

THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

25 Monmouth Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146

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ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 8

IS THERE LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT?

Come to the Annual Meeting, November 8th, Thursday, 6:30-9PM at the Museum of Science, Boston to find out: The Society business meeting will take place 6:30-7PM.

Beginning at 7PM, a panel of five people, moderated by George Richardson, M.D. will address the question: Is there life after retirement? Each panelist will offer an opinion based on personal experience. The program promises to be most lively and revealing with these panelists:

Theodore Badger, M.D., who is over 80 continues to practice medicine. The majority of his patients are over 65 years old.

Frances Caswell is a Memorial Society Board member. After leaving his careers in ministry and education he has devoted his life to visiting people of his own age who live in nursing homes or who are "home bound".

Abigail Eliot is an outstanding pioneer in early childhood education. She is active in the field of mental health in Concord.

Helen Pitman, M.D. retired after thirty-four years in private practice. She continues to be affiliated with the Harvard Medical School.

Duncan Howlett, former minister of the First and Second Unitarian Church in Boston and the First Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C. is now an award-winning tree farmer in Maine.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

The Memorial Society has received a federally funded grant to provide needed information on funeral planning especially to older people.

With this grant, we will print an easy to read "how to" booklet on planning, written and designed with older people in mind; a manual to help guide professionals (such as social workers, nurses, directors of centers for older people, and nursing/rest home personnel) in discussing funeral planning with older persons; and a speakers' kit to aid Society members who volunteer to participate in the speakers bureau. All these materials will include average price ranges, options and legal requirements for funerals.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The first half hour of the Annual Meeting on November 8th will be devoted to Society business as follows:

1. President's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Election: Directors-at-large

Rev. Frank M. Hall
Mrs. H. Dunster Howe
Dr. George S. Richardson
Mr. David Sheets
Mr. A. Leavitt Taylor

4. Election of Officers:

President-Dr. George S. Richardson
Treasurer-Mr. David Sheets
Clerk -Mr. Leavitt Taylor

Please vote by the proxy below if you cannot attend the meeting.

RESERVE NOVEMBER 8 AT 6:30 AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, BOSTON! *****
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS REFRESHMENTS FREE ADMISSION! *****

PROXY: I hereby authorize _____ (must be a member)
or the Clerk of the Society (if no name is filled in, the Clerk
will vote the Proxy) to vote my proxy for:

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----|-----|
| a. The slate of officers and board members as proposed | () | () |
| b. Such matters as may lawfully come before the meeting | () | () |

Date: _____

Signature(s) _____

Address _____

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MEMBERSHIP

Your lifetime membership dues are the only income that has kept the Memorial Society alive. To continue this vital, unique service we need your help.

The costs of operation, postage, inflation, and the need to provide additional services to more people has depleted our treasury.

In return for your membership dues we provide you with: 24-hour answering service, updated information on prices, the annual meeting and newsletter.

Please help us to continue these services and increase our membership. We serve 4,000 members and we want more. A \$3.00 donation from you to the Society would enable us to hold a Spring meeting to attract new members and to better inform persons about funerals.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

We are developing an active speakers' bureau and we need your help.

1) Would you like to speak on matters related to Society business? (organ donation, bequeathal to medical schools, consumerism, pre-planning, personal experiences). Please let us know. We will give you information and any help you would like.

2) If you belong to an organization, club or place of business that would be interested in hosting a panel of speakers, please let us know. An active speaking program will help to increase our membership as well as to encourage pre-planning funerals.

Please write or call Doranne Jung, Consumer Information Project, The Memorial Society of New England, 25 Monmouth St., Brookline, MA 02146. Phone (617) 566-4137

NEW PRICE INFORMATION ON CEMETARIES

This summer Doranne Jung conducted a price survey of cemeteries in Boston, Brookline, Cambridge and Somerville. 15 of the 18 surveyed provided us with costs.

Here is a summary of price ranges.

Grave site for 1 or 2 buried at different depths	\$165 to \$540
Grave site for 2 buried side by side	\$495 to \$1370
Opening and Closing fee during working hours.	\$225 to \$750
For overtime to open/close add	\$15-\$50 or \$10-\$30 to this fee.
Burial site for 1 urn and 2 urns buried at different depths	\$150 to \$425
Niche	\$200 - \$1600
Opening & Closing fee for urn site	\$25 to \$115
Scattering ashes	\$18 to \$25
Concrete grave liner	\$75 to \$125
Cremation fee*	\$105 to \$115

(*This fee appears on the bill from the funeral director)

Call or write the Society for information on individual cemeteries. You may call or write cemeteries outside the surveyed area and compare their prices to these ranges.

FOR MORE UPDATED INFORMATION ON PRICES CALL THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY!

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DONATION: Please include a donation of \$3.00 if possible. Make your check payable to The Memorial Society of New England

SPEAKERS BUREAU ; I (we) would like to speak for the Society _____

I (we) suggest you contact the following organization for a speaking engagement: _____

ADDRESS & PHONE _____