • Sheraton Hartford South • 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill

The Installation of CFDA President Lionel J. Lessard, Jr., CFSP

and the 2023 Officers and Executive Committee

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Lionel J. Lessard, Jr., CFSP
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Events Schedule

- 10:00 Registration
- 11:00 - 1:00 Business Meeting, President's Report, Election of 2023 Officers, Adoption of 2023 Budgets, Committee Reports, Update from Chief Medical Examiner Dr. James Gill, Update on the progress of EDRS and Veterans Affairs (2 CEUs)
- Luncheon: A delicious array of selections to sustain you through until dinner
- 1:15 - 2:15 Legal & Legislative Update with CFDA Attorney Jennifer DiBella, CFDA Lobbyists Michael Dugan, Liz Connelly and CFDA Legislative Chairperson Nicole Paquette. (1 CEU)
- 2:30 - 3:30 Educational Seminar presented by Barbara Kemmis (1 CEU)
- 3:45 - 4:45 Educational Seminar presented by Lt. Kevin Dillon (1 CEU)
- Reception with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres after the seminars
- 6:30 Dinner, Installation of 2023 Officers, musical interludes from Tony V

Registration

Members: All CFDA members and suppliers are encouraged to attend the luncheon (\$40 per person) and the banquet (\$125 per person).

The Business Meeting, the Legal and Legislative Update, Educational Seminars, and the seminars, are included in the registration fee (\$150 per person).

Non-Member Funeral Directors: \$300 for Educational Seminars. \$75 for Luncheon. \$250 for Dinner. Contact CFDA for reservations. (860) 721-0234

Room Reservations for the Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 will be made by individual attendees directly to the Hotel's reservation department at (860) 257-6085. Please have your credit card available and identify yourself as a member of CFDA. The daily cost of the room will be \$119.00 plus tax and you must make your reservation by Thursday, November 17, 2022.

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 Cabernet Demi-Glace; Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter Sauce;
Chicken Piccata with Lemon, Capers and White Wine; Chef's Choice of Vegetarian Entrée.
Dinner includes Garden Salad, Chef's Selection of Sides, and Dessert.