



SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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February 1, 2010

Retired Firefighters' Dinner Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2010



**Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 1/2 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.

R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 2/7/10
to 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.
- Marty Peterson will be there to bring us up to date on the retirement system.
- The Utah Legislature just started their 2010 session. George Sumner will tell us about Joint Council and Fire Caucus activities.

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 Ivins Party, Saturday, May 1, 2010.** Harold and Judy Turner have agreed to host the Spring Party in Ivins again in 2010.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention.** April 23-25, 2009 at Wendover.
- **Retired Firefighters Association Dinner Meeting.** Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30pm @ Cowboy Grub Restaurant.
- **Utah Firemen's Relief Association Convention.** June 10-12, 2010 @ St. George

2009 Christmas Party

Forty-eight members came to the annual Christmas party. There was no "program" of entertainment to interrupt the conversation and visiting, but muted Christmas Carols playing softly in the background and photos of our 2009 events projected on a screen. We did, however, ask SLCFD Fire Chief Kurt Cook, who came as our guest, to say a few words.

The silent auction succeeded beyond expectations. It added mobility to the crowd and energy to the evening. Bidders had a chance to



chat with others besides the people sitting right next to them as they migrated between the dinner tables and the display tables. Many of



the items, especially the brand new pieces donated by the Salt Lake City FD Union Uniform Store, created their own buzz as bidders competed to write in that final highest bid.

The entire \$769.00 auction proceeds were presented to Mr. Mike Babcock of Shriners Childrens Hospital for their durable medical equipment fund. Grizzled retired firefighters were seen shamelessly misting up as Mr. Babcock illustrated the importance of our donation with moving stories about some of the children whose lives had been enriched by wheelchairs and other equipment provided by this fund.

Salt Lake Firefighter's Relief Association provided the poinsettia centerpieces again this year. Our members got to take the poinsettias home at the end of the evening.



As always, the real good times came from the holiday spirit and friendships forged in shared work and tempered by the decades.



In Memorium

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

- December 3, 2009. Scott Burgin (1991-2009), the stepson of Salt Lake City Firefighter Mike Stevens.
- December 17, 2009. Henry Boyd Shelton (1920-2009), retired Salt Lake City Firefighter.
- January 3, 2010. Gary J. Garcia (1950-2010), brother of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Kriss Garcia.

Transitions:

Retirements

December, 2009

Lowell Mickolash, B/C, UFA

Brent Spiers, B/C, UFA

January, 2010

Paul Hewitt, B/C, SLCFD

Promotions

February, 2010

Jeff Clark, Captain, SLCFD

Recruit Graduation

December, 2010, UFA

Michael Anderson

Heath Banbury

Steven Davis

Robert Free

Keith Garner

Jared Johnson

Matthew McFarland

Marco Mileti

Tyler Tracy

Paul VanHarn