

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL™

Association ♦ The Co-op Funeral Home ♦ Education Fund

People's Memorial Newsletter

2015

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL 2015 Annual Meeting

Please join us for the 2015 Annual Meeting of PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL

Saturday, April 18, 2015 9:30—11:30 am

University Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle 98115

Doors Open at 9am Door Prizes Music Information Tables.

2015-17 Brochure is Enclosed

Our 2015-17 Mortuary Plans & Prices plus the list of our Contracted Funeral Homes for the next biennium is included within the brochure. PMA continues to provide great value and affordability with our contracted providers. Please share our brochure or go online to sign up your family and friends!

2015 Annual Meeting Key Note Speaker:

Brian Flowers



Brian is a consummate storyteller. Join us as he tells the story of the growth of green burials. He is the past president of the Green Burial Council and green burial coordinator of The Meadow, a natural burial cemetery in Ferndale.

LAST MAILED NEWSLETTER

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL is going digital. Postage, printing and mail house costs have made producing this newsletter simply too expensive for our lifetime membership fee. Paper newsletters, also, do not fit with our green Northwest values. We can reduce our impact on the environment by offering you funeral consumer information more efficiently, regularly, and less costly via the internet. This 2015 newsletter will be the last paper newsletter we will mail to you and our 75,000+ living members.

Beginning in 2016, our annual newsletter will be available only through email. If you are not receiving our monthly E-Newsletter, please visit our website and click the "Get our Newsletter" at the top of the page. You can sign up for our free monthly E-Newsletter or get a printable version of our previous annual newsletters. Please join our 12,000+ members who receive notices about events, workshops and the latest funeral news through email!

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL™ ASSOCIATION

At Time of Death Call:

1-888-762-2762

1-888-PMA-2PMA

to contact any PMA contracted funeral home in Washington state.

At time of death, member is entitled to special pricing and benefits on cremation or burial ~~only~~ at funeral homes and cemeteries contracted with People's Memorial Association.

For a current list of providers go to:
www.peoplesmemorial.org

When death occurs:

Call 1-888-762-2762 to contact the PMA contracted funeral home of your choice. Present this card when making arrangements to assure receiving member benefits.

Jane Doe
1234 NE 1st St
Seattle, WA 981234

Please notify People's Memorial if your address has changed at info@peoplesmemorial.org or 206-325-0489

Update Your Membership Card

If your membership card does not look like this, it may be out of date with incorrect contact information for PMA. Please notify the membership office so we can confirm your address, phone and email. Please supply your member number and we'll mail you a new card!



THE CO-OP FUNERAL HOME

OF PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL



From the Managing Funeral Director:

2014 was full of exciting changes and one big clarification. We are happy to announce that after 7 years of causing confusion between our funeral home and the educational outreach of PMA, we have simplified our name to:

The Co-op Funeral Home of People's Memorial

Along with our new name, we launched a new, easier-to-navigate website and are thrilled with the results. And from the feedback we have received, so are you!

One thing our client families mention often is how much they appreciate our free obituaries section. And it is wonderful and heartwarming to see the creative ways you honor and commemorate your loved ones.

www.funerals.coop

As you'll see in the sidebar, we are proud to have served 882 families last year, which makes us one of the top five busiest funeral homes in Washington State. And we did it all out of our little offices on Capitol Hill.

Looking ahead

We plan to continue growing to accommodate the increasing number of families that wish to use our services. Our big dream is be able to buy our own building. That would allow us to permanently establish ourselves and prove the value of our progressive, cooperative business model for funeral services. It would also serve as a model to our sister organizations in the Funeral Consumer's Alliance as they aspire to open their own cooperative funeral homes to serve their members across the United States.

But until then, we will be here to serve you, your families and your loved ones with the high quality service you expect from us.

Please consider making a contribution to The Co-op Funeral Home today to help us reach our goal of establishing a permanent location in the next few years.

-Nora Menkin, Managing Funeral Director

From left to right:

Kimberly Forsythe

(Funeral Director)

Nora Menkin

(Managing Funeral Director)

Chris Ronk

(Funeral Director)



The Co-op Funeral Home 2014 numbers:

882 families served

95 non-members

807 cremations

75 burials

99% of our clients give us excellent ratings

Prepayment: is it right for you?

The Co-op Funeral Home can help you with any of your questions or concerns about pre-paying.

If you decide that pre-payment is right for you, our funeral directors will sit down with you to talk about your options and what would work best for your personal situation.

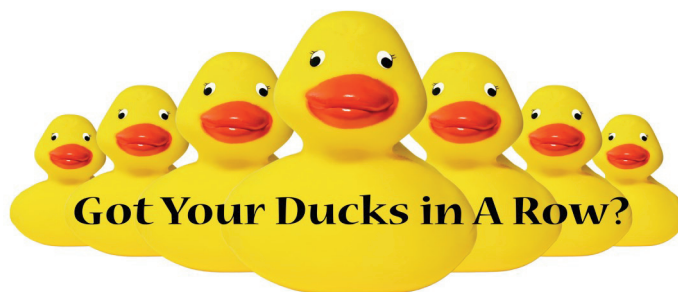
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info@funerals.coop

What is Probate?

It is a court-supervised process of settling a dead person's (decedent) estate, basically settling debts and transferring assets. The Superior Court gives the personal representative (aka executor) the power to settle the estate by issuing that person Letters Testamentary, which show the rest of the world that the executor has the power to deal with the decedent's estate. The executor is then charged with gathering all the decedent's probate assets, notifying and paying the deceased's creditors, filing tax returns, paying taxes and ultimately distributing the assets to the decedent's beneficiaries under his will (if any) or the Washington laws of intestacy (no will). Probate is required when a decedent dies owning probate assets, which are basically assets that don't pass via contract (such as a community property agreement, a trust agreement or a beneficiary designation) or automatically by law (such as through joint tenancy with right of survivorship). Probate may not be required if the decedent's personal property (cars, household items and bank accounts) is valued at less than \$100,000 and left no real estate.

Tiffany Gorton is an attorney with the firm Kutscher Hereford Bertram Burkart and may be reached at (206)382-4414 or tgorton@khbblaw.com



Our very popular end-of-life planning workshop sponsored by PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL Education Fund continues its successful outreach. We conducted four in 2014 and one already in 2015. We have three more planned for the following dates in 2015 that include presentations on legal, financial, advance directives and final arrangement planning.

Spokane— Sat, May 9, 2015, 10am-1pm at Unitarian Universalist Church

Seattle/Lynnwood— Fri, October 9, 2015, 12 noon-2:30pm at Lynnwood Senior Center

Federal Way/Tacoma— Sat, October 17, 2015, 9:30am-12:30pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Federal Way

Invite your friends to these free events RSVP on our website or call 206-325-0489

SEATTLE TEEN MUSIC

will once again be providing music for our annual meeting! See you on April 18th!



Disposition Authorization

Is your wish for burial or cremation written down? Do you want your remains to be buried or scattered? If you need a new funeral planning document, please visit our website and click Forms or contact the membership office.

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The 2014 People's Memorial Price Survey is Complete!

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL Education Fund is pleased to announce the publication of our 2014 Price Survey. We searched all funeral homes that handled over 5 arrangements in 2013 and had a website. We wanted to see which funeral homes had prices on its website and/or made its General Price List available on the website or by email. You might be surprised at the results!. Visit our website at www.peoplesmemorial.org to get a copy or contact the office and we will send you one!

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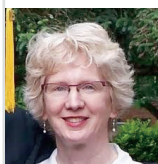
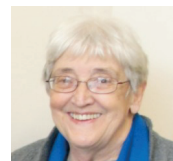
6556 35th Ave NE Seattle WA

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2015 Board Nominees

Diane Snell is a retired Group Health Medical Social Worker with experience in Home Health and Hospice. She also has business experience with 14 years at Eddie Bauer. Diane is passionate about PMA's work with cooperatives hospice and senior issues. She has long been an advocate for People's Memorial, joining with her family in 1979.



Margaret Kitchell, MD has been a Member since 2006 and lives in Seattle.. Currently serves as a Board Alternate. She is a fellow in geriatric psychiatry at UW. Experience in community clinics, medical providers & private practice. Margaret brings board organization, lobby and fundraising skills. She currently serves on the legislative committee

Shelia Proby lives in Federal Way and is a grants & contracts specialist with Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center. Shelia brings past board experience and development, fundraising, events coordination and is passionate about the nonprofit sector with a mission to serve its community. She has been a member since 2014



Tom McArthur is a public relations and communications professional and owner/host/partner/producer at Talk Radio West from Spokane. Within the Eastern Washington community, Tom is known for creating content for both local public radio and television. Tom has been a member of PMA since 2014. He is proud PLU grad.

2014

Board of Directors:

Miles Carter, *President*

Tiffany Gorton, *Vice President*

Jennifer Jones, *Secretary*

Julissa Hafen, *Treasurer*

Steve Corker

Venus Gomez-Deming

Karen May

Sonja Outlaw

Cassidy Stout

Diane Snell, *Alternate*

Margaret Kitchell, *Alternate*

2015 Board Alternate Nominees

Ron Hsu has been a PMA member since 2005. He brings corporate financial management, marketing and events organizing skills. He lives in Tacoma and will help PMA reach out to the Asian communities.



Tiffany Gorton current VP of PMA board, serving since 2012. She lives in Seattle and is a member of the WA State Bar and US Tax Court. Tiffany is our estate planning speaker at our "Got Your Ducks in a Row?" workshops for the past 3 years.

2015 Nominating Committee Candidates



Char Barrett is the owner of A Sacred Moment Funeral Home in Everett specializing in Home Funerals & Green Burials. She is a hospice volunteer and serves on the Washington End of Life Coalition. Char launched PMA's The Co-op Funeral Home in 2007.



David James is a Seattle architect. He's been a member of PMA since 2010 and served on many committees: Price Survey, Contracts and Annual Meeting. He is passionate about PMA's mission with deep understanding of its culture values and history.



Karen May is a retired Boeing Test Engineering Manager and a member of PMA since 1985. She's a current PMA board member leading the transition, finance and personnel committees She is also on the PCC board.