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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As dangerous as our occupation is, the summer of 2008 has just gotten much more dangerous. Since the beginning of June, there have been three separate instances where 5 engines have left the City and been deployed to fires throughout the State of California. The nature of these wildfires is something altogether different from our city fires, hence special training is necessary. Because of this training and experience we are able to defend other jurisdictions when these cities and towns come in danger from urban-interface fires. To all the brave men and women who have volunteered to spend weeks at a time away from your families fighting fires throughout the State of California, Thank You.

The State of California has reached a spending crisis which has affected the City budget. The Firefighters Union has done its fair share to help balance the City's projected deficit for this year and for the next two years as well. Congratulations to our members for assisting the City again.

Recently some of our members have come down with Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) or Staph Infection. *Senate Bill 2754* will mean that this is a job-related, industry-inclusive disability. For those members who have contracted this debilitating condition (and it's difficult to clarify the exact instance that they were exposed to this infection) MRSA affects their home life as well as their job as a San Francisco Firefighter. With the future passing of *SB 2754*, MRSA will be considered job-related and they will be covered by CCSF. *SB 2754* will be voted on in August. We are keeping our eyes on this to ensure its passage and we will keep you posted.

In October 2008, Director James Vannucchi will be organizing a Bocce Ball Tournament which will benefit the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation. Keep your eyes open for dates when teams may sign up.

Fraternally,
John F. Hanley
President

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Local 798,

Many thanks for all your great work. Use enclosed check where needed.

Tom O'Callaghan

Main Line,

Please use where needed in memory of my husband Ed Fitzpatrick (T6 - Ret/D).

He was a brave fireman when he was battling fires and a brave man when he fought the biggest battle of his life and throughout it all he never once complained.

Beverly Fitzpatrick

April 17, 2008

Dear Gail and Local 798 Union Members,

Thank you for sponsoring me in my efforts towards the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Your contribution really will make a difference. It will go towards funding access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer.

Your generosity is a prime example of the unselfishness and nobility of all San Francisco Firefighters and the organization that you represent.

You will be remembered on the day of this great event.

Warm regards,
Nicole Balestrieri Horta

April 18, 2008

In memory of Pete Seckols.

Gerald R. Sobeck

5/6/2008

Local 798,

Thanks for all the hard work and effort for the many men and women of the SFFD both current and retired. Use enclosed as needed and in memory of just a few of the many ... Jack Conway (Six Pack), Jack Ronan, Jim McDonagh and Pete Seckols.

Ken Conroy
Station 8
(Retired and still missing it)

5/16/2008

Thanks for sending the Main Line.

Don Beck (Ret.)

May 17, 2008

Thanks for all the hard work. Use where needed.

Ed Tatarian

Ret. Eng. 42

May 24, 2008

Local 798,

Please accept this donation in memory of Bob Jabs, Dave Grainger and Mike Stanfield. Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of all members both active and retired.

George Bullwinkel

6/5/2008

The enclosed is in memory of my husband George V. Hart. He passed away on 2/2/2008.

Thank you for sending me the Main Line.

Sincerely,

Anna Hart

June 19, 2008

Dear Local 798,

Thank you for coordinating the Pre-College Summer Program scholarships with the Academy of Art University. Because of this program, my daughter will be able to take premier classes in fashion and art at a distinguished university, instead of wasting away in front of the TV or computer this summer.

Again, thank you for your hard work and dedication. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lee Cavestany

Truck 9

June 27, 2008

To Local 798:

Please use the enclosed where needed in memory of Tony Sacco. Top of the Line. He will surely be missed.

Joe Delfino

July 2, 2008

Executive Board and Members of Local 798,

The recent loss of brother Tony Sacco has been felt by all who worked with him at the firehouse and in his capacity as a long-standing executive board member of our union. Tony, along with Tim O'Brien, worked countless hours on behalf of the retired members and their families.

Their time and generosity will never be forgotten. God Bless Tony and his family.

Joe Collins

(retired)

ATTENTION!!

DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

Whether old or new, the Main Line is interested in publishing them in future issues.

Please forward to the Union office:

1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

or contact

Stan Lee @ BFI - (415) 920-2933
or by email:
sffd.mainline@gmail.com

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June 10, 2008

Dear Stan,

I would like to submit the following death notice and picture of Jim "I.B." Gillam to be published in the July-August issue of the Main Line. Many current firefighters and retired firemen are not aware of Jim's death, since the death notice never appeared in a San Francisco newspaper.

I will contact Jim Ferguson to write an article for the Main Line concerning Gilliam's career in the San Francisco Fire Department. Jim worked with Ferguson for many years at old 27 Engine and 6 Truck on Sanchez Street.

Coordinate with Ferguson to

GILLAM, James Haughton "Jim" -

Born January 4, 1918; died peacefully on May 3, 2008 at the age of 90 following a short illness. He was born in San Francisco, and came of age in a city as few can remember it today. He watched the building of the Golden Gate Bridge and enjoyed athletic prowess during his teenage years, playing running back with the San Francisco's Mission High School Football Team. Jim was a Veteran of World War II. He served with the U.S. Army in constructing the Alaska-Canada (ALCAN) Highway and subsequently participated in the Aleutian Islands campaign against the Japanese. In 1946 Jim returned to his hometown and served with distinction for 28 years with the San Francisco Fire Department. He was known for his bravery and tempted fate on numerous occasions. Following his retirement from firefighting in 1973, Jim served as the Director of the San Francisco Retired Firefighters of Sonoma County and ran a small landscape contracting business. Jim enjoyed playing golf and cards with his many friends. On the fairways, Jim achieved a 'once in a lifetime' experience of a hole-in-one on multiple occasions. His greatest passion was doing charity concrete work for those in need. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Alice, of Santa Rosa, daughter Annette, and two granddaughters, Alexia and Annie of Santa Rosa, and son Andy and daughter-in-law Sally of Austin, TX, as well as two additional grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

submit an article on Gilliam's death and his outstanding career in the San Francisco Fire Department.

Sincerely,

"Doc" Stonum

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR THE MAIN LINE IS:

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REMEMBERING OUR BROTHER, TONY SACCO

By Tim O'Brien and Leo Martinez

Tony Sacco's gift, born with good common sense and values honed by his parents, family, St. Peter's Grammar School, Mission High, his Mission District Neighborhood (24th Street Area), United States Army (World War II in Pacific Campaign), Merchant Seaman (Korean War), S.F. City College, University of California (Political Science Major), San Francisco Fire Department (Local 798 Firefighters Union), New Mission Terrace Neighborhood and Association - Corpus Christi Church. The Excelsior District and hard work made Tony a man of and for the people.

It was a good day for the San Francisco Fire Department and its' members the day that Tony entered the Department as a fire-

fighter - also true when he became part of any organization - he gave more than he got, he never forgot who he was, his friends, his co-workers or where he came from.

Many benefited. Due to Tony's leadership, dedication, and devotion - this very special man leaves a legacy and a large void.

Where do you start with Tony's achievements? As many as are mentioned above/or before, the list that follows is greater - son, brother, cousin, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, friend to start. Renaissance man, cook, conversationalist, leadership roles in Fire Department (Vice-President of Local 798), President - New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, President - Retired S.F.

Employees Association, President Retired Firefighter & Widows Association, President - Corpus Christi Mens Club, Bingo Caller, Cioppino Chairman, Manager of San Francisco Fire Department Bicycle Racing Team, competing in his heritage country of Sicily (a proud highlight in Tony's life), District Eleven (11) Democratic Club Board member, Save Muni Car Barn, Denman Junior High, Balboa High Committees, St. Peter's School Supporter, Alternate Democratic National Convention delegate, Master of Ceremonies, Accredited Parliamentarian, lead chaperone on retired firefighter/widow bus trips, etc. etc. etc... and one other I recall - pet lover (Maxi, his dog's best friend).



Photos provided by Tim O'Brien



THE VANNUCCHI PAPERS



By Jim Vannucchi, Director

Quite often we receive calls to the Union Hall from members who have questions as to their rights when it involves an on-duty criminal investigation or accessibility to their personnel files. Hopefully, this article will address those concerns.

Under the Firefighters Bill of Rights, firefighters who are subjected to questioning after a critical incident where severe injury or death arises from the performance of a firefighter's duties have numerous protections. These protections are very similar in content to the protection afforded peace officers under the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act when they are under investigation for critical incidents or for an on-duty matter that may or may not be criminal.

If you become the focus of an interview (don't be fooled, this is really an interrogation) when there has been a critical incident or if there is an inquiry into criminal activity, **DO NOT** discuss the matter or your conduct with an officer, a station steward or anyone other than an attorney or other person with whom you will enjoy a statutory privilege of confidentiality. Examples of other person(s) with whom you share a privilege include religious advisers, psychiatrists, psychologists and spouses.

If you do become involved in a critical and/or criminal incident, the very moment you are questioned about your conduct, you believe that you have become the focus of a criminal investigation or you are Mirandized, do not give a statement without first contacting a Union Official or an attorney.

As it pertains to your individual personnel record, the Firefighters' Bill of Rights again provides an array of protection.

Initially, under the Code, no adverse comment can be placed in your personnel file without the firefighter being able to see and sign the instrument or initial that he/she refuses to sign the document. To simplify, this means any note, file or document generated by any supervisor for any personnel reason are all now personnel files and subject to review by the firefighter.

Secondly, the Code provides that firefighters have thirty (30) days within which to file a written response to adverse comments entered into a personnel file, and the written response by the firefighter is required to be attached to and accompany the adverse comment. This means that all firefighters within the State of California have the absolute right to inspect their entire personnel file, or any other file used for any personnel purposes, no matter how old these documents may be. The Code remains silent if a firefighter has the right to sign and respond to old adverse comments that pre-date January 01, 2008.

Additionally, the Code mandates that the employer must make personnel files available for inspection by firefighters, without retaliation, within reasonable times, on duty and without loss of compensation.

Protect yourself and your family by protecting your personnel records. Annually, inspect and confirm the contents of your personnel jacket. Obtain a copy of it and have it certified/acknowledged by the person providing it to you that it is complete. This will prevent documents being used against you that are outside the "official" personnel file maintained by your supervisor.

If you have any questions on these issues or any other rights you are entitled to, feel free to call me at anytime.



FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

By Brendan Ward

In the past few issues I have written about Proposition B which was on the June ballot. I am please to inform our membership and retirees that Prop. B passed overwhelmingly by the voters.

Prop. B addressed many issues which included upgraded retirement benefits while tightening up the health benefit requirements for future City employees. For now, I'll only address the retirement benefit issues.

Beginning in 2009, the annual Basic Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will increase from up to 2% simple interest to up to 2%

compounded interest. Also the Supplemental COLA will increase from a potential 3% compounded to 3 1/2% compounded (this is incremental in 1/2% increases: the COLA could be 2%, 2 1/2%, 3% or 3 1/2% -- All compounded.) The actual Supplemental rate will depend on the Retirement System's return of investment in that fiscal year.

These increased benefits are for both active and retired employees. Please give me a call if the above analysis confused you even more.

Please check your calendar for

some great events in the next few months. First, the last Local 798 "Day at the Races" at Bay Meadows is scheduled for August 17, 2008. Second, a Chili Cookoff is scheduled for September 13, 2008. Stay tuned for more details. Third, the annual Toy Program Golf Tournament is October 27, 2008. Please call the Toys to signup. Finally the first annual Local 798 Bocce Ball tournament is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2008. Again, more information will be made available in the next months. Or call the Union for any questions.



May 5, 2008

Dear John,

On May 3, 2008, I was promoted to the rank of Assistant Deputy Chief. I'm ready to move on to the next phase of my career in the San Francisco Fire Department. I cannot take full credit for this advancement. I must acknowledge my co-workers and officers that shared their knowledge with me and guided me along the way. For their friendship and leadership I am grateful.

Section 9 of Article II of Local 798's Constitution and By-Laws states:

Honorable Withdrawal.

When any member in good standing is precluded by law or contract from maintaining union membership by virtue of their fire department position, such member upon his request shall be issued a withdrawal card.

Pursuant to that section and as mandated by my new fire department position, I am requesting an honorable withdrawal. Because of that action I must also relinquish my director's position.

I am grateful for the support I received from the office staff of Gail Toki-Woo and Barbara Ashfield. I have had the pleasure of working with an executive board that was exemplary in representing the needs of Union members. Directors Shon Buford, Jim Vannucchi, Mike Walsh and Brendan Ward were untiring in their efforts to improve working conditions. Vice President Joe Moriarty spent more hours than can be calculated assuring that any members who were disciplined received

all the benefits of due process. Secretary Frank Kelly was a great resource regarding Civil Service rules and Tom O'Connor was many times a voice of reason when we were looking for other opinions. The members are fortunate to have you as president. Most of all I am grateful for the support and friendship of the members of Local 798. The trust they placed in me was not taken lightly. I hope I was able to live up to their expectations.

Fraternally,
Brendan O'Leary

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SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS CANCER PREVENTION FOUNDATION UPDATE

Much has been accomplished in the last year and a half. Our bladder cancer screening and study that was conducted last year was presented by Dr. Kirsten Greene in May at the Annual Scientific meeting of the American Urological Association in Orlando, Florida. We have received many inquiries from departments throughout the United States that are now concerned about their firefighters and the higher risk of contracting bladder cancer. Although our study found two retired firefighters with cancer (bladder, kidney), it also produced some false positives and one false negative. This raised a "red flag" with Dr. Stoller and Dr. Greene at UCSF. So our testing protocol will be changed to one that is much more definitive. We are hoping to offer this screening before the year is over.

In July we will be making a video that will be viewed by active firefighters during battalion-based training. It will stress the importance of using a protective breathing apparatus. We will also discuss our next screening which will take place starting in October. This year we will offer a self-administered colorectal screening to all active and retired firefighters 40 years of age and older and to any firefighter with a family history of colon cancer. Once again, the Department Administration has agreed to help our Foundation by paying for the lab processing of the tests.

There are many future studies that we want to conduct but there is a process we have to go through to bring these studies to fruition. Dr. Kirsten Greene and Dr. Judith Walsh are currently working on consolidating the data from our studies into a single application to UCSF's Committee on Human Research (CHR). Once we receive approval through this Committee we will be



on our way to the following voluntary programs:

- Blood draw for active firefighters every 2 to 3 years to test for any genetic changes
- Blood gas study to take place prior to and after working fires at designated companies
- Study looking into neurological degenerative diseases and brain cancer
- Ongoing screening for cancers of the genitourinary system

We will also look into and take advantage of any new testing procedure that will help our active and retired firefighters lead a healthier life.

Our Foundation is at the point where we need a Project Manager for our studies. This person would be in charge of data input and coordinating efforts between UCSF and our Department. This is a very important position that we must fill.

Once again I highly encourage everyone to take advantage of what is going to be offered. This Foundation has been formed with your health and well-being as our number one goal.

My Best to All of You,
Tony Stefani
Board Chair
San Francisco Firefighters
Cancer Prevention Foundation

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CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRES - 2008



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IT'S ONLY MY OPINION ... THAT'S ALL

By Perry Saxton

(ALL CHARACTERS AND EVENTS IN THIS COMPOSITION ARE MADE UP: NOT REAL. NO CELEBRITY VOICES ARE IMPERSONATED: AT ALL. THE FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS CONTAINS CREATIVE LANGUAGE WHERE THE MIND AND IMAGINATION ROAM FREELY - AND DUE TO ITS LIFE-LIKE CONTENT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR CERTAIN VIEWERS.)

THE MAGIC CARPET RIDE

Let's go for a ride on a Magic Carpet.

Radio says, "Unit Dispatch, E43, M43 and RC4, respond to 120 Hawn Street (address fictional) on a full arrest ... respond on A3." Moments later, rescue units are rolling through the streets of San Francisco with lights flashing and sirens wailing. The reptilian part of the brain kicks in briefly allowing a momentary thrill as bystanders move back, traffic jerks aside and intersections clear.

"All units responding to 120 Hawn Street, CPR in progress," says the dispatcher.

OK folks; it sounds like the real thing. Get ready to dig in, click on, and work through this one. You begin to enter that zone where peril and miracle are one. And as you go the living is enormously interesting.

There are magic carpet riders in all places: maintenance engineers, car washers, waiters, waitresses, nurses, doctors, etc. At times they seem sort of rare, but you know them when you see them - basically because you feel good when you are in close proximity or with them.

We arrive at the scene and take over CPR begun by family members and start other life saving procedures. The Patient is bagged, placed on a monitor, an IV started, a tube dropped in the airway ensuring the delivery of 100% oxygen. Drugs are administered via IV and the Patient begins to respond. Now it's time to

"chuck and truck" - off to the hospital with a patient who now has a pulse and a low blood pressure. Additional meds are administered in route to begin gradually bringing the blood pressure back up.

The physician at the receiving hospital is complementary of the rescuers because the patient, once in cardiac arrest, is now doing even better in the Emergency Room than she was at her house before the rescuers began transport.

"You guys really do a good job out there" one of the ER nurses says. And we all feel good and self assured. We thank her for saying so.

Then we return back to quarters to change into our Sunday's best because we now have to go downtown and answer to a false complaint drawn up by a spurious manager. We try to explain this to a higher up. But they seem disinterested and don't bother to listen. Then we get a letter in our file.

The San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program Golf Tournament

is scheduled for:

Monday October 27th 2008

Fee: \$200.00 per Golfer
Lake Merced Golf Club Daly City

More info to Follow



THE INSIDE BOX

RETIRED MEMBER'S CORNER, LOCAL 798

This section is dedicated to all the retired members of Local 798, who worked many long hours to maintain and improve the working conditions and benefits enjoyed by all San Francisco Fire Fighters. Retirees' efforts established a solid framework of working conditions and benefits for active members to build upon.. Let us never forget . . .



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SEPTEMBER 1, 1937 - GRANT AVE.

Firefighters Appreciation Night @ AT&T Park

BENEFITING THE SF FIREFIGHTERS' TOY PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 at 7:15pm



Show your support with the San Francisco Giants and your hometown firefighters by attending the 1st annual Firefighter Appreciation Night! Bring out the crew, active and retired firefighters, family and friends for a great night of baseball!

This \$20 special ticket package includes:

- Seat in the Firefighters Section
- Commemorative Giants Firefighter hat
- Proceeds of each ticket benefit the **SF Firefighters' Toy Program**.

Don't miss out when the Giants battle the D-Backs during this special event night at AT&T Park!



To purchase tickets:
www.sfgiants.com/specialevents

Groups of 25 or more:
Call 415-972-2298

YOUR  GIANTS

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

-1973-



SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY
PRESENT THE FIFTY-SECOND SEMI ANNUAL LUNCHEON FOR
RETIRED AND ACTIVE SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS AND FRIENDS

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2008

LOCATION: ELKS LODGE IN PETALUMA - 2105 SO. McDOWELL BLVD.
(FROM HWY. 101 - EAST ON LAKEVILLE HWY (116) -
SOUTH ON SO. McDOWELL BLVD.

MENU: LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30 pm
GOURMET DELIGHT ALA COLLINS
CHEFS: JOE COLLINS AND CREW

COCKTAILS: NO HOST BAR OPENS AT 11:00 am

PRICE: \$15.00 PER PERSON - RESERVATIONS STRONGLY REQUESTED -
— \$20.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR —

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: S.F.R.F.S.C.

MAIL TO: CHAIRMAN - 245 GROVE ST. - WINDSOR, CA. - 95492-7905

******* DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2008 *******

NOTE: A BUS FROM S.F. LEAVES LAKE MERCED AT 10 A.M.

Anyone interested Call Jim Dowd at: 1-415-265-5010 - FIRST 55 ONLY!!!

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PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES FOR NAME TAGS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

GUEST: _____ GUEST: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF YOU HAVE ONE) _____

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

-1973-



A DAY AT THE RACES

Presented by the

SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY

Date: FRIDAY - JULY 25, 2008

Place: Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa

Time: Races start at 12:30 PM

Seats: Only 150 Reserved Seats Available - First Pay Basis

Price: \$8.00 Includes Admission to the Fairgrounds and
a Seat at the Races - MAKE CHECK TO S. R. F. S. C.

Mail To: Chairman - 855 Green Way - Santa Rosa, Ca. 95404

Closing Date: July 11, 2008

*****PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE*****

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

SF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SONOMA COUNTY

-1973-



DINNER AFTER THE RACES

Presented by the

SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY

Date: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008

Place: THE JOCKEY CLUB - 1350 BENNET VALLEY ROAD
SANTA ROSA, CA. (East end of Parking Lot)

Time: 6:00 PM - NO HOST Cocktails in Main Bar
7:00 PM - Dinner ala BIG BOYS BAR-B-QUE

Menu: Hors D-Oeuvres
Mesquite BBQ Tri Tip and/or BBQ Chicken
Served with Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee,
Tea and Wine

Price: \$28.00 Per Person - Includes Dinner, Wine and Tip

Reservations: Make Checks Payable to: S. F. R. F. S. C.

Mail to: Chairman - 855 Green Way - Santa Rosa, Ca. 95404

Closing Date: July 11, 2008 - Your Check is Your Reservation

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR NAME AND THE NAMES OF ANY GUESTS

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF GUEST(s): _____



**SAN FRANCISCO FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL
798
PRESENTS**

"A DAY AT THE RACES"

**Over 50 years of tradition is coming to an end.
Bay Meadows is scheduled for demolition in Fall
2008. Join us for the "final final."
Family & Friends Welcome!**

WHERE: Bay Meadows Race Course
West of Highway 101 off Highway 92 in San Mateo

WHEN: Sunday, August 17, 2008
Gates Open - 10:00am (time subject to change)
Post Time - 12:45pm (time subject to change)

COST: Still only \$30.00 (Children 17 years and under free)
Price Includes Parking, Admission, Official Program, Reserved Seating
and Buffet in the Turf Club.

Make Checks Payable and Forwarded to:

Jim Vannuchi
1139 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA. 94103

PALM SPRINGS - 2008

SAN FRANCISCO RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S OF SONOMA COUNTY
WELCOME YOU AND YOURS TO FUN, SUN, SHOPPING AND GAMES.

DATES: NOVEMBER 9-10-11-12-13

STAY: EMBASSY SUITES IN PALM DESERT

COST: \$540 PER PERSON-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH KING BED.

\$570 PER PERSON-DOUBLE OCCUPANCY WITH TWO DOUBLE BEDS.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- **5 nights lodging in a two room suite.
- **Daily cooked to order breakfast.
- **Daily two hour complimentary cocktail party.
- **Welcome dinner at the hotel on Sunday night.
- **Final night awards banquet at **LG's PRIME** Steakhouse. Prime, not choice.
- **Pool, spa, fitness center, six tennis courts.
- **Good cheer and camaraderie with old and new friends.
- **Look MOM! No cooking or dishes.

GOLF: \$375 PER PLAYER - Men's tournament a 3 day low net with 3 to 5 flights,
depending on number of players. Women's tournaments WWG (women with ghin)
and WWO (women without ghin). Price includes prize money.

Optional daily skins tournament. \$30. Pay there.

NOV. 10 PGA WEST 8:30 shotgun - Nicklaus Course. One of 100 best in US.

Accuracy rewarded-errant shots penalized. Sounds familiar? 88.0/124 - 6037 yds.

NOV. 11 La QUINTA RESORT 8:30 shotgun - Dunes Course. Pete Dye designed. One of
The top 75 resort courses. Was a PGA Qualifying site. 70.1/124 - 6230 yds.

NOV. 13 DESERT DUNES 8:30 shotgun - Host to PGA. Open qualifying events. 70.2/124-6203 yds.

SPORTS: Bicycle, tennis, racquetball, bowling, running, etc. Get an organizer and come along.
DEPOSIT: Group room rates need to be reserved by March 28th. \$300 per person. After this date,
room availability determined on receipt of deposit.

BALANCE DUE, by September 20th. \$240 or \$270. **ADD** \$375 for golf.

WEDNESDAY ADVENTURE: 360 degrees of WOW! A ride on the Palm Springs Aerial
Tram to the top of 8500 ft Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Pass 5 life zones from
Sonoran desert to Alpine wilderness. Cocktails and lunch on the mountain.
If interested in going, there will be a sign-up list at Sunday night's dinner.

GOOGLE: palmdesert.embassysuites.com - lgprimesteakhouse.com - laquintaresort.com
desertdunesgolf.com - desert hills outlet mall - pstramwy.com

INFO: Bob Quattrin 823-8243, Joe Collins 542-7797, Woody Paynter 579-0325,
John Logue 577-8850, Gary Montague 576-1891. All 707 area code.

MAIL CHECKS TO: CHAIRMAN SFRFSC, 7980 MITCHELL CT. SEBASTOPOL, CA 95472.

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT



**VOLUNTEERS
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

This year Local 798 will be a major sponsor of The San Francisco Junior Golf Tournament
which will be held on **July 15, 16 and 17, 2008 at Lincoln Park.**

With a rich history that dates back to 1927, it remains today as the second oldest Junior Golf
Tournament in the United States. In 2007, there were 170 participants ranging in ages from
children as young as 7 to juniors up to 17 years old.

Volunteers are needed at the Tournament on July 15th, 16th and/or 17th. Anyone interested in
volunteering for the continued success of this event please contact:

- Frank Kelly or Joe Moriarty at the Union office (415) 621-7103
- Co-Chair Joe Faulkner (415) 265-9716
- Co-Chair George Ambrosio (650) 588-2911

Please help us make this year's event a success!

2nd Annual

Johnny V Chili Cook-Off

In conjunction with Local 798

Benefiting San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program

Get Your Chili Team Together Now!



WHEN:
WHERE:
TIME:

Saturday, September 13, 2008
Kaplan Alley (Behind Thirsty Bear Brewery)
9am Set Up

TEAM ENTRY FEE:

\$100 (includes 4 admission tickets)

INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION:

\$10 per person

CONTACT:

Dan Gracia, Station 1 or Cell (415) 608-7921
Keith Onishi, Station 1 or Cell (415) 608-4546
Michael Walsh, Station 44 or Union Of. 621-7103 x110

****Live D.J. ** 2 Live Bands ****

Peter Patrick Madigan Antonini



Memorial Golf Tournament

Save the Date
Friday, July 18, 2008
6th Annual
Peter Patrick Madigan Antonini
Memorial Golf Tournament

Proceeds benefit Peter Antonini Memorial Scholarship
at St. Ignatius College Preparatory,
The San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 and The Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association

Harding Park Golf Course, San Francisco

For information contact

Linda Antonini at (415) 587-8405/ lantoninif@hotmail.com

SUBMISSIONS:

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
ARTICLES FOR THE MAIN LINE IS:**

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2008 / AUG. 20, 2008

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2008 / OCT. 20, 2008

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2009 / DEC. 20, 2008

ATTENTION!!

DO YOU HAVE FIRE PHOTOS?

*Whether old or new, the Main Line is interested
in publishing them in future issues.*

Please forward to the Union office:
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

or contact

Stan Lee @ BFI - (415) 920-2933
or by email: sffd.mainline@gmail.com

MOVED?

Change of Address/Telephone
Change of Beneficiary

If you have just moved or are about to
move, have a new telephone number
or change in beneficiary:

FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO:

LOCAL 798

1139 MISSION STREET

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

ATTN: GAIL (415) 621-7103

or

E-mail: Gail@sffdlocal798.org

with Subject: Change of Address

NAME: _____
FORMER ADDRESS: _____
NEW ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
BENEFICIARY: _____

ULTIMATELY THIS HELPS YOU!



1st Annual
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
Bocce Tournament
To Benefit
San Francisco Firefighters
Cancer Prevention Foundation

WHEN: Tuesday, October 7, 2008 9:00 am

WHERE: Marin Bocce Federation
550 "B" Street, San Rafael

ENTRY INFO: \$50 per 4-person team
32 Teams Max/First Come/First Served
Non-Players \$10

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all Local 798 Members and
Retirees in good standing

REFRESHMENTS: 8:30 am Coffee, Juice, Pastries
12:00 Noon - Lunch, Beverages

****Prizes ** Awards ** Gifts****

CONTACT: Director Jim Vannucchi (415) 621-7103
Lt. Tony Rivera, Cell (415) 505-5359

Governed by World Bocce League Rules

E N T R Y F O R M

1st Annual
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
Bocce Tournament
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
To Benefit
San Francisco Firefighters
Cancer Prevention Foundation

E N T R Y F O R M
Please print clearly

Team Name

Station/Club

Contact Phone #:

Team Members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Mail completed Entry Form and your check* payable to:

San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation
SFFF Local 798
1139 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
Attn: Bocce Master

All Entry Forms Must be Received by October 1, 2008

**Portion of tax deduction pursuant to IRS Regulations*



SFFD

SF Fire Fighters Local 798 **BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
April 15, 16 and 17 2008
August 19, 20 and 21 2008
December 16, 17 and 18 2008

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Irwin Center, 270 Masonic Ave

For more information contact:

Give the Gift of Life



Blood Centers
of the Pacific

Donate Blood

ENGINE **3** TRUCK
 

ANNUAL
RETIRED MEMBERS
LUNCHEON

PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
520 JOHN MUIR DRIVE

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00

GET THERE EARLY FOR THE SOCIAL HOUR

WED. SEPTEMBER 24, 2008
WATCH 1

CALL STATION 3 TO SIGN-UP
AT
441-9368

Station 12

2nd Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon



The Class of 2008 Inductees:

Bill McCarthy, George Baur, Jack Giessler, and Ron Pharis
In Memoriam: Rudy Partida

DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 Watch 29

PLACE: Forest Hills Lodge

254 Laguna Honda Blvd, San Francisco

TIME: Open Bar: 11:30am - 2:30pm Lunch 12:30pm

PRICE: \$35



Space is limited to 120 guests. Please call Station 12 at 564-4847 to sign up. Payment must be received by October 15th to guarantee a seat. Please send checks to Station 12 at 1145 Stanyan St, 94117.

FREE FINANCIAL SERVICES BROUGHT TO YOU BY SF FIRE CREDIT UNION

Here for Members in Times of Need

Experts disagree on the outlook for the American Economy, but even the most optimistic acknowledge some possibility of a recession this year. In times like these, it's important to keep your finances in order. SF Fire Credit Union has services in place that can help you do just that.

FREE Quarterly FICO Credit Scores

By signing up to receive your FICO Credit Score each quarter, you'll stay on top of your credit situation. Regularly monitoring your credit score allows you to estimate your borrowing capabilities as well as helps identify possible identity theft.

FREE and Confidential Financial Counseling

The BALANCE Financial Fitness Program offers no-cost money management counseling and debt management to members of SF Fire Credit Union. Meet with a certified counselor to create a workable spending and savings plan or to discover options for repaying debt by calling (888) 456-2227.

We understand that there are circumstances that may cause members to fall behind on their monthly payments. If you have found yourself in this situation, or are concerned that you may be headed in that direction, contact us. We may be able to offer solutions to help you through a difficult time.



SF Fire Credit Union
3201 California Street, (888) 400-FIRE
San Francisco, CA 94118 www.sffirecu.org

For more information on any of the programs listed above, contact the Credit Union at (888) 400-FIRE (3473) or www.sffirecu.org

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT STRESS UNIT



A COUNSELING SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES

A part of being human is to experience problems and conflicts. In most cases we are able to resolve them ourselves. Occasionally, however, we are confronted with problems that require professional assistance. Through the Employee Assistance Program we have immediate access to professionals who can help us.

WHOM DOES IT SERVE?

The San Francisco Fire Department Stress Unit/EAP serves all employees of the San Francisco Fire Department and their families.

PEER COUNSELORS- TOM POSEY • DOYLE MILLER

The EAP/Stress Union new location is 501 Cesar Chavez, San Francisco.
Peer Counselors are available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Phone (415) 206-1419

Leave your phone numbers and the counselors will be paged.

CONFIDENTIAL

Personal requests for information or assistance are a matter solely between you and the counselor.

WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS?

The Employee Assistance program offers confidential and professional counseling on problems of concern such as:
Marital / Family / Alcohol Abuse / Drug Abuse / Stress / Persistent Anxiety Financial or Legal / Other Psychological / Emotional Problems

VOLUNTARY

At all times it is the choice of the employee to use the Employee Assistance Program. Use of the program is not recorded in the personnel file and does not affect the employee's standing on the job.

ATTENTION RETIRED MEMBERS:

San Francisco Employees' Retirement System
Phone Number Has Changed!

The location has remained the same:

30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3000
San Francisco, CA 94102

The General Information
telephone number at this
location has changed:

(415) 487-7050
(415) 487-7058

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT 24TH ANNUAL!

AIRPORT DIVISION LUNCHEON

⊗ **HONORING ALL NEW & PAST RETIREES** ⊗

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008
Watch #27

PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO

⊗ **PLEASE NOTE LOCATION** ⊗

11am -- 3:30PM Lunch @ 1:30PM

PRICE -- \$25 per person
ADVANCE PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED
Please make checks payable to -- DENNIS KRUGER

**** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ****

Before 10/17/08
Jayn Feyling @ 650/821-4600

Attention:

All Members Thinking of
Retiring...

Contact Secretary Frank Kelly
at the Union Office
415-621-7103

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

INVESTING FOR RETIREMENT...
SOUND OVERWHELMING?

DEFERRED COMPENSATION
HELPS MAKE IT EASIER!!

The City and County of San Francisco and ING make retirement planning easier under the **City and County of San Francisco 457 Deferred Compensation Plan**. By contributing to the Plan, you can supplement your retirement and enjoy these benefits:



Meaghan Doherty
Registered Representative
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- ✓ your contributions (up to the Internal Revenue Code limits) are made by convenient payroll deduction to a group annuity designed for long-term investing for retirement purposes
- ✓ reduced current federal and state income taxes; your contributions and earnings are not taxed until you receive them
- ✓ personalized service including individual appointments, investment modeling and retirement illustrations
- ✓ diverse investment options that provide you with flexibility in managing your account
- ✓ distributions permitted upon retirement, separation from service, accounts under \$5,000 if certain conditions are met, death or incurring an unforeseen emergency
- ✓ access your individual account 24 hours a day through ING's website www.ingretirementplans.com/custom/sanfran, or by calling ING Access at 1-800-584-6001

For more information, or to schedule an individual appointment, call your **ING Representative at 415-364-2017 or 1-888-822-1211**. Our local San Francisco Office is located at 1 Front Street (at Market Street) Suite 1425.

You should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the variable product and its underlying fund options carefully before investing. Fund prospectuses and information booklets containing this and other information can be obtained by calling 1-888-822-1211. Please read carefully before investing.

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STATION ONE

REUNION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008
Come One, Come ALL!!

PLACE: Pacific Rod & Gun Club

TIME: 11a.m. – 3 p.m.

PRICE: \$ 20.00



Please Contact Station 1

495-9473

Annual

James T. Ferguson Scholarship



Applications must be received by April 6, 2009

3 Scholarship of \$500.00 will be

Awarded to a Son or Daughter of an Active Local 798 Member

Eligibility: Graduating senior high school student who will be attending an accredited College or University in the U.S.
Selection: By "Lottery", held at the annual May membership meeting.
Application: Application forms may be obtained at the Union Office at 1139 Mission Street, San Francisco (415-621-7103), or below.

In addition to the application form, applicants must submit a brief essay (no more than 100 words) on why their parent belongs to a Union.

James T. Ferguson Scholarship Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

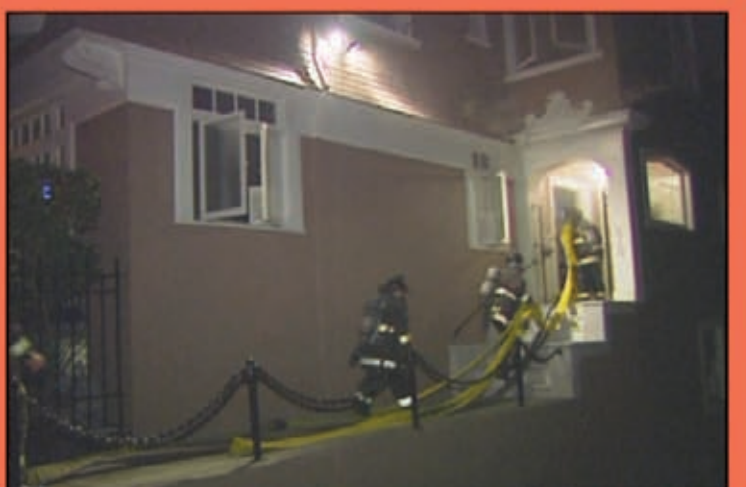
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COLLEGE ATTENDING: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

WORKING FIRE

2709 LARKIN STREET
INC. No. 08039110 - MAY 7, 2008



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LOCAL 798 MEMBERS TAKE A BREAK FROM A TOP SECRET DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY MEETING.



(Left to Right)

Mike Tin, Truck 12
James Carville, non-member
Rich Brown, Truck 6
Ernesto Carrillo, Truck 6
Sean Visser, Engine 12

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