

Lesley Dewar

From: Lesley Dewar [lesleydewar@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 February 2011 01:58
To: 'Sian Wenn'
Subject: RE: Mother's Day

Hello Sian

Thank you for your lovely email and I would have been honoured to speak at your service on Mother's Day.

In my case, my own Mother is still alive (90 – lives alone and is very independent). However, I am a bereaved mother – having lost both my own daughter. Annette, aged 34, when she completed an act of suicide and a step-daughter who died before the age of 30, after collapsing on Mother's Day, while eight months pregnant, with a brain aneurism. Fortunately her lovely daughter, Rebecca, was safely delivered, before Karen passed away.

I can certainly speak to the grief of loss and how to come out the other side – if you feel my experience will be uplifting. I believe it will be. I hosted a candlelit vigil in support of those who have experienced loss, during the GetUp campaign for mental health issues during the election, and it was very well received.

I certainly would support Fund Raising for Ovarian Cancer research, because I know this disease is a dreadful and silent killer.

I would not use the occasion to sell any product on the day – but would be happy to bring a few information flyers about <http://storiesmynanatells.com> for those who are interested in my story telling.

However, on the day (the first Sunday in May), I will be away in the USA and Canada – on a business trip. I had decided to accept your request when I suddenly realised the date. I leave Perth on April 24 or 25 and will be away a month.

I sincerely regret not being able to support you in this – and would be very happy to speak for you on any other occasion that you may have in mind.

Warmest regards
Lesley

From: Sian Wenn [<mailto:swenn@mareenapurslowefunerals.com.au>]
Sent: Saturday, 29 January 2011 09:19

To: support@storiesmynanatells.com

Subject:

Hello Lesley,

I am a local funeral director based in Willetton and have been given your information by a friend of mine.

I wondered if you would consider being a guest speaker at a Mothers Day Service i conduct every year at Fremantle Cemetery West Chapel for all our families that have lost their Mum's over the past few years.

I try and get 1 inspirational speaker who can talk about their battle and how they have come out the other side, along with a Priest to represent the clergy, a Celebrant, and a Fund raiser (this year i have asked the Ovarian Cancer people due to the loss of a good friend of mine to this terrible disease).

It is only a short speech by all of the above, then a candle lighting ceremony with a beautiful flautist and harpist playing in the back ground, followed by morning tea.

We usually have about 70 people at the service and it is very emotional and quite lovely.

You would be able to bring any marketing items to sell also if you wish.

I hope you can consider this and let me know your thoughts.

Take care and i hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

Sian Wenn

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