



## SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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April 4, 2008

### Retired Firefighters' Spring Party Saturday, April 26, 2008.



**Harold & Judy Turner's House**  
375 North 200 West, Ivins, Utah.  
Social at 3:00pm. Dinner at 5:00pm.

Exit I-15 on Bluff Street.  
Continue north on Bluff Street straight through the intersection at Sunset.  
Take the road to Ivins on the left hand side of Bluff Street.

**R.S.V.P. is helpful**

Call Dale Lund (801) 466-1110 or (810) 557-2411 or George Sumner (801) 582-0467 or (801) 831-5010.

**Cost: \$10.00 per person**

## New Salt Lake City Fire Department Yearbook To be Published

Salt Lake City Firemens' Relief Association has plans and funding in place to publish another yearbook. Prices for purchase, schedules for getting photos and publishing schedules are still being worked out.

Mike Harp has agreed to take portraits of retired firefighters. He may be able to come to the Ivins party to take pictures. As more information is available, we will let you know.

## 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.
- **“Spring Fling” Dinner Dance, April 16 &-or 17.** Sponsored by SLC Firemen’s Relief Association. Dinner and dancing at the fully restored historic Grand Ballroom at the Utah State Fairpark. Only \$10.00 per person for retirees. Register by paying Firefighters CU Acct #3043 or contact Barry Bonham 801-706-2904.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention, May 1-3.** Wolf Creek Resort, Eden.
- **Golf at Mountain Dell. May 7 &-or 8.** Consecutive tee times for all foursomes. Sponsored by SLC Firemen’s Relief Association. This is NOT a shotgun start, so contact Barry Bonham 801-706-2904 to get tee times. Foursomes are not seeded by handicap for this tournament, you can set up your own.
- **Utah State Firemen’s Convention, June 12-14, 2008.** Hosted by “Wasatch Back” Fire Departments. If you are interested in being a delegate, Mark Luthi needs your request in writing (email or letter) ASAP. Mark’s contact info is [mark.luthi@slcgov.com](mailto:mark.luthi@slcgov.com), 801-799-4168, or write to him at Fire Prevention Bureau, PO Box 5520, SLC, UT 84114.
- **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 South 2000 East.

## Another successful Year for the Joint Council And Fire Caucus

The Fourth Annual Utah Fire Caucus Luncheon at the Utah Capitol on February 4, 2008, drew about 50 legislators who passed out awards, enjoyed a nice lunch and talked about Utah’s fire service. Firefighters came to Salt Lake City from all over the State for the opportunity to visit with their legislators.



Co-chairs for 2008 are Sen. Curtis Bramble, Sen. Patricia Jones, Rep. Brad King and new co-chair, Rep. Todd E. Kiser.

Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations Chair Frank Heumann asked that the group observe a moment of silence for Utah firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, including the late Sen. Ed Mayne, who is considered an honorary Utah firefighter. Rep. Kiser recognized Rep. David Clark for his service as Fire Caucus Co-chair from 2004 to 2007.

Senator Jones presented the Distinguished Service Award to Millard County fire officers and firefighters for their outstanding efforts to protect life and property in Central Utah’s massive Milford Flat fire last summer. Delta Fire Department firefighters Rick Bublitz, Bruce Curtis and Jared Rawlinson accepted the award on behalf of their crews.



The Utah Fire Caucus is a non-partisan organization that is modeled after the Congressional Fire Services Caucus (CFSC). It receives support from Utah’s Joint Council and, like the CFSC, Utah Fire Caucus members are not required to take specific positions on legislation. Rather, they are asked to pledge support in a way



that best benefits fire departments within their respective legislative districts.

Thanks to all who participated.

More information is available at [www.utahfirecaucus.org](http://www.utahfirecaucus.org) and [www.firecouncil.com](http://www.firecouncil.com).

## Email Addresses Wanted

Here are some email addresses Ray Schelble has that are not working anymore: Blair Evans, John Buckley, Jerry Erickson, Kirk Fagg and Andy Ostler. Shoot an email to [rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net) and he will correct your address and keep you in the loop.

Starting with this issue, members who get the newsletter by email will not be sent a hard copy. This will save the cost of

postage and printing, and all the folding and stuffing.

If you are getting the newsletter by email and still want a hard copy, let George Sumner know at [tkhose@msn.com](mailto:tkhose@msn.com). If you want to add your email address to our list, let Ray Schelble know at [rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net).

## PEHP Update for Retirees Under 65 Years Old

Led by Jodi Langford of SLC Corp Human Resources, the Salt Lake City Benefits Committee concluded their yearly evaluation of Salt Lake City’s insurance program and made recommendations for next year.

All rate and benefit changes proposed by the committee are only recommendations and may or may not be adopted by the Mayor and City Council. The more important proposals from the committee include:

- Summit plan will be changed from Altius to the WISE Provider Network

- A 14 percent increase in premiums
- No change in deductibles for any of the three plans
- Implementing a wellness program that offers incentives for plan members who work to improve health risk factors

While this is not good news for retirees, believe it or not it could be worse. Salt Lake City is certainly not alone in dealing with double digit rate increases. Each year the discussion centers on the same subject—how to reduce costs. Somebody has to pay for it. Remember, the above are

just recommendations until acted on by the Mayor and City Council.

The decision to change the Summit Plan from Altius to WISE on July 1 was made because the contract with Altius ends in June, so PEHP had to put out a request for proposal to lease a network. Jodi Langford served on the Committee as the representative for the City along with other employer representatives. The committee voted to contract with WISE for their network. There were many reasons, including cost savings and numerous communication problems between PEHP and Altius. Anyone staying on the Summit Plan will need to check the provider list, but there are surprisingly few providers on the Altius list who are not on the WISE list. Jodi reports that WISE is very open to adding new providers, and that they will pursue adding providers that plan members want. WISE is a non-IHC provider network located in Utah and Wyoming, and includes

about 6,000 providers and 39 hospitals in Utah.

The prescription benefit for the Summit Plan will again be handled by Medco rather than Caremark. To reduce the problems for those who have current mail order prescriptions, PEHP is now working to transfer the information from Caremark to Medco.

All the above only applies to those retirees under age 65 who are insured by Salt Lake City's PEHP Preferred, Advantage or Summit plans.

Members of the Benefits Committee include representatives from Salt Lake City employee groups, city departments and PEHP. Jodi Langford serves as the head of the committee and facilitates the flow of information. Ray Schelble and Mark Brim represent retirees on the committee. More information about Salt Lake City insurance plans can be found on the "Retiree Links" page at [www.slrf.org](http://www.slrf.org).

## In Memorium

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

- Elda Spencer Draper, mother of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Lane Draper, died February 8, 2008.
- Irene Davis Pettit, mother of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Frank Pettit, died February 11, 2008.
- Retired Salt Lake County Firefighter Jack. L. Gallup, Sr. died February 21, 2008.
- Kelly Farrington, Murray City Fire Department Captain, died February 21, 2008.
- Joseph Reuel McPhie, retired Salt Lake City Firefighter, died March 17, 2008.
- Randi Jo Carothers, daughter of Salt Lake City Firefighter Richard Carothers, died March 22, 2008.
- Vaughn Hewlett Epperson, retired Salt Lake City Firefighter, died March 28, 2008.

## Transitions

### Promotions

February 20, 2008

John Maddux, Captain, SLCFD  
Richard Boden, Captain,  
SLCFD  
Ronald Fife, Battalion Chief,  
SLCFD

March 24, 2008

Brian Thurgood, ARFF, SLCFD  
Stanton Shepardson, ARFF,  
SLCFD  
Will Mackintosh, HM Tech,  
SLCFD  
Johnny Hill, HM Tech, SLCFD

### Retirements

February, 2008

Reinhard Kauffmann, SLCFD  
Curtis Evans, SLCFD  
Paul Laver, SLCFD  
Norman Anderson, SLCFD

March, 2008

Tony Bickmore, SLCFD