

ANDREA FITZGERALD



Andrea is a professionally trained Full Spectrum Doula. Birth, Postpartum and Death. Andrea serves her communities in Whatcom, Skagit and Island Counties with compassion, practical knowledge and resources to care for their own. An Advocate with the National End of Life Doula Association and the National Home Funeral Alliance, she is also a Bereavement and Vigil Volunteer at Whatcom Hospice and Radiant Heart Aftercare for Pets. She is as a WA State Certified PC, a First Steps ACP, Green Burial Facilitator, and is a "No One Dies Alone" (NODA) Course Facilitator.

CHERYL JENNINGS



“I have long believed in the consumer funeral movement, joined PMA in the 1990s, and later signed up my children and mother. I appreciate how PMA delivers practical, dispassionate and cost-effective services to its members, and makes them as “portable” as possible within and outside Washington State. I also appreciate the value of good end-of-life planning that some of my elderly relatives did, and fear the absence or poor quality of it that others in my family have refused to do. Although I’m not much of a “joiner,” I applied to the PMA board because I believe in its purpose, and after leaving the diplomatic corps felt that it was time to contribute some of my time and experience to a local organization.”

Cheryl is a retired U.S. diplomat who served in 28 countries. Her strengths are strategic planning, project development, program and resources management, outreach and communications. PMA is lucky she chose us to be her nonprofit partner!

FRANCES PALMER



Los Angeles native Frances Palmer put herself through law school by teaching night school. She cut her teeth as a young lawyer prosecuting misdemeanor traffic violations for the Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney, later presenting felony preliminary hearings before cases went forward to full jury trials in Superior Court.

She served a year with VISTA's Legal Services, volunteering to help low-income people resolve civil issues in State Court. She went on to work as an attorney in the Seattle office of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, enforcing Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. When she finally retired, she left a management position on the enforcement side where she supervised a team who investigated or settled cases which would otherwise be tried in Federal Court.

She has traveled extensively through Africa and South America, even teaching a year at the Cooperative School in Bolivia! She has served as a board member of the Seattle Hiroshima Club and was a member of the original Washington Women Lawyers group. Her real passion, however, is the Amache Historical Society II, which works to preserve the history of Order 9066's impact on Japanese Americans like herself, who were uprooted from their West Coast homes and placed in remote internment camps in places like Granada, CO during World War II.

WYVONNE RAY



"I am interested in having an opportunity to volunteer and work as an alternate. I am a current member of PMA and strongly believe in the mission and vision statements. Also, I am now serving on your Equity and Inclusion committee.

I am a Registered Nurse Consultant/Case Manager who retired from the City of Seattle Aging and Disability Case Management Program in 2019. The population we served was diverse in age, ethnicity, and gender. I am a Seattle Native and graduate from The University of Washington Nursing School. I believe my professional and personal background in

working with all persons of color in the Greater Seattle area and community settings will be an asset to your organization.”

KATY ROBERTS



“After working for a branding/marketing company many years ago, I spent six years managing a natural health clinic with 10+ providers. After completing my own home remodel and spending 1.5 years as a stay at home mom, I began my real estate career. I'm passionate about providing service to people when they're making very big life decisions. I now have two children, volunteer with Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS) regularly, and serve on my son's non-profit preschool board. I've been called a "Jack of all trades", MacGyver, and community builder and believe that I can serve the board well.

It would be an honor to join the People's Memorial Association board. Having experienced and planned several end-of-life arrangements, I have first-hand knowledge of how powerful it can be to have guidance, clarity, and compassion from those providing services. As a new member, I am excited to promote the association to my own network, especially knowing that many of my peers do not have their affairs in order. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with a diverse group of individuals who are focusing on providing affordable options to ALL people. It is clear that PMA is a dynamic organization with opportunity for high impact, and I would be thrilled to contribute to its success and growth.”

NINA SCHOEN



Nina Schoen has always been drawn to events that unite us in our human experience, and end of life is one of those areas! Many years ago, in helping people and animals through euthanasia, she realized how much fear many have around an event that has the potential to be meaningful and peaceful.

In 2017 she became a volunteer for our community partner Recompose. At Recompose she assisted in building grassroots support for WA SB-5001, which passed in 2019 and allowed for new and greener methods of disposition

in Washington State. During this time, she appeared in media pieces about the legislation, bringing a human face to a changing conversation around death.

By day Nina is a software product manager focused on technology solutions that build increased engagement between nonprofits and their supporters. Born a planner, she thrives when she can work with groups to achieve shared goals. Nina is inspired by and committed to PMA's mission and has utmost respect for the organization's history and impact. She cares deeply about education, advocacy, and bringing conversations about end of life into our everyday lives.

*To learn more about our active board members, please visit <https://peoplesmemorial.org/aboutpma/team.html>