



SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



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November 30, 2009

Celebrate the Season

**At the Retired Firefighters' Holiday Dinner
Tuesday, December 8, 2009.**

**Cowboy Grub Restaurant
2350 1/2 S. Foothill Drive (Rear)
Social Hour 6:30. Dinner 7:00.**

**R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 12/6/09
to George Sumner 801-582-0467**



For several reasons, it is important to R.S.V.P for this

- **Choose Your Entrée.** Entrees are Pot Roast, Roasted Chicken (half a chicken), or Chicken Fried Steak. Call ahead and let us know your choice of entrée. Only \$20.00 (Paid to the Association in cash or check.) per person for everything: Entree, salad, homemade rolls, spuds country fried or mashed, veggies, drink, dessert and tip.
- **Get Better Service.** The restaurant brings in enough staff to handle the expected crowd. If there are more people than expected, everyone gets slower service.
- **Have More Elbow Room.** The room is set up for the expected attendance. If there are more people than expected, extra settings have to be smushed in at the last minute.

dinner.

Silent Auction Charity Fundraiser at the Christmas Party

You can have fun, do some Christmas shopping, find a bargain and make a charitable contribution all at the same time at our Christmas party.

To raise funds for Shriners' Hospital for Children, Fire Department memorabilia and uniform items will be sold at a silent auction during the Christmas party. Bidding instructions will be provided as you arrive.

Salt Lake City FD's union uniform store donated some really nice fleece jackets as well as union "T" shirts, sweat shirts, pins, ball caps, winter caps, stickers and pins. Some of our members donated "collector" FD memorabilia.



"Collector" SLCFD and City / County Building belt buckles and other FD memorabilia will be auctioned at the Christmas party.

Addresses of Firefighters' Widows Wanted

Some of them are not getting their benefits from S.L. Firemen's Relief Association

Every Holiday season, Gina Bell sends out checks from Salt Lake Firemen's Relief Association to the surviving spouses of firefighters, but she doesn't have current contact information for a few of the widows on her list.

If you can provide contact information or other current information about any of the following, please contact Gina Bell 801-596-5216.

Donaldson, Mary
Gillespie, Madeline
Henricks, Cleo
Howe, Renee
Robinson, Constance
Stoddard, Ferris
Long, Dora

The Relief Association has money for the widows if they know how to contact them.

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.
- **Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association Dinner Meeting.** Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 ½ South Foothill Drive (rear), SLC. Social Hour 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm.
- **Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association Southern Utah Party.** We have not yet confirmed a date, time or place for the spring party. We want it on the same weekend as the spring motorcycle migration, but we have not yet been able to pin down that date. You will be kept informed.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention.** April 14-17, 2010, Provo, Utah.
- **Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association Dinner Meeting.** Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 ½ South Foothill Drive (rear), SLC. Social Hour 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm.
- **Utah State Firemen's Association Convention,** June 10-12, 2010 @ St. George.

Retired Firefighter Association History Project

Ray Schelble is leading an effort to write a history of the Retired Firefighter Association in time to get it into the newest edition of the Salt Lake City Fire Department Yearbook. This book is going to press right away, so we have a limited time to chase down our history.

Existing Board members have given us a good history as far as it goes, but it only goes back to 1990. We know the association was around a long time before that, and want anyone who can fill in the gaps to contact us. You can email rschelble@qwest.net or gasummer@q.com,

or call Ray at 801-244-0156 or George at 801-582-0467. We are interested in anything about the earliest days of the association, especially who had the idea in the first place and how they got it started.

You can find some great historical documents on the Retired Firefighter Association web site. Go to www.slrf.org, click on "Retiree Links" on the menu on the left side of the home page, then scroll down through the list of "Historical Resources" to browse at your leisure. A couple of old yearbooks which have recently been added to the list are worth checking out: The Fire

Service of Salt Lake City, Some of its History and Highlights thru One-Hundred Years, 1851 to 1951, by J. K. Piercey and Salt Lake City Police and Fire Departments, Illustrated, 1901 Edition. If you take the

time to download these, it is a good idea to save them on your computer so you don't have to wait for the download every time you want to look at them.



FIRE STATION NO. 2.

At left is a picture from Salt Lake City Police and Fire Departments, Illustrated, 1901 Edition.

The caption reads, in part, “*After the election of Mayor George M. Scott a clean sweep was made in all departments... Chief Ottinger and ... his subordinates were retired into private life; probably all would have been decapitated, but such a proceeding was deemed injudicious...*”

In Memorium

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

- July 1, 2009. Thelma June Frost Jackson, wife of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Jay Jackson. (With apologies for the late posting.)
- October 8, 2009. James Robert “Bob” Nielsen, retired Salt Lake City Firefighter.
- October 20, 2009. Clifford Leon “Pouge” Forman, who served as a volunteer firefighter for Salt lake County.
- November 21, 2009. Michelle Welch, retired Salt Lake City Fire Dispatcher.
- November 24, 2009. Cheryl Ann Conlon, daughter of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Jim Conlon and his wife Eleanor.

Transitions

Appointments and Promotions

October 16, 2009, Salt Lake City FD

Brian Dale, Deputy Chief

Karl Lieb, Deputy Chief

Clair Baldwin, B/C

Karl Steadman, B/C

Chris Milne, Captain

Bryon Meyer, Captain

Chad Yamane, Engineer

Nick Lopez, Engineer

T. J. Riddle, HRT Firefighter

Jason Buhler, HRT Firefighter

November 2, 2009, Unified Fire Authority

Gaylord Scott, Deputy Chief

Mike Kelsey, Assistant Chief

Marty Slack, Assistant Chief

Royce Haakenson, Assistant Chief

Ross Fowlks, B/C

Todd Caldwell, B/C

Steve Prokopis, B/C

Scott McBride, B/C

Matt Burchett, Captain

Lee Ascarte, Captain

Travis Hanberg, Captain

Elections

November 14, 2009, IAFF 1645

David Fry, Vice President

Shane Moser, Secretary/Treasurer

Tony Allred, Officer Director

A Firefighter's Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas and all through
the town,
The fire siren echoed blaring its sound.
The firefighters came running from far and from
near,
And raced to the trucks, quickly donning their
gear.

And I in my bunkers, my boots and my hat,
Jumped onto the engine to see where the fire's
at.

Down at the corner of Fourteenth and Oak,
The dispatcher told of a house filled with smoke.

The damper was open but smoke came straight
down,
What's plugging the chimney had to be found.
So up to the rooftop we hoisted a ladder,
And climbed up to see what was the matter.

I came to the chimney and what did I see,
But a fellow in red stuck up to his knees.
Well we tugged and we pulled until he came out,
then he winked with his eye and said with a
shout,

"These newfangled chimneys, they make them
too small,
for a fellow as I, not skinny at all."



With a twitch of his nose he dashed to his sleigh,
And called to his reindeer, "AWAY now
AWAY!"

As we rolled up our hoses he flew out of sight,
Saying "God bless our firefighters, and to all a
good night."

On the Lighter Side

With a Holiday party going full-bore in the young firefighter's apartment upstairs,
the downstairs occupant could forget about getting any sleep.

The next day he spotted the party-giving firefighter.

"Didn't you hear me pounding on the ceiling?" he asked indignantly.

The firefighter smiled pleasantly. "That's OK. We were making a lot of noise
ourselves."