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2020 - 2021 Award winners presentations made at 2021 Convention

Since there was no Convention held in 2020, in some cases awards were handed out for both 2020 and 2021

2020 IVFA Convention Award Winners

2021 IVFA Convention Award Winners



Lois Boaz Award winner
Beth Caudill



Ollie Sandberg
Award winner
Willie Stoffrogen

*(All photos submitted by
Steve Anderson)*



Lois Boaz Award winner
Beverly Taylor



Mr. IVFA Award winner
Pete Taylor



Miriam Schaeckel Award winner
Eula Bush



Miriam Schaeckel Award winner
Phyllis Vargo



Ivan Nevil Fire Service
Leadership Award winner
Jack Zeeks, Jr.



Angel Award winner ~ Rachel Bussey



Convention Host Plaque presented to
Rick Cannon (left) and Paul Holcomb (right)



Mr. IVFA Award winner
Steve Anderson



IVFAA President's Award winner
Janet Mathews

During the 75th State Convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Dr. Sue Ellspermann (pictured second from right) was recognized for her support in the partnership between IVY TECH and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

During the past two years Dr. Ellspermann has offered over \$500,000.00 in "free" tuition and most recently has agreed to extend that grant opportunity

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*The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association recognizes
Dr. Sue Ellspermann and Ivy Tech*



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Some "Political" talk and more
By Larry Curl,
IVFA Member and Lobbyist

From the State House to the Fire House



by
Larry
Curl

Greetings Fellow officers and members, firefighters, emergency service responders, EMTs, paramedics and IVFAA members.

Another quarter has passed since my last newspaper article "Fire House to the State House".

So let's talk about some legislation, education & information, my three favorite topics.

Welcome to summer 2021, where we are now able to enjoy "in-person" visits, gatherings, and return to somewhat of a normal social life. Many of our Districts are now back to full meeting schedules, we were able to attend our State Convention in June, yes our 75th state convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Your state association will also be hosting the National Benefits Summit where we anticipate some thirty states being represented with hopefully 50-plus fire service members where we will share in conversation about fire service across America, addressing issues like benefits, education, information sharing. We will spend 2 1/2 days with friends and fellow fire service leaders sharing and exchanging thoughts, concerns and issues that drive our service delivery to the citizens we all serve.

Legislation: just a short update from the last session; over 14 bills were introduced that had some impact on the way we serve. Not all of them got a hearing, not all of them got passed but we did see some significant legislation passed and signed into law such as:

HB1032 NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES. **HB1065** FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES. **HB1115** INTERFERING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY. **HB1230** SAFE HAVEN 911. **HB1201** EMERGENCY TRANSPORT OF INJURED OPERATIONAL CANINE. **HB1230** SAFE HAVEN 911 and **HB1270** DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

For details of this and other bills visit our website at www.ivfa.org and look at the legislative page.

We are hoping every (dues paying) department has gotten our "Cost Savings Study" and had a chance to review it. Our goal is to raise the awareness of our value to the elected officials as well as our citizens and our membership. If you did not get your copy (in the mail) please contact your District Chairman. This is a valuable document that shares the cost savings in tax dollars we bring to our community. This document will show we save \$4.5 billion annually to our state, as well as what the percentage increase would be if we were not providing our service broken down by legislative districts and townships we serve.

We are fast at work on a legislative package for 2022 and welcome your input, thoughts, concerns as we draft our proposals that will help us serve our

community and our members. You can contact your District Chair, your Public Relations member, the IVFA officers or me, your lobbyist. All our contact information can be found in this edition of the newspaper or on the website.

EDUCATION – we have had a great success in our partnership with IVY TECH where we have enjoyed over 400 members participating in some form of educational opportunity over the last two years. Thanks to Dr. Sue Ellspermann, President of IVY TECH, her staff and their foundation we have received over \$500,000.00 in educational benefits and we are not done.

Recently in a meeting with State Representative Randy Frye, Dr. Ellspermann, President of Ivy Tech; Mary Jane Michelac, Vice President of Government Relations at Ivy Tech; IVFA President David Israel, Vice President Jerry Liston and myself were informed that IVY TECH will continue our partnership for another 2 full years.

Now is the time to check out what IVY TECH has to offer and take full advantage of this program. Make it your #1 recruitment tool in your recruitment and retention tool box. Market it, share it, and explain to your potential new members as well as your existing members the advantage this offer is. Let's make the next two years just as

rewarding as or better than the last two years.

Also with education opportunities check out the website as we have now secured a partnership with Purdue Global (the on-line classes from Purdue) to offer deep discounts to our membership. Through the IVFA-Purdue Global education partnership, members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association have the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree 100% online on your time, lower the cost of your tuition, and get to graduation sooner — from a school within the respected Purdue University system.

Lastly, just some information you may or may not already know, our federal government has passed the American Rescue Plan. On March 11, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). The plan eclipses previous stimulus packages in terms of both funding dollars and reach for state and local governments. Follow up to see where you as a public safety provider fit into this plan. The money is there but not without asking, requesting, or being a voice at the table.

NO MORE WAITING... 3, 6, 12 MONTHS OR LONGER

During the past months many of you have spoken with the

State Fire Marshal about training of our new members and he listened. Thanks to Marshal Thacker and the Fire and Public Safety Academy Division during the BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION meeting at this year's 75th State Convention the board passed a motion to put into place for a one year trial a new training program for "newly recruited" members of the volunteer fire service, titled Emergency Response Support (ERS). This is a program that would allow our departments to begin utilizing our new members after an approximate 30 hour in-house training to enable them to ride along, be involved, and feel more a part of the service they wish to provide. **THIS DOES NOT ALLOW INTERIOR FIRE FIGHTING**, but will allow them to participate in a support role getting them on the apparatus quicker and letting them feel and be a more active part of what we do.

For more information or a schedule of the trainings contact **Wade E. Walling**, Director Fire and Public Safety Academy, Division of Fire and Building Safety, Indiana Department of Homeland Security at (317) 694-1596 Cell: or Email: WWalling@dhs.in.gov

Enjoy your summer, your return to social activity and being with family, friends, and neighbors.

Larry
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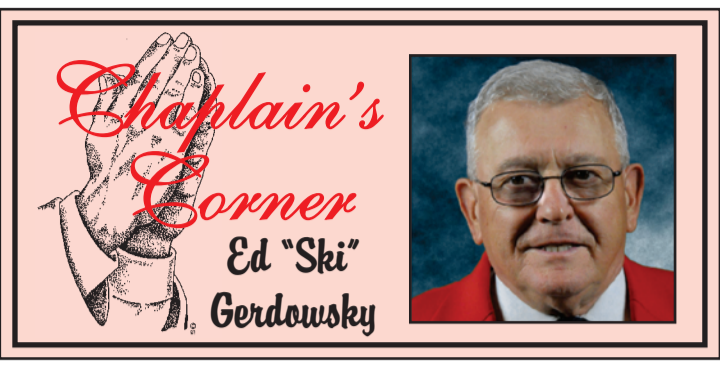
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Help Your House of Worship; It's Been a Good Friend!

If you think about it, your House of Worship is the best friend you will ever have, because it is not a fair weather friend. It is the place to go when you are in some kind of trouble, to seek God's guidance.

It is also the place to talk to your clergyman, who may very well have some good advice to give to you, and will pray for you.

However, friendship should be reciprocal, and times of trouble are by no means the only times we should attend our House of Worship.

When things are going well, we should go there and thank the Lord for our blessings. Moreover, we should see what we can do to help, to the extent of our ability and physical condition: for example, typing or making phone calls.

Your House of Worship has indeed been your friend, so see if you can be a friend in return.



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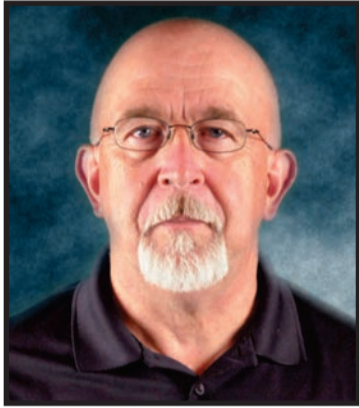
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From The Vice-President

Jerry Liston



Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well. It feels good to be out and about, mask-free, attending meetings and functions again. Although there are still lingering effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, for the most part, our state is opened back up and we are seeing a return to a sense of normalcy across our state. Speaking of meetings, if you failed to attend the 2021 75th annual State Convention meeting in Clarksville you missed a good one. I want to thank I.V.F.A. Districts 14, 16, and their committees for planning and hosting this year's convention. It is not an easy task to plan and host a convention, it is a 2-year planning process. The convention committee did an excellent job considering what we have been through and seen in the last eighteen (18) months.

The 2022 convention will be held in Evansville and will be hosted by I.V.F.A. District 15. Please follow the website and newspaper for additional information on the upcoming convention as it becomes available.

Each year at our State Convention several awards on the men's and women's sides are presented to deserving members. This year awards were presented for 2020 and 2021 since there was no annual meeting in 2020. I congratulate all the deserving recipients of the Mr. IVFA, Ivan Nevil Leadership Award, Ollie Sandberg Award, Angel Award, Miriam Schaeckel Award, Lois Boaz Award, and the three Bridgeport Scholarship recipients.

I remind everyone that now is the time to start thinking about next year's award nominations. All the awards, along with a brief description of the award, can be found on the association's website at www.ivfa.org. We have even made it possible to nominate someone for one of the awards right from the website by filling out a short fillable form and clicking the submit button.

One of the awards we seem not to see a lot of nominations for every year is the MacQueen Excellence Award. The MacQueen Excellence Award is a district award. If you have an individual, business or organization deserving of this award in your area let your District Chairman know before the first of the year. Again, a brief description of the award is available on the website. District Chairmen, keep your eyes and ears open as you travel in your district for potential nominees.

The MacQueen Emergency

Group sponsors this award for our association.

Recruitment and Retention continues to be a much talked about topic as I attend meetings across the state. Fire departments, especially the small rural departments, are struggling to obtain and maintain adequate staffing levels. In the last two years, Ivy Tech Community College helped our association with this effort by offering a free 2-year Associates education to potential and existing members. I am honored to announce Ivy Tech has agreed to extend and fund the Public Safety Scholarship for two (2) more years. I want to thank Rep. Randy Frye for his continued support of this program and Ivy Tech Community College, especially Dr. Sue Ellspermann and her staff, for offering this program again and making it available to our members and departments.

This year 70 individuals graduated from the initial Ivy Tech Public Safety Scholarship program. I congratulate those individuals on this accomplishment and achievement.

Contact the high schools in your area and make the schools aware of the Ivy Tech Public Safety Scholarship program.

Another issue fire departments struggle with is new members getting the needed training to start making runs after joining their local fire department. Mandatory training requirements required approximately ninety-six (96) hours of specific training be completed before a new probationary member was cleared to get on apparatus and make runs.

The State realized this was an issue after hearing several complaints and took steps by reducing the required hours to between 30 - 40 hours and eliminated the required written test. There still will be skill sheets required with the revamped and retitled Emergency Response Support training. The Fire Chief will be required to submit paperwork to the state ensuring the firefighter has followed the required criteria.

This change was done by a unanimous vote of the Board of Firefighters Standards and Training at the I.V.F.A. State Convention in June. The Board will review and evaluate the change in January.

One of the pieces of legislation the association followed this year was HB 1270, an IDHS sponsored bill. HB 1270 was approved by both Houses and has been signed by the Governor. This bill mandates all-new career fire chiefs appointed after January 1st, 2022, must take a 40-hour Fire Executive course. The course will be offered in the DHS districts across the state. Volunteer fire chiefs were

exempted from this requirement, but the officers of this association strongly suggest that volunteer fire chiefs and senior fire officers take the course when offered and available in your areas.

If you have questions or need additional information on these changes, please e-mail Wade Walling at wwalling@dhs.in.gov.

If your department has not seen or received the Economic Cost Savings Study completed by the American Economics Group for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, please let your District Chairman know. The study was mailed in March to paid-up departments. Those departments not paid-up, it is the responsibility of the District Chairman to deliver the study. If your department has seen the study, share it with your city or town council or township board. Show them what you are saving them by providing the services you do in your response areas. Please take the time and sign the back page in the study and return it to the Central Office or your

District Chairman. This lets us know you have received the study by completing this task.

Dues packets have been mailed. Remember, dues must be postmarked and returned to the Central Office no later than July 31, 2021.

President Israel and I have asked the District Chairmen to post their meetings on the website calendar. Please follow the calendar or look for emails or mailings for future meetings in your District. If for some reason you are not receiving these meeting notifications, reach out to your District Chairman, whose contact information is in the quarterly newspaper.

If you have any questions or if I can help you or your department in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in the paper.

Please continue to be safe as you provide services to your citizens and make sure you take care of your own.

Jerry Liston
IVFA Vice President

2021 IVFA Convention Award Winners



Ollie Sandberg Award winner Don Thomas



IVFA President's Award winner Joshua Reiser



Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership Award winner

Mark Jones
(no photo available)



IVFAA President's Award winner Suzie Lewis

Bridgeport Scholarship winners



Nathaniel Scranton



Jacob Teaney

Bridgeport Scholarship winner Aubrey Ruxer was unable to attend

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for another two years.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association is honored to be able to partner with IVY TECH and Dr. Ellspermann in giving back to our members for the services they provide.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I just returned from the 75th IVFA Annual Convention held in Clarksville. Congratulations to Convention Chairmen Rick Cannon and Paul Holcomb and their committee for putting on a great Convention.

Congratulations to the 2020 award winners. Mr. IVFA to Steve Anderson, Ivan Nevil to Jack Zeeks, Ollie Sandburg to Willie Stoffrogen, Lois Boaz to Beth Caudill, Miriam Schaekel to Phyllis Vargo.

Congratulations to the 2021 award winners. Mr. IVFA to Pete Taylor, Ivan Nevil to Mark Jones, Ollie Sandburg to Don Thomas, Lois Boaz to Beverly Taylor, Miriam Schaekel to Eula Bush, Angel Award Rachel Bussey, 2021 Miss Flame Sydney Moon -

District 9A, 2021 Miss Flame runner-up Tasha Wiseman - District 18, Miss Congeniality Mady Reeder - District 13B, Mary Mackin Scholarship Madison Shumaker, District 5 and Cheyanne Rolston, District 4.

I would like to congratulate President David Israel and Vice President Jerry Liston for a job well done and to serve another year in office.

I would like to thank those that support me as Public Relations Northeast. I am honored to serve another term as your Public Relations Representative. Thank You.

Congratulations to Josh Watts, Fire Chief, Mongo Fire Department, District 6 for receiving the MacQueen Award.

Some of the districts have taken a different approach with their district meetings by being held face-to-face with a zoom meeting option. District 4 and District 6 have had all or some of the following guests: Fire Marshal Joel Thacker, Academy Director Wade Walling and EMS Director Kraig Kinney. Check your IVFA calendar for District meetings and guests.

I am looking forward to meeting you at your District Meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me your Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Public Relations Director Southwest Steve Nolan



Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well and having a good and safe summer and 4th of July.

COVID has caused a lot of changes in what we can or can't do and where we can go to enjoy ourselves. We must still be safe in the public and wear our masks in certain places or when asked to.

Still need help for the FDIC so please contact me if you are able to help.

I want to thank those that helped put on the Convention this year with everything going on with Covid, good job.

Please keep safe out in the public.

Till we meet again,

Steve Nolan,
Public Relations Director Southwest

2021 IVFA Convention Award Winners



IVFA Miss Flame ~ Sydney Moon



IVFA Miss Flame Runner-up ~ Tasha Wiseman



IVFA Miss Flame Congenialty ~ Madilynne Reeder



Mary Mackin Award winners ~ Madyson Schumaker (left) and Chey Ann Rolston (right)

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

IVFADistrict 3 Meeting at Michiana Shores May 20, 2021

Meeting called to order at 1920 hours by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Marjorie Wozniak led pledge to the flag.

Chaplain David Robb started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll was taken showing 11 members present representing 4 departments.

Minutes of March meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read.

Chairman's reports: Bob Uryga.

Call Fire Marshal's office for help to close unsafe buildings.

IVFA wants 3 contacts for each department.

See Website for information on Grant money available.

Any ideas to retain or recruit members were discussed.

Ideas included:
Health insurance

County Level Medical Clinic Forgive Student Loans Tax Credits Education Reimbursement. Member Mick Wulff suggested a retirement program funded by township.

Under old business: 50 year certificates were handed out to: Jim Hall, Leona Uryga, Marjorie Wozniak and Roy Cohn.

No new business. Announcement for good of order:

Coolspring Twp. will have a craft show and open house on June 5.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 Secretary,
Rick Bradford

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting May 13, 2021 Plain Twp./Leesburg Fire Department

Leesburg, IN.

Guests:

Jean and E.J.Smith - PRNE; Kay Schmucker - IVFAA chairperson; IVFA Vice President Jerry Liston and daughter Breanna; California Casualty rep. Lorelei.

The meeting was called to order by PRNE Jean Smith at 1931 hours. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 3 firefighters representing 2 departments in attendance.

March 2020 minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Jean passed out handouts and remarked on several legislative bills.

Jean remarked on the American Rescue Plan Act. Discussions need to be held with county officials to get any finances through the act.

He discussed the IVFA newspaper and addresses and forwarding.

He stated ALL clothing claims need to go through John Grolich. If Covid-19 would make a comeback, meetings could be conducted through zoom.

Through a study the volunteer Fire Departments save \$4.5 billion for Indiana taxpayers. Discussed the amount of savings for each county or town.

Jerry Liston discussed the IVFA awards. NOT enough participation. Surely are people in all areas of the state that are deserving of the

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Congratulations to all 2020 and 2021 IVFA Convention award winners!

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

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various awards given out each year.

2021 I.V.F.A. convention in Clarksville June 9-11, 2021.

Next meeting at Sidney-Jackson Twp. FD July 8.

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.

Paul Martin
District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings to everyone from up in the northeast.

It is finally summertime up here. Thankfully, hopefully we are on the road to COVID recovery.

Happy July 4⁺ to all. Hoping it was a safe holiday for all.

Need to thank our IVFA State Lobbyist Larry Curl for his ongoing representation of the IVFA at the Statehouse. Thank you Larry for your continued support, dedication and commitment to the IVFA and the volunteer firefighters in Indiana.

District 6 will attempt to start to having meetings again in person. Our last meeting was held at the Lagrange V.F.D. and it was great to see everyone in person. It will be exciting to see everyone in person again.

The next meeting for District 6 will be held on September 28⁺, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. as of this publication. It will be held in Steuben County. Department location to be announced. Hope to see everyone in attendance!

As always, it would be great to see more departments in attendance at our meetings. I don't believe one night every other month is too much to ask. If your department is not receiving the meeting fliers, please send an email address to spiralawn@ligtel.com

If any department or firefighter have any problems or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will do my level best to help you out.

In closing, hoping everyone has a great summer.

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Rex Maynard - Chairman

Hello Everyone.

Hope all is going well with you and your department. It seems summer is about over.

I have been visiting departments. I see some departments were able to hold a few fundraisers which is great! Hopefully things will get to being as close to normal or the new normal anyway.

The 2023 convention will be held in Muncie.

It would be great seeing department from District 8A there participating.

The next District Meeting will be September 22 at Washington Twp. VFD, 1513 North Bethlehem Road, Marion, Indiana 46952 at 7:00 P.M.

Stay Safe,

Rex Maynard
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Another convention is in the books. I think everyone had a good time. Thank you to the convention committee and all their help for a job well done.

Our Miss Flame Haley Armstrong from the Bryant Fire Department did a real good job. Carl "Rich" Imel from the Pennville Fire Department was awarded the MacQueen Excellence award at the convention.

District 8B held their meeting on May 12, 2021 at the Monroe Township Fire Department. The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 10 members from 4 departments present. Two guests were in attendance Jerry Liston and Don Cushman.

Chairman Wright told the group about the convention coming up in June and reminded them to get their registration in before June

1st. Also let them know they should start thinking of names for all the awards for next year's convention. Told them that the Miss Flame contest will be held on November 10th at the Pennville VFD.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There was a total of 73 fires and 88 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. Election of officers will be held.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed pizza.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

Southwest was the site of the May district meeting where we enjoyed a great fried chicken meal with all the fixings!

IVFAA held their annual Food Auction with proceeds going toward expenses to IVFA Convention for our Miss Flame Kristen Matthews. A total of \$400.00 was raised from the auction; and District 10 also gave \$500.00 to Kristen to be used for Convention expense.

Stephen W. Pumphrey, a member of Hartsville and Comm. VFD received his 25 year pin of service. Major Chris Lane of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Dept. gave a presentation on new video cameras, recently purchased by the County for the Deputies and Patrol Units.

On April 28⁺, 50 year firefighter John Tumilty received his Gold card along with the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award presented by State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker.

On June 14⁺ Frederick Fry was given his 50 year Gold card and Wade Walling of the Indiana Fire Marshal's office presented firefighter Fry with the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award.

Hartsville & Comm. VFD recently had an unusual request to do a fish fry for a Celebration of Life of a local member of the community who had passed away earlier this year. We were glad to honor this request.

The 2021 IVFA State Convention was held in

Clarksville, IN. at the Radisson Hotel where President Israel, a member in District 10, was re-elected for the year 2021/2022. There were 300 members and guests present for the Friday evening banquet and awards program. A very meaningful Memorial service was held on Thursday evening where names of 2020/2021 deceased IVFA & IVFAA members were read and roses placed beside a candle representing each.

Many departments volunteer their time and equipment each summer to educate, interact and protect during county fairs. We hope you took the opportunity to thank them for their commitment to protect your loved ones and communities.

John M. Ray, Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,

I still can't believe I received the Mr. IVFA Award this year at convention. This was so unexpected. I am really honored. Thanks everyone that wrote letters and helped me get this award. We have a lot of deserving people out there. I have my award on a pedestal in the corner. It looks like it was meant for that spot.

Our last district meeting was at Thunderbird Fire Dept. in Farmersburg on May 16, 2021. I had seven departments, six guests and 14 members present.

Our next meeting will be July 18, 2021 at Otto Creek Fire Dept. in Terre Haute. Hope you can make it. I would like to see more people attend our meetings. We have information from the state level to tell you about.

I'm getting out to give pins and attend some fish fries, mostly drive-thrus, but at least it's getting out. I have presented a fifty year Gold card and several 10 and 25 year pins.

If you have fundraisers let me know. If you need anything I can help you with, let me know. You can reach me at district11a@ivfa.org or give me a call at 812-236-0955.

IVFA dues are due by July 31, 2021.

Till next time,
Stay safe.

Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jason Ryan - Chairman

Greetings from District 11B!!

Well, we have wrapped up the Convention for the year, hope all had a great time!! District 11B would like to congratulate Miss Flame Sydney Moon!!! And to all the other award winners "Congratulations!!!"

District 11B's last meeting was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at New Market Comm. Volunteer Fire Department. Opening pledge was led by State Lobbyist Larry Curl and prayer was led by Associate Chaplain Pete Taylor. After opening comments, we were treated with a nice meal by the host department; once everyone concluded with the meal, we were able to start the meeting back up.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with no changes. Larry Bartlow gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$627.78. The 1st guest of the night was Lorlei Siep who spoke with us about California Casualty Insurance Company and provided a drawing for a Subway gift card which was won by Junior Firefighter Madalynn Ryan of the Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. Next up was Larry Curl who gave us a briefing over the legislation that had just previously wrapped up and what to watch for in the future.

Prior to the start of this meeting, we received sad news that Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department had lost 43-year member Eddie Pearman; our thoughts and prayers were with them. During the meeting 10-year pins were presented to members of the host department; Corey Brown and Derek Williams both receiving their 10-year pins.

Upcoming events were discussed with District 11A meeting on Sunday, May 16⁺ at Thunderbird Fire, and a Jonah Fish Fry at Marshall Vol. Fire on June 18⁺ from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the next meeting will be Sunday, July 11⁺ at 1:00 p.m. at Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

After a short discussion with the IVFAA members, Chaplain Taylor led us in the closing prayer and the meeting was concluded.

Be Safe.

Jason Ryan
Chairman 11B

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DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

Hello! and Greetings from District 12,

"Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading these updates from our District 12.

By the time you are reading this we should be into the heat of August and should be enjoying the fruits of our gardening labor, the grass cutting, the seeing of the flowers in our yards and oh yes "FREEDOM" for returning to social-in-person activity.

One of our greatest pleasures is being able to recognize our members for their service and District 12 wishes to congratulate our newest 50 year members as of 2021:

James L. Caldwell, with the *Advance Vol. Fire Dept.*

James W. Mohr, *Lizton-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.*

John W. Zielska Jr., *Madison Twp. Fire Dept.*

It is the dedication shown by these three and the many others before them that has brought the IVFA to be the Association it is today. If you see any of these three congratulate them, thank them and let them know we appreciate all they have and are doing for their departments, their community and our association.

At our May meeting we presented some 10 & 25 year pins as well, congratulations to all our members who received either.

As a repeat message from our last newspaper article we discussed our Mission and Vision.

Our "mission" is simple: As we look at the overall purpose of the IVFA and District 12 we see clearly an opportunity of bringing together members with common causes like desire, talents, purpose and objectives in serving and protecting our citizens.

On the other hand our Vision "where the district hopes they will be in the future and the Goals setting our day-to-day operational tasks may not be quite as simple or as clear so this is what we hope to work on with the members of our district.

Now let's address it again in

August. Our Mission and Vision is only as good as we the members make it. During our 75th IVFA State Convention at our annual business session I suggested to all other Districts that we (District 12) were going to become the largest, most active, and most productive District of all the IVFA districts and I challenged all districts to prove us wrong.

Now it's up to you the membership, we the leadership to join together collectively to grow District 12 to be just that, THE BEST. I hope I can count on you to help make that happen.

Together we need to increase our membership, our activities, our participation and our attendance at our quarterly meetings.

My pledge to you (the members) is to continue to work to bring to you information, education and opportunity and all I ask of you is to attend, participate and be active. We can make this happen if we try.

BTW I did have one district stand up and accept my challenge so we do have some work to do.

Thanks to State Fire Marshal Thacker for visiting us at our District meeting in May at the Coatesville Vol. Fire Dept., sharing with us information on the American Rescue Plan and discussing the duties and assistance his office can provide.

We also had State Senator John Crane, District 24 serving Portions of Hendricks and Putnam counties who spoke with us about the process and duties of serving in the Indiana General Assembly. Thanks to Senator Crane for his informative information shared.

Each meeting I will attempt to bring in someone to address the group and share with us how they can help us better serve our communities. I hope to begin having a vendors' showcase at each of our meetings, bring to you the members, the latest and greatest tools, equipment, appliance on the market. I also hope to continue the visits from our insurance providers allowing them to address our needs and to see what best serves District 12's insurance needs. I will always invite officers from other Districts (so they can see what and how District 12 is doing) and I extend an open invitation to all our state officers at any meeting they are able to attend.

Recently I have asked myself, "What differentiates associations that have the strongest records of performance from those that maintain the status quo or even decline?"

In some research about successful organizations I have learned some key elements to

help us be successful.

- It's All about Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is the process of defining our goals and the steps we'll take to accomplish them

- Leveraging Data and Relationships

Knowledge is power and therefore data has become the most valuable asset we can have to build our relationships with our members. Remember everyone likes to be recognized and the more we know about our members the better job we can do to recognize them

- Remember to be 'Member-Centric' growing in member value.

In short, a **member-centric association** is one that prioritizes their members' experiences above all else and can anticipate their needs. They provide value and personalize the right communication to the right people at the right time in their member journey. These associations are ones that members actively engage with and want to work with.

- Leading with Humility and Authenticity are Key.

What truly sets a good leader aside is the willingness to lead with *magnetism, authenticity and humility*. The power of irresistible attraction as in *truth, genuineness and the absence of any feelings of being better than others*.

I hope to learn from these items, and grow District 12 to be as my challenge stated THE BEST. Will you join us at our District meeting to help make this happen; our meetings are always posted on the website at www.ivfa.org on the calendar, posted on our Facebook page (thank you Brian) and usually announced at the meeting when and where the next meeting will be held.

Looking forward to seeing all of you during this next quarter.

Respectfully,
Larry Curl
Your IVFA District 12 Chairman

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B.

2021 convention, our 75th is now in the books; a great time was had by all. Thanks to Districts 14 & 16 for hosting. Look forward to seeing everyone in 2022 at Evansville.

Congratulations to all the officers elected to lead our association

A new in-house training program has been introduced by the Marshal to get members on your trucks, attend your district meetings for more information

The cost savings study is done and out; it is a good tool for you to use when talking to legislatures,

town and township governments and your own community people; show them how much you save them by being volunteers.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, addresses and MEETING NIGHTS, if corrections are needed, please get them to me. Please get your events listed on the IVFA website.

Our next meeting will be September 9th at Boston FD. Hope to see you there.

David, Sis said "hello". Please keep our Armed Service personnel and families in our prayers.

Brothers and Sisters be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl,
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14 where we have been busy coming out of co-hosting the 75th Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association convention in Clarksville.

I want to thank everyone that helped and came to the convention.

We could not do a convention without all our vendors and sponsors.

District 14 had our members take some of the state awards home from the last 2 years.

2020 Ollie Sandberg Award, Willie Stoffregen from Monroe Twp. Fire Department.

2021 Ollie Sandberg Award, Don Thomas, Vernon Twp. Fire Department.

2021 Angel award winner Rachel Bussey, New Washington Fire Department.

2021 MacQueen winner Judy Wirth, Dupont Fire Department.

And our district chaplain Rachel Bussey was elected as your 2022 state Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association chaplain.

If you have anything coming up, contact me and we will come out to help.

Also if you want to host a district meeting let me know. Thanks.

Rick Cannon,
District 14 chairman

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DISTRICT 16 REPORT



John Gott - Chairman

Greetings District 16!

2021 seems to be flying by at an amazing pace as the year is half over already. Life seems to be getting back to somewhat normal as people are getting vaccinated and the COVID 19 virus slows. We hope that all of you are doing well and staying healthy. We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

The 2021 IVFA Convention was a great success and we were glad to see many of you there. Thank you again for all of your support and we hope that you will join us again next year! For those of you that weren't able to attend, mark your calendar and be sure to come and join us next year for some great fellowship, training and remembrance of those no longer with us.

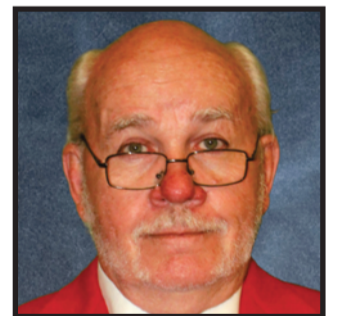
Our 2020/21 Miss Flame Allysén Armstrong did an amazing job representing District 16. We are very proud of her and look forward to her visiting many of you throughout the next year. Please contact your District Chairman if you would like to schedule her to attend your upcoming events. She is a shining star!

We would also like to invite you to attend our district meeting for the latest news and information. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please contact your district chairman to inquire or for any other need.

Stay safe!

Respectfully,
John Gott
District 16 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hello to all,

June 7th I attended a meeting at Elnora VFD and presented 10 and 25 year pins to those present.

June 9-11 I attended the state convention at Clarksville. It was good to see everyone again and thanks to all that made the convention possible, a great job was done.

Congratulations to all the award winners for 2020 and 2021. I would like to thank Rylee Lemons, our District 17A Miss Flame from Vigo Twp. who represented us well. She does

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now knows that I can't dance!

June 17th I presented Harold "Gene" Shafer his 50 year Gold card. Thank you for your years of service.

July 21st will be the next 17A meeting to be held at Loogootee VFD with elections to be held.

Hope to see you all.

Sam Emery
District 17A IVFA chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The District 18 meeting of 20 May was hosted by the Luce Fire Territory. 46 members representing 18 departments answered roll call and reported answering a total of 520 runs.

Guests included Steve Nolan - PRSW, Jack Kerney - IVFA Central Office, IVFAA District 18 Chairman Kathy Smith, and Tasha Wiseman - District 18 Miss Flame.

I wish to congratulate the 2021 Convention Committee for all of

their hard work in hosting this year's Convention. Congratulations to all of the recipients of this year's and the 2020 awards.

My thanks to State Chaplain Gerdowsky for allowing me to participate in this year's Memorial Service. My pride goes out to our District 18 Miss Flame Tasha Wiseman, who in her first experience at the State Convention was awarded the first runner-up. Tasha, you did a wonderful job representing our District and we are all very proud of you.

As of this writing the summer weather has not been too bad in this area. The rainfall has been adequate and the temperature not too high. I'm sure something will change! Remember to be on the lookout for signs of hyperthermia. Overheating can occur quickly, so remember to have rehab set up during extended operations.

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on Thursday, 15 July with the St. Anthony VFD as our host.

Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith
Chairman, District 18

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

District 19 held their May meeting at the Rising Volunteer Fire Department station on May 27. Chip Ayers, Indiana State Police, was in attendance and gave a training presentation related to dangers of meth and explained the program ISP can present to our departments upon request.

The members of District 19 would like to thank Kayla Scranton for representing our district at the Miss Flame contest at the 2021 IVFA Convention in June. Kayla was selected to represent our district last year, but due to the convention being cancelled she attended this year's convention. We would like to wish her good luck as she continues her education at Hanover College.

Don Covington, East Enterprise VFD, was presented his 50 year Gold Card at the Rising Sun meeting as well. Don has been a long time dedicated member to his department as well as his community. A big THANK YOU to Don for his years of dedicated service.

As we continue to discuss the

Economic Study of the Tax Savings Produced by Indiana Volunteer Firefighters, all of us must make a committed effort to emphasize this information to our political leaders and our communities. The volunteer fire service faces two major issues today, recruitment/retention and funding. Our society as a whole is changing as fewer people are willing to dedicate themselves to the service of others. The volunteer fire service is a necessary provider of a service that is very much needed in our communities. With this in mind, all of us must continue to make a concerted effort to educate the citizens of our communities of our department's needs and how important your volunteer fire department is to the quality of life in your community.

We would love to see everyone at our next District 19 meeting. We would love to see at least 1 or 2 representatives from each department. Our crowds keep growing, come join us.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
July 8, 2021

Sidney-Jackson Twp.
Fire Department, Sidney, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Guests:
P.R.N.E. Jean and E.J. Smith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1932 hours. The pledge of allegiance followed. There were 12 firefighters representing 4 departments in attendance.

Minutes from May meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Jean discussed Legislative bills involving the IVFA and passed out handouts.

Jean discussed the Ivy Tech and IVFA scholarship program and other educational opportunities.

The volunteer fire departments do a poor job at selling ourselves to the public.

John remarked on importance of documentation involving Covid 19 and any other issues. IF IT ISNT DOCUMENTED IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

Indiana Emergency Response Conference September 15 thru 18 in Indianapolis.

Hero Gala in Owensboro, KY Saturday, July 10.

2022 IVFA convention in Evansville June 15 thru 18.

Next meeting in Silver Lake at the Silver Lake F.D.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin,
5th District Secretary

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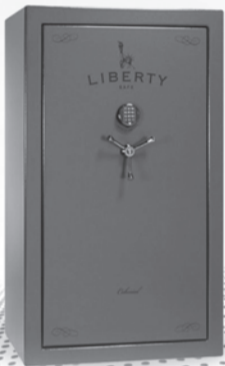
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary
Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting
Sunday May 2, 2021
Hilton Garden Inn,
Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Carol Curl. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened the meeting with a prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

Announcements: President Carol Curl introduced the guests in the room Martine' Bussey, an IVFAA member & a past Bridgeport Scholarship winner.

Chara Leaver was also introduced to the group as she is the new District 12 Chairman. Carol also showed the group the yellow roses with black ribbon that members will be wearing at convention in memory of Barbara Kerney. There were 100 of these made and the Miss Flames will each be wearing one.

Recording Secretary: Lou Bartlow took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 21 officers, 7 IVFAA members. Organization count as of today is 160 Individuals, 550 paid by department, 39 departments and 31 life members for a total of 741 members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews read the meeting minutes from the meeting that was held on Saturday, November 11, 2020 at Wayne Township Fire Headquarters. Lou Bartlow made a correction to the minutes that the 50-year plaque was for 11B not 12B that was printed in the minutes. Correction will be made; the 50-year plaque for 11B Dana Fire Department Auxiliary has arrived & will be delivered to them at the department's Christmas party. Discussion was had about the cross/angel motion that was in the November minutes regarding the ability to give extra ones at

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family's request. Beth Caudill informed the group that the intent of the cross/angels are to only be used if a member's family does not wish to receive 2 Bibles, one of them is to be presented to them in place of a Bible. *President Carol Curl said, "she does not recall this conversation at the November meeting and that the cross/angels are to only be given as they were intended and request a correction to the minutes be made."* A correction will be made; *Judy Wirth made a motion that if a family member has a need/want for a cross/angel for another family member that the chairmen can give them that in addition to the Bible? Per President Carol Curl, the cross/angels are to be only given as they were intended, in place of a Bible if the family does not wish to receive 2 Bibles, not in addition to a Bible and not more than one of these for the family.* Motion made by Carolyn Zeeks to accept the minutes with the two corrections being made to them, seconded by Beverly Taylor. All in favor, minutes accepted with the two corrections being made to them. No correspondence to share with the group.

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* Meeting will follow By-Laws and Robert Rules of Order

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President's Report: Carol Curl informed the group that she received a \$40.00 check for the organization from an unknown advertising place, like we have in the past. She did not cash it as the place that sent the check is fictitious & cannot be located. Beverly Taylor made a motion to decline the check that Carol received & destroy it, Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Carol tore up the check in front of the group. Carol announced that the mileage reimbursement is currently at 57.5 that the organization is paying when miles are reimbursed. Carol had given each district chairman a list of items that are to be in every district chairman's case & reviewed the items one by one. A gavel, if no one really feels that this is needed, then we can remove this item off the list of a must have in district case. Gavel removed from list. Next on the list is district name bar. Carol reviewed with the group that some officers now have magnetic officer tags & some still have the older stick pin versions. Chaplain, District 1, District 2 & District 11 now all have magnetic officer tags. Marie Emery made a motion that every officer/position be given a magnetic officer tag to replace the stick pin ones, Anthony Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Suzie Lewis will place an order for all officer positions to get a magnetic name tag. Copy of Roberts Rule of Order is the next item that it says a chairman should have. Discussion was had that these really are not used at the district level & can be removed from the list of needed items. If you do have any of these items & wish to keep them in there you can. Each case should have Bylaws, SOG's & Membership forms. IVFAA stationery, discussion was had with to the group that with the recent passing of Barbara Kerney that the organization needs to decide what we will be doing for stationery & envelopes that has the IVFAA logo on them. Barbara was trialing different places to see about being able to order some with our own logo on them. Diane Stapleton made a motion that we have the dye made for the IVFAA so we can get our own stationery & envelopes with our logo on them, Phyllis Vargo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Carol will discuss with Buz Koehler to see if a price can be obtained for this dye. Meeting cards, Janet reports we have an abundance of these & has some with her that she can give out. Meeting agendas in each case & they are used by many of the chairmen so we will keep this on the list. Department announcement sheets & attendance & funeral form sheets for each case, we will keep on the list & work on getting them to everyone. Miss Flame forms, the chairmen are expected to copy them off the website when they are needed. The list says that each chair should have a current IVFA newspaper, that will be removed. Each case needs to have the last meeting minutes with them as well as the memorial services layout in

case a chairman needs to conduct. The most current list of state officers & committee members can be found on the website. List says an Indiana map will be kept in the case, but now with the internet being so wide, we will remove the map from the list. American flag set in each case, if anyone needs these please let Suzie know as she will get some ordered for each case to have a set by next quarterly meeting. Each case also needs to have a history of the IVFAA flash drive. Carol informed the group that the Recording Secretary had always made the President a flash drive of the most recent membership. She believes that the Chaplain & Corresponding Secretary also need to be given an updated membership list that has names & addresses as they have duties that require them to send out mailings & need to ensure that they have the most current addresses of members. Carol informed the group that she was informed that a guest sign-in book for convention meeting should be had, or questioned if we had one? Many past presidents in the room recall that members at convention had signed in at the table upon entering the meeting but not in a specific book. Lou Bartlow made a motion that the organization buys a registration book for sign-in at convention, Diane Stapleton seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. A registration book will be purchased for the immediate past president to have access to for convention meetings. Carol verified with Lori Baxter that she is willing to run the Chinese auction at convention this year. In 2019 the IVFAA paid her room rates for her being willing to run the auction. Diane Stapleton made a motion that IVFAA again pay room rates for Lori Baxter's room at 2021 convention in return for her being willing to run the Chinese auction, Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. IVFAA will pay for Lori Baxter's room at convention 2021. Carol informed the group that in 2019 we had an auction for the children in attendance at convention & it went over well with the children. A box is going around the room to gather money to give to Lori Baxter to be able to purchase gifts for the children's auction. \$165.00 was collected for the gifts & Lori will purchase them & bring to convention. Carol informed the group that Janet Matthews has stepped in as the Miss Flame Chairman of the committee. Jack Kerney has supplied us with the items that Barb already had in the manner of Miss Flames to the convention. Some items have not been located that were submitted but we are working on getting with each District to let them know what is still needed. Carol needs the Miss Flames T-shirt sizes.

Vice President's Report: We will not be having gift raffle at convention, only the 50/50 & the Chinese auction this year. Discussion was had about the type of license that we have; Martha Biehl says we have a Festival license & it costs \$50 & we have a limit of \$2500.00 that we can give away. Martha obtained the license in February 2021. Martha will make a copy of the license to have at the table at convention. Carol made a comment that by this being

a VP project that in the future we should have the VP to oversee obtaining the needed license for the convention instead of the treasurer.

10-minute break taken at 9:56 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. General account balance is \$51,888.38. Mary Mackin account balance is \$2,568.92. Gaming account balance is \$4,626.07. Miss Flame account balance is \$3,639.85. CD is at \$11,150.88. Diane Stapleton made a motion to accept treasurer's reports as reviewed, Beth Moon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, treasurer's report accepted and is subject to audit.

Rick Cannon came to talk to the group about the convention being in Clarksville this year. He said the convention committee has a final walk-through this Tuesday evening at the Radisson Hotel. Reports that the Miss Flame outing is set & it is being sponsored by CNC Fire Protection. Reminded everyone that registration forms are on the website & that he had some with him if anyone needs one. Gave the phone number to the hotel 1-812-283-4411 where reservations can be made. Will have a DJ on Thursday & Friday night, Burn Camp auction will be on Wednesday night. Jack Kerney came in & thanked everyone for the support, prayers, thoughts, condolences that were provided to him & his family upon the passing of Barb. Voiced his appreciation of the IVFA & IVFAA services that were provided in her honor. Buz Koehler brought newspapers & reminded the group regarding getting correct addresses submitted. This issue of the paper had over 380 bad addresses & each bad address costs the association for each one that is returned.

Chaplain Report: Judy Wirth brought Bibles with her today; if any chairman needs any, please get with her after the meeting. Judy also informed the group that she received an anonymous \$40.00 donation in memory of Barbara Kerney. Judy was informed to keep the donation & use it in the Chaplain flower/card fund. Judy informed the group that she needs more Bibles. Lou Bartlow made a motion that Judy be able to order a supply of Bibles staying with the small ones we currently have, Anthony Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, an order for more Bibles will be placed. Judy explained to the group of how the memorial service will be arranged this year at convention. The assistant chaplains will be participating in the service of laying roses on the cross & two years of names will be recognized at the service. The memorial service will be dedicated to Bob Hays & Barbara Kerney.

Sergeant at Arms: Suzie Lewis reports she has no more cases to give out to any district chairs that come along or are in need. Suzie also informed the group that she now has all the jewelry in that she has ordered. Diane Stapleton made a motion that Suzie be able to purchase a jewelry case to keep the jewelry in & be able to purchase (1) case to have on hand in case one is needed for a chairman; Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. A jewelry case &

(1) case will be purchased.

Committee Reports: Line officers met yesterday at 1 p.m., discussions were held about convention.

Audit: Beth Caudill reports all went well yesterday. Miss Flame is the only committee that is not completed & we hope to be able to complete it in June at convention if Jack is able to get all of that stuff together. President Carol Curl thanked Beth Caudill for being able to attend the quarterly meeting as the immediate past president & doing all the duties associated with it.

VP Project: Vice President Christina Reef reports her committee met & that this year we will only be doing the 50/50 drawing & the Chinese auction at convention. 50/50 tickets are red in color that say they are 50/50 tickets.

Miriam Schaeckel Award: Joyce Nevill reports all is okay & set to go. Reminded everyone when submitting letters to ensure that a contact number is included with the letter so if that nominee wins, the group can contact someone to let them know.

Lois Boaz Award: Joyce Nevill has the jacket & Carol Curl verified the winner's family has been notified. Joyce also asked that when submitting letters please include jacket sizes & contact numbers so family can be contacted.

Historians: Phyllis reports all is okay. Christina reports that she has flash drives of the organization's history, if any chairman needs one for their case see her after the meeting to get one, she has (3) with her today.

Membership: Diane Stapleton says thing to report.

Miss Flame: Janet Matthews reports that she assumed chairman of the committee & that the committee met yesterday for nearly 2 hours. Decision was made for this year since we are so close to convention that the girls will not be making a poster or being expected to do any decorating of a door. One letter was sent out by Barb Kerney in January to the district chairs but since then no communication about the program has went out. Janet has been in contact with many chairmen regarding the need for more information of their contestant, right now the count is 16 girls. Some of the girls are those that would have been 2020 Miss Flames & others are new ones. Some of the applications & information had been sent to Barb but not all of it was located & handed over to Janet so the committee has been working to get each contestant's information. The welcome letter to each girl will be sent out as return receipt requested & we hope to have these mailed out by the 8th of May. The community project for the girls will be collecting new socks for all ages to support Jeffersonville Community Soup Kitchen to help the homeless in that county. Each Miss Flame will be given the information of this project in the letter or they may call Janet at 317-512-8687 if they want more information. The committee is working extremely hard to get

lined up to ensure we have a successful turn out at convention. Janet will get pictures of the Miss Flame contestants to the print company so they will be in the convention book, all pictures need to be gotten to Janet by end of business day tomorrow 5/3/2021. The committee did discuss ways of updating the program by the possibility of making the sign up virtual as well as submitting applications & photos electronically next year.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports that \$1,747.00 was spent to get the jewelry kit all up-to-date. She reports that she does have 2 Gold cards with her that were ordered & if anyone needs any jewelry or Gold cards to let her know. She has asked the company that made the pins if we are able to purchase the molds & they are looking into it & will let her know. If we purchase the molds, then we will not have to pay to have them made again if we do not order any supplies in 2 years. Suzie will disperse to the members any jewelry that is owed to them now that she has it. Carol Curl wants to present Barbara Kerney's past president's pin & card at convention. She was owed one from her last time as president. Phyllis Vargo will take Martha Thomas her past president pin & card as we are not sure that she will be able to come to the convention.

Mary Mackin Scholarship: The committee had a meeting yesterday, all is okay.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow reports all okay.

Budget & Finance: Kathy Smith presented the 2021-2022 budget that the committee came up with yesterday. Sharon Wright made a motion to accept the budget that was presented to the group; Pam Gerdowsky seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried to accept the budget that was presented today to the group.

Chinese Auction: Lori Baxter informed the group that she would like the auction baskets brought to her ASAP on Wednesday of the convention. Each basket must come with itemized list of items & the cost of each that is in the basket. If your district brings a basket that is strictly for adults over 21, please label the basket that way. Lori will oversee counting of tickets & money as she did in 2019. Lori will have sign sheet where members can take turns being at the table at convention.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reports she has Christina Reef running for President, Anthony or Tammy Smith running for Vice President, Martha Biehl to remain as treasurer, Janet Matthews to remain as corresponding secretary, Lou Bartlow running for recording secretary, Judy Wirth running for chaplain, Suzie Lewis to remain as sergeant-at-arms.

Installation: Pam Gerdowsky reports ready for convention.

President's advisory: Nothing to report.

Bylaws: Carol Curl informed the group that Barbara Kerney had intended to submit a bylaw regarding voting age of a child in the organization & also a bylaw

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change about when annual dues are to be paid by. She informed the group that if any district would like to submit for either of these to please do so.

SOG: Joyce Nevill reports she is reviewing the minutes from the past to see when the change was made that any checks written under \$500 no longer needed 2 signatures. She wants to get this in the SOG's.

Chaplain's assistants: Judy Wirth reports the assistants will be participating in the memorial ceremony at convention.

Memorial throw: Carol Curl has the memorial throw for Barbara Kerney & will present it to Jack at convention.

New Business: President Carol Curl reports that thanks to Senate Bill #245 our Miss Flames can again sell raffle tickets no matter what their age is. Of course, they cannot buy them, but they can sell them to the crowd & that has always helped us make money in the past. Lou Bartlow brought up that when signing up new members to ensure that we are telling them to not make a child under the age of 18 as a beneficiary on the insurance. All beneficiaries need to be age 18 or older. Remind your members to review their beneficiaries that they have listed on their insurance, so they ensure they have who it is that they want. Christina Reef reports that she would like to make an updated membership form for the organization. One that is bigger in size & easier to write in the needed information. She will work on this and bring copy for all to see. The

fireproof cabinet was moved from Tammy Smith's house to Lou Bartlow's house & Christina explained to the group how difficult it was to get that moved. Lou Bartlow suggested that maybe that fireproof cabinet needs to remain at one destination instead of being moved from place to place. As the historian with all the organizational information it would be best to have historian have the fireproof cabinet. Phyllis Vargo has agreed to have the fireproof cabinet in her possession if someone can get it moved to her. Brandi from R.T. Insurance Company stopped in to see everyone & she will be attending the convention this year as Lona Huffman is not able to be there.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order? No one had anything to add. Chara Leaver made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Diana Stapleton seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed with prayer given by Judy Wirth, 11:23 a.m. meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

I.V.F.A.A
State Officer's Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2021
Radisson Hotel Louisville
North, Clarksville, IN

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth gave opening prayer for the meeting. Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Lou

Bartlow took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 22 officers and 6 members. Lou reports our membership has 39 departments, 544 paid by department, 161 individuals and 31 life members for a total of 775 members.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews was asked to read the minutes from the Thursday state officer's meeting from 6/13/2019 to the group. Beth Moon made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes & accept them as submitted, Anthony Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Minutes accepted as they were written & submitted.

Chaplain Judy Wirth informed the group of how the memorial service will be for those that have passed in 2020 & 2021 this evening. The associate chaplains will be assisting on the placing of the roses on the cross.

Treasurer Martha Biehl gave financial report to the group. No corrections or additions and is available for audit.

Vice President Christina Reef reports that 50/50 tickets are being sold, so far have sold \$166 worth. Tomorrow evening at the banquet the Miss Flames will be selling more tickets & we will draw for the winner at the closing of the banquet.

Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis informed the group that she can get magnetic district bars for \$15.00 each. Discussion was had about having the chairman's name on them as well as the district number. Beth Caudill made a motion that we, as organization only order the district bars with only the district number on them, no names of the chairman; Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion

carried. Suzie will order the magnetic district bars with district numbers only & if anyone is wanting one with their name on it, they will have to pay for it themselves. Suzie reports that she did pick up the Gold cards that were ordered in May.

President Carol Curl brought up to the group about the president's awards & was asking if they are something that the organization pays for or does the president pay for them? Discussion was had amongst the group. Carol informed group she would pay for the (2) that she will present this year, one for 2020 & one for 2021. Carol informed the group that Patty Fultz is the new District 21 chairman.

President Carol Curl called for committee reports; Lou Bartlow made a motion that the reports on the committees be put off until tomorrow; Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Betsy Howe did report that installation committee is ready & that the program has been shortened some. Janet Matthews informed the group that the Miss Flames will be making a presentation @ 4 p.m. today in the Dickens Room to the Jeffersonville Soup Kitchen, of the socks that they collected for their community service project. All are welcome to attend the presentation. The girls did a great job collecting socks.

Anthony Smith addressed the group & thanked Lou Bartlow for finishing out his wife, Tammy Smith's term as recording secretary. She did not have time with how her job changed with COVID & by Lou finishing out the term it helped him & his family alot.

President Carol Curl showed the group the memorial throw that was made in honor of Barbara Kerney & that she will be sending it to her family. She then asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order? Beverly Taylor made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Marie Emery seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chaplain Judy Wirth gave closing prayer to the group. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

I.V.F.A.A Convention
Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2021
Radisson Hotel Louisville
North, Clarksville, IN

President Carol Curl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain Judy Wirth opened meeting with prayer. Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow took roll call for the meeting and was answered by 47 members, no guests.

President Carol Curl congratulated the award winners from last night. Lois Boaz Award winners Beth Caudill for 2020 & Beverly Taylor for 2021. Miss Flame 2021 is Sydney Moon, District 9-A. Runner-up Miss Flame Tasha Wiseman, District 18.

Miss Flame contestants came to the meeting and were

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introduced to the group.

Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews was asked to read 2019 IVFAA convention minutes to the group. Anthony Smith made a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes & accept them as they were submitted; E.J. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes are accepted as submitted.

Treasurer report given by Martha Biehl. No corrections or additions, is subject to audit.

Motion made by Patti Fultz to suspend the bylaws for purpose of election, seconded by Phyllis Vargo. All in favor, motion carried. President Carol Curl informed the group that the door will be locked during the elections and no one will be able to enter or exit the room until elections are completed.

Nominations for offices conducted by Carolyn Zeeks, she announced there are 47 voting members in the room.

President - Christina Reef slated, Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Christina Reef as President.

Vice President - Tammy Smith & Anthony Smith slated. Tammy Smith spoke & withdrew herself from the slate. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor. Judy Wirth nominated E.J. Smith from the floor, she accepted the nomination & addressed the group. Anthony Smith spoke & withdrew himself from the slate. Nominations offered from the

floor. June Cahill nominated Dawn Harris from the floor, she accepted & addressed the group. Nominations offered from the floor, no further nominations. Election conducted & counted; Vice President is E.J. Smith.

Recording Secretary - Lou Bartlow slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor. June Cahill nominated Beverly Vanlandingham from the floor, she accepted the nomination & addressed the group. Nominations offered from the floor x 2, no further nominations. Election conducted & counted; Recording Secretary is Beverly Vanlandingham.

Corresponding Secretary - Janet Matthews slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Janet Matthews as Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer - Martha Biehl slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Martha Biehl as Treasurer.

Chaplain - Judy Wirth slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Judy Wirth as Chaplain.

Sergeant at Arms - Suzie Lewis slated. Carolyn Zeeks offered nominations from the floor x 3. No floor nominations, Recording Secretary Lou Bartlow cast one unanimous vote for Suzie Lewis as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Carolyn Zeeks thanked her committee for their help during the

elections today.

Betsy Howe and Pam Gerdowsky conducted the installation of IVFAA officers for 2021-2022.

Kathy Smith made a motion for meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Kay Shumaker. All in favor, motion carried.

Chaplain Judy Wirth gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by President Carol Curl.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I attended the annual IVFA 75th Convention June 9 -11 at Clarksville, IN.

Thank you to Districts 14 -16 for hosting the Convention.

We were unable to have the IVFA Convention in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic. I would like to congratulate the 2020 winners: Mr. IVFA Steve Anderson, Lois Boaz - Beth Caudill, Miriam Schaeckel - Phyllis Vargo.

I would like to congratulate the 2021 winners. Mr. IVFA - Pete Taylor, Lois Boaz - Bev Taylor, Miriam Schaeckel - Eula Bush, Angel Award - Rachel Bussey, Flame Sydney Moon - District 9A, 2021 Miss Flame runner-up Tasha Wiseman - District 18, Miss Congeniality Mady Reeder - District 13B, Mary Mackin Essay Winners, Mady Shumaker - District 5, Cheyanne Rolston - District 4.

I would like to say Thank You to the Miss Flames on a job well done. Their community project this year was to collect men's, women's socks for the Jefferson Kitchen Center.

Our next District 6 meeting will be July 27th at Ligonier Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend the District meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at cell 260-413-3040, or e-mail me at EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith
District 6 IVFAA Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,
Wow! What a 75th convention we had in June. We are still reeling from all the excitement. Getting the Lois Boaz Memorial Award

was totally a surprise. With that being said it was a bigger surprise that our kids were there! Amy and Matt came from Texas to surprise us and our son Jim was there also. What a treat! I want to thank everyone that wrote letters for me. I have my award on the wall next to Pete's Mr. IVFA award. It looks perfect. Thanks again, I am so honored.

The weather is hot and the flowers are growing great. Everything looks so pretty. Enjoy it while you can.

We have attended some fish fries; drive-thru mostly. It's good things are beginning to get back to halfway normal.

Our next district meeting will be at Otto Creek Station 1 on July 18, 2021 in Terre Haute. I would like to see more people come out to district meetings. This is where you hear what the state is planning and all the changes can be heard. We will be looking for you.

If you have any functions coming up, please put them on the website, we check it often.

If you need or want anything that I can help with, contact me at 812-448-3232 or e-mail at vburen10@gmail.com.

Until next time,
Don't forget dues are due July 1st.
Stay safe.

Beverly Taylor
Chairman 11A

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Judy Wirth - Chairman

Hello to all and happy summer! Congratulations to all who won awards at Convention.

Now that we have more freedom from all the restrictions from Covid 19, hope everyone will be able to get out and fellowship at all fire departments' functions and events. It is great to be able to visit with the folks in the communities we serve.

District 14 will meet at Dupont Fire Company on Thursday, July 15.

Take care and hope to see you soon.

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THANK YOU!!

IVFAA President

Christina Reef



Hello my fellow I.V.F.A.A. members,

I hope you all had a great 4th of July holiday.

It was wonderful to see you all at the May quarterly meeting and the state convention. Hopefully, we are headed in the direction of things being back to normal again.

As some of you know we have some new line officers this year, EJ Smith is your new Vice President, Bev Vanlandingham is your new Recording Secretary and I am the new President. We also have a few new district chairmen: Kimberly Smith - District 6, Kristy Bisel - District 7, JoAnn Smith - District 14 and Patti Fultz - District 21.

I look forward to working with everyone this year. My biggest goal this year is for us to continue and finish the project of reviewing and updating our Bylaws and Standard Operation Guidelines. I have put together a large committee for helping us make this happen.

Another goal this year is building fellowship. I would like for a District or two to take a Saturday at our quarterly meeting and come up with something for us to do to help build the fellowship of our organization. I think this will be a great way for new members to get to know the older members.

I am in the process of creating the committee assignments now and will have those at the August meeting. I would like to ask you all to please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the calendar or on the I.V.F.A.A. community Facebook page. This will not only help me know when your meeting is but will also let others know in your surrounding areas.

As I said before I look forward to working with you all in the next coming year. I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful rest of the summer.

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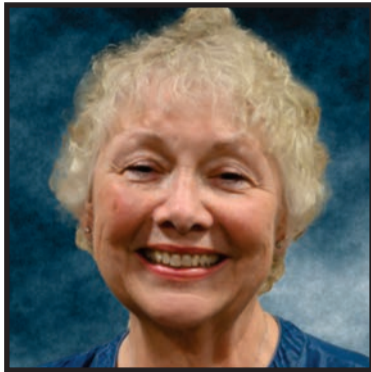
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IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



I would like to take this time to say Thank You to the state membership.

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Thank you for support, phone calls, leaving food on the door step, cards, love, and prayers that all of you passed along during this difficult time to your family, neighbors, friends, acquaintances, or even strangers. Thank you for the time you spend supporting all fire companies/departments.

Sometimes those 2 simple words are not spoken enough, but mean so much to someone who NEEDS to hear it. So Thank You!

When was the last time you thanked our Heavenly Father for all HE does for you?

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE / Gerald Sprague, district chairman



MacQueen Award winner



Tyler Terry, Chief at Stroh Volunteer Fire Department was presented the MacQueen Award by District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague, Co-Chairman Mack Grobis and PRNE Jean Smith. Congratulations Tyler!

10 year pin awarded



Jerry Sprague presented Neil Taylor, Lagrange Fire Department, his 10 year IVFA service pin along with Jean Smith PRNE and Mack Grobis, co-chairman.

25 year pin awarded



Jerry Sprague presented John Gilmore, Lagrange Fire Department, his 25 year IVFA service pin along with Jean Smith, PRNE and Mack Grobis, co-chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Amy Grannan, Administrative Assistant, Lafayette Twp. FD / Rex Maynard, chairman



25 year service pin awarded

Korey Hughes, Lieutenant of Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department receives his 25 year pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department new Engine 12. They purchased it from the Montezuma Fire Department in Montezuma, Ohio. It is a 2000 IH KME fire engine. It has a 1500 gpm pump and a 1000 gallon water tank. It also came with a full compliment of fire hose including 1 3/4" hose and Nozzles, 2 1/2" hose, and 5' supply hose. It also included some miscellaneous equipment including floating strainer, negative pressure fans, and stream light box lights.

Presented by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Area fire departments hold training



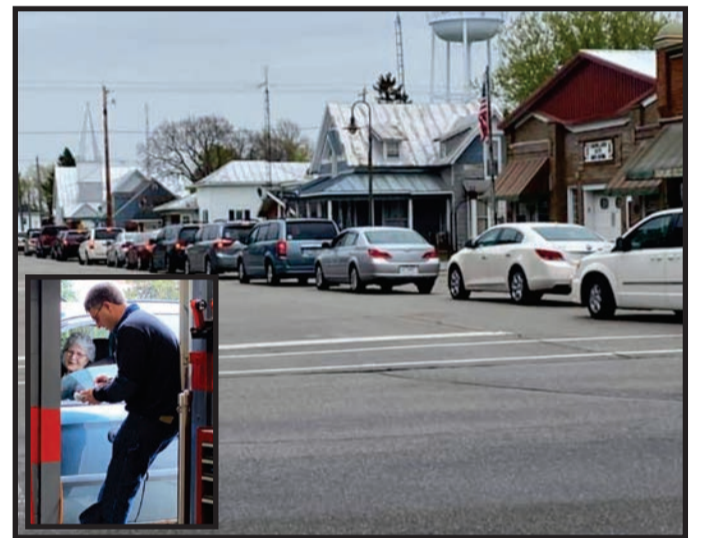
Members of the Lynn, Williansburg, Winchester, Modoc and the Farmland Fire Departments had training on ground ladders, ventilation, and forcible entry during Firefighter 1 class.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman



Lynn Volunteer Fire Department's new fire truck



MacQueen award winner



Carl "Rich" Imel from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was awarded the MacQueen Excellence award at the convention. Congratulations Rich!!

Pennville VFD



Pictured from left to right are Sean Whitcomb from the Pennville VFD, Carl "Rich" Imel from the Pennville VFD, Haley Armstrong, District 8B Miss Flame, Jimmy Pennington from the Pennville VFD, and Mikey Armstrong from the Pennville VFD.

District 8A Miss Flame



(Photo on left) - Pictured from left to right is Randy Coleman from the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department, Hayley Armstrong, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B Chairman. (Photo on right) Randy Coleman from the Bryant Volunteer Fire escorted District 8B Miss Flame Haley Armstrong to the opening meeting at the convention.



(Pictured below) - District 8B's Miss Flame Haley Armstrong from the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department having fun at the auction for the burn camp at the convention.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

– Compliments of Fire Chief Kenny Haun and submitted by LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler / Randy Denton, chairman



The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department held a 125th year celebration on May 8, at the firehouse.

A quasiquicentennial to remember *Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 125 years of service*

By HARLEY TOMLINSON, Rensselaer Republican - harley@rensselaerrepublican.com

May 14, 2021

RENSELAEER – Rensselaer’s fire department has come a long way since the days of leather buckets, rubber boots and fire wagons pulled by horses. Those were the items necessary for the first fire departments – known in the 1860s as the Rensselaer Fire Company and later as the E.D. Rhoades Hook and Ladder Brigade – to battle blazes in the still-developing small town of

Rensselaer.

But one thing has remained constant in the department’s nearly two centuries of existence: the fierce dedication and devotion of its volunteer firefighters.

On Saturday, May 8, those volunteers – considered the backbone of any fire department – were recognized by state officials, Mayor Steve Wood and city fire chief Kenny Haun during RVFD’s 125th year celebration just outside the main entrance of the firehouse.

After Maddy Anderson provided the National Anthem, Caden Roberts, the young son of firefighter Brandon Roberts, offered his thanks to the firefighters for their tireless work in keeping the city safe. He talked briefly of incidents that put lives in danger, from the courthouse fire in 1864 to downtown fires to a train derailment just a few years ago.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Joel Thacker, who was appointed in his position by Gov. Eric Holcomb, was on hand to read a message from the Governor before presenting an Indiana Fire Marshal’s meritorious service medal to Haun and his crew.

“As one of the oldest continuous volunteer departments in Indiana, this is a momentous occasion,” Holcomb said. “Every day we recognize the sacrifices men and women make and proudly serve our state to ensure the safety of all Hoosiers. Your unrivaled commitment, work ethic and passion have played a vital role in Rensselaer and surrounding communities. Indiana is relying on Hoosiers like you. Thank you all for your service and again congratulations on the 125th year anniversary of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department.”

The inscription on the state Fire Marshal’s medal to the department says, “Presented to the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department for their 125 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Rensselaer, Jasper County and the great state of Indiana.”

In his speech, Haun honored the heroism of volunteer firefighters from the time the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department became official by city decree in 1896 to now.

“It took generations of dedicated members to give up time from their families, miss milestones of their children’s growth and countless hours of no sleep,” he said. “With that said I believe heartache leads us to be stronger and better.” “These are the guys that make it happen, not just me,” Haun said prior to delivering his speech.

Haun relayed 125 years of highlights in his speech, giving an audience of 50 or more a quick timeline of challenges and benchmarks the department encountered over the past century-plus.

The main hall inside the firehouse, which was dedicated in 2016, has a timeline highlighting important events of the RVFD displayed on its wall.

Also in attendance were representatives from Rep. Doug Gutwein’s office as well as the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, who offered their congratulations to the RVFD.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– Submitted by John Ray, district chairman



25 year service pin awarded



Hartsville firefighter, Stephen Pumphrey receiving his 25 year pin from District 10 Chair, John Ray, at the May District meeting.



50 year Gold card presented

John Tumulty receives his 50 year Gold card from Marshal Thacker.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

– Submitted by Pete Taylor, district chairman



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50 year Gold cards awarded



James Rupp received his 50 year Gold card on May 18, 2021 at Clay City Fire Department. (Left) James Rupp and (right) Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.



Don Meek received his 50 year Gold card on May 6, 2021 at Cataract Fire Department. (Left) Don Meek and (right) Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.

25 year pins awarded



James Monroe received his 25 year pin on June 21st at the Turman T.W.P. Fire Department.



Michael Lizesay received his 25 year pin on May 6, 2021 in Cataract Fire Department. (Left) Michael Lizesay and (right) Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.

MacQueen winner



Cody Barnard received the MacQueen Excellence Award at the convention on June 11, 2021. (Left) official presenter and (right) Pete Taylor, District 11A chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-B

– Submitted by Jason Ryan, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded to members



Chairman Jason Ryan (left), Corey Brown, 10 year pin, New Market Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.



Chairman Jason Ryan (left), Derek Williams, 10 year pin, New Market Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.



Dale Fivecoat - 25 year pin, Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (left), Chairman Jason Ryan (right).



(Photo on left) – Lee Price, 25 year pin, Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (left), Chairman Jason Ryan (right).



(Photo on right) – Chad Mize (10 year pin), Michael Mazura (25 year pin), Chairman Jason Ryan, Brian Strohm (25 year pin), Kevin Nickels (10 year pin) and Marshal Spencer (10 year pin) -- All members of the Helt Fire and Rescue – Left to Right.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 12

– Submitted by Larry Curl, district chairman ~ Photos by Chara Leaver



25 year pins awarded
(Photo on left) – Jim Leaver receives his 25 year pin.
(Photo on right) – Tim Williams receives his 25 year pin.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

– Submitted by Nancy Cushman - Jason Greene, district chairman

Dunreith VFD members receive pins

On March 9th, Don Cushman ECPR and Jason Greene, District 13A Chairman, presented the following 10 and 25 year service pins to members of the Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department:

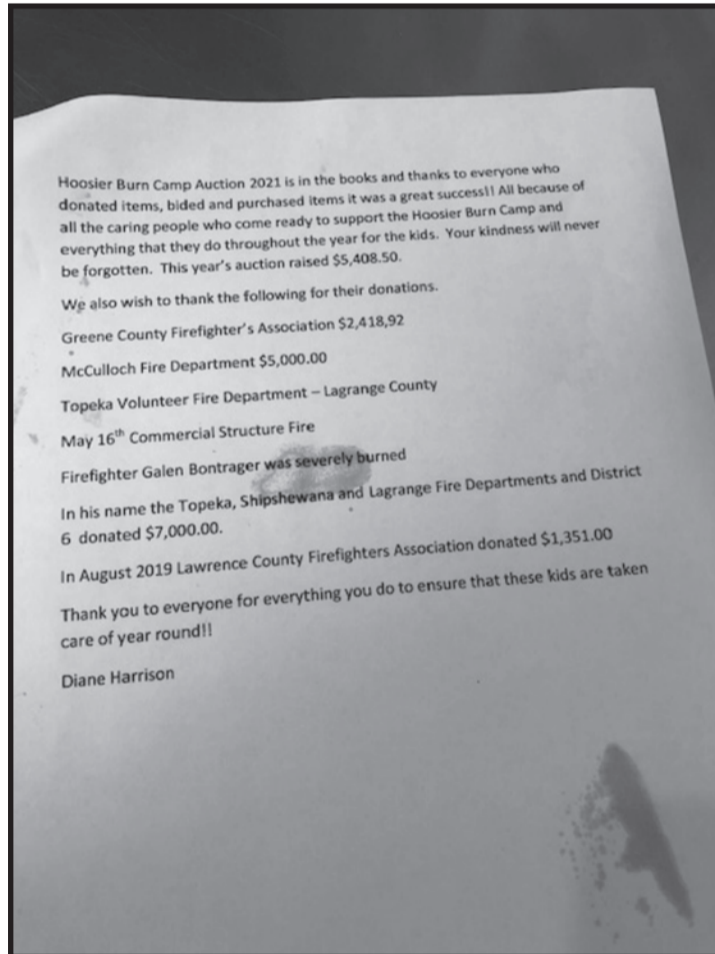


- 10 year pin: Howard Thorman
- 25 year pins: Joe McIntosh
 Steve Wilkerson
 Jason Greene

Sutherlin awarded MacQueen Excellence Award for 2020



On March 9th, Don Cushman ECPR, presented the district's 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award to Dave Sutherlin.



2021 Hoosier Burn Camp auction a success!

(submitted by Diane Harrison)



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

- Submitted by Nancy Cushman - Jason Greene, district chairman

Ten and twenty-five year pins awarded in district



On March 4th, Don Cushman ECPR presented 10 year pins to the following members of the Ingalls Volunteer Fire Department:

- Linda Schraedter
- Seth Smith
- Jeffrey Wilson



On February 11th, Don Cushman ECPR presented the following service pins to members of the Kennard Fire Department:

10 year pin:
25 year pins:

- Mickey Cole
- James Booth and Ron Huffman

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

- submitted by Jeff Biehl, district chairman



Everton FD awards banquet

(Photo at right) - Everton FD Firefighter of Year Award was presented to John Staples by Dred Roach.



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Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
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Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
Pemberton, Cean L.	Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.	Victoria	TX
Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Rickard, Bradley Edward	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brazil	IN
Robbins, Brett Allen	Concord Twp. Fire Dept.	St. Joe	IN
Rodgers, Travis Gene	Jackson TWP. Vol. Fire Dept.	Kingman	IN
Rohr, Heath	Helt Fire & Rescue	APO	AE
Schnebelt, Saben	Hogan Twp. Fire Dept. Co. 1	Lawrenceburg	IN
Scudder, Darin Ray	Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Rising Sun	IN
Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
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Skaggs, Andrew Thomas	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Marrero	LA
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Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Williams, Clayton D.	Georgetown Vol. Fire Dept.	Logansport	IN
Willis, Emmanuel Syphen	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #71	Merrillville	IN
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

- submitted by Jeff Biehl, district chairman



Bentonville Fire Dept. members recently honored

Bentonville Fire Dept - 4 members receive 50 year Gold cards, pins, House Resolutions from the IVFA & Meritorious Service Medals from State Fire Marshal's Office.

(Seated left to right) - James McElfresh, David Eakins, Dennis Summan, Paul Ripberger.

(Standing left to right) - Jeff Biehl - 13B chairman, David Israel - IVFA President, Wade Walling, representing the State Marshal's office & Chad Ripberger, Fire Chief.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



Western Fire Co. #3 hosts fish fry



50 year Gold card and pin awarded



50 year Gold card and pin were presented by District 14 chairman Rick Cannon to Paul Carlow of Western Fire Company #3.

New Washington awards handed out



New Washington 50 year Gold cards and 10 year pins were awarded to fire members.



IVFA trailer travels to fish fry

IVFA trailer at the Dupont Landcaster fish fry

New brush truck for Tri Township

Pictured is Tri Township Fire Department's new brush truck.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



2020 Ollie Sandburg Award winner

Pictured – Willie Stoffragen and his family with the 2020 Ollie Sandburg Award



2021 MISS FLAMES AND THEIR SPONSOR – Pictured are all of the Miss Flames with Charlie Moon from C and C Fire Protection, the 2021 Miss Flame outing sponsor.

Leo Canfield recipient of the I.F.D. Public Safety Service Commendation



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November deadline: October 5, 2021

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- Submitted by Rick Cannon, district chairman



2021 Madison Regatta Waterball champions

Pictures of the Madison Waterball ... Fair Play Fire Company #1 beat Washington Fire Company #2 in the championship round. North Madison Volunteer Fire Company #5 beat Clifty Fire Company #6 for the third place trophy. Yellow helmets are FPFC#1.

In the group picture, from left to right: Katie Napier, Jonathan Barnes, Burke Jones, John Knoebel, Gabe Hemmer, John Atkinson and Jesse Plummer.

Washington Fire Company #2 won in 2019 and there was no event in 2020 due to the pandemic. Fair Play Fire Company #1 has dominated recently by winning this event in 2012 through 2018 via the strong performance of lead nozzleman, Burke Jones. Prior to 2012, the 2's dominated (decades) based upon Jamie Edwards as the lead nozzleman for the 2's. This event happens every year (typically) and helps kick off the week long activities of the Madison Regatta that is held around July 4th.

(submitted by) Dave Snodgrass - Captain Fair Play Fire Company #1



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

- Submitted by John Gott, district chairman



Miller 2020 MacQueen Award winner



William "Bill" Miller of Elizabeth, IN was recently awarded the 2020 MacQueen Excellence Award from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. The 2020 awards presentations were postponed due to COVID 19 as the 2020 convention was canceled.

During the Elizabeth, Indiana Memorial Day celebration, William "Bill" Miller was presented with the District 16 MacQueen Excellence Award. Bill is a founding member of the Elizabeth VFD who has served in nearly every capacity on the department over the course of his more than 60 year career in the fire service. He has

given much of his time to better his community and help his neighbors.

Congratulations Bill and thank you for your service to the citizens of Elizabeth and Harrison County. District 16 is proud of you!

2021 Miss Flame

Allysen Armstrong of Leavenworth, IN represented District 16 as the 2020/21 Miss Flame! She competed against other contestants from the 21 districts throughout the state. Although she was not chosen as the state winner, we are very proud to have her represent District 16 for 2020/21. She is the daughter of Greg and Ashley Armstrong and is sponsored by the Leavenworth VFD.

Allysen also participated in a fundraiser and collected over 1,000 pairs of socks for the Jefferson Community Kitchen.

She and District 16 Chairman, John Gott took 2nd place in the dance competition Allysen will be traveling throughout the district in the upcoming months attending events hosted by local fire departments.



November deadline is October 5, 2021

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

– submitted by Sam Emery, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five pins awarded to members



ELNORA VFD 10 YEAR PINS – Daniel Keith, Gary Keith, Cory Parsons, Joseph Hastzings with Chief Robin Dove looking on.



ELNORA VFD 25 YEAR PINS – Members receive their 25 year pins. Left to right – Chief Robin Dove, Tom Nugent and Jerry Beck.

Cooks and servers at the Plainville VFD fundraiser



Schafer awarded 50 year Gold card



Plainville VFD member Harold "Gene" Schafer receives his 50 year Gold card.

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Daughters of Gene Schafer and members of the Plainville VFD help him celebrate his 50 year Gold card.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John C. Smith, district chairman



Ten and twenty-five pins awarded to members



At the 22 February 2021 meeting of the Luce Fire Territory, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented two members with the IVFA years of service pins. Pictured receiving the 10 year pin is LFT Firefighter Jacob Lauer. Pictured receiving the 25 year pin is LFT Firefighter Evan Young.



At the February meeting of the Schnellville VFD, Colton Hasenour was presented the IVFA 10 year service pin.



Andy Blanton of the Lost River VFD is pictured receiving his 10 year service pin from the IVFA.



At the February meeting of the Jasper VFD, two members were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin. Pictured are Jasper Firefighters Charles Kreilein and Ryan Wagner.



At the 11 March meeting of the English VFD, District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith presented the IVFA 10 year service pin to two of its members. Pictured receiving the award are EVFD Firefighters Aaron Bye and Claude Cox. Also receiving the award, but not present were EVFD Firefighters Jared Brown and Joe Schwartz.



At the meeting of the Celestine VFD of 24 January. Jason Verkamp was presented with the IVFA 25 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.



Schnellville Firefighter Receives Gold Card

On Sunday 27 June the Schnellville VFD hosted an Open House and pancake breakfast in honor of James "Jim" Verkamp. After 50 years of service to the Department and community, Verkamp announced his "stepping down" but, only as the Department's Assistant Chief.

Verkamp said, "I figured I'd let the younger ones take care of it. I'll help out whenever I can. I'm not going to give it up yet"!

Joining the Department in 1971 he, as many do in the Volunteer Fire Service, "started a family tradition" according to Verkamp. One son, two brothers and cousins serve on the Department as well as several cousins that serve on neighboring departments.

More than 100 members of the community turned out for the event. Verkamp was presented with a plaque from the Schnellville VFD honoring his service. District 18 Chairman Smith presented him with the IVFA 50 year pin and Gold Card. Pictured with Jim and his wife Mary, are SVFD Fire Chief Mark Fischer (far right) and District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith (far left).



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John C. Smith, district chairman



Kessans honored with Gold card

At the meeting of 3 June of the Tell City VFD, Dennis Kessans was presented the 50 year pin and Gold card by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Ben Sieverding, district chairman



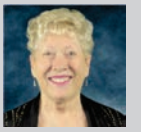
Fifty year Gold card awarded to Covington

50 year Gold card awarded to Don Covington, East Enterprise VFD.
(Pictured left to right:) East Enterprise VFD Chief Jeff Darling, 50 year member Don Covington, IVFA state President David Israel, District 19 Chairman Ben Sieverding.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Pam Gerdowsky, district chairman



Fifty year members awarded Gold cards



Pictured are the 50 year Gold Card members from Sunman Auxiliary. (Left to right) : Wanda Retzner - Elaine Weber - Marilyn Smith - former 50 year member, Viola Bruns - and District 19 Chairman, Pam Gerdowsky.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

– submitted by Jerry Liston, IVFA vice president ~ Lewis (Ed) Watson, district chairman



Recipient of Golden Spatula Award



Perry Martin of Sheffield Volunteer Fire Department accepting the Golden Spatula Award from Hoosier Burn Camp Executive Director Mark Koopman at the District 21 meeting in May 2021. This award was presented to Martin for his services to the Hoosier Burn Camp over the last twenty years. (Picture provided by Vice President Jerry Liston.)

**November deadline is
October 5, 2021**

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I.V.F.A. Benefits “ANGEL” Award

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year

THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient’s honor.

Trophy – Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

*There have been times
When you didn't have any time
And yet you took the time.
There have been times
When you had enough cares
Of your own,
And yet you still cared.
There have been times
When you had given
All you could give,
And yet, you kept on giving.
Thank you.*

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:
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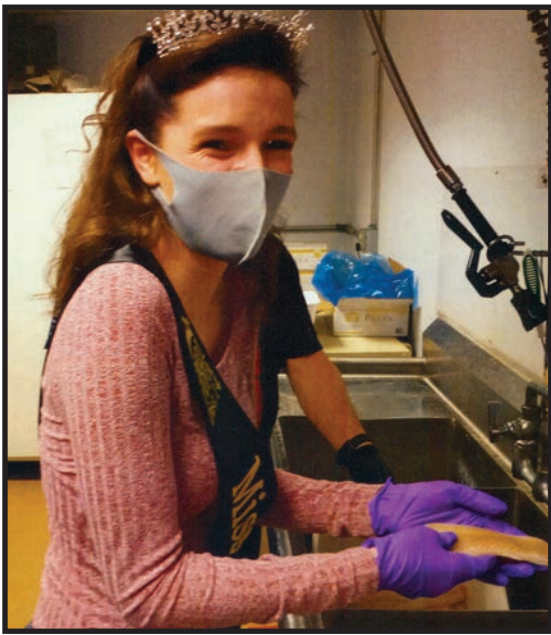
Fish fries held throughout District 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

DuPont fish fry



District 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon helping the Dupont Fire Department ladies at their bake sale.



District 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon at the Dupont fish fry doing what all District 14 Miss Flames have to do is to hold raw fish!



District 14 Miss Flame Reese Cannon with District 14 chairman Rick Cannon, vice chairman Charlie Heishman and secretary and treasurer Richie Cannon.

Miss Flame Reese Cannon with Dupont fire chief George Canfield.



North Vernon Fire Department IVFA meeting.



Vernon Fire Department ladies cooking the meeting meal.

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Perhaps you know someone who has asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, pneumonia or allergies. They'll tell you how smoke makes breathing especially difficult. Older people, those with lung problems, and pregnant or nursing women may suffer more serious health effects than other adults.

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Man who originally installed pump on Carmel fire engine helps lower it back in place



(Above) Phil Shreves helps lower the restored pump to the chassis. (Photo by Ann Marie Shambaugh)



(Article submitted from LeMoyne 'Buz' Koehler and re-printed with permission from the Carmel Fire Department / Gary Dufek.) - Article by Ann Marie Shambaugh - April 21, 2021.

The Carmel Fire Dept. held a ceremony April 21 at its maintenance facility to place the pump on a 1960 Ford C850 fire truck that is in the process of being restored. The old Engine One was originally built for CFD and was in service from 1960 until the early 1980s.

CFD invited Phil Shreves and his son, Steve Shreves, to help lower the pump into place. Phil, 87, placed the original pump on the fire engine as a young employee at Howe Fire Apparatus in Anderson. Steve joined the company in 1975.

Phil and Steve helped found Manifold & Shreves Emergency Vehicle Sales and Service in 1979 after the Howe plant closed. Manifold & Shreves refurbished the truck in the early 1980s before it was sold to the Fishers Fire Dept. and has provided apparatus and service to CFD since then. Steve also has helped with research to help restore the engine.

CFD rediscovered the truck in a Kentucky junkyard in 2017. After restoration, which is projected to be complete in 2022, the engine is expected to be stored and displayed at a five-story building under construction on Veterans Way that will house CFD headquarters, a museum, community gathering space and the Survive Alive Village experience for children.

Learn more about the restoration project, which is aiming for completion in 2022, or make a donation at gofundme.com/f/old-engine-one-restoration.

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese - Chairman

District 1 & 2 IVFA Meeting
May 19, 2021
Kouts VFD, Kouts, IN

Pledge led by Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist. Thanked Kouts VFD for hosting meeting.

Guests: Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist; Jerry Liston, IVFA VP; Lorelei Seip, California Casualty Insurance Co.; District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese.

Meeting commenced at 7:32 p.m. 15 members in attendance.

Lorelei from California Casualty said her company is endorsed by the IVFA and offers special rates to our members. Talked about other offers and different plans available.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist: said 6 or 7 bills were passed concerning the IVFA. Bill #1032 - new home safety devices, Bill #1065 - Fire Protection territories, Bill #1115 - interfering with public safety, Bill #1201 - Emergency transportation of canine unit in ambulance, Bill #1230 - Safe Haven 911 bill for newborn babies, Bill #1270 Homeland Security bill - covers fire chiefs executive

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

training programs, 40 hour course. Lawsuits running wild.

Ivy Tech Program: 2 year program available. Hope to extend program for another year. Purdue Global getting involved, can get a degree at a reduced cost.

Indiana next level jobs program, 6 categories. Need to create a benefits program for the volunteers.

American Rescue Plan for Infrastructure, new equipment.

Legislators working on VF pension package through Township Trustees.

Jerry Liston, IVFA VP: FEMA reimbursement for expenses related to COVID supplies. Pay for fuel for designated COVID 19 vehicle.

Dues packets are out. Check address and beneficiaries. July 31 dues are due. If you receive a questionnaire from American Income Life, you do not need to return it.

All forms, meeting dates and any questions concerning the IVFA is available on the website.

Clothing claims limited to \$100. \$150 for eyeglasses.

Cellphones are not covered.

Awards nominations are due by February 1st, Bridgeport Scholarship applications due by March 1st.

District Awards are due by February 1st.

Convention June 9-11 in Clarksville.

Old business: None.

New business: None.

Have had many deaths during the COVID period. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

Announcements: Keener Twp. VFD fish fry at American Legion on June 4.

CPFR golf outing June 12.

Next meeting: July 221 at Merrillville VFD.

Notes by Bob Szot, submitted by Paul Watland, District 2, Chairman



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