

SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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OUR JUNE DINNER MEETING will be held on Wednesday the 21st at the Cowboy Grub Restaurant 2350 _ South Foothill Drive, S.L.C., Utah. Dinner will be as ordered from their menu. Social time: 6:30 p.m. Dinner orders taken at 7:00 p.m. Barry Bonham will be showing a DVD he has put together over the past two years that is a fun spoof of fire department activities. Comments we have heard about it tell us it is really entertaining. To give the Cowboy Grub a "heads up" on how many they will be serving, give President Dale Lund a call at (801) 466-1110 and let him know you, (and anyone coming with you), will be there.

Many thanks to out to the St. George/Ivins folks for an incredible party on April 29. The food was great, and, as always, it was a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends we see only a couple of times a year. Those responsible for dinner include Chief Cooks Jerry and Sharlet Eickson, Dick and Vickie Joy, Jerry and Reva Dailey, Varnell and Yvonne Parkinson, Warren and Bonnie Hoskins, John and Ursula Buckley, Dick and Edie Barrett, Marian Bearnson, Dick and Casey Eldredge, and John and Gwen Birkes. And of course, our thanks for the hospitality of Harold and Judy Turner who are kind enough to allow us to invade their lovely home. We appreciate you all! (Included are a few photos taken at the party.)

SLRFA Newsletter Available By Email – From Ray Schelble

Starting this issue, the Salt Lake Retired Firefighters Association newsletter (and postcards) will be made available through email as a pdf. This has several advantages. First, it saves our association money in printing costs and postage. Those receiving the newsletter by email can print it out if they want, and will end up the same as if it were mailed. Second, it makes it available in color on your screen or by printing on a color printer. Third, it will be timelier. By eliminating the printing, folding, envelope stuffing and mailing time, the newsletter will reach you faster than by mail. The PDF will open using Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free program that just about every computer owner has anyway. Even though we will be sending the newsletter out to everyone on our email list, we will only take you off the "snail mail" list if you notify us to do so. Each newsletter that doesn't have to be mailed through the post office saves us time and money. If email works for you, let me or Gene know.
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SLC FD Relief Association Honors Fallen Firefighters with Plaques

Firefighting is a dangerous job. Over the years the SLC FD has seen its share of tragedy. To honor the Salt Lake City Fire Department members who have died in the line of duty, the SLC FD Relief Association, during the past year, has installed plaques where these firefighters served. President Brady George spearheaded the effort.

The firefighters honored on each plaque and their dates of service are:

Station 1: Harry Christenson, April 22, 1925 – May 19, 1943. Melvon H. Hatch, June 17, 1926 – May 19, 1943. Merrick D. Blake, September 3, 1923 – February 8, 1936. Orson L. Nebecker, January 10, 1947 – March 2, 1975.

Station 2: Theron D. Johnson, August 1, 1942 – May 19, 1943. Paul Hamilton, April 15, 1935 – June 10, 1943.

Station 3: Asa Hall Hancock, August 20, 1906 – July 13, 1920.

Station 4: Alva W. Johnson, January 5, 1931 – May 14, 1944. Robert E. Lee, May 1, 1910 – August 3, 1925.

Station 5: Harland S. Theobald, August 12, 1920 – April 20, 1942. John Robert Spence, December 1, 1953 – September 2, 1967.

Station 6: Kline B. Carroll, June 2, 1943 – December 7, 1946.

Station 7: Andrew L. Thorstrom, July 18, 1914 – April 30, 1929. Timothy E. Hynes, January 5, 1976 – January 11, 1998.

SLC FD Relief Association Update – From Barry Bonham

This year we will continue some traditions we have had for years. The Relief Association has already held its “Spring Fling.” An evening of fun was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City. We just finished our spring golf tournament, which was attended by both active and retired members. A total of 84 players participated. Retirees who participated were Garth Robinson, Jim Murphy, Trent Ramseyer, John Southern, Bob Apple, Ken Curtis, Jeff Long, Bob Roberts and Gene Phillips. We tried a new format for prize money which allowed members to play with friends, crew, or whoever they chose. Prize money was drawn out of a hat instead of low score. I encourage all members playing to let me know how they felt about the format.

The next function will be Lagoon day on July 11 and 12. Posters will be sent to all stations and divisions with more information. We will have the lunch buffet provided by Lagoon available again for members who wish to eat there and not take a lunch. The steak fry will be August 8 and 9 at Bowman Fork in Millcreek Canyon, as in years past. The fall golf tournament will be held the second week of September.

Retirees are welcome to attend Relief Association functions. For more information, Barry can be reached at 801-706-2904, or on B-Platoon days at Station 9, 801-596-5249.

SLFRA Board Encourages Broader Participation

Our Retired Firefighters’ Association serves several functions for our members. It provides an opportunity for everyone to get together and socialize five or six times a year. It allows us to contribute financially to causes that are important to us. It also helps keep us in touch as a group and to keep us informed of matters that are important to us. As retirees from other departments will attest, after retirement it is easy to lose track of people. As far as we know, our association is the only one of its kind in Utah for firefighters who retire from full time fire departments. Our by-laws allow retirees from other departments to become members and the SLRFA board encourages retirees from other departments in the valley to join our association. If you know retirees from other departments who would be interested in joining, get them in touch with Secretary Gene Campbell.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Lee Orton on May 11, 2006. Lee was the father of retired firefighter Gary Orton.

We are also saddened by the death of Thelma Campbell on June 3, 2006. Thelma was the widow of firefighter Joseph Campbell, and mother of retired firefighters Gene Campbell and Joe Campbell.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of these people.

SLRFA Ivins Party – April 29, 2006

Photos by Gene Campbell

