



## Rochester Firefighters' Benevolent Association

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## ***An Introduction***

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Rochester Firefighters' Benevolent Association!

Some time ago, your board came up with the idea of distributing a semi-annual newsletter with the goal of keeping RFBA members informed about any developments affecting the organization. This is our first attempt at what we hope will be a long tradition of accomplishing that task.

As with any new venture, this newsletter will evolve and improve over time, so we ask that you let us know what you want to see published in the future. If you have an idea about something that you think should be published in future newsletters, please contact a board member or send a note to the Benevolent office at Headquarters.

We ask that you post this newsletter in your fire station or office to ensure the members will benefit from its content. We'll do our best to make it a brief but useful document for all RFBA members.

### **COMING SOON: The RFBA website**

Thanks to board members Gary Vales and Jeff Griggs, an RFBA website is currently under construction. Our hope is that the website will work in conjunction with the newsletter to keep all RFBA members informed and in touch with what's going on in the organization.

The website will be particularly useful as we try to keep retired members up to date on any developments or events relative to the RFBA's operation.

Stay tuned for the website address in a future issue of the Benevolent News.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Pike Derby - May 19, 2006 on Conesus Lake; proceeds to benefit the Ronald McDonald House
- RFBA Picnic - July 6, 2006 at Ontario Beach Park

## **Did you know...**

Back in the early days of the Benevolent Association, members supported the organization by arranging elaborate plays and entertainment shows at the Eastman Theatre. Tickets were sold to the public to raise money for the death benefit fund. Line Deputy Chief Tony Infantolino tells us he remembers attending these shows with his mother and father—retired Battalion Chief Tony Infantolino - during the 1950's. Chief Infantolino said the performances were very well done and attendance was always high. Times have changed since then, but thanks to the efforts of those who came before us, the RFBA death benefit has grown to a point where it continues to provide a stable resource for the families of our departed members.

### **\* MEMBER REMINDER \***

Remember to keep your death benefit beneficiary designations up to date! Send any changes or updates to the RFBA office.

Call the office at 325-4949 and leave a message or attend a monthly meeting if you have any questions about your membership.