



**Rhode Island Funeral Directors Association**  
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Dear Funeral Service Suppliers and Friends:

**SUBJECT: RIFDA Annual New England Clambake – Thursday, July 9, 2026 (Reservation Form and Details are Enclosed). (Sponsorship Opportunities: See Below -- Category 1 or Category 2.**

We hope you are safe and well! Thank you so very much for all of your generosity in supporting and participating in the RIFDA events and educational opportunities. We are so excited to enclose the details of this year’s Rhode Island Funeral Director Association’s **Annual New England Clambake** that will be held on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Kempenaar’s Clambake Club, 323 Valley Road, Middletown, Rhode Island (401) 847-1441**. Once again, the Association is asking for your support in sponsoring a prize. Please note that if you are planning to donate a prize valued at over \$250, please indicate below and contact Laurie Robinson in advance of the event at 401-523-5107; fax: [\(401\) 885-7090](tel:401-885-7090) or email: [RIFDA1@aol.com](mailto:RIFDA1@aol.com) so that we can acknowledge you accordingly. \*All prizes in Category 1 – valued at over \$250 (as listed below) will be exhibited in our registration area and will be displayed with your company name. **(If you are planning to be a Category 1 sponsor, please respond by June 30th)**. Please indicate below if you are planning to participate as a sponsor – all door prizes can be delivered on the day of the event.

**Category 1 (Prizes over \$250 – Separate Raffle/Fundraiser Drawing)\***

Gas Grille     Smart TV     Electronics (e.g., Tablet, Gaming Console, Smartwatch, AirPods)  
 Liquor Basket                       Other

**Category 2 (Prizes under \$250 – door prizes – all attendees will be eligible to win)**

Yes, I will bring along a door prize (please bring along your business card so that we can acknowledge your generosity).

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you need to make special arrangements or have questions, please contact Laurie Robinson, (401) 523-5107. (Respond by June 30th if you are planning to participate in Category 1.**

Thank you for your continued support of the RIFDA.

Sincerely,

Nicole Heywood, President

Thomas Norato, CFSP, Past President, Clambake Chair



**Annual Rhode Island Funeral Directors' Clambake/Outing**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025**  
**Kempenaar's Clambake Club, 323 Valley Road, Middletown, RI**

The moment that all New Englanders have been waiting for has finally arrived. You are cordially invited to attend our *Annual Rhode Island Funeral Directors' Outing/Clambake* that will be held on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, at Kempenaar's Clambake Club, (401) 847-1441. (See directions below). The chowder and clam cakes will be served from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and the littlenecks will be served at 2:30 p.m. This "Authentic" New England Clambake will be held at 5:00 p.m. sharp. The New England clambake consists of steamers and mussels with drawn butter & broth, your choice of 1-1/4 lb. New England Lobster\* or Steak\* and all meals are served with barbeque chicken (family style), BBQ drumstick, sausage – fresh fish, potato, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw, brown bread, and seasonal fruit platter with a sweet and your choice of coffee or lemonade. **The cost of the New England Clambake is \$125.00 per person.** A cash bar will be available, however, we will have an open soda bar served throughout the day. As always, please feel free to bring along guests.

There will be many great door prizes as well as the raffle for the liquor basket. Kempenaar's green lawns, flowering shrubs, colorful flower beds and open air-pavilions, is the perfect setting for our Annual clambake. You are welcome to compete in a game of horseshoes, volleyball or lawn bowling or just sit back and enjoy the attractive grounds. They only serve one group at a time, so the 5 acres is totally for our exclusive use. **Please make reservations by July 3rd. Tickets will not be mailed in advance of the clambake. Your reservations will be available at the clambake.**

**Directions to Kempenaar's Clambake Club:**

From Massachusetts/Providence: I-95 South; take the exit number 9 – on the left towards Newport/S. County; merge onto RI-4S; turn slight right onto Tower Hill Road; take the RI-138E ramp towards Jamestown/Newport bridges; merge onto RI 138-E; take the RI 238S exit towards Scenic Newport; turn right onto RI 138A/RI-238/JT Connell Hwy; turn left onto Van Zandt Ave; turn slight right onto Summer Street; turn left onto Broadway; turn right onto Miantonomi Avenue; Miantonomi Ave. becomes Green End Ave; turn left onto RI-214/Valley Road.

From Connecticut: I-95North; Take the RI-2S exit number 8A-towards RI-4/East Greenwich; merge onto RI-2; turn left onto RI-401; take the RI-4 S ramp; merge onto RI-4S; turn slight right onto Tower Hill Road; take the RI-138E ramp towards Jamestown/Newport/Bridges; merge onto RI 138E; take the RI-238S exit towards Scenic Newport; turn right onto RI-138A/RI-238/JT Connell Hwy; turn left onto Van Zandt Ave; turn slight right onto Summer Street; turn left onto Broadway; turn right onto Miantonomi Ave; Miantonomi Ave. becomes Green End Ave; turn left onto RI-214/Valley Road

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**RIFDA CLAMBAKE, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 (RSVP BY July 3, 2026)**  
**Checks Payable to RHODE ISLAND FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 1223, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

Tel: (401) 523-5107; e-mail: [RIFDA1@aol.com](mailto:RIFDA1@aol.com); fax: (401) 885-7090 or register online: [rifda.org](http://rifda.org)  
Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @ **\$125.00 each** at Kempenaar's Clambake Club or register/pay online by visiting us at <http://rifda.org/2025-clambake/>

Please indicate your meal choice(s) below: \_\_\_\_\_ #Lobster \_\_\_\_\_ #Steak.

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ ; Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ ; email: \_\_\_\_\_