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From the Editor

Hello everyone and Happy New Year to all. As I sit putting the final touches on this issue its Super Bowl Sunday, 12 degrees and winter has finally set in to our area. *Is it Spring yet?*

Regarding our clothing bins I recently responded to an internet news "blog" posted by ABC News on AOL. ABC pointed out that most of the clothing donated to a majority of the bins (nationwide) does not go where you think it goes, and how little any funds are given back to the "host" organization.

So I placed an edited version of my article on the blog, highlighting the benefits of OUR program and the service we provide to OUR residents in our membership area. My blog received numerous "thumbs-up" responses and comments, congratulating our Association on our efforts and how we operate our clothing program. I have also received favorable response on our program from numerous legislators I've spoken with.

In our last issue we've included application forms for our Scholarship, Fireman of the Year and Service Awards. The deadlines for submitting these applications is quickly approaching! Be sure to nominate a fellow firefighter to recognize their outstanding service AND help continue the education of our students with a scholarship.

Finally I always like to post some interesting things. Well I've obtained some vintage film footage of a fire in my own town of Little Ferry; a fire at the Fox Film (now 20th Century Fox) storage facility that occurred on July 18, 1937! Check it out at www.youtube.com and search for FOX FILM FIRE LITTLE FERRY.

Be Safe and remember our troops!
Frank

E-mail your submissions and photos to ffuchs9595@aol.com. Please put "Signal" in the subject line. Or send to:
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President's Message

by Robert Kirsch

Happy New Year to all. As we start 2007 your Association is moving ahead. As your President I continue to reach out to our brethren in Rockland County, We are a group of firefighters who need to work together to build a united organization. Our brothers in Piermont and New City will be hosting us. Tallman Fire Company has been inquiring about getting involved with us again. This is a start that we need to see continued.

The Firemen's Home in Hudson is planning a rededication and opening of their Firemen's Museum in May. There is interest in putting together a bus trip to Hudson for this special event. If you are interested please get to a meeting and let us know.

Your Association is planning some minor by-law changes this year. We are working on purchasing golf shirts for the officers and members. We are planning to increase our death benefit.

I'm working on adding Presidential Citations to those who have gone above & beyond in their respective departments. These people need to be recognized. This group can be members of FD, PD, and EMS that bring us all closer together.

Remember our 100th Anniversary is coming and any member that wants to help please let us know. We are open minded to all ideas. I'm still in need of a June 2007 Convention host. Again we are open to any ideas, while a parade is nice it can be costly. I will listen to any other ideas, any potential host offers.

Thank You,
Robert E. Kirsch, President



*God Bless America
and
Remember Our Troops!*

**NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASS'N.
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING—PIERMONT FIRE HEADQUARTERS—JAN. 26, 2007**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 8:02 P.M. BY PRES. KIRSCH. INVOCATION LED BY FRANKLIN KNOWER OF TAPPAN F.D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY SECRETARY DEVRIES. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS. INTRODUCTION OF HOST CHIEF: PIERMONT CHIEF DAN GOSWICK INTRODUCED HIS STAFF AND WELCOMED ALL TO PIERMONT. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: TAKEN AS POSTED IN THE SIGNAL.

OFFICER'S REPORTS: PRES.: WISHED ALL "HAPPY NEW YEAR"AND MENTIONED ROCKLAND CO. IS ONCE AGAIN GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN THE ASSOCIATION. 1ST V.P.: NO REPORT. 2ND V.P.: OUT SICK SECRETARY: READ LETTER CONCERNING STRICKEN ORADELL F.F. IN NEED. ASS'T. SEC'Y.: NO REPORT. TREASURER SAIGH PRESENTED THE BILLS AND ALSO ANNOUNCED. THE DEATH BENEFIT CALENDAR RESULTS. ASS'T. TREASURER: NO REPORT. FINANCIAL SEC'Y.: \$40.00 DUES \$50.00 DONATION 1 DEATH BENEFIT CLAIM PAID OUT, "MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROPER PAPERWORK IN FOR ANYONE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A DEATH BENEFIT" SEE HIM. PAST PRES.: NO REPORT STU GATES SPOKE WITH P.P. VAUGHN MCDONNELL HE IS DOING WELL. TRUSTEES: RON CIOLFI REPORTED THAT THE ROCKLAND COUNTY CONVENTION IS SEPT. 7-8 2007 WITH NICK GATTI OF PIERMONT F.D. SERVING AS THEIR PRESIDENT. SGT. AT ARMS: NOT PRESENT, ABOUT 55 PRESENT TONIGHT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CONVENTION 2007: WESTWOOD F.D. IS LOOKING INTO IT? SIGNAL/WEBSITE: GEORGE SAIGH SIGNAL WILL BE OUT NEXT MONTH. HE IS WORKING ON WEBSITE WHICH IS "wwwnjnyvfa.org". POLITICAL ACTION: N.J. CHARLES MOOTSBILL LOOKING FOR CONTROL. OF CLOTHING BINS MENTIONED, GAVE AN UPDATE ON FIREMAN CAUCUS. ALSO MENTIONED A SEMINAR @ BROOKDALE C.C. 1/27/07 9-2P.M. GERRY NAYLIS SPOKE ON SOME LEGISLATIVE BILLS MOST NOTABLY THE ONE CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES. PURCHASING OF NEW FIRE APPARATUS MAY HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE PEOPLE IN TRENTON, FDA IS INVESTIGATING A DRUG TO HELP F.D. COMBAT CYANIDE. POLITICAL ACTION: N. Y. TOM BIERDS POL. SHAKEUP IN ALBANY, COMPTROLLER AUDITING FIRE COMPANIES 1 IN ROCKLAND COUNTY THEY HAVE ALREADY SPENT 240 HOURS ON IT. MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS: FEBRUARY, NOTHVALE, MARCH, NEW CITY N.Y., APRIL DUMONT (INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. LOCATED IN VETERANS SQUARE), MAY IS MEMORIAL SERVICE (MAY 20, 2007@ 2:00P.M. @ THE ACADEMY) AND JUNE IS CONVENTION (MAYBE WESTWOOD?). FIRE ACADEMY: N.Y. TOM BIERDS VERY BUSY RUNNING MORE CLASSES. OUT OF CENTER THURSDAY 2/1/07 GRADUATION F.F.#1 F.F.#2 7P.M.. MAY12,2007 DEDICATION AT ACADEMY IN PAMONA FOR ANDY FREDERICK MEMORIAL. FIRE ACADEMY: N.J. LARRY RAUCH JUNIOR FF PROGRAM APPROVED FOR 150 HOURS OF FF#1 225 ENROLLED INCLUDING JUNIORS. I-300 10 CLASSES BOOKED 40 PER CLASS. I-400 TO COME IN SUMMER.

BY-LAWS: PROGRESS. FIRE PREVENTION: ALAN SILVERMAN SAYS NEXT MEETING IS IN LYNDHURST 2/21/07, THERE HAS NO DIRECTOR BEEN DIRECTLY APPOINTED, LARRY PETRILLO IN JULY MAYBE? N.J.S.F.A.: BOB AUDWAY POSSIBLY 3 RESOLUTIONS IN THE WORKS FOR WILDWOOD, RESOLUTIONS MUST BE IN BY 5/1/07 READ LIST OF DEADLINES FOR STATE ASSOCIATIONS TO HAVE THEIR PAPERWORK IN ORDER, BERGEN COUNTY CAUCUS AUG. 9TH, 2007 @ PARAMUS CATHOLIC H.S. 7:30P.M.(NOTE THE EARLY START). NO BERGEN COUNTY AUDITS THIS YEAR. GEORGE HEFLICH: "IF YOU WORKED 40 HOURS OR MORE AT 9/11 SITE YOU ARE ENTITLED TO FILL OUT MEDICAL FORMS TO BE CHECKED OUT FOR FREE." RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT OF ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL OF CATSTROPHIC BILL MENTIONED BY GERRY NAYLIS.

F.A.S.N.Y.: STU GATES JIM BURNS "BURNSIE" HAS RETIRED FROM THE POSITION OF STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR HE HAS RELOCATED TO NORTH CAROLINA, FIREMEN'S ASS'N. IS HAVING TRAINING SESSIONS IN EVERY COUNTY OF THE STATE EXCEPT THE 5 BOROUGHES OF NYC, SESSIONS ARE ON STAY SAFE AND GET HOME ALIVE. JUST UNDER 50,000 MEMBERS IN STATE ASSOCIATION. N.J. STATE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION: CHRIS ASSENHEIMER SPOKE ON 2 BADGES THAT WERE RECOVERED FROM EARLIER CONVENTIONS, READ A FIREMEN'S POEM AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS IN WILDWOOD, SEPT. 13TH,2007. N.J. STATE EXEMPTS: FRANK GLUECKLER FUND RAISER FISH AND CHIPS DINNER, 2/23/07 IN CARLSTADT, EXEMPT FIREMEN ARE STILL LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY, 2 BILLS CONCERNING EXEMPTS, S-944 AND A-1922 IN LEGISLATION AT PRESENT TIME, EXEMPT CONVENTION IS 9/1/07 IN BOONTON, TRYING TO GET GUESTS FROM THE FIREMEN'S HOME TO ATTEND LIKE IN WILDWOOD. EXEMPT FLAGS ARE \$40.00 A DOZEN SEE CHRIS ASSENHEIMER FROM CARLSTADT F.D. FOR THEM. FIREMEN'S HOME: N.J. DAN LOFTUS SYAS 5 BEDS ARE OPEN HE HAS 2 APPLICATIONS PENDINGCONTACT HIM IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED ONLY \$850.00 A MOTNH. GOLF OUTING 5/21/07 EVERY F.D. IN N.J. WILL RECEIVE INFO. BERGEN COUNTY HOME ASSOCIATION DONATED A NEW BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINE AT A COST OF \$2200.00 IT IS NOW IN SERVICE, PLEASE HAVE YOUR FIRE COMPANIES DONATE TO THE HOME ASSOCIATION WHEN THE LETTER ARRIVES. FIREMEN'S HOME: N.Y. STU GATES SYAS 88 GUESTS IN HOME 16 ARE FEMALE THE OLDEST A FEMALE @ 101 YEARS YOUNGALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE VISITORS, 9/16/07 DEDICATION OF HOME IN HUDSON ALL ARE WELCOME. MEMORIAL SERVICE; 5/20/07 2:00P.M. @ ACADEMY IN MAHWAH, WILL ADD A NAME FROM FF FROM UPPER NYACK, N.Y. KILLED ON 9/11 TO MONUMENT. CLOTHING BINS: MONEY IS COMING IN \$7200.00 FOR 3 MONTHS. CITATIONS: 2 IN THE WORKS APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE SIGNAL AND ON THE WEBSITE wwwnjnyvfa.org BOX 54: 1 MEMBER PASSED AWAY JAMES BOYCE 60 YEARS OLD FROM PALISADES PARK, 24 RUNS SO FAR THIS YEAR, 146 RUNS IN 2006, ALWAYS IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS PLEASE STOP BY TEANECK FIRE HEADQUARTERS OR SEE ANY MEMBER FOR INFO. WAYS AND MEANS: BOB HEIMBURG \$96.00 FOR 50/50 WINNER. DEATH BENEFIT/SCHOLARSHIP: MAY RAISE D.B. TO \$1,000.00 FROM \$850.00 CALENDARS READY IN APRIL FOR MONTHS OF OCT., NOV., AND DEC. 2007. 100TH ANNIVERSARY: MILT COLE RAPIDLY APPROACHING STILL DO NOT HAVE A HOST AS OF YET, WILL WORK WITH ANY TOWN OR TOWNS THAT SHOW INTEREST IN HOSTING CONVENTION AND PARADE. GOOD AND WELFARE: FRANK BOCCHINO LEGS ARE BOTHERING HIM. OLD BUSINESS; NICK GATTI OF PIERMONT ASKED ABOUT THE \$5.00 COLLECTED AT THE CONVENTION FROM LIFE MEMBERS WHY IS THIS DONE, IT IS A DONATION NOT A REQUIREMENT WAS THE EXPLANATION. NEW BUSINESS: GERRY NAYLIS REPORTS THAT BOX 54 WILL HOLD A PASTADINNER ON 2/24/07 @ PALISADES PARK FIRE HEADQUARTERS FOR A DECEASED MEMBER, ALSO CHAIRMAN OF U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY COMMISSION, SUPPORTING JAMES A. BURNS AS CHAIRMAN. JOHN A. STUERCKE OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION OF TAPPAN N.Y. WAS ACCEPTED AS A NEW MEMBER. PAST PRESIDENT LARRY RAUCH OFFERED A VOTE OF THANKS TO PIERMONT F.D. FOR HOSTING THIS EVENING'S MEETING. 50/50 WINNER WAS CHRIS ASSENHEIMER FROM CARLSTADT F.D. WITH NO MORE BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION PRES. KIRSCH AJOURNED THE MEETING @9:20P.M. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED PETER J. DEVRIES SECRETARY

Life Member Dues?

By George Saigh, Treasurer

Recently there seems to be a misunderstanding about Life Members paying dues. Just to clear things up, Life Members are not required to pay membership dues!

Each year at the annual convention we do ask the Life Members sign in and we ask for a DONATION to cover some of the cost of the Signal. This donation is not mandatory but if you can make a donation it would be very much appreciated. We suggest a donation of \$10.00 if you can do it but anything else would be accepted.

Thanks for your understanding!
George Saigh, Treasurer

It Runs in the Family

On Dec. 15 the Little Ferry Fire Dept installed its officers for 2007. Not only do we wish these new leaders good luck we recognize many of them who have strong family ties to the fire service.

Dennis Jansen, Chief—*brother of Ex-Chief Doug Jansen*
Marty Loesner, Deputy. Chief—*brother of Ex-Chief Mark Loesner*

Paul Schwedhelm, Battalion Chief—*son of Ex-Chief (and Assn. Financial Secy) John P Schwedhelm and brother of Ex-Chief John C. Schwedhelm*

Mike Mickendrow, Captain Hose Co.

Anthony DiBlasio, Captain Hook & Ladder Co.

Floyd Novak, Lt. Hose Co—*son of Ex-Chief Floyd Novak*

Doug Tobin, Lt. Hook & Ladder Co.—*nephew of Chief Dennis Jansen and Ex-Chief Doug Jansen*

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Support your Association...Come to a meeting!
Meeting locations and directions via Mapquest are listed on our Web site at www.njnyvfa.org

February—Northvale (@204 Washington off Paris Ave.)

March—New City FD (on Main St.)

April 27—Dumont Independent Fire Co (Veterans Plaza)

May 20—Annual Memorial Service

2PM @Bergen Cty. Fire Academy

June 9—St. Baldricks hair cutting event, Cresskill FD.

R.C.V.F.A Meetings

March 9—Pearl River H&L, Pearl River

April 13—Alert Hook, Ladder & Engine Co1, Congers



In Memory of our departed members

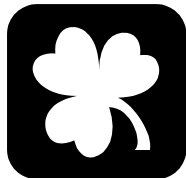
The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association extend their deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members:

H. James Blackwell—Bordentown, NJ

Please keep in mind listing of deceased members is published based on their last address on record. This address may not be the same as the town in which they served.

2007 RCVFA/GATES Scholarship

Information on the 2007 scholarship is being mailed to all RCVFA member companies/departments. Deadline for returning applications with required essay is June 15. Applications are available by contacting:
James Hartwick, 50 Central Ave. North, Nyack, NY 10960
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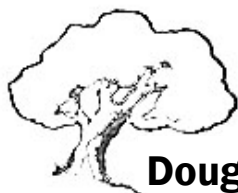
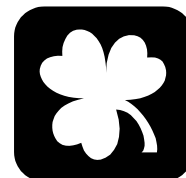
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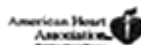
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