

Announcements

Lumbard Canadian Club President

On May 25, 2009 Todd Lumbard became President of The Canadian Club of Regina for the 2009-2010 year.

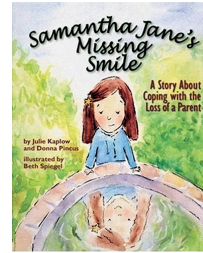
The Canadian Club of Regina is a meeting place for individuals who share an interest in and search for a deeper understanding of Canada and the nation's relationship with an ever-changing world. Canadian Club guest speakers are trailblazers in politics, business, social development and the media and their voices are heard through a lunch forum at regular monthly meetings. To receive a list of the engagements for the 2009 – 2010 Regina Canadian Club year, or to learn how to become a member, please contact Todd by email at tlumbard@speersfuneralchapel.com or by calling 522-3232.

Team Speers Contributes to Success of 2009 Regina's Father's Day Walk/Run for Prostate Cancer

The skies opened and poured down on the over 600 participants in Regina's Father's Day Run/Walk for Prostate Cancer but that did not deter the fifteen participants from Team Speers who took part in the event and raised over \$1200.00 for Prostate Cancer Canada.

Prostate Cancer Canada is the leading national organization devoted solely to eliminating the threat of prostate cancer. It raises funds for the development of programs related to awareness, public education, advocacy, support of those affected and research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer. For more information visit www.prostatecancer.ca.

Grief Resources



Samantha Jane's Missing Smile

Losing a parent is a profoundly life-changing event for a child. Samantha Jane's Missing Smile gently guides families through feelings, thoughts, and wishes that children experience when a parent dies, and offers helpful tools for lasting hope and happiness.

The Next Place

Children often wonder where their loved one is once they are no longer in our physical presence. Warren Hanson's musings about heaven or whatever you might call "the next place" that one inhabits after this life, is a guided journey about where the beloved deceased person may be. Hanson's book is presented with beautiful arcs of text superimposed on tranquil collage illustrations. The overall sense is one of peace. No specific religious references are made and there are no concrete answers. However, this book may be reassuring for children who have lost someone dear to them and begin valuable conversations on death and dying.

Please contact Crystal Olson, Speers Continuing Care Coordinator, if you would like to borrow these books or if you would like to know about more resources for children or teenagers who are experiencing grief.



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Caring Hearts Camp

Rock climbing, canoeing, campfires and horseback riding are all exciting activities delighting the campers at Caring Hearts Camp. From the outside, Caring Hearts youngsters look like just about any other summer camp mates as they join in the fun. However, these seventy camp children share a common bond, and that is that they have all endured the death of someone they love and have come together to share with those who can truly understand.

Crystal Olson, the Continuing Care Coordinator at Speers, participated as a co-facilitator at Caring Hearts Camp 2009, held at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp. Crystal found the camp life to be an enriching lesson, both professionally and personally, as she witnessed children process grief through crafts, music, yoga, traditional camping activities and journaling. "I worked with a group of eight-year-olds. The relationship they had with their loved one was varied; perhaps they had lost a grandparent, a parent, a friend or an uncle. I witnessed that children can feel great sadness but yet still be present to the activity of the moment," explained Crystal of her experience.



Crystal hopes to help out at the camp again next year. "One of the most touching experiences at camp was that the children and teens wrote a note to their loved one and attached it to a helium balloon. Everyone gathered and released the balloons together. We all stood quietly and watched as the balloons disappeared over the valley."

Regina Palliative Care Incorporated (RPCI) and Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR) partner to host this camp each year in May for children and teens who have recently experienced a loss due to death of a family member. The camp is made possible by a variety of corporate sponsors. To make a donation to Caring Hearts Camp, contact Crystal at 522-3232.

Outstanding Speers Funeral Service Graduates

On Friday, May 29, 2009 a graduation and awards dinner was held in Saskatoon for the students graduating from the SIAST Funeral Service Program. Kelsi Kenny and Maegan Guthrie were among those graduating from their individual specialties.

We are proud to announce that Kelsi was the winner of the Funeral Director Specialty award and Maegan, the winner of the Embalmer Specialty Award. Both graduates have excelled in their studies.

Kelsi and Maegan will continue to work with Speers as they complete the individual requirements before qualifying for full licensure. Both of these young professionals complement the culture of team work and caring at Speers with their fresh enthusiasm, strong technical ability, excellent work ethic and personable natures.



Funeral and Cremation Services



Did you know...

...that Speers Funeral Service Professional, Lorne Puffalt, has been a member of the City of Regina Cemeteries Advisory Committee for the last several years? Recently, the decision was made to change the structure of various city committees. Some former members were asked to let their names stand for new consultative groups that were being established. On

May 11, 2009, Regina City Council appointed Lorne to serve on the Cemeteries Departmental Consultative Group for the remainder of 2009 and into 2010. At Speers, we believe in being proactive in helping our community provide quality service to its residents. Lorne willingly and freely volunteers his time and professional expertise to this important city function.

Chicago NHL Playoff Games Trip of a Lifetime for Speers Professional

The 2009 NHL playoffs brought an exciting opportunity for travel and top notch sports entertainment for Joel Houseman, Funeral Service Professional at Speers Funeral and Cremation Services.

Joel and three of his close friends were able to snag tickets to games three and four of the Chicago-Detroit 2009 Stanley Cup playoff series. The foursome arrived in the architecturally rich downtown to find the city full of fervor for the meeting of two of the original six teams. Noted as one of the most loved North American cities for shopping, dining and entertainment, the guys found themselves in the heart of it all at the Intercontinental Hotel located in the middle of the Magnificent Mile.

Game three was truly the highlight of the trip as the first game of the series in Chicago had the arena in an uproar! Celebrities cheered alongside spectators as the Blackhawks overcame Chris Chelios and the Red Wings to pull off

a huge 4-3 win in overtime.

Sports continued to be the theme of the trip as the group made their way to take in the White Sox vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates at US Cellular Field. The spectacular big league ballpark was an experience on its own with its pre-cast concrete design and big city atmosphere.

Detroit responded with a 6-1 win over the home team in playoff Game Four, but the travellers didn't return home disappointed. "To see an NHL playoff game was one of the greatest moments of my life," exuded Joel. "The electricity in the air at the arena was astonishing and the excitement of the city of Chicago just added to the incredible adventure."



Joel Houseman (far left) and friends take in the sights of the city on a recent trip to Chicago.

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Speers Family Centre Re-opens Following Renovation

Speers is pleased to announce that the Family Centre has re-opened after a ten week extensive renovation. This popular reception facility is available for daily bookings on a first-come first-serve basis. The new design has a traditional look with a modern flair. Guests will enjoy the dark wood accents, central serving buffets, designer flooring, wall coverings and lighting, as well as a cozy built in fireplace.

A summer exterior renovation will soon provide the centre with a court-



yard patio surrounded by ornamental grass plantings and evergreens which will complement Cornwall Street's mature canopy of trees and established walkways.

Watch new editions of *Speers Caring* for information on Speers Family

Centre open house celebrations and other public gatherings, seminars and workshop announcements.

Please call Speers at 522-3232 for information on facility availability and reception offerings.

Get to Know us at Speers...



Paul Kurty
Funeral Service Professional

A sensitivity to people's emotions coupled with a friendly, kind nature have earned Paul a reputation as an all-around great guy and funeral professional.

The eldest of five children, Paul was born and raised in Regina. He joined Speers in 1988, eventually training to become a Funeral Service Professional. Paul's overall responsibilities include overseeing grounds and the Speers fleet. Paul's attention and pride in the details showcases itself in the upkeep and maintenance of the property and vehicles at Speers.

Paul takes great pride in his work as a funeral director and commits himself to families to make sure every little detail is looked after. His compassion and care make him a wonderful listener for those who look to him for professional guidance.

Paul and his wife, Kathy, enjoy entertaining, traveling, golf and spending time with their family and friends.

Paul can be reached by e-mail at reception@speersfuneralchapel.com or by calling Speers at 522-3232.



Kelsi Kenny
Funeral Service Professional

Kelsi Kenny is a rare individual who, early in her career, displayed an exemplary work ethic and naturally calm ability to assist families at the time of a loved one's death.

Perhaps Kelsi's pride in caring for a community began while she grew up with her three brothers on a farm near the town of Davidson, Saskatchewan. Throughout her life Kelsi has had a love for sports, and earned a spot in the Optimist Junior Golf Championship in Florida in 2004. Along with golf, she enjoys hockey, basketball, camping and any activity that keeps her outdoors.

In 2007, Kelsi entered SIAST to train as a funeral service professional. Speers hired her in 2008, recognizing her potential for exemplary service and professionalism.

Through Kelsi's path to becoming a Funeral Service Professional, she has seized the opportunities presented to her to make lasting impressions on families with her kindness, professionalism and relentless attention to detail under what can often be time sensitive and emotionally difficult conditions.

Kelsi graduated from the SIAST Funeral services program on May 29, 2009, receiving the Funeral Director Specialty Award.

Kelsi can be reached by e-mail at reception@speersfuneralchapel.com or by calling Speers at 522-3232.