



98 Years of Service to Volunteer Firemen

The Signal

www.njnyvfa.org



Volume 49 No. 3 Official Publication of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association

March 2012

From the Editor

Hope this issue finds you all well. Although this winter has been relatively mild I'm sure we are all looking forward to the warmth of spring.

Its hard to believe our 100th Anniversary is one year away. The Anniversary Celebration Committee has been busy planning and in this issue we're including a reservation form for our **100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, March 23, 2013** at the Colonial Inn in Norwood, NJ. Tickets are \$50 per person and are advance sale only! There are 250 seats available so be sure to mail in your reservation.

This once-in-a-lifetime event promises to be a memorable celebration of our Association's rich history, it's membership, dedication to service and firefighter fellowship. Many celebrities will be at this event, the celebrities are YOU! You are the members that make this Association what it is today. Come celebrate our accomplishments, remember those that paved the way for us and look ahead to a bright future

For over 50 years Empire Hose Co 1 of Piermont has hosted the January meeting of our Association. On behalf of Pres. James Cole, the Officers and members, we congratulate you for continuing this long-standing tradition and thank you for your hospitality.

Be Safe and remember our troops!

Frank

E-mail submissions and photos to ffuchs9595@aol.com.

Or send to:

Frank Fuchs—The Signal

25 Union Ave. Little Ferry, NJ 07643

Visit us at www.njnyvfa.org

Also on

facebook

Search NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association

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

- | | |
|----------|--|
| March 14 | E-Board Meeting—New Milford |
| March 30 | Congers Fire Dept.
40 North Harrison Ave
Congers, NY 10920 |
| April 4 | E-Board Meeting—New Milford |
| April 13 | Bergen/Passaic Exempt Firemen's
League—Cresskill
Montvale FD |
| April 27 | E-Board Meeting—New Milford |
| May 9 | No Membership Meeting in May |
| May 20 | Annual Memorial Service 2PM
Bergen County Fire Academy |
| June 1 | Annual Convention
Hillsdale Fire Dept
383 Hillsdale Ave. |
| Sept 8 | RCVFA Centennial Parade |

Host a meeting at your firehouse.



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:

- Rocco C. Brescia—Emerson, NJ
- Henry G. Frank—Little Ferry, NJ
- Anthony N. Italiano—Northvale, NJ
- Al Koeniges—Haworth, NJ

Listing of deceased members is published based on their last address on record and may not be the same as the town in which they served.

Remember our brave troops at home and abroad.



Bergen County Firemen's Home

by Milt Cole

Hello again from the Bergen County Firemen's Home Association. For those of you that don't know us we are fellow firefighters from around Bergen County, whose purpose is to provide comfort to the New Jersey Firemen's Home in Boonton, NJ. Since 1954 we've provided birthday and Christmas gifts for every guest. We also sponsor Sunday entertainment Dates, the Christmas Party and now host a Picnic in June for guests and their families to enjoy. This is all made possible by the generous financial support of Fire service Organizations across Bergen County. Again we are asking for your support. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and carefully spent. Please make your check payable to "Bergen County Firemen's Home Association" and mail to:

Bergen County Firemen's Home assn.

C/O Jeffrey Parma

277 Harriot Ave.

Harrington Park, NJ 07640

Below is a schedule of 2012 events. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and comaradarie with some of the guests and their families. Say "Hi" and strike of a conversation, talk about some of the "big ones". Guaranteed to put a smile on their face...and yours!

April 15, 2PM—Entertainment

June 10, 12PM—Picnic and entertainment

August 19, 2PM—Entertainment

October 21, 2PM—Entertainment

December 2, 2PM—Christams Party

Rockland County VFA News

by Stu Gates, Editor

"The Trumpet"

Major Anniversaries

Among the volunteers in Rockland County's Firemanic family celebrating "Happy Birthdays" during 2012 we salute: Mazeppa Fire Engine Co2, Nyack—160yrs, Kinckerbocker Eng Co, Rockland Lake—150yrs, Jackson Eng Co3, Nyack—145yrs, Brewer Eng Co, Monsey—135yrs, Cosgriff Hose Co4, Haverstraw—110yrs, Excelsior Eng Co, Pearl River—100yrs, Ladies Aux of Wayne Hose Co, Stony Point—60yrs.

RCVFA Centennial Parade

Invitations for the Sept 8 RCVFA Centennial Parade have been mailed by the Wayne Hose Co. For further information contact the committee at PO Box 314, Tomkins Cove, NY 10986

NY-Alert

The Office of Fire & Emergency Management has begun a transition to the NY-Alert System. When you register you can list multiple devices where you can receive alerts and notifications. As a first responder you can choose to receive all notifications impacting a specific area. Visit www.nyalert.gov to sign up. For additional information contact Nancy Baker, Comm Splst at 845-364-8930.

RCVFA Seeks Host—2014

The RCVFA seeks a host for the 2014 Convention 7 Parade. Please contact 2nd VP John Intrieri for details. Financial assistance for the event is available from RCVFA

Former Association Trustee Henry G Frank Jr.



Beloved husband of Helen and devoted father of Joy Kenney and her husband Kevin, and Lisa Reiher and her husband Cliff. Loving grandfather of Ian Kenney and Eric Reiher. Dear brother-in-law of John Randolph.

Henry was raised in Teaneck. He graduated Cum Laude from Fairleigh Dickenson College in 1952, where he also met his wife Helen and were married for 58 years. He was a WWII veteran of the US ARMY, having served in Korea. He was a member of the Teaneck Fire Department, and a Charter Member of the Box 54 Club, Teaneck. Henry worked for the Bergen Record for 37 years as a Photo Editor, Aviation Writer/Editor, and Copy Editor. He was also Vice President of the Aviation Space Writers Association. He was a Volunteer Fireman in the Little Ferry Fire Department, Hook and Ladder Company #1. He was the Battalion Chief, and served as Fire Chief in 1975. He was also a member and Trustee of the NY/NJ Volunteer Fireman's Association, and member of the Fire Chief's Association. Henry was a member of the VFW Post #809, Little Ferry and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Ridgely Park, NJ.

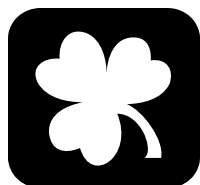
The Officers and Members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Assn. extend their condolences to the Frank family and thank them for sharing Henry with us.

On Feb 1 former Association Trustee Henry G Frank, Jr passed. Below are excerpts from his obituary as appeared in The Record, where he was a writer for 37 years. *FRANK, HENRY G., Jr., 83, of Little Ferry, NJ.*

New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association
Monthly Membership Meeting—Old Tappan Fire Dept. February 24th, 2012

Meeting called to order @ 8:02P.M. By President Cole. Invocation led by Chaplain Drew. Pledge of Allegiance led by 1st V.P. Kirsch. Roll Call of Officers. Introduction of Old Tappan Chief Tom Murphy who welcomed all to Old Tappan and Wished for a productive meeting. Minutes from meeting in Piermont were forwarded to the Signal and Website.

Correspondence: 1 personal member application Vince Reid Nyack, F.D. Report of President: thanked all for coming out this evening, March meeting in Congers. Will have 1st nomination of officers April meeting in Montvale will have 2nd. 1st V.P.: No report 2nd V.P.: No report Treasurer Saigh presented his report at this time. Financial Secretary: \$510.00 personal member dues, \$700.00 company member dues. Total \$1210.00. 2 death benefits Rocco Brescia, Emerson, Henry Frank Little Ferry, 7 Death Benefits so far this fiscal year, \$2145.00 monies handled. Secretary: no report. Past Presidents and Trustees had no report. Committee reports: 2012 Convention: Hillsdale F.D. is ready for Fri. June 1st, 2012 100th anniversary: Montvale Chief Clint Miller reports good progress, convention Friday. June 7th, 2013 in Spring Valley, parade Sat. June 8th, 2013, starts in Pearl River and ends in Montvale, please respond with parade invite ASAP with how many vehicles you are bringing so space can be provided. Save the date cards should be sent out soon and Info on Facebook website, www.nj/ny 2013 parade. 100th anniversary dinner: Sat. March 23rd, 2013 @ Colonial Inn in Norwood \$50.00 per Head, 4 hr. open bar starts at 5:30p.m. See Bob Kirsch. Signal: out in about 2 weeks. Website: up and running and info from 100th Anniversary events to be put on site. Political Action N.J.: Charlie Moots covered some bills currently in legislation, Also Pascrell vs. Rothman in 9th District faceoff redistricting of their territories once Allies, now opponents. Political Action: NY: Tom Bierds discussed some bills, also a L.I. F.F. was crushed to death by bay door while working on an apparatus, not considered LODD by Governor. FASNY Lower Hudson Valley Conference March 3rd and 4th. Seeking senator's support on issues. Fire Academy: Rockland very busy winter training FF1 and FF2. Fire Investigation class A fundraiser was held because Rockland is broke, recognized Stu Gates for 50 years Serving on advisory board. Fire Academy: Bergen reminder chiefs and training officers meeting tomorrow @ Academy 9am-12noon, 4th session of FF1, new class starts Feb. 28th. 1 FF2 class next one is March 19th. Classes in April and May have openings. Bail out simulator is indoors and up and running New fireplaces in life safety complex are up and running We are very busy. By-Laws: no report. Fire Prevention Bergen: Al Silverman had a speaker from CBS @ meeting in Rochelle Park. Arson insurance investigation. Juvenile fire program need more referrals, not just from police. Posters are due by March 15th New gear cleaning company in Bogota Need warrant to enter private dwelling unless it's on fire. Fire Prevention Rockland: Tom Bierds; trailers out educating public Former Monsey FF produced "Monsey Lightning" FASNY: Stu Gates; legislative weekends all around the state. Why is Governor leaving Vol. FF'S off memorials? Congers FF fell off ladder while hanging Christmas lights to answer an alarm, not LODD by Governor. NJSFA: President George Heflich All officers notified of new changes, 1 association late on pink and blue forms Any form not in by due date, no seating at convention Firemen's home if you can't afford the \$850.00/ month fee no relief application Home is responsible Need at least 1 good year to collect Death Benefit New field examiner James Kenny 14 associations lost their tax exempt status no filing of 990 forms 3 associations fined by IRS \$2600.00 Carlstadt and Hoboken credited for their fines. Compendium meeting held on Somerdale Fire Police Resolution on Wed. Jan. 25th special resolution committee meeting 1st advisory committee meeting held in January, 51 death claims paid out for \$507,000.00. January has most pay-outs. John Paff requests an OPRA report . 3% funding still not resolved Sent Firemen's Home attorney letter on how the home receives funding from NJSFA Each manger to get copy, budget \$7,507,400.00 NJ State Exempts: Frank Glueckler; memorial Sun. April 21st in Hightstown, very moving Service, please FD'S take an ad in the journal, Convention is Sat. June 2nd, 2012 in Florence Twp. Burlington County Next Bergen Passaic Exempt League meeting is in Cresskill Fri April 13th, 2012 B-B-Q in Waldwick Sat. May 19th, 2012, \$5.00 a head. N.Y. Fire Chiefs: convention @ Turning Stone all set. N.J. Fire Chiefs: progress. Bergen County Fire Chiefs: narrow banding coming soon don't wait till deadline working On SPEN licenses for PD'S 27 of them don't have the license only 6 FD'S have it Firemen's Home N.J.: Dan Loftus 66 out of 95 beds why still push for a home in South Jersey when we can't fill existing home? If you need an application for home see Dan. 2% monies from insurance companies discussed Firemen's Home: N.Y.: Stu Gates; 3 from Rockland in home "Rusty" still having a cigar No more scotch. 72 guests out of 80 beds, looking to reopen a wing that was closed April 15th, 2012, dedication of stained glass window for chapel. Memorial: progress. Citations: Rudy Appeld and Ladies Aux. award discussed. Clothing Bins: Stu discussed 3 individuals tampering with a bin in Nanuet Scholarships: 1 application to date Old Business: none New Business: personal member Vince Reid Nyack F.D. accepted into the association. Next meeting is in Congers, N.Y. on March 30th, 2012. Sgt. at Arms: 60 members present this evening Good and Welfare: PP Milt Cole is doing fine Benediction led by Chaplain Gates. Respectfully Submitted Peter J. DeVries Secretary



Shamrock

Printing & Copying

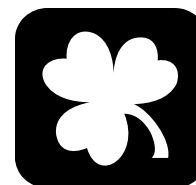
250 S. Summit Ave. Hackensack

201-488-6727 • Fax: 201-488-9192

WET DOWN FLYERS • MUGS • APPEAL LETTERS

10% DISCOUNT TO ALL DEPARTMENTS & MEMBER

Bob Ryan Ex. Chief NMFJ Member NJ & NY



Patronize Our Advertisers They Support Your Organization



CRYSTAL
CARPET CLEANING, LLC
 Carpet • Upholstery • Oriental Rugs
 201-641-4741
We don't cut corners, we clean 'em!
 PO Box 475
ROBERT AITKEN Little Ferry, NJ 07643



Cardinal & Finch Realty, LLC
 One DeMercurio Drive
 Allendale, NJ 07401
www.CardinalandFinch.com

Shane Walters
 Broker-Owner

Office: 201-848-1144
 Cell: 201-220-4136
 Fax: 201-604-5403
Shane@CardinalandFinch.com

JIM COLE
 BRANCH MANAGER

TransAxle

540 HUYLER STREET (201) 440-1911
 SOUTH HACKENSACK, NJ 07606 (800) 345-1911
www.transaxle.com FAX (201) 440-4261

Pat Boselli (201) 967-5999
BOSELLI HARDWOOD FLOORING
"Let us Floor You"
 REFINISHING, STAINING, INSTALLATION & REPAIR
 FULLY INSURED FREE ESTIMATES
 Member New Milford Fire Department & NJ/NY
 10% Discount to Firemen


ALLNAMES
appliance

Major Home Appliance Repair, All Brands
 Central and Window Air Conditioning

Phone 201 261-4224
 Jerry McLean, Owner
www.allnamesappliance.com New Milford, NJ

LOCAL, FAST, FRIENDLY, AFFORDABLE SERVICE.

ALAN SILVER MUSIC
"Music Designed With You In Mind"
 Weddings, Dinners, Dances, Parties
 For Music With A Personal Touch
SPECIAL PRICES FOR FIREFIGHTERS
 Call 201-265-7165 Fully Insured
 201-805-6857


Committees
 Financial Institutions and Insurance
 Homeland Security and State Preparedness

Robert Schroeder
 New Jersey State Legislature
 General Assembly

123 Broadway, 2nd Floor Assemblyman 39th District
 Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 Bergen County
 Tel: (201) 391-3673
 Fax: (201) 391-3675
 Email: AsmSchroeder@njleg.org

SHOWROOM:
 50 MOONACHIE RD.
 MOONACHIE, NJ 07074
 PHONE: 201-641-2803
 FAX: 201-641-4348
 Visit our website...
www.janpromotions.com

Jack Nagel
MAILING ADDRESS:
 P.O. BOX 166
 WOOD-RIDGE, NJ 07075
 Advertising Specialties • Premiums • Sales Awards • Business Gifts
"SPECIALIZING IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS"

JAN PROMOTIONS INC.

Black Magic Disc Jockeys
 music from the 1920's to today's hottest hits
invite us to your next affair

- wetdowns
- parades
- installation dinners

Chris Black 201-568-7944




NEW JERSEY STATE FIREFMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 1700 Galloping Hill Road
 Kenilworth, N.J. 07033-1303

GEORGE H. HEFLICH, SR.
 PRESIDENT
 CELL: 201-983-3517
 E-Mail: BGH291@aol.com

Phones: 800-852-0137
 908-620-1871
 Fax: 908-620-1874
 E-Mail: georgeh@njsfa.com

100TH ANNIVERSARY 1913 2013



CELEBRATION

THE NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us for a grand celebration on
Saturday March 23, 2013

Colonial Inn 545 Tappan Rd., Norwood, NJ.

\$50.00 per person. Advanced tickets only.

There will be 250 seats available, so get your checks in now.

Please fill out the stub below and return with your check made payable to NJ/NY. Mark in the memo section of your check "100th Dinner".

**Please include a list on the back of the stub with the names of the people you are paying for. After your check is received we will send you a conformation card.



Name: _____ # of People Attending _____ X \$50.00

Address: _____ Total _____

Phone: _____ Check # _____

***Please list the names of all the people you are paying for with this check on the back of this form.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NJ/NY.
MARK 100TH DINER IN MEMO
MAIL CHECK TO
GEORGE SAIGH, NJ/NY TREASURER
306 LUHMANN DR.
NEW MILFORD, NJ 07646-2327