



Rochester Firefighters' Benevolent Association

Benevolent News

Fall 2007

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* MEMBER REMINDER *

Anyone interested in purchasing a Rochester Fire Department history book can obtain one through the RFBA. Dust cover versions are \$80.00 and leather versions are \$98.00. Purchasing one of these books from the RFBA helps raise money for the association. Call the office at 325-4949 if you're interested.

Updates...

The board members have been actively discussing the possibility of securing private office and meeting space for the day-to-day operation of the RFBA. The recent demise of the Patchen-Briggs VFW Post left our organization without a long-time meeting/gathering place and forced us to rethink our future with regard to consolidation of our operations. Moving out of our current office and into a facility that better meets our needs will provide us with adequate space for storage, meetings, and typical office functions, and will also free up some much-needed space at Headquarters. This issue is still at the discussion stage and we will keep you posted on any proposals or developments.

The annual Retiree Dinner Dance will be held on October 6, 2007 at Rick's Prime Rib House, 898 Buffalo Road in Gates. Cocktails at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Contact any board member if you are interested in attending. All members, both active and retired, are encouraged to attend this event.

Did you know...

- ◆ In 1901, the official name of our organization was the Paid Firemen's Funeral Aid Association. At that time, the sole object of the association was to assist in defraying funeral expenses for deceased members.
- ◆ In 1938, Rochester Firefighters made a starting salary of \$1,785.00 a year.
- ◆ The RFBA loan fund was originally started to help members purchase their own work uniforms.
- ◆ The Christmas party at the School of the Holy Childhood is an RFBA tradition that started in 1966.

The RFBA website

The board would like your feedback on the RFBA's website. This resource provides retired and relocated members a means of staying in touch with what's going on with the association. Your board members have been discussing some ideas for making the site more useful, and we welcome any suggestions from our active and retired members. Call the office at 325-4949 or contact a board member if you have any ideas. The website address is www.rfba.us.

Constitution Vote

Thanks to all the active and retired members who cast their votes on the recent changes to the RFBA Constitution. 992 ballots were sent out and 497 were returned. The final count was 431 Yes and 66 No. Call the office or contact a board member if you need an updated copy of the Constitution.