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FOCUS Spring Seminar 2007

~ Wednesday May 16th ~

Brennans Party Center

130th and Triskett, Cleveland, OH

6 hours of Con-ed • \$55 for members • \$110 non-members

- Registration and coffee: 8:00am to 8:45am
- Morning Session: 9:00am-12noon
- Lunch: 12noon-1:00pm
- Afternoon Session: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Registration due by May 9, 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope that everyone is ready for Spring. I realize that some areas have had a harder Winter than others, but I think it is safe to say that all of us have experienced a harder and longer Winter than we had last year. With Spring comes new growth, hope that all of you experience new growth, new hopes and new endeavors I passed by a church the other day, just in front of the church was a sign with a message, it read, "forget the pumps, come inside and refuel". It seemed like a message that the O.E.A. could use as well.

Come to the seminars and refuel your knowledge and renew friendships. There is a seminar coming up in July. C.C.M.S. will be celebrating their Homecoming. Contact your classmates, get together once again and make it a memorable reunion. Hope to see you all in Cleveland and Cincinnati. Have a great Spring and God Bless all of you.

Gene Sujkowski

Reservation Information for O.E.A. CCMS: Brennans Party Center • Cleveland, OH OEA/EAC Spring Seminar • May 16, 2007

\$55.00 Per Member / \$110.00 non-member • Amount Enclosed \$_____

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Directions to the May Meeting Location:

BRENNANS PARTY CENTER

- Located at 13000 Triskett Rd. in Cleveland.
- From I-71, take the West 130th Street exit and go north to the end of the street.
- 130th intersects with Triskett Rd. there and Brennan's is directly across the street at that intersection.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

- **Shawn P. Gallagher**, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies Pre-Med from Kent State University 1995. He is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary science, 1996 . Ohio licensed embalmer and funeral director 1998 – present. Employed by Hummel funeral Home in Akron, Ohio 1997- March 2005. Having embalmed or prepared more than 2000 dead Human remains. Employed by The Dodge Company from March 2005- present. Trained by the Dodge Company in uses of embalming chemicals and procedures. Trained in FTC compliance, OSHA Regulations, and Restorative Arts.

- **Dr. Humphrey D. Germaniuk**, is the Trumbull County Chief Deputy Coroner. He is a board certified Forensic Pathologist and the former Chief Medical Examiner for Washington, D.C. In addition to this Dr. Germaniuk has taught and written many articles in the field of forensics.

- **Cheri Reese**, is the Case Coordinator for the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center, at Case Western Reserve University. She holds a bachelors degree in business and is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, where she was a previous faculty/staff member and a clinical embalming instructor for the institute. Her background includes several years in funeral service as a director, embalmer, educator, recruiter and an extensive background in pre-need and marketing management. She has several years experience as a crisis intervention specialist and holds funeral licenses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in Ohio as an Embalmer. Her recent position involves the structuring and implementation of autopsy arrangements and education to funeral homes/embalmers handling CJD cases.

The surveillance center monitors the occurrences, information and data obtained on Prion Diseases. The center is a source of support, referral networks, and information resource for physicians, family, funeral directors and students. In her role, Cheri works closely with pathologists, physicians and funeral directors to schedule autopsy arrangements and provides support to the families and funeral directors with funeral arrangements.

Cheri resides in Boardman, Ohio with her husband, Paul and their son Jacob P. Reese

TOPICS

- **Morning Session:** 8:45am - 12noon, **Shawn Gallagher** will talk about the various methods and techniques used for embalming tissue donors and autopsied remains, including dressing and cosmetizing. **3 hours.**
- **Lunch:** 12noon-1:00pm
- **Afternoon Session:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm, **Dr. Germaniuk** will speak about various forensic topics and case studies. **2 hours.** 3:00pm – 4:00pm, **Cheri Reese** will round out the day with a talk on CJD and embalming precautions for these cases. **1 hour.**

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Those members who have access to the internet can look at FOCUS Newsletters and get updates at www.ohemb.com. I encourage everyone to update your email address when registering or pay dues so I can email FOCUS newsletters instantly since we seem to have trouble with the mail at times. OEA will continue to send newsletters out the traditional way. However, members can see what is coming up by looking at the website. Members can also find links to the State Board, Schools and other related sites. Certificates of attendance will be issued at each con-ed event sponsored by the OEA. Certificates should be issued to all who attend any con-ed event such as a district meeting, plant tour etc. It is the licensee's responsibility to keep these on file for random audits by the Board of Embalmers. Licensees must keep certificates for 4 years (that is the current compliance period plus the previous period). I also want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Don Lawrence Scholarship Fund in 2006 and 2007. As always call me at 513-618-1932 or email me at dhicks@ccms.edu should you have any questions or just want to swap stories and lies.

David Hicks
Secretary OEA

OTHER NEWS

CCMS will have a Homecoming/ Reunion and celebration of its 125th year
July 13 and 14.

Todd Van Beck will speak Friday.

OEA's **Bill Peoples** is coordinating a historical professional car show.

Other activities include, a riverboat cruise, pig roast and other con-ed events.

Call **Elizabeth Smiley** for details at: **513-761-2020**

OFDA State Convention is May 9-11.

Tim Collison, Dodge Chemical Co., is speaking for 3 hours on Friday the 11th. Tim is a great presenter and provides useful information for today's practitioner.

Price for this event to be announced.