



# SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## Retired Firefighters' Dinner Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

**Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 ½ South Foothill Drive (Rear)  
Social Hour 6:30. Dinner 7:00.**

Dinner will be from the restaurant menu which has a nice selection of options.

**Please R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 6/8/08**  
**to Dale Lund (801) 466-1110 or (810) 557-2411**  
**or George Sumner (801) 582-0467 or (801) 831-5010.**

Our meetings are fun, friendly and informative. We especially want to encourage our new members to come out and share friendship, conversation and common interests with us. If you are traveling from out-of-town for the State Association Convention, come in a day early and attend our meeting as well.

## Ivins Party

Harold and Judy Turner's place in Ivins, with its big comfortable rooms and multiple patios, was an ideal place to mill around and chat with everyone. About ninety people did just that, while enjoying their drink of choice with a classic picnic meal. The Southern Utah colony of retired firefighters were great hosts yet again, accompanying the bratwurst and burgers with their personal recipes of baked beans, fruit salad served in watermelon rind bowls, choices of potato, pasta and fresh green salads and lots of other fixin's.





While talking with Harold Turner, Barbara (Mrs. Dale) Jones summed up the spirit of the party, and of our association. Harold had apologized for having the same menu as last year. “It’s not about the food,” Barbara responded. “It’s about the people. I’d come if you were serving peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.”



Monroe Iverson’s old Salt Lake City FD yearbooks brought out stories about the “good old days.”



For a few moments, Dale Jones was left speechless and stammering.



Encountering Karen Lovat, Andy Gomez’s friend, Dale flirted a bit, “You’re good looking. Who are you with?”

“I just saw the crowd and came in to party.” Karen responded.

After a little more friendly banter, Karen told Dale she was with Andy Gomez.

“So you’re Andy’s wife!” Dale declared.

Karen gasped, “Andy has a wife?” Leaving Dale temporarily sputtering and stammering.

Ron “Ratch” Fife loaded up Harold Turner’s hand crafted log furniture to take it to Park City to be auctioned for charity at the Utah Firemen’s Association Convention in June.



Gene Campbell and Gina Bell worked together to get portraits of retired members for the new Salt Lake City FD yearbook.



Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Harold and Judy and all the others who helped prepare and host this event.

More photos on the web site [www.slrfa.org](http://www.slrfa.org).

## Work Continues on New Salt Lake City Fire Department Yearbook

Gene Campbell and Gina Bell got portraits of quite a few of us at the Ivins party. Those portraits have been sent to Mike Harp to be put in the new yearbook. Mike appreciated the help, and the high quality photography. A couple of examples are shown here.



Later on this summer, Mike is going to set some times for people to go to SLCFD Training Division to get their pictures taken. He will give us three weeks or so advance notice so we can get a postcard and email out to the members telling them about it.

If you didn't make it to Ivins and can't make it in to Training Division to get your picture taken, there may be an opportunity later on to send in a picture. The yearbook will look a lot better, however, with a consistent and unified "look" to the retired portraits.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **Informal "meeting" of retired firefighters, Golden Corral, 3399 W 3500 South.** 11:30AM, the second Tuesday of every month. All retired firefighters are welcome.
- **Utah State Firemen's Convention, June 12-14, 2008.** Hosted by "Wasatch Back" Fire Departments.
- **Lagoon Day, July 7 & or 8.** Sponsored by SLC Firemen's Relief Association.
- **Steak Fry at Washington Park (Above Mountain Dell Golf Course), August 6 &-or 7.** Sponsored by SLC Firemen's Relief Association.
- **Retired Firefighter Association Summer Picnic in the Park, September 6.** 3600 S. 2000 E.

## Nominations Open for Retired Firefighter Association Elected Positions

At the June 10 meeting, nominations will be accepted for elective offices of the Association. Voting will take place at the next scheduled meeting, the September 6 picnic.

“The elective officers of the SLCRFA shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and four (4) Trustees.” (*Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1.*)

Incumbents are President Dale Lund, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Rick Soltis, 2d VP Barry Bonham, Sec/Treas George Sumner, Trustees Ray Schelble, Varnell “Parky” Parkinson, Gene Campbell, Brent Darger and alternate Bob Pendleton.

At the last board meeting, Barry Bonham, George Sumner, Ray Schelble, Gene Campbell, and Brent Darger agreed to accept nominations to the positions they are already in. We will need additional nominations, especially for the President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP positions, so recruit your buddy or submit your own name.

“Any member of the SLCRFA will be eligible to hold elective office.” (*Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5.*)

## In Memorium

*Our condolences are extended to the survivors of our departed friends.*

- Barbara Jean Graves-Linnebach, wife of Salt Lake City Firefighter Shawn Graves and mother of Salt Lake City Fire Department Dispatcher Shahara Clark, died April 4, 2008.
- Matthew Miner, son of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Bill Miner, died April 9, 2008.
- Kathy Jean Olsen Hotchkiss, sister of SLCo/UFA Firefighter Larry Olsen, died May 13, 2008.
- Jens Douglas Roberts, father of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter JD Roberts, died May 21, 2008.

## Transitions

### Promotions

April 21, 2008

Todd Hoover – Captain, SLCFD

Jeffrey Kauffmann – Paramedic, SLCFD

Robert Stafford – Paramedic, SLCFD

Jesse Tuttle – Heavy Rescue Technician, SLCFD

### Retirements

April 15, 2008

Bill Platt, SLCFD

Dan Andrus will retire from SLCFD in June, 2008.

Devin Villa will be promoted to SLCFD Deputy Chief in June, 2008.