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SPOTLIGHT on our Staff...



FRANK F. FORSTNER
Assistant Funeral Director

Frank was born and raised in Greenan, Saskatchewan of Austrian/Hungarian parents. He attended St. Jules school and W.D. Lowe Vocational Technical School. In 1954, Frank met Dora Dragomir and they married in 1956. They have a son, a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Frank and Dora are longtime residents of Riverside and are parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Frank is President of the Ushers Club. Frank joined the Riverside Knights of Columbus and was elected Grand Knight from 1980 to 1982, and then appointed District Deputy. Frank is an avid golfer. As a new member of Windsor Chapel, Frank believes his involvement with people and the community as well as his compassion and understanding of others especially in their time of need, is of utmost importance in his desire to be of assistance. Frank, being of a European background, believes families are first and foremost.

Bob was born and raised in Windsor. He attended Gordon McGregor Elementary School, and Walkerville Collegiate Institute. Bob is a long-standing and active member of St. Dimitrije Serbian Orthodox Church. He has also been employed as a Firefighter with the Windsor Fire and Rescue Service for the past 20 years. Bob currently resides in the Tecumseh area with his wife, Anna, and their two daughters.



BOB MIJOVIC
Assistant Funeral Director

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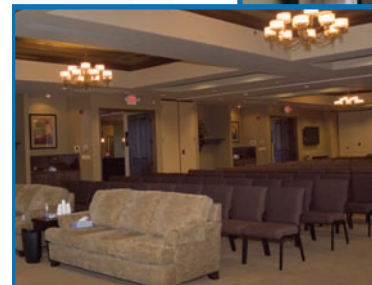
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Banwell Chapel

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DARRIN E. ELLIS
Licensed Funeral Director

Darrin Ellis

When the auto plant Darrin worked at for 19 years closed down, he decided it was

now or never to become a funeral director. The job of a funeral director had piqued his interest in high school when he was leafing through a catalogue of careers to choose from. After putting in some part-time hours at a local funeral home, alongside working full time at the plant, in 2006 he enrolled in the Funeral Services Education program at Humber College and never looked back.

Oftentimes, families are confused and uncertain of what comes next when a loved one passes away. Darrin is there to offer guidance and ease the stress of saying goodbye. It greatly helps families to see a familiar face from the moment they walk into the home to the end of the service. He is there with them through the entire process. "What we do in the prep room is important, but what we do for the family is more important," he says.

Understanding, listening and caring are the integral qualities every funeral director must have. "Sometimes you have to be able to put the pen down and just listen to people," he says. The arrangement has become the favorite part of

his job - he gets to know his families and has grown to be able to talk more freely with them. Working at the plant, he was not used to interacting with people as much. For the short time that he is with each family, he feels that it is rewarding to know that he has helped them during a difficult time.

The motto Darrin lives by - "No matter how bad our day is, whoever has walked through the door, their day is much worse and their life has changed forever," he says. It is this wisdom he imparts on interns and younger directors. One should get involved in the funeral business only if they want to help people. "You have to love what you do. We wear suits, we drive nice cars, but it's a bit of a calling," he says.

Windsor Chapel is pleased to have Darrin on their team and his co-workers have become his friends. "We all hang out with each other; go for dinner, sporting events. Our job is unique, it's not something we can take home, so we bounce it off each other," he says.

Darrin was the recipient of the Western Ontario Funeral Service Association Award for 2008. Darrin was born and raised in Windsor and still resides here with his wife Donna, son Matthew and daughter Mandy. Darrin is an avid sports fan with his favorite being the Detroit Red Wings.

~ Masroora Haque

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Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County Windsor Chapel is proud to be a sponsor!



The Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County offers a variety of safety programs throughout the year.



The fire program is offered to Grades One, Three and Five.



The Police Program is offered to Senior Kindergarten and Grades Two and Four.



Your donation to the Safety Village will ensure lifelong Safety Education for our Children! Call them at (519) 945-5500 or visit their website at www.rotarysafetyvillage.com for more details.

The Safety Village Concept Works!

As you may know, the Safety Village is an educational facility that provides hands-on safety training to the children of Windsor and Essex County from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5. Here, they learn and practice safety strategies in a kid-sized world filled with kid-sized buildings sponsored by local companies, businesses and associations.

The townscape also boasts roads, a railway crossing, an electrical substation, traffic lights and signs. The highlight is the Town Hall complete with classrooms, a community room and a replica of a home complete with a living room, a kitchen, a bedroom and a second story bedroom window.



Experiencing dangerous situations in a safe, controlled environment will help provide children with the first-hand experience that can save their lives.

Windsor Chapel wants to make sure that no child misses out on these important programs. We were happy to donate funds to provide bussing for field trips to the Safety Village. We are proud to be a part of such a valuable part of Windsor/Essex County!



Windsor Chapel prides itself in the fact that we are a community partner for a wide variety of non-profit organizations, sporting teams and many other worthy causes. The newest affiliation that we've made is with the highly-effective Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County.



FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING

Make it part of your To-Do List for 2011

Most of us really don't think all that often of what would happen if we were to pass away. The reality is that someone in our family will have to drop everything they are doing and start planning our funeral. This can become very overwhelming when we consider all of the statistical information required, along with documentation needed, and all of the decisions that will have to be made in a very short period of time. Some have said that there are as many decisions to make for funeral arrangements as there are for a wedding, and yet funeral arrangements are completed within 1-3 days versus wedding plans that sometimes encompass a full year or more.

The good news is that it really isn't that difficult for you to take care of this in advance. Spending a little time getting our financial house in order is something we all plan to do each year. Contact one of our offices and we would be happy to assist you at no cost to complete all of the necessary arrangements for your funeral and burial or cremation. Having these items pre-recorded with our funeral home will be the first step in making things easier for whom ever is left with the task of settling your affairs.

When it comes to pre-payment of funeral arrangements, most people don't realize that they can pay for this over many years as opposed to having to come up with a large sum of cash all at once. Many of our plans allow you to pay monthly, and once

you have made your first payment, you can also be insured for the balance of the plan in the event of your death. We will set up all of the necessary paperwork that will give you the peace of mind knowing everything is taken care of and one day will have your next of kin thanking you.

One example of a funeral plan is for one of our recent clients. He chose to have 1 day of visitation, followed by a mass the following day at his church, with cremation to follow, and his remains being buried alongside his wife who had passed away a few years before.

This man happens to be 66 years of age and his funeral costs total \$6,706.55. He decided to take out one of our term plans and pay \$136.94/month for 5 years. He is fully insured for the balance of his funeral after

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his first payment was made, meaning that if he should pass away unexpectedly, his funeral would be automatically paid in full. We hope he lives much longer than the 5 years that his plan encompasses, but the point is we never know and he is fully protected against funeral price inflation and any future increases in cost or tax. He also could have taken a plan for 10 years and paid \$83.89/month for the same funeral plan coverage. This is just one example of the many plans available to you, so why not make pre-planning part of your to-do list this year.

*~ Gavin Stevenson,
Pre-Planning Counsellor,
Windsor Chapel
Funeral Homes*

FIRST MONDAYS:

A series of FREE seminars hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association and Windsor Chapel Funeral Homes Ltd.

- **LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE:**
"Meeting your nutritional needs through the grieving process."
Monday, July 11th, 2011
at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: ST. MARKS BY THE LAKE, Kitchen/Hall, 150 St. Mark's, St. Clair Beach
Please RSVP by:
Friday, July 8, 2011
- **THE WHYS OF GRIEF:**
"Common questions we ask ourselves after the death of a loved one."
Monday, September 12th, 2011
at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: BANWELL CHAPEL
Please RSVP by:
Friday, September 9, 2011
- **THE FIRST YEAR:**
"Recognizing significant days during the first year."
Monday, November 21st, 2011
at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: BANWELL CHAPEL
Please RSVP by:
Friday, November 18, 2011

To RSVP, please call Windsor Chapel at (519) 253-7234 or the CMHA at (519) 255-7440

THE ITALIAN HANDICAPABLE ASSOCIATION

*Fostering Friendship and
Sportsmanship in our Community*



Santina Ferrara loved her friends at the Italian Canadian Handicapable Association and one day dragged her husband, Joe to a meeting. Joe was so inspired by the organization's mission that he has been an active member for 20 years. "I was brought in to focus on the issues surrounding structure, athlete and volunteer liability." Joe has diligently worked to make the organization more professional,

structured and accessible for the residents of Windsor. The Italian Canadian Handicapable Association (ICHA) provides social and recreational activities for people with mental and physical disabilities in the Windsor Essex area. The roots of the ICHA were established in 1977 when Peter Novelletto ran onto the soccer field to take the place of his injured brother. Unfortunately, Peter was escorted off the field because he was mentally challenged. Crushed by the tears of his son, Egidio Novelletto (founding President) began a soccer program for the mentally challenged youth of Glengarda. Today, the ICHA is one of the largest organizations of its kind in Ontario.

In 2002, with the generous contributions of the federal, provincial and municipal governments, Windsor residents, businesses and members, the ICHA built a top-rate sports complex and recreational facility. That same year Joe retired from his position with the Enwin Powerlines to look after the operations and administration of the facility. "The Novelletto-Rosati complex is the home base of the ICHA, it's like a second home to us," observes Joe.

This truly unique facility integrates sports and social activities for both able bodied and disabled persons. The weekly sports that foster sportsmanship and teamwork are Bocce, soccer, floor hockey and basketball. The sports appeals to handicapable people from all levels of mobility and athleticism. For those doubt-

ing their athletic ability, the ICHA makes provisions to slowly integrate them into the programs. "Our members really do enjoy being at the complex and taking part in our activities. I have seen improvements in the mobility of so many kids and adults as a result of regularly taking part in these sports," Joe proudly acknowledges. The well-attended social events such as the Valentine's Day Party, Annual Fishing Derby, Halloween Party, Christmas Dinner and Dance and special field trips celebrate life and friends.

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Residents wishing to get involved can talk to the volunteer co-coordinator (Teresa Rauti), usually found at one of the games with a clip board and pen in her hand. To become a member, there is a \$25 yearly membership fee for one person and \$40 for a family or group home. Membership forms are available on the website as well as in the Complex offices.

Each year the organization holds the Annual Indoor Soccer Tournament where athletes from all across Ontario come together to battle out their skills and talents. "This is one time in the year when kids and adults can come and forget their issues, forget that they're disabled. It is such a positive experience for them," beams Joe. The event features two days of soccer events and it provides food and hotel stay for visiting teams.

The ICHA has enriched the lives of its members, volunteers and the community. It has exposed the talents and wonderful spirits of the handicapable and volunteers. It has given Windsor families a space to play sports and make friends. Windsor Chapel Funeral Homes is a proud community partner with this worthy organization and have been for many years.

Please visit www.icha.ca or call (519) 977-8900 to be part of something truly special.

~ Masroora Haque



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The Janisse Family with the 1904 Buggy



The 1904 Horse and Buggy



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Jules, Francis and Albemy Janisse with the 1953 DeSoto



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