



# SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## Retired Firefighters' Dinner Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2009

**Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 ½ 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, 6/7/09**  
**to George Sumner (801) 582-0467 or (801) 831-5010.**

There is no "program" planned for this meeting, so there will be plenty of opportunity to visit with friends. We especially want to encourage our new members to come out and share friendship, conversation and common interests with us.

## 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.
- **SL Retired Firefighter Association Meeting.** June 9, 2009. Cowboy Grub. Social 6:30. Dinner 7:00.
- **Utah Firemen's Relief Association Convention,** June 11-13, 2009 @ Richfield.
- **SLCFD Annual Promotional Ceremony.** June 24, 2009, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- **SLCFD Relief Association Lagoon Day.** July 15 and 16, 2009.
- **SLCFD Relief Association Steak Fry.** August 12 and 13, 2009. Washington Park by Mountain Dell Golf Course.
- **SL Retired Firefighter Association Summer Picnic.** August 29, 2009. At the park near 3600 South 2000 East. Park opens at 4:00. Dinner at 5:00
- **SLCFD Relief Association Fall Golf Tournament.** September 1 and 2, 2009. Wasatch State Park. 9:30 AM shotgun start.

## Thanks for sending your Email Addresses

Thanks to all our members who have opted to receive their correspondence by email, we have reduced our postage costs by 50% over the past year.

We owe thanks to the SLCFD Relief Association for paying our newsletter postage. However, the Relief Association's

portfolio has lost value just like everyone else's, so we are trying to minimize costs by limiting our use of US Postal Service.

If we have your email address we are sending correspondence by email. You get your newsletter faster and in color. Also, you get other correspondence that is not sent

at all by USPS such as notices of funerals, promotions, retirements and other events of interest.

If you want to get on our email list, please send an email to [gasumner@q.com](mailto:gasumner@q.com), [tkhose@msn.com](mailto:tkhose@msn.com) or [rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net) and we will put you on the list



*Ivins • April 25, 2009*

Once again, Harold and Judy Turner's place in Ivins was an ideal setting for the spring party. Their big comfortable rooms and inviting patios enticed even the most reticent to join in the conversation, laugh too loud and interrupt with their own "good ol' days" stories. About seventy people did just that, while enjoying their drink of choice with a classic picnic meal.

Our President, Rick Soltis, reminded me to thank the Southern Utah colony of retired firefighters who were such great hosts:

- Harold and Judy Turner for the use of their home.
- Jerry and Sharleen Erickson for their Mexican Chicken, Pork, Beans and Rice.
- Vicky and Dick Joy for the Beef they prepared.
- Dick and Eddie Barrett for their authentic Tamales.
- Varnel and Yvonne Parkinson for the root beer.
- Ray Schelble for his photography.

- Dave Lambert for cooking and serving.
- And all the people who came a day early to put up the awnings in the wind.

It was windy and rainy both before and after the party, but a cooling breeze and brief light sprinkle made the weather perfect during the picnic. People



had to layer up briefly, but everyone, even the motorcycle riders, managed to stay comfortable in their springtime duds.



### **SLCFD Annual Promotion Ceremony**

The Salt Lake City Fire Department will be hosting an annual formal promotion ceremony on June 24, 2009, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. According to SLCFD Chief Tom Shannon, the purpose of the ceremony is "to provide a consistent opportunity for Mayor and Council to acknowledge the new members of the SLCFD, newly

promoted members and the retirees from the past year (fiscal year). This will be a media event as well, and is intended to 'showcase and promote' the department." Those promoted during the year, such as captains, engineers, etc. will be sworn-in at the event, as well as new recruits. Retirees are welcome to come.

### **Update on Varnel "Parky" Parkinson**

Parky told us he would appreciate it if we let everyone know he is in a rehab center for a little while. He got an infection in his artificial knee and the knee had to be removed so the infection could heal. Once

the infection is gone he will have some options about putting the knee back in service. Meanwhile, he said he would enjoy visits or calls at Aspen Ridge West, 5323 South 700 West, room 227, 801-713-3227.

### **Retirees in the SLCFD Yearbook**

We have 89 retiree photos for the Salt Lake City Fire Department yearbook. We resolved some problems after we published this list the last time, hopefully all the problems. One last time, here is the list of everyone who we have photos for and names as they will appear in the yearbook.

If your name should be in here but isn't, or if your name is misspelled or not the way you want it, please let Ray know as soon as possible at: [rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net) or 801-272-0145. Mike Harp will have to get this to the printer shortly.

Norman Anderson, Daniel Andrus, Jerry Ashbridge; Walter Badura; Evan Baker; Clint Barker; Marion Bearson; James Berry; John Birkes; James Bolton; Harlan Bonham; James Brinkerhoff; Jan Brown; Gary Bruce; John Buckley; Laury Bullock; Raleigh Bunch; Corbett Burnette; Danny Buyers; Eugene Campbell; Blaine Collins; Gerald Dailey; Brigham Darger; John Davis; Larry Derrick; Lane Draper; Jeen Edwards; Rennald Egbert; Richard Eldredge; Jerry Erickson; Curtis Evans; Gordon Evans; Jeffery Forrey; Ruben Gallegos; S.J. "Gill" Gilligan III; Andrew Gomez; Jerry Greer; Monte Kim Hales; Roger Halterman; Keith Hansen; Norman Hansen; Roy Hardy; Wayne Hardy; Dorrel Henderson; Warren Hoskins; Monroe Iversen; Dale Jones; Dick Joy; Diane Kanady; Reinhard Kauffmann; Betty Kenworthy; Marvin Kimball; David Lambert; Lynn Livingston; Jeffery Long; Dale Lund; Eldon Marshall; Margie Martin; Gary Maxfield; Dennis McKone; Martin P. McKone; Gordon Nicholl; Ronald Nielsen; Michael O'Connor; Gary Orton; Varnel Parkinson; Eugene Phillips; Ralph Piercey; Douglas Prah; Charles Querry; C. Jay Rampton; Ray Robbs; Robert Roberts; G. Brett Rock; Raymond Schelble; Larry Skinner; Richard Soltis; Jack Sommer; Gary Stoddard; Roy Stones; George Sumner; John Swindle; Thomas Tallon; Carl Thompson; Rodger Thorstrom; John Turcsanski; Harold Turner; Michael Van Duren; Steven Warburton.

## In Memorium

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

- **Melissa “Mo” Soltis**, the daughter of Salt Lake City Firefighter and President of Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association, Rick Soltis. April 18, 2009.
- **Paul M. Crowther**, who served with the South Salt Lake City Fire Department. April 24, 2009.
- **Beth Kathleen Dilly “Kathy” Walsh**, the wife of Unified Fire Authority Firefighter Blaine Walsh. April 26, 2009.
- **James Baker Meeks**, who served with the Salt Lake County Fire Department. April 28, 2009.
- **Roy W. Hedin**, who served with Salt Lake City Fire Department from 1947 to 1983. May 23, 2009.

## Transitions

### Retirements:

February: Karleen Montanez  
 April: J. Kevin Nalder  
           P. Marty Peterson  
 May: Tony Roberts

### Promotions:

March: Wyman Berg, Captain  
           Ryan Mellor, Captain  
           Peter Comer, HM Technician  
 April: Douglas McKinney, FF/PM  
 May: Martha Ellis, Division Chief

## On the Lighter Side

The recruit firefighter was always in trouble with his Captain because his boots never looked good. They were so beat up, burned and scarred they were impossible to shine. One morning at roll call the recruit proudly pointed out his brand new shiny pair of boots.

“Those are nice boots.” acknowledged the Captain. “Where did you get them?”

“At the uniform store.” replied the proud recruit.

“Which one?” the Captain asked.

The recruit looked down at his new boots, puzzled, and said, “Both of them.”