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Nickels Ousted, Mallahan Endorsed

Local 27 has endorsed Joe Mallahan for Mayor of Seattle. Mayor Greg Nickels did not make it through the Primary Election leaving Joe Mallahan and Mike McGinn in the race for Mayor of Seattle. The City of Seattle and the Seattle Fire Department need strong, competent leadership to be successful in the near term as we face the challenges ahead. We need an individual who has the right priorities, listens and works cooperatively, and makes the right decisions. Joe Mallahan is that man. Joe has clearly outlined his support for issues important to fire fighters, and his record of accomplishment speaks for itself.

Through our endorsement process we have gotten to know Joe fairly well and we like him. He's a good guy. But more importantly, we are confident that he will be a good Mayor.

Joe Mallahan will make public safety a priority and keep citizens safe. He will provide fire fighters with the resources they need to do their jobs. Joe will ensure that fire fighters and police officers injured in the line of duty will be taken care of properly and with dignity. Joe is the 7th of 9 children and grew up with working class values. He understands that Seattle must maintain and attract family wage jobs, and at the same time address the financial challenges facing our city.

Joe has the skill, experience, and ability to lead Seattle as Executive. Joe Mallahan is the right choice for public safety and for Seattle.

Joe will need our support to ensure victory in November. All members are encouraged to get involved in this campaign. Public safety and the safety and security of



you and your family are on the line. Check the Local 27 website for ways to get involved and help Joe Mallahan become the next Mayor of Seattle .

Document to Protect Yourself

by Dallas Baker

Whether it is training, trades, overtime, inspections, or EMS responses, just about everything we do in our business gets documented. We are taught that if it isn't written down or documented then it didn't happen. It is this same approach that we need to follow to protect ourselves when it comes to exposures as well.

The department has given us the tools; we just need to use what has been provided. I will cover the steps for documenting an injury or exposure—if it's been a while since you've had to go through this, it is a good review.

All members who have had a reportable exposure are advised to submit a Form 78. Also, you are advised to make an entry in the station copy of your annual Form 407. This will serve to document your exposure in case you need to file an occupational claim in the future. Additionally, if you are exposed to a body substance, which means there is contact with skin that is not intact or mucous membrane, you must fill out a Form 172 so the department can follow up by testing the patient for any communicable diseases.

Another important step in the documentation is to file an

occupational claim by completing an SIF2. By doing this you not only document your exposure in the department's records, it is also documented in the City's Workers Compensation system. If you become symptomatic this will make filing a claim related to the exposure easier as the City will have a record of your exposure.

This is not an overly complicated process, but the department's Disability Officer, Lt. Lindstrom, is an excellent resource if you need support. In addition to Lt. Lindstrom, there are resources on the Department's O: drive and there is also a link on Disability page of the Local 27 website. If you click on "Union Info" then "Disability" you will find disability forms and flow charts that are very helpful. It is important to follow these steps if you experience an exposure; the documentation will serve you well if it ever becomes necessary.

Local 27 Elections 2009 General Election Results:

2nd Vice President - Aaron Karls

Treasurer - Steve Borgstrom

Director - Dave Churchill

Welfare Trustees -

Jeff Milton, Chris Robinson

All offices are 3 year terms.

Thank you to the members who participated by voting.

Special Events Overtime Opportunities

Fire Fighters can check for overtime opportunities on the Department In-Web. From the home page go to: EMS Corner/Medic One SharePoint/(current month) Events. These events go to Paramedics but can be made available to Fire Fighters. Of course there is no guarantee that you will get hired but now you can check the schedule and sign up for specials on the dates of those events.

These events will typically be posted by the 20th of the preceding month.

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Miscellaneous Musings from Dave's Universe

An Editorial Opinion!
BY DAVE PEERY



Luther's daughter, Charlotte St. Peter, receives a folded flag from the Honor Guard.



A face to go with the name!

Luther Dean Bonner, killed in the line of duty on February 19th, 1943, at last was honored with the placement of an appropriate marker for his grave..



The marker now in place at last! Luther's daughter placed his hat badge on the marker to see how it looked. The maltese cross etched into the marker will later be replaced by a bronze casting to match those of other fire fighters' markers in the same section of the cemetery.



Luther's daughter Charlotte (center) with Bob Johnson's daughter Phyllis Munson (r) and son, Robert A. Johnson (l).

Robert S. Johnson, a Seattle Fire Fighter from 1941 to 1967, was the man who talked Luther Bonner into joining the SFD in 1942. Bob was Luther's wife's second cousin.

Robert Johnson was a longtime proponent of training Seattle Fire Fighters in the use of first-aid. He worked with Fire Chief Gordon Vickery to begin the program that later became our Medic One system.

While a bit unusual to have two services, the circumstances surrounding Luther's death at such a young age and during such troubled times convinced us that this was a very appropriate honor. Luther's daughter was not yet two years old when her father died and this simple service and the placement of a headstone served to bring closure. Luther's widow, Priscilla, and daughter Charlotte had tried to find Luther's plot at Washelli a few years ago and were unable to locate it because there was no marker.

Sadly, Priscilla passed away two years ago. The placement of the marker brought Charlotte comfort that the site can now be found when family choose to visit the site again.

The expense of the marker was graciously borne by Evergreen Washelli thanks to the interest and efforts of Division Manager Steve Maynock.



The Pipes and Drums and the Honor Guard provided an appropriate air of solemnity and respect for the event. The family was so appreciative of the care and attention to detail shown by all who participated that Luther's daughter sent a letter of appreciation and a generous donation to Seattle's Bravest Charity.

In Memory: Wayne Larkin

With an obituary over 12 inches long in the Seattle Times, you know the recently departed person left quite a mark in the world. That certainly defines Wayne D. Larkin. Wayne was born April 25th, 1927 and passed away on September 3rd, 2009.



Besides family and friends, Wayne leaves behind a city that felt the positive impact of his time here. Wayne served as both a Seattle Fire Fighter and a Seattle Police Officer. He worked at Station 17, Ladder 9 in the University. He served with the SFD from 1947 to 1952. He joined the SPD in 1952 and spent many years there, becoming a highly respected officer with a solid grasp of the duties and the challenges facing the City during increasingly turbulent times. In 1969 he ran for the position of City councilmember and won. In that position Mr. Larkin's police and fire background gave him a solid basis of knowledge regarding the issues facing the City and used that knowledge to help shepherd the Council and Mayor through trying times.

Mr. Larkin was also instrumental in the birth to our 911 Medic program. Mr. Larkin's legacy included the establishment of a Police K-9 unit. He was a strong advocate for the Muscular Dystrophy program that Seattle Fire Fighters still participate in and support to this day.

His impact was broad and deep. He was rated by Seattle Times readers as "One of the 150 Most Influential People in Seattle/King County History."

Wayne Larkin was truly a man who learned valuable lessons at every step of his journey through life and used those lessons to help improve the lives of those he worked with and for. His legacy was well earned and well deserved. Seattle Fire Fighters were fortunate to have had him as a colleague and as an advocate.

Local 27 PAC Candidate Endorsements

City of Seattle

Seattle City Mayor

Joe Mallahan

Seattle City Council

Position 4

Sally Bagshaw

Position 6

Jessie Israel

Position 8

Robert Rosencrantz

Washington State Local Races

Tacoma City Council

Keven Rojecki

Bellevue School Board

Patti Mann

Lynden City Council

Greg Penner

North Highline Fire

District Commissioner

Ray Austin

King County

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President's Report

by *Kenny Stuart*

Brothers and Sisters, **Mayor Greg Nickels** has ended an eight-year run at City Hall after losing in the Primary Election. During Nickels' tenure we achieved 4-person staffing; the Fire Levy was conceived and passed so that many fire stations are being rebuilt or remodeled; and the fire department was properly protected in the midst of the current economic downturn. I would like to thank Greg Nickels and his staff for their service to Seattle and their efforts on behalf of Seattle Fire Fighters. Looking forward, **Local 27 has endorsed Joe Mallahan for Mayor** and we intend to ensure his victory at the polls in November. Joe has a demonstrated record of achievement in management and is known for bringing people together to solve tough problems. The Seattle Police Officers Guild joins us in supporting Joe, and we are confident that the rest of labor and the majority of citizens will too. Local 27 sponsored breakfast at McCoy's and held a **Press Conference announcing our endorsement** of Joe Mallahan on September 1st at the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. I want to thank the 70 fire

fighters that attended and Crystal for help. It was a total success and all 3 networks ran the story. Local 27's campaign for Joe Mallahan is up and running.

Mark Jones' case is now in court as he struggles for survival. His fight is our fight not only because he is a brother in need, but because his situation has clearly exposed the LEOFF 2 problem. The LEOFF 2 system, in conjunction with Worker's Comp, has left Mark and his family in an untenable situation that is improper and unjust for anyone, let alone a fire fighter injured on the job. Local 27 is encouraging members to **support Mark by attending the trial**. Check the Local 27 website for the dates and signup.

The **2009 MDA "Fill the Boot"** drive was an outstanding success, **raising over \$130,000!** Thank you to every fire fighter who participated, especially the shift coordinators. The support of the City and the Fire Department administration was a critical element in this achievement and we could not have raised as much for MDA without their help. Thanks also to the principal organizers: Dennis Karl, Mike Russell and Vince Bolisig - they made it happen. It was truly a team effort and showcased fire fighters at their best.

The annual **Local 27 picnic** was very well attended and everyone had a great time. There was a bouncy house, face painting, good food and beer - and stuff for the kids too. Many thanks to the staff at Local 27 for a job well done.

A **Driver Program Committee** has been established to evaluate and prepare for discussions with the city over our driver program as agreed to in our contract. Committee meetings are open to any Local 27 member whether or not you are serving on the committee. Check the website for meeting dates.

Over 120 fire fighters, including the Walter Kilgore Seattle Fire Fighters Honor Guard and the Seattle Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums, attended the memorial to mourn the loss of **Fire Fighter/Dispatcher Steve Lohr** at St. Mark's Cathedral. Local 27 and Seattle's Bravest Charity have stepped in to help the family and **donations can be made to SBC** in Steve's name.

Take care.

Terry Taylor Becomes Newest Local 27 Life Active Member

At the Regular Business Meeting on September 10th, the membership voted to add Terry Taylor as a Life Active member of Local 27. Added to a list of esteemed members, Terry Taylor's effort on behalf of fire fighters is impressive. Terry worked on Ladder 12 C-shift, but he also did so much more for fire fighters, not only in Seattle but state-wide.



Terry was the first LEOFF II member on the Local 27 Executive Board and in addition to his efforts on the board, he was also a tireless advocate for fire fighters on the Safety Committee. Terry was an active member on the Safety Committee for 17 years and was involved in many issues seeking to improve the health and safety of fire fighters. While Terry's advocacy will be greatly missed, he continues to contribute and his meticulous record keeping helps to maintain institutional memory on the

history of injuries and investigations so we don't forget what we've learned from those who have preceded us.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Terry for his contributions to the fire service, and adding him to the list of Life Active members is an honor well deserved. The following is a reminder of other Local 27 members who earned this honor:

Felix J. Arena	Ret. 2/1/65
George Bundy	Ret. 9/8/46
Arthur B. Clark	Ret. 9/26/66
Axel Drugge	Ret. 4/16/67
Virgil O. Ford	Ret. 8/3/49
James O. Fossos	Ret. 3/1/01
Sidney J. Gill	Ret. 12/30/92
William A. Gosnell	Ret. 12/27/95
Robert Gough	Ret. 10/2/79
Paul S. Harvey	Ret. 11/1/98
Ken Heigh	Ret. 8/27/98
Donald Meyer	Ret. 11/1/72
Harold S. Nilson	Ret. 7/25/69
John D. Richmond	Ret. 3/13/72
Arnold E. Roundtree	Ret. 2/6/73
Gerald A. Sayan	Ret. 1960
Richard Sparks	Ret. 7/18/77
Clarence R. Stoor	Ret. 1/1/62
Richard R. Warbrouck	Ret. 12/31/87
Leo Wenner	Ret. 1/10/62

Thank you, Terry.

Seattle's Bravest Charity News

Recent changes at SBC have brought new blood to the Board. Retiring members Pete Aoki, Spencer Nelson, and Steve Baer leave a legacy of selfless contribution and some large shoes to fill. Pete Aoki served on the all-volunteer board for close to eight years. Spencer Nelson and Steve Baer each served for nearly six years. All spent many hours keeping this organization alive and moving forward. During their tenure, SBC grew exponentially, both monetarily and in participation from our Seattle Fire Fighter family. I, on behalf of the entire board, thank them and wish them well. They served all of us in helping to serve our citizens and each other in times of crisis and disaster. Please take the time to thank them for their sacrifices of time and energy when you see them.

Fortunately for all of us, two new board members have stepped up to the plate—Andy Sapier and Hilton Almond. You probably know Andy through his outstanding work in organizing the Mark Jones Softball Tournament. We're glad to have him on the team and are looking forward to working with him. Hill Almond is a member of the Seattle Firefighters Pipes and Drums band and brings much needed fresh energy to the group. Thank you, Andy and Hill.

The new Board of Directors now looks like this: David Churchill, President; Josh Pearson, Vice President; Matt Hartill, Treasurer; Kenny Stuart, Director; Jon Goins, Director; Andy Sapier, Director; and Hill Almond, Director. The SBC board recently voted to change our financial advisor/planner from UBS to Heath Rainwater's Firewall

(Please see *Seattle's Bravest*, page 5)

IAFF Line of Duty Deaths

- **Captain Robert Chalmers, Local 209, Edmondton, AB** - Brother Chalmers, 60, passed away on July 6th of leukemia.
- **Operator/Paramedic Joseph "Joe" T. Grace, Local 3704, Mandeville, LA** - Brother Grace, 47, passed away on July 10 from a stroke after ending a very busy shift.
- **Captain Eric A. Tinkham, Local 3878, Maricopa County, AZ** - Brother Tinkham, 44, passed away on August 1st from cardiac arrest.
- **Fire Fighter Paul Warhola, Local 94, New York, NY** - Brother Warhola, 47, passed away on August 14th of a stroke while responding to a fire.
- **Captain Ray Richards, Local 534, Stratford, ON** - Brother Richards passed away on August 16th of non-hodgkins lymphoma.
- **Lieutenant Charles "Chipper" McCarthy, Local 282, Buffalo, NY** - Brother McCarthy, 45, died on August 24 while battling a commercial building fire.
- **Fire Fighter Jonathan Croom, Local 282, Buffalo, NY** - Brother Croom, 34, died on August 24 while battling a commercial building fire.
- **Captain Tedmund "Ted" D. Hall, Local 1014, Los Angeles County, CA** - Brother Hall, 47, died August 30 at the "Station" wildland fire when his fire apparatus was driven off the road in heavy smoke and fire.
- **Fire Specialist Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones, Local 1014, Los Angeles County, CA** - Brother Quinones, 30, died August 30 at the "Station" wildland fire when his fire apparatus was driven off the road in heavy smoke and fire.
- **Captain David J. Stochl, Local 1230, Contra Costa County, CA** - Brother Stochl, 51, passed away on September 1 from brain cancer.
- **Fire Fighter Michael A. Edwards, Local 30, Cambridge, MA** - Brother Edwards, 58, passed away on September 7th from cancer.
- **Fire Fighter Joseph S. Covalucci, Jr., Local 1656, Everett, MA** - Brother Covalucci, 58, passed away on September 12 from a heart attack.

2009 Camp Blaze

by Theresa Purtell

During the week of July 30- Aug 8, 2009, Camp Blaze was held at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend, Washington. Camp Blaze was once again a successful camp with young women attending and firefighters volunteering from Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, Oregon, California and Washington.

Founded in 2000, this was the sixth year of Camp Blaze. The week included classes, hands-on activities, and physical training that covered team building and leadership exercises, rappelling, an aerial climb, the safe and successful use of firefighting equipment, search and rescue, live fire training, and CPR certification.

The mission of Camp Blaze is to develop and support young women by implementing an annual camp for women in the fire service. Through visionary female collaboration and community involvement we believe we can increase and ensure the presence of confident and strong female leaders in the years ahead.

Once again, the young women attending took the tasks that were handed to them, some which were quite challenging, and completed them all. The personal achieve-



ments were evident among them as tasks were completed while facing their fears. The huge smiles told us all what they had personally accomplished.

I will tell anyone who will listen about the awesome things that happen at Camp Blaze, and I've experienced that the rewards received for those who volunteer are far greater than what is given.

Firefighters from all over the USA come and volunteer their time and efforts to help make Blaze the success that it is. Without these efforts, we wouldn't be able to ac-



complish our goals and have the incredible camp that we do.

Camp Blaze is a non-profit organization and donations enable the camp to happen. Donations are welcome and may be made to Camp Blaze, PMB # 203, 1463 Republican St, Seattle, WA 98112.

For more info on Camp Blaze, check out the web site at www.campblaze.com.

2009 Fire Fighter Combat Challenge

This year's Fire Fighter Combat Challenge took place on July 11th in North Bend, WA. Even with all of the instability leading up to this event, it was a tremendous success and we can expect to see the Combat Challenge back in this area next year.

The best stories of the day involved the strong performances of our senior members:

- Men's 40+ Relay - 3rd Place
- Men's 57+ Relay - 18th Place (no bracket - open category)
- Men's 61+ Tandem - 2nd Place
- Iron Horse Award* - James Helm

*The most senior (chronologically gifted) individual competitor of the day

For full results and more pictures, visit the Local 27 website at www.iaff27.org - Web Links - Combat Challenge Team.

Seattle Fire Participants

Num.	Name	Num.	Name
1	Brian Anderson	12	Dan Nelson
2	Jake Bange	13	Annie Olson
3	Roy Blackford	14	Jill Owen
4	Mike Bollinger	15	Jerome Reyes
5	Paul Brady	16	Dean Ronhaar
6	Mark Foree	17	Zach Schade
7	Sean Hall	18	Brian Shaner
8	Alan Heddings	19	Penny Stone
9	James Helm**	20	Ken Whitehair
10	James Hilliard	21	Mike Williams
11	Mike Nakamichi		



Team (Combined Time of Top 3 Members)

Rank	Team/Department	M	Sec
4	Seattle Fire 1	6	11.26
9	Seattle Fire 2	7	59.66

Male (Field of 64)

Rank	Name	M	Sec
18	Jake Bange	1	58.23
19	Mike Williams	1	58.63
24	Roy Blackford	2	14.05
26	Zach Schade	2	14.40
29	Kenneth Whitehair	2	18.70
31	James Hilliard	2	23.51
35	Alan Heddings	2	28.79
37	Dean Ronhaar	2	33.84
59	James Helm**	3	32.38

** Iron Horse Award Winner

Over 40 (Field of 15)

Rank	Name	M	Sec
2	Mike Williams	1	58.63
3	Roy Blackford	2	14.05
5	Zach Schade	2	14.40
7	Kenneth Whitehair	2	18.70
8	James Hilliard	2	23.51

Over 50

Rank	Name	M	Sec
2	Dean Ronhaar	2	33.84
5	James Helm	3	32.38

Female

Rank	Name	M	Sec
2	Melissa Woolsey	3	11.77



Seattle Fire Fighters Break NW Region MDA Record

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and citizens of Seattle thank the 29 stations, 381 firefighters, and 28 family and friend volunteers who gave their time to break the previous NW Region record of \$116,000 held by Anchorage and showed what Seattle Fire Fighters are made of. Seattle can be proud for living up to the 55 year fire fighter tradition the fire fighter way (by going above and beyond expectations). Google "2009 MDA final results" to see videos and pictures.

The timing could not have been better. Just like everyone else, MDA is experiencing a decrease in donations during this economically difficult time, so fire fighters across the country are increasing their efforts. The IAFF raised a new record of \$28.5 million this year, just when the MDA needed it the most.

Thousands of citizens thanked fire fighters for their service while they walked between stopped cars at traffic lights throughout the city. The Fill the Boot event is a great way to demonstrate fire fighters' commitment to our community while making a difference for such a great cause. All the money raised stays in our community to pay for wheel chairs, flu shots, research, and summer camp for kids. Camp is special for MDA kids as it's the one time all year they are surrounded by children with similar challenges and get to feel like a normal kid. Plus they get away from their parents for a week, which is particularly important to teenagers.

Special recognition and thanks go to Vince Bolisig and



Mike Russell for making over 50 station visits each to inform and motivate members about MDA. They also delivered all the event materials and signs. 2009 Fill the Boot All Stars are Lt. Todd Wernet, Lt. Bill Elleby, Lt. Mike Daigle, Lt. Brad Bolender, Lance Kent, Jake Desmarteau, Erina Queen, Ryan Ellis, Kelly Yoder, Jason Lynch, Chris Janssen, Uros Lukic, Roger Webber, Eric Sadlon, Stephen Eney, Ron Wheeler, Mike Farley, Wayne Johnson, and Dallas Baker. Thanks you all for your strong work; your efforts inspired us all and made achieving our goal possible.

Seattle Fire Fighters raised more than double last year's total by increasing the number of members who participated. Even if a crew goes out for only an hour or two, it adds up when there are 29 stations participating. Thanks to Stations 6, 9, 13, 24, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39, and 40 for participating in their first

Fill the Boot. Rookies of the year, Stations 6, 13, and 33, each raised just under \$4,000—an impressive effort for their first time out. And Stations 33 and 13 are single houses, so watch out 29's—you'll have some competition next year.

Station and shift competitions also added to fire fighters' efforts. It's no coincidence that the stations with the most participation raised the most money. Station 2's strong efforts threatened Station 18's top ranking. But 18's proved stronger and raised a department record of \$24,662 and won the "Coffee for a Year" prize for top house. Enjoy your coffee this year, 18's, because next



year 2's, 17's, and 31's are sure to challenge for the top house title! The top single house was the pride of the Admiral District, Station 29, with \$5,012. Champion pennants will be presented to the top houses and will hang in their apparatus bays.

Thank you, Seattle Fire Fighters, for what you do. You made a difference and you can be proud. See you in the streets next year. . .is \$150,000 possible?

Seattle's Bravest Charity News

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Capital Management. We discussed this vital change extensively and gave it diligent thought. Heath has an outstanding track record with proven results and we are glad of the partnership we have formed with him. Our advisor with UBS did a good job during the recent financial crisis and we thank him for his years of partnering with us. We look forward to continued success with Heath.

The First Annual Fire Ball was a big hit, the survey results showing great favor for Economical Alcoholic Beverages, as well as the outstanding band—The Dusty 45's—the food, the venue, and cheap drinks. Inexpensive beer and hard liquor were also a factor. A great time was had by all, and those who missed out probably heard about it one way or another. The event wouldn't have been so successful without the help of Julie Wilson and her team

of friends and volunteers. We raised close to \$2,000 for SBC, a monumental achievement when one considers that the Firefighter Ball usually goes in the red some five to ten thousand dollars. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Julie and her team for their efforts.

The Third Annual Mark Jones Softball tournament, a benefit for the Catastrophic Fund, was a great success once again. Thanks to all who participated. Andy Sapier did a mountain of work, and this year was bigger and better than the previous two because of it. Thanks, Andy! Station 6 took the Softball Crown this time, battling through undefeated. Good luck to all next year. The Catastrophic Fund is set up to help any firefighter injured in the line of duty who cannot work again, and we are slowly building the fund for that purpose. Please consider donating to the

fund through our Monthly Payroll Deduction Plan.

Finally, as you can see, we are always working here at SBC—working on citizens' behalf, your behalf, and other fire fighters' behalf. Please consider donating through our Monthly Payroll Deduction Plan. You can find the forms on our website at www.seattlesbravest.com or on the Local 27 website.

Thanks for caring,

David Churchill, President
Seattle's Bravest Charity

9/11 Memorial Stairclimb

Melissa Woolsey(L10 C) organized and put into action an SBC sponsored event, The First Annual 9/11 Memorial Stairclimb, held Saturday, September 12. The Sponsor, Two Union Square, allowed us access to their building on Saturday so as to minimize disruption during business hours. The climb brought in 150 fire fighters, representing Seattle and 26 surrounding departments from Washington and Oregon.

Climbers each wore a picture of one of the 343 firefighters who were killed at the WTC, some climbers taking the stairs two and three times for a total of 165 flights, each time donning a new picture of one of the New York Fire Fighters.

The total raised for the event was \$4,823, the proceeds of which will benefit the Widows and Orphans Fund for New York Fire Fighters.

Please thank Melissa when you see her. She did a massive amount of work to make this day happen. We hope to make this an annual event--look for next year's announcement, and sign up to climb in honor of our fallen Brothers.



by Chris Gilbert

Overall Project

The economic downturn has had a positive effect on bids for levy projects. A declining number of construction projects in the private sector has reduced demand for contractors and has resulted in more competition for work. Bids have been coming in below original estimates.

Real Estate Excise tax revenue has been coming in at slower rate due to the economy. As a result, projects that were to begin in January 2009 have been pushed back to March 2009. The total levy program has \$287 million budgeted for it with additions.

Generators

Work is being done to resolve issues with providing generators at new stations that will be adequate to power entire HVAC system.

Windows

Work is being done to ensure that living quarters will have operable (opening & closing) windows. This is not required by fire code with new construction.

Station 2

Members moved into an interim station at 301 Aurora Ave N. in March of 2009. Seismic upgrades are underway and electrical rough-in. A bid came in at \$7 million; with engineers the estimate is at \$8.5 million.

Station 6

New station will be built at 2615 S. Jackson St. Construction slated to begin in 2011. In Pre-design phase currently.

Station 9

The interim station will be at 3500 Interlake Ave N. Construction is slated to begin in 2011. Annex (air Depot) south of the station was not designated as a landmark, proceeding forward with design phase.

Station 13

Currently in pre-design phase, will include seismic upgrades and a small addition on the west side of the existing station. This project is scheduled to go out to bid at the end of 2010 and start construction in early 2011.

Station 14

Decision made to construct new station on existing site with existing station incorporated into new building. New station will be able to house one fire company and Battalion 5. A decision has not been reached on where to house the Technical Rescue Team. Construction slated to begin in 2011. Currently in pre-design phase.

Station 16

Site search underway for location of interim station. Project is in pre-design phase. Construction slated to begin in 2011.

Station 17

Graham construction was the low bidder, which was 13% below estimates. Work is currently underway on the foundation for the new addition and the elevator core. Firefighters moved into a temporary facility at 4557 11 Ave. N.E. in December of 2008.

Fire Levy Update

Station 20

Still working on resolving the site selection for a new station. Debate continues on whether or not station will be built at a new site or the existing location.

Station 21

Interim Station will be at 6802 Greenwood Ave. N. Construction of a new station at the existing site is scheduled to begin in April of 2010.

Station 28

Work is underway on construction of a new Station 28 behind the current Station. Power was connected recently to the new station, drywall has been completed and window installation is underway. Completion is scheduled for the end of 2009.

Station 30

New station to be built on the existing site. Currently in construction documents phase. Construction scheduled to begin by the end of 2009 with completion in 2011.

Station 32

New station to be built on existing site, will house Battalion 7. This project has been re-scoped due to modifications to the original plan. Land acquisition has been removed from project. Discussions are underway on how apparatus will exit the station.

Station 33

Temporary quarters in place behind station. New windows and emergency generator have been installed. Electrical, mechanical and plumbing work as well as floor and wall finishes are nearing completion. Dedication ceremony scheduled for September 19th at 12:30pm.

Station 35

New construction on existing site; ground breaking took place in August. Winning bidder was Kirtley-Cole Associates at \$2,728,000. Temporary facility is located at Crown Hill school site- 9089 Holman Rd. N.W.

Station 37

New station to be built at 35 Ave. S.W. & S.W. Holden St. The low bidder was Kirtney-Cole at \$2,438,000. Construction should begin soon.

Station 38

New station to be built at 40 Ave N.E. & N.E. 55 St. The low bidder was Corstone Contractors at \$2,874,092. Groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for September 10th, at noon.

Station 39

Construction of a new station is underway adjacent to the existing station. Completion scheduled for spring of 2010.

Station 41

Remodel of existing station is currently underway. Demolition in old building has been completed; foundation and framing underway in new building. Temporary quarters located at Magnolia Elementary School. Completion scheduled for summer of 2010. Bid for this project came in 25% below engineers' estimates.

Fireboat Chief Seattle

Slated to undergo major retrofit. Awaiting results of \$5 million grant application with Port of Seattle for additional funding.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at cgilbert@iaff27.org.

Seattle Fire Fighters Compete and Place at the 2009 World Police and Fire Fighter Games

Congratulations to Tim Shannon (L9 A) for winning gold and silver medals in the 2009 World Police and Fire Fighter Games in Vancouver, BC. Tim won a gold medal in the shot put and a silver medal in the discus throw.

Congratulations to Dallas Baker (E39 C) on his bronze medal in squash.

Congratulations to Richard Lentz (E25 A) on his bronze medal in sailing.

The next World Police and Fire Fighter games will be in New York in 2011; start training for your gold medal now!

Classifieds and Upcoming Events

For Sale:

Cherry wood grandfather clock, musical snow globes, fire dept plates and knick-knacks, 2-person sauna, weight bench and free weights, universal gym for smaller room, in-ground BB hoop still in box, 27" Cannondale training bike, collectable dolls, BEST OFFERS. Contact Jan, E26 or (206) 786-1387.

For Sale:

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Firemen's Breakfast

Wednesday, December 9th, 9am
Denny's, 904 N. 155th Street, Seattle
Questions, please call: Wally Mitchell, (206) 524-1650

Station 10 Alumni BBQ

We are having a "Station 10 Alumni" BBQ on October 10th from 1100-1300 hrs at Station 10. Anyone who has ever worked at Station 10 is invited-- retired and current. It gives us a chance to hear the old timers tell their stories about runs we have heard about around the beanery table. Questions, please call Sue Stangl, E10A.

First Alarm!



Marcus Gabriel Bocchetti

Born April 19, 2009

Proud Parents:

Aaron and Laura Bocchetti

Stop in at the Hi-Life for your Lifesavers Club Card!

The Hi-Life, located in Ballard, introduces the Lifesavers Club Card. They're offering a 20% discount off all food—breakfast, lunch and dinner—to those in lifesaving capacities: medical, fire, police and teachers. Lifesavers just need to stop in to the Hi-Life any time, with proof of employment, to pick up a card. The Hi-Life, housed in Ballard's historic Station 18, is at 5425 Russell Ave. NW, and menus can be viewed at chowfoods.com.

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4 Alarm

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Northwest Burn Foundation

Together We Can "Give Burns the Boot!"

When: Host a Give Burns the Boot Drive or an event of your choice, such as a Pancake Breakfast or Open House, on any date throughout the month of October!

Where: Anywhere! Your fire station, local grocery store or other high traffic area!

What: Fire boots in hand, collecting donations on behalf of the Northwest Burn Foundation, while handing out life saving burn prevention information.

Who: Firefighters, Puget Sound area Taco Bells, Northwest Burn Foundation Staff and Volunteers.

As Fire Service Personnel, you know and experience first hand the trauma of a burn injury. As a firefighter, your knowledge of available programs and services of burn prevention and burn survivor support is a natural extension of your profession. We rely on firefighters to refer families and burn survivors who are in need to the Northwest Burn Foundation's free of charge programs and services. In partnership, we are able to address burn survivor needs all over the Pacific Northwest and make our work in the community more effective; bringing us closer to eliminating burn injuries.

For 23 years, The Give Burns the Boot Drive has continued to provide support for the programs and services offered at the Northwest Burn Foundation to burn survivors and the community. Funds raised through this campaign go directly to our burn survivors at Summer Camp, families in Emergency Housing at Harborview, Scald Prevention Education and all of our life saving services.

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd as we kick off National Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters, Volunteers, and the Northwest Burn Foundation are coming together for a one day awareness event on burn and fire prevention.

For more information please contact Kelly McHugh, Special Event Manager, at (206) 789 - 6838 or kmchugh@nwburn.org.



2009 Fire Fighter Family Picnic

The 2009 Seattle Fire Fighters Local 27 picnic was held again at the Wood-land Park Zoo. We served fried chicken and pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixin's. There was face painting, an inflatable Fire Truck and a animal showing with a python for the kids! 400 fire fighters and family members were in attendance. Thank you all for making this year's picnic special. If you have any comments or questions about this year's picnic, please email us at info@iaff27.org. See you all next year!



2009 M. Kenneth Hoefner Scholarship Winners

Seattle's Bravest Charity would like to congratulate this year's M. Kenneth Hoefner Scholarship winners. Each year, these scholarships are awarded to the children and grandchildren of active, retired, or deceased Seattle Fire Fighters, given on the basis of scholastic achievement and community involvement. This year's awards ranged from \$400-\$1000, with a total of \$25,700 given.

Thank you to Retired Seattle Fire Fighter Kenny Hoefner for making these scholarships possible!

Aaron Taylor	Kyle Walsh
Arlen Olson	Lenn Lund
Ashley Foster	Madeline Jacob
Blythe Cannon	Marissa Moser
Casey Andersen	Matthew Powell
Chris Quinlan	Matthew Valdivia
Claudia Jacob	Melissa Paulsen
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Calendar of Events

Oct	8	Regular Business Meeting (C shift) 9am, Local 27
Oct	12	Columbus Day (Local 27 office closed)
Oct	22	Station Representative's Breakfast (D shift)
Nov	12	Regular Business Meeting (D shift) 9am, Local 27
Nov	26-27	Thanksgiving holiday (Local 27 office closed)
Dec	10	Regular Business Meeting (A shift) 9am, Local 27
Dec	24	Station Representative's Breakfast CANCELLED
Dec	25	Christmas Day (Local 27 office closed)