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Swinging Success! Annual Vincent and Toni Romeo Golf Outing Scores a Fun Day!



From left to right: Anthony Panica, Joe Gallipani, Ed Byrnes and NSFDA President Kenneth Lysak, Jr. enjoying their round of golf at the Vincent and Toni Romeo Memorial Golf Outing.





Vincent and Toni Romeo Memorial Golf Outing

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NSFDA Vice President Melissa Schmidt and Board Member Linda Hogan-Florenzie chip, sip and enjoy their golf time!



A round of golf, a bunch of friends and supporters! Thank you to everyone that came out for a great day! We'll see you next year!

**Want to see more fun photos and video from the golf outing?
Click on the button below to view the full album.**

[Golf Photos](#)



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Kenneth Lysak, Jr.

*"Take a moment to slow down and enjoy life.
Smell the flowers. All of them, not just the ones
inside the funeral home."*

Hello and welcome to the heart of fall. With the holiday season just around the corner, its astonishing how time seems to pass us by. This phenomenon reminds me of a vivid childhood memory. At around 10 or 11 years old, in the middle of summer, I sat on the porch with my mother, extolling about my love for the season. She naturally asked me why I held such an affection for summer, and I explained that it felt like an eternity, never-ending. My mother with her wisdom then told me that as I grew older, I would start to perceive summers speeding by with each passing year. Skeptical as any young child would be, I doubted her, but, as mothers usually are, she turned out to be 100% correct. As I near 60 I find myself wondering where all the time went. It feels like I went from registered resident to my current point in life in the blink of an eye.

My reason for sharing this is to highlight how we often become consumed by work and the day to day grind, losing touch with our own reality. Life shouldn't revolve around the monotonous routine of waking up, working, eating a hasty meal only to repeat the cycle daily. We've all witnessed funeral directors working late into their lives wondering if that is the life we want for ourselves. Perhaps, we should strive to be more like that 11 year old kid and learn relearn to cherish the time we do have and embrace the present. While work is vital, we must strike a balance. One the most challenging things we face is making time for ourselves and our loved ones. We spend so much time assisting families in their time of need that we forget to take time in our own lives. Personally, I am committed to doing better in this regard, and I hope I inspire you to do the same.

Our Holiday Social will take place on December 13th at The Larkfield in East Northport. It is the perfect opportunity to gather with your staff, fellow funeral directors and friends where we can spread some cheer and celebrate another year of accomplishments. Hopefully, for a moment, we can slow down and truly enjoy ourselves. We have all earned it.

Before I conclude, I want to extend my gratitude once again to the sponsors and attendees of the annual Vincent and Toni Romeo Golf Outing. Organizing a golf outing these days is challenging to say the least. This year we changed the venue and the raffle format. Both of which were well received. We are fortunate to work with such fantastic vendors that support us all year.

And always remember, take a moment to slow down and enjoy life. Smell the flowers. All of them, not just the ones inside the funeral home.

Warm regards,

Ken Lysak _____



Come celebrate the upcoming holidays with the NSFDA. Members, spouses, support staff, guests and vendors are all welcome.

NASSAU-SUFFOLK FUNERAL DIRECTORS HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, 2023| starts at 6:00 PM

Location:

The Larkfield -507 Larkfield Road, East Northport, NY 11731

Cost:

\$150.00 per person includes cocktail hour, appetizers, salads, buffet dinner including hot chafing dishes, dessert, OPEN BAR & DJ.

RSVP by November 29, 2023.

Register using the following link using a credit card or debit card.

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Any questions please contact Holly at
Hollynsfda@yahoo.com or 631-765-3737

A Message from the Executive Director



The NSFDA had a very busy fall season. We started off with a general membership meeting on September 19, 2023, at the Irish Coffee Pub. We had close to 80 people in attendance and a big thank you to Nance Schick, Esq. for two very informative law continuing education presentations. It was nice to see everyone and catch up after the summer months!

The Annual Vincent & Toni Romeo Memorial Golf Outing was held on Monday October 2, 2023, at the beautiful Stonebridge Country Club & Gold Links in Smithtown. The weather

was superb and the venue was perfect for golf, brunch and dinner. Congratulations to all the winners of the golf skill prizes the raffles and the three winners of the Mega Raffle. This event would not be possible without all the sponsors. A big thank you to **PrePlan Funeral Trust, The Whitmore Group, Cooperative Funeral Fund, Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions, Catholic Cemeteries** and the vendors and members who purchased tee-signs and donated to our golfer goody bags. I also want to thank **Melissa Schmidt** our Vice President, **Linda Hogan-Florenzie**, Nassau Representative and **Bea Lewanduski**, member events chair for spending the day with me checking in golfers, selling raffle tickets and taking pictures. I really appreciate everything they do for the NSFDA and the outing, to make it a huge success.

The 2nd Annual NSFDA Holiday Social is being held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the beautiful Larkfield in East Northport. We are returning to The Larkfield for this event because of the amazing feedback from members and vendors who attended the symposium there in May. The party will start at 6pm with a cocktail hour with appetizers and will continue with a full dinner buffet, dessert, open bar during the entire event as well as a DJ. The event is open to all members, spouses, support staff, and vendors.

Let's celebrate! [Click here to register.](#)

Please watch your emails for the upcoming webinars and in-person continuing education events for 2024.

Hope to see everyone at the Holiday Social! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,

Holly

DATES TO SAVE

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 6:00pm
NSFDA Holiday Social at The Larkfield**

January Continuing Education Webinar - Date TBD

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 4:00pm
Board Meeting
6:30pm General Membership Meeting and Continuing
Education Credits at The Irish Coffee Pub**

**Tuesday May 14, 2024 - 4:00pm
Board Meeting
6:30pm Annual Membership Meeting,
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In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that the NSFDA
announces the passing of:

Joanne Patunas



Loving Mother-In-Law of Michael Folks, LFD at
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Board Spotlight

Joe Bernaudo

Funeral Director at Fredrick J Chapey & Sons

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Favorite Food: A good burger.

What's on my playlist: You'll hear Gunship.

Person I admire most: My wife.

My Favorite Place: Of course, my home.

An invention I couldn't live without: I need my coffee maker.

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be:
I'd be in Alaska.

My favorite words of wisdom:

"It is better to be hated for who you are than to be loved for what you are not." Andre Gide

What is the one thing most people don't know about me:
I'm a good cook!

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