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**ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION**

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**KERRY HORTON (6-13, 2014)**

**Kerry Horton Receives Award** - On Friday June 13, 2014 AFD retiree Kerry Horton was awarded the "Special Recognition Award," during ceremonies at the fire cadet Graduation ceremonies held at the Kimo Theater downtown. Fire Chief David Downey And Commander Silveria made the presentation after Kerry was recommended for the Award by Sam Trujillo, President of the AFD Retiree's Association. Kerry was recognized For serving over 21 years with AFD. He had a distinguished career with the department And as a Commander he was the director of training upon his retirement in 2012. Kerry Is an active member of the AFD Retiree's Association and is writing a history with photos Of all the Fire Cadet classes which will be displayed at the Fire Academy. He has been a Key member of the Funeral truck detail to maintain and keep that vehicle service ready. Kerry said, "I am honored to be selected for this prestigious and most distinguished award."



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**SAINT FLORIAN  
PATRON SAINT OF  
FIREFIGHTERS**



Dear Sam Trujillo

May 8, 2014

The Luna/Sanchez family would like to express our gratitude to you and the AFD Retirees Association for the beautiful, memorable and honorable service for my Dad, Manuel Luna Sr.

I would like to say a special Thank You to, Herman Bishop for the kind words during his eulogy, Fred Casias for the reading of the "Resolution of the Condolences " and "Last Alarm", Louis Trujillo for the "Striking The Four Fives", Ray Flores for the blowing of "Taps", The Honor Guards at the church and cemetery, the Firemen that lined the sidewalk to my Dad's final resting place and especially to you, Sam Trujillo, for speaking at the church, for reaching out to our family and providing the numbers and people to contact in the days that followed. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone.

My Dad was proud to serve in the Albuquerque Fire Department as a Fireman/Paramedic until his retirement in 1987 as a Capitan. The amount of fellow retirees and present personnel that were at my Dad's services demonstrates the love, support and strength in the AFD family.

I know my Dad enjoyed his final ride home.



Sincerely,  
Ancilla Luna  
(Daughter of Manuel Luna Sr.)



**June Meeting** - The 166<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held on June 11, 2014 at the Firefighter's Union Hall. Local 244 @ 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order by President Sam Trujillo @ 7:08 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased retirees. After roll call Sam Trujillo introduced our guests: Larry Acosta retired Battalion Chief from Las Cruces, New Mexico. He also welcomed fellow retirees that we have not seen recently: Bob Knevit and wife Honey, Anthony Nuanes, Chris Garcia, and Skip Navrano.

Our guest speaker was Father Steven Imbarrado, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Home of the Sacred Steel Beams from the World Trade Center, located at 309 Stover Avenue S.W. They have a small museum honoring those who lost their lives during the 911 disaster at the World Trade Center. He invited members of the Retired Firefighter's Association to join him in a partnership as volunteers to keep the museum open. It would require 25 volunteers to donate 2 hours of their time once a month. If you would like to be part of this endeavor please contact Father Ibarrado @ 242- 0561 or Sam Trujillo @ 899-1500.

The election for the AFD Retiree's Association for the position of President and Secretary was conducted at the June meeting. Louis Trujillo made a motion by acclamation that Sam Trujillo be re-elected to President and that John Serino be elected to Treasurer. Juan Sandoval seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to re-elect both Sam and John to President and Secretary respectively. They will be sworn into office at the July 9, 2014 monthly meeting.

The Secretary's report for the month of May was given by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Ed Abieta and was seconded by T.V. Jaramillo. The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by John Serino. He sends a big thank you to those who responded to our annual fund drive. Please send donations to: AFD Retiree's Association, 1504 Hermosa S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eppie Ortega and was seconded by Jeff Elks. The motion carried.

The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He thanked Eddie Abieta who gave a lecture to the Fire Cadets June 10, 2014 on the History of the Albuquerque Fire Department. Sincere apologies were given for the March newsletter that had pages out of order. Our friend Frank Maestas is out of the hospital and is recovering at home after a long term illness. Best wishes go to Frank for a successful recovery. He is optimistic that he will attend the annual picnic in August. A big thanks goes to Al Armenta who compiled a list of nick names of AFD Retirees. The list appears in this issue of our newsletter.

Eddie Torres reminded everyone that our annual picnic will be held at Rotary Park in downtown Bernalillo, N M on Saturday August 23, 2014. Eppie Ortega offered to teach a defensive driving class at the FF Union Hall, 4100 Edith NE. If you are interested contact Sam Trujillo @ 899-1500 so he can coordinate our efforts and set a date and time. Many thanks to the Manuel Luna family who sent a beautiful letter of thanks to the retirees for the beautiful funeral honors paid to Manuel Luna.

**Winners of the June raffle:** Anthony Nuanes, foot massager, Joe Martinez, tea pot, Bernie Martinez, NFL light. Thanks to Eddie Abieta and Ralph Sedillo who conduct the monthly raffles and to all who support the raffles.

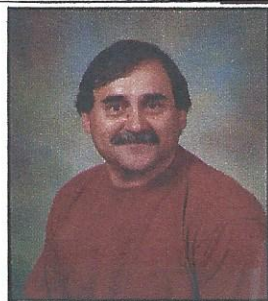
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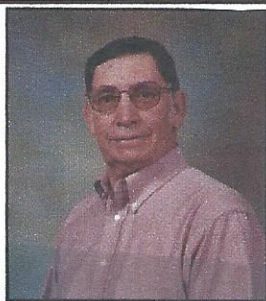
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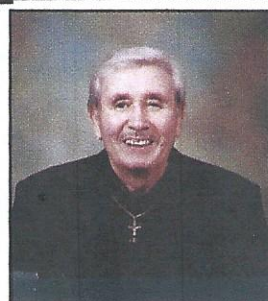
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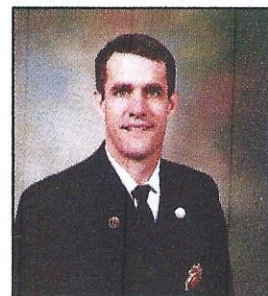
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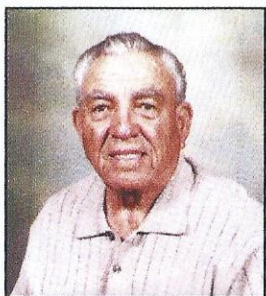
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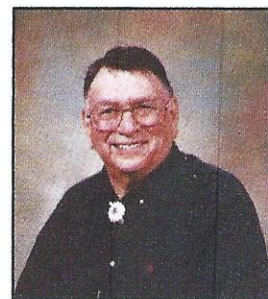
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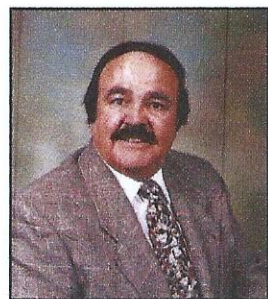
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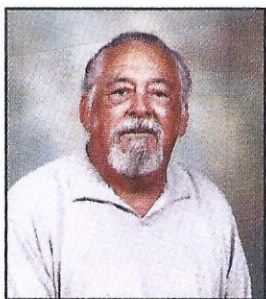
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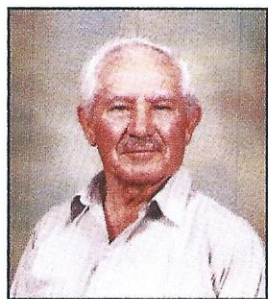
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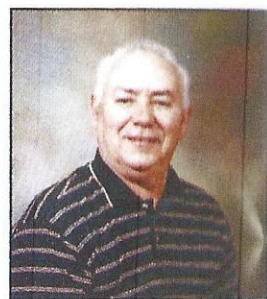
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## HOOK & LADDER COMPANIES

(By: Herman R. Bishop)

The Albuquerque Volunteer Fire Department was organized in February, 1882 shortly after the coming of the railroad in 1880. It was named "Albuquerque Fire Company," a hook & ladder company. Later in July, 1882 it was re-named "Albuquerque Hook & Ladder Company." There were 25 volunteer firemen assigned to the fire company. Also common in those days were lantern boys (12-15 years old) who ran ahead of the ladder wagons to light the way for the firemen at night.

Hand drawn ladder wagons aren't older than horse drawn fire apparatus. Small towns did not require large horse drawn firefighting equipment and did not want the expense of maintaining horses. Although horse drawn fire equipment was the mainstay of larger departments in that era, many communities bought apparatus that were pulled to the fire by the firemen. The fire wagons carried pike poles (hooks) ladders, leather buckets, fire hose, axes, pry bars, tools and other small firefighting appliances. The ladder wagons carried ground ladders and a roof ladder. The roof ladders had hooks that were spring loaded so they could grasp on the peak of a roof and lay flat for climbing. It was used to provide better footing and safety during wet or inclement weather conditions.

The ladder wagons carried axes, picks and the famed "hook," giving it the name "Hook & Ladder." The hook was used to pull down damaged buildings or chimneys to stop the spread of fire by creating a fire break. Sometimes in chimneys a fire would get going and could not be easily put out. The hook was used to pull the chimneys down with a chain and rope. Long sticks were used to get the hook up to the height to whatever they needed to grab or whatever piece of the building they needed to latch onto. They would use the chain and the rope hooked to the building and a bunch of men would grab that to pull the wall down, or pull the chimney down.

The firemen had axes, pry bars, picks, tools for doing overhaul and for busting into buildings. It is called forcible entry today. The axes are used once on the roof to cut a hole to affect the vertical ventilation, which allows all the unburned products of combustion, the superheated gases and smoke, out of the building or house. This makes it much easier for the firefighters coming from the ground level to extend their hose lines, and conduct their search, to be able to see, and to be in a much better climate that will not be as hot.

The ladder wagons of old did not have a mechanically assisted ladder. It just carried what we call ground ladders that are erected by manpower. Usually they carried a 40 or 50 Bangor ladder as well. They also carried leather fire buckets on the side of the apparatus. They allowed the use of fire bucket brigades once at the fire scene.

Pike poles were carried on top of the wagon and were used to pull down ceilings to get to the seat of the fire and were used to punch holes in walls and ceilings, also used to pull down eaves of buildings. As early chimneys were not all brick many were made of mud, straw or grass and would burn easily. Many were of sub standard construction. Fire would find it's way into nooks and cranny's. Firemen would pull the walls or chimneys down to get to the fire and put it out.

In September 1881 Albuquerque formed the Fergusson Hook & Ladder Company which was named after a prominent citizen and Lawyer Harvey Fergusson who was an avid supporter of the fire department. The company consisted of 25 volunteer firemen. The firemen used ropes attached to the side of the fire wagon to pull the apparatus to the fire.

Sources: Albuquerque Fire Department hand written ledgers, late 1800's to early 1900's.  
Los Angeles, County, California Fire Museum



## Frank Maestas Story ..... By Eddie Abeita

***“Loss of life calls- many firefighters have experienced them, they just don’t talk about them..... these calls never leave you!***

Prior to Frank’s career with AFD he was in the construction industry located in Colorado. Frank relocated to work bridge construction in New Mexico where he worked as foreman throughout the state.



Dorothy Pinning Frank’s Lieutenant’s Badge On

Frank continued his work in New Mexico and decided to seek permanent residence in the state and wanted a change in career. Frank read in the newspaper the city was hiring for both fire and police positions. Frank felt one or the other would be fine however after an interview with Chief Arthur Martinez he made his mind up the fire department would be his call, thus his career started.

He started his fire training March 7, 1966 with training officers Skippy Padilla and Al Lujan. Frank's fellow classmates/recruits he remembers were Rick Winters, Tom Lopez, Efren Garcia, Anthony Vigil, Art Loera and Eppie Ortega. I remember one rope drill Frank said it was rappelling down the drill tower with manila rope as the lifeline. I went out the window, came down so fast that I bounced on the safety net like hitting a trampoline.

Upon graduation from fire training Frank was assigned to ladder one under the watchful eye of Lieutenant Israel Morales. Fire Station one had the old brass poles which could be intimidating to a rookie but I was taught how to slide down correctly Frank said. Captain Herman Bishop would hold class daily if you wanted to learn and prepare for promotional examinations that was the place to be Herman was so knowledgeable and a good teacher.

Frank was asked about cooking; I really never cooked at the station but I did make coffee, Tom Lopez said the trick is to make bad coffee so you will never be asked to make it again. In the early days I worked with Horace Vigil who made the best green chile stew I have ever tasted. He would always draw attention especially when he made fresh tortillas or sopapillas with the meal. There were always activities at the station Frank said, Rudy Sanchez taught me how to play chest and Hank Delgado taught me how to play ping pong (chased the ball a lot. I played softball with these guys they were great!



Frank said, my first major fire was a warehouse in the north valley that had a basement the size of the building. We were dispatched from station one and upon arrival the building was fully involved. We were put on a hose line (2 ½") and were given orders to advance the hose line down in the basement area..... Hank Delgado was backing me up on the 2 ½", Hank yelled its getting hot look at the ceiling without warning a flashover occurred. I remember stumbling trying to get up and out, when Hank's strong arms yanked me out of that inferno. Today I still credit Hank for saving my life.

Back then it was like a bonus to be called upon to work an E.T. (extra time). One particular ET I worked we had a fire call on Broadway SE; it was bad from start to finish. When we pulled up in front of the house it was fully engulfed in fire we heard screams, everyone worked so frantic to save the occupants, however the family all perished the mother and five children. *Loss of life calls- many firefighters have experienced them, they just don't talk about them, these calls never leave you!*

I asked if I could ride on the rescue Frank said, the officer was Al Villascas. One of the first calls we were dispatched to was a 7 year old girl that was shot by the baby sister. It was accidental we worked on her at the location where I even gave mouth to mouth resuscitation. It was a sad situation the little girl did not survive.

Humor can happen at the craziest time(s). While on the rescue we had spared out to the only available unit, a van which normally carried the hi-ex foam generator. The generator came out and our rescue equipment went in we secured the equipment as best as we could with being no compartments. One particular in the van Tom Placencia was driving to a location downtown Tom took the one way heading west when a young driver ran a stop sign which we T-boned. Equipment went flying all over the place beating me up. When we came to rest I was bleeding my boot had a cut through it my uniform was torn Lieutenant Aranda called for help. A local media crew who was monitoring the radio transmissions driving a station wagon pulled up next to us, Ross immediately told them we need to get this firefighter to Presbyterian emergency room right now... which they were glad to help. While in the ER Fire Chief Kuhn showed-up to check on our condition, with all the excitement Ross broke out laughing looking at me and said out loud "*look your shorts are torn!*" I was released to go home with a slight concussion.

In our early days as paramedics I remember being dispatched to a person having a heart attack at a medical conference. Upon arrival we ran through all advanced life support procedures including the use of the paddles (defibrillation). We were able to bring him back..... A save. Doctors in attendance were so amazed with our procedures because a lot of them at the time were just getting to know about fire department's paramedic programs in general, so that call was *a good memory!*

Every now and then I think of our old softball games with EPFD (El Paso Fire Department) that was better than any sporting event you could be part of. This softball game was named and dedicated to EPFF GUZMAN who was killed. Guzman was an innocent bystander when the tragic incident took place. Spending time with EP Firefighters was the best part, although different cities firefighters are firefighters and it's a "brotherhood". In his early days while in AFD Frank also coached Golden Gloves amateur boxing where he had a working relation training with Albuquerque pro-boxer Joey Limas. Frank coached two Regional Golden Glove fighters.

Frank and his wife Dorothy live in Colorado where they await the visit of their kids and grandkids. Living in a rural area in the mountains, you are only minutes from fishing, hunting, skiing and any other mountain sport.



## IT DID OR DID NOT HAPPEN.....by Eddie Abeita

What were your plans upon Retirement? Did it happen or Did Your Plans Change?

Rick Chadwick 2013 After I retired we planned on doing some traveling here and there. **Things Changed** I retired 2 years early and started working full time, I help out with grandkids which means all is good so although there was a change in plans, **it did happen .....a good retirement!**

Darryl Longdon 2012 I retired at a late age compared to other retirees. Our plans were to move back to Pittsburgh PA. My wife started a small business and you can find me driving a school bus. Other things that keep me busy are doing the old "handyman" routine. **So it did happen** we have a good life.

Raul Marquez 2013 My initial plan were to, enjoy retirement and do nothing. **Things changed....** can't sit idle so I have been restoring vehicles; I completed restoration on my 1966 Volkswagens and now working on a VW bus. We go camping ride the Harley and enjoy life so **it did happen**, a great life!

Claude Navarrete 2013 A year before my retirement I started a business in private fire protection systems mainly fire hydrants. It's been a good business, my wife works with crafts and I also like to go to auctions. The grandkids are great to watch and be part of their life so **it did happen** great life!

Jessie Molina 2010 Our thoughts about what we would like to do after retirement, were not to work and get in our RV (recreational vehicle) and travel. **Things changed**, I started working part time with a security company which after a few months turned into full time employment. I now plan to work another 10 years or so, that would be a good age for a second retirement. Our daughter has completed her third tour of duty in IRAQ so we look forward in spending quality time with her and the grandkids in camping expeditions, what else can be better.... So our first plans did change however.....**it did happen!**

Mike Ortega 2011 My plans were to spend time with my family as much as we could and do things together. **Things changed**, I started working with a local farming tractor company, which I am departing. My son completed his EMT certification and hopefully will seek employment with AFD which is an excellent career as we all know. I have so much enjoyment with my grandson so, **it did happen!**

Thomas Ortega Jr. 2013 No certain plans except for the family. I enjoy taking care of our kids, coach gymnastics and soccer. I am enjoying retirement so **it did happen**.

Richard Ortiz 2010 I was not totally sure about plans after retirement, other than maybe take it easy. When I did retire my wife said after a few months, "you need to work" I said OK. I knew what my best bet would be restart my old practice of barbering, something I have done for many years. Going back to being a barber which was easy for me and it brings back memories. I remember back in the stations I would give some of the guys a haircut, even the ones going bald, great memories. I look forward to my Monday night softball games which I played for years and I can't wait for our annual tournament in Chama NM. The overall key is "my wife enjoys that I am retired", so **it did happen**.

Manuel Orona 2012 I planned to work a few more years longer with AFD. **Things changed** my wife encouraged me to retire maybe it was the 48 hours away, but I did love the shift knowing the 4 days off would follow. What I do now is "property management" which simply means; tighten screws, hammer nails, some painting, minor remodeling etc. at my home. I also help our daughter who now lives in Quemado NM with their homes and wonderful family. I do the fun stuff with my grandkids and let my wife handle the care. In my career I worked with some excellent crews in AFD which we all have experienced calls where bad things happened to innocent people. So **it did happen**, just as planned.

## IT DID OR DID NOT HAPPEN.....by Eddie Abeita

Michel Murphy 2010 Upon full retirement I planned on doing some traveling and stuff. **Things changed** I retired a little earlier than I anticipated which kind of changed things. **However things did work out**, I help out with my niece and nephew at times because my brother is still working with AFD. I ask my brother when he will retire he says this year but he been saying that for a while. Bottom line is I am happy being retired and being part of the AFDRA Honor Guard.....**makes me think of my dad (Robert) who retired as a Lieutenant in AFD "God Bless Retirees"!**

Scott Peterson 2014 My plans after retirement were to write novels, like the Lord of the Rings. I do the novel writing off and on and try to keep up with home repairs which are never ending. My wife and I went to Thailand where my son in-law is working as a paramedic. That place was so darn hot and I could not communicate with the people and they could not communicate with me (language barrier). We like to go camping, hunting and we love retirement...**it did happen!**

William Reed 2013 I knew exactly what I wanted to do as soon as I would retire I wanted to instruct EMT courses (Emergency Medical Technician). So when I received an offer to instruct EMT courses it was an easy decision to make... retire. Now I am doing exactly what I wanted teaching EMT courses. **So it did happen**. I still try to find time for my hobby which is rebuilding and restoring 4 wheel drive vehicles my first was a Tj and starting my second vehicle a GS Scout.

David Saaverda 2011 I thought of just being retired so I took an early out and did not do a whole lot. Later I started making custom windows which was very rewarding but things slowed down so I did not continue. Now I do some traveling and play golf and enjoy life, so **it did happen**.

Marcos Salaz 2012 My immediate thought upon retirement was to get a lot of good golf practice in and continue to enjoy the game. **Things changed**, dealing with reality there are a lot of things that need to be done continuously around the house which can limit the extracurricular activities. Yes practicing to improve my golf game took a back seat, but that's OK. Now I am like a "house-husband" but it's great to have that responsibility, because my wife and I travel and enjoy life. Although it was a minor change **it did happen** a great retirement and family.

James McLaughlin 2013 My initial plans were to max out in retirement years **Things changed**, information being received about possible changes in PERA's COLA sent a message that it might be best to retire at 20years in which I did. Now I do work installing items for Lowes which now seems that it was perfect timing in leaving. Today I work some and travel with my family in our RV. I miss the troops and I would say, **it did happen**.

**SPREAD THE WORD** Names were random selections for this particular article from our retiree's master list. We have noticed over the years some retirees information is not accurate pertaining to; mailing address and phone numbers. This information is kept confidential only used to communicate with retirees. During the past two newsletter publications one in four retiree's information was correct.

The Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees Association tries to communicate at monthly meetings and by newsletter sent to retirees in providing information such as; retirement benefits i.e. COLA. Therefore it is paramount for all retirees to **spread the word** to others; any retiree who does not receive a quarterly newsletter needs to contact AFDRA President Sam Trujillo @899-1500, to update their information.





**AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**(AUGUST 23, 2014)**





R. D. Allyn, District Chief  
Albuquerque Fire Department  
131 Adams, N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

FROM THE PAST (1978)

Dear Chief Allyn:

The Society of American Foresters recently had their annual meeting in Albuquerque, and I was the General Chairman of this meeting. We had in excess of 1,700 persons registered, representing ten countries. During the course of our arrangements, we had anticipated the need for certain emergency services, and set up a procedure for the use of the 911 emergency call, should it be needed. All of the sessions were to be conducted at the Hilton Inn, Albuquerque, except for a luncheon and general session which were conducted at the Convention Center on Wednesday, October 5th.

On Tuesday, October 4th, during one of the general sessions that was being conducted in the forenoon, Dr. Stephen Spurr was stricken with what appeared to be a cardiac involvement at the conclusion of his speech. I happened to be present at the time, and called our Communications Center and requested that they call 911 and also notify the Hilton Inn Hotel. All I know is that within a very, very short period of time, your Rescue No. 2 Squad appeared. While I did Not know their names at the time, I have since learned that they were Lt. Frank T Maestas, Officer in Charge, accompanied by Mr. Landjur Abukusumo and Mr. Omar Diningrad. All of those present were greatly impressed no only by the speed with which they responded to the call, but also the very professional manner in which they conducted themselves in providing the necessary first aid and tests for Dr. Spurr prior to his being taken to the Presbyterian Hospital Emergency Room.

All of us have been aware of the Rescue Squad Paramedic Service. However, this is the first opportunity that I have had to view them in action. I do feel compelled to compliment them on the manner in which they reacted, and the unmistakable professional competency with which they conducted themselves. It would be greatly appreciated if you would convey my sincere thanks to them for this service.

I am further pleased to report that Dr. Spurr spent two days in the Presbyterian Hospital undergoing a series of tests and observations, and was able to return to his home in Austin, Texas, on Thursday afternoon. He has asked me to convey his personal thanks to the men who responded so readily to his need for help.

You should indeed be proud to have men like this in your service.

Very sincerely,

Yale Weinstein, General Chairman  
Society of American American Foresters

City of Albuquerque  
Fire and Rescue Squad  
Chief Royce Allyn  
RE: Rescue 5 — Platoon A, Fire Station 16

Dear Chief Allyn:

We would like to send our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone that was sent out here on September 12, 1977.

Your men were very prompt and cooperative toward this unfortunate mishap we experienced here at Tramway Village Apartments, and we feel it our duty to thank them and to let them know how grateful we are, in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
The Management  
Tramway Village Apartments LTD

Albuquerque Fire Dept.  
P.O. Box 258  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Alarm No.: 352  
Case: 273-77  
Victim: Western Development Corp.  
GAB File: 39002-83203  
D/L: 07/17/77

Attn: Lt. Nick Gonzales

Dear Lt. Gonzales:

This letter is to advise that I have now received the above captioned report which was prepared by Investigator Allen N. Rhodes. I cannot help but bringing to your attention how we appreciate receiving a complete and thorough investigative report such as this. I am sure that investigator Rhodes has put in considerable time to develop a report such as this. I would appreciate your passing our appreciation onto Investigator Rhodes for a job well done.

Too many times a public servant does a good job and it is never recognized. In this, particularly, we at General Adjustment Bureau and Home Insurance Company will certainly commend you for having an outstanding investigator such as this.

If we can be of any assistance at any time in giving you information which we may have, we would be most happy to do do.

Very truly yours,

Roy H. Davis  
Adjuster



July Monthly Meeting- On July 9, 2014 the Monthly Meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith NE @ 7: 10 P.M. President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance . Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was held for our deceased members. After roll call President Sam Trujillo was sworn in for a new two-year term as President by Vice President Bill Raupfer. Fred Casias was reelected for a two-year term as Secretary, however, due to his absence he will be sworn in at the August meeting. Sam welcomed recent retirees: Rick Chadwick, Rick Mora, Ramon Gallego, Adrian Glass and Chris Garcia.

Sam reported that Diego Arencon, Local 244, IAFF President has invited all retirees to join the IAFF Alumni Association. All retirees are eligible and membership is free. Those wishing to subscribe to the Union's monthly magazine may do so for \$7.50. Any retiree who wishes to take a defensive driving course may do so by calling Sam Trujillo @ 899-1500. The class is forming now, date to be announced.

The reading of the Secretary's report for the month of June was suspended by President Sam Trujillo due to the absence of Fred Casias Secretary. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. We are setting up funding for the annual picnic to be held Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. As of now everything is a go. John reminds everyone that donations are most appreciated. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Eddie Abieta and was seconded by Joe Martinez. The motion carried.

Historian Herman Bishop reported that our friend Frank Maestas from Colorado is home now recovering from a long term illness in a Denver Hospital. He sends best regards to everyone and hopes to attend the picnic in August. Also he is donating many fire department themed door prizes for the picnic. Herman will be giving a talk at the Special Collections Library, Edith & Central NE, on Saturday July 12, 2014 on the history of AFD to the "Friends of The Library," and members of the Albuquerque Historical Society. Fellow retiree's are invited to attend. The lecture begins at 10:30 A.M. A big thanks goes to Al Armenta for compiling a list of nick names for our fellow firefighters. Herman read several letters of thanks from relatives of our deceased firefighters for the honors paid to their loved ones during funeral services. Letters were received from: Pat Mulligan's sister, Patricia McColleston and his Uncle and Aunt Mr. and Mrs. James Mallon. Also Rick Winter's Son Rick Winters Jr. sent a heart warming letter on behalf of his family thanking members of the Retiree's Association for the honors paid to his father Rick Winters Senior.

Kerry Horton is still working on the project to identify all the fire cadet classes from day one. So far he has identified over 900 retired Albuquerque firefighters. His research has determined that over 2000 people have gone through the Fire Academy since it's inception in 1957. This has been a huge undertaking and our hats are off to Kerry for all the hard work and determination he has put forth to ensure the success of this very important undertaking.

Bill Raupfer sends a big thanks to all retirees who have assisted the funeral detail this year with their support and assistance in washing and maintaining the funeral truck. Due to the many deaths of our retirees it has been a busy year for the Honor Guard. Santos Abeyta asked for volunteers to assist in picking up firewood and scrap lumber from Barboa's Lumber yard who is liquidating their business in the south valley. Scrap wood will be donated to the needy for firewood this winter. Call Santos if you would like to help @ 877-2026.

A big thanks to Eddie Abieta and Ralph Sedillo for conducting our monthly raffle. Winners at the July meeting were: Skip Navarette, P.A. System, Felix Garza, Polo Shirt, Eulegio Lucero Stetson Hat. This raffle has been lots of fun for everyone and is a good fund raiser for our association.

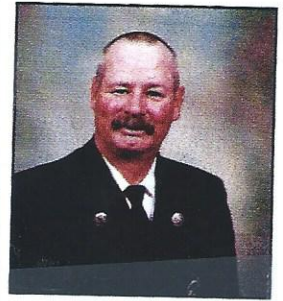
Chaplain Chris Garcia led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned @ 9:10 P.M.



### PAT MULLIGAN DIES

(By Herman R. Bishop)

We regret to report the death of our brother firefighter and fellow retiree Pat Mulligan, age 57, who passed away on Friday May 30, 2014. He was born in New York, New York. He was a veteran of the United States Army. After moving to New Mexico he joined the Albuquerque Fire Department during November 1983. After giving 20 years of faithful and dedicated service to his community and the fire department he retired on October 17, 2003. In August 1987 Pat was promoted to driver, a job he really loved. He was proud to be a firefighter and was well respected by his fellows. He was a good mentor to the younger firefighters on his crew and was always ready to teach them pump and apparatus operations. Pat was what every young firefighter aspires to be, strong, of character, loyal, dedicated, courageous, brave, and a true friend. He had all the qualities which bond firefighters together during their careers, even into retirement. Pat came from a family of firefighters. He had two uncles who were firefighters for New York City. He was an avid horseman and a professional farrier. He loved raising, training, and riding horses. Although we will miss Pat he will live on in our hearts as we recall pleasant memories of him. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Mulligan family.



PAT MULLIGAN

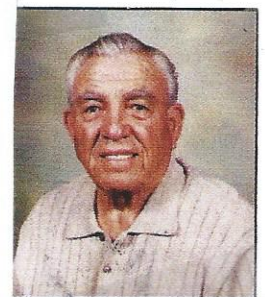
### DAN JOHNSON, DEATH

Sadly we report the death of our brother and fellow retired firefighter, Dan Johnson, age 62, who passed away on Friday May 30, 2014 after a long fight with cancer. He joined AFD in September 1980 and was a graduate of the 32<sup>nd</sup> fire Cadet class. After serving 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Albuquerque community and to the Fire Department he retired in June 2005. He was a strong, honorable, and agile firefighter, who served as good role model for the new firefighters coming into the department. He was a rather quiet man who loved working on the pumpers, ladder trucks and the rescue squads. Dan knew the dangers of firefighting but never hesitated to tackle the biggest and most dangerous fires and emergency incidents head on. Dan was part of that special bond that unites firefighters together even into their retirement years. Shortly before his passing Sam Trujillo led a group of fellow retired firefighters to his home for a visit. His spirits were high and he was a model of courage, bravery and determination to the very end. We are happy to have known and worked with him. We have fond memories of Dan and he will live on in our hearts and memories for many years to come. We extend our most sincere condolences to the entire Johnson family.



DAN JOHNSON

MACLOVIO OLIVAS DIES - Our fellow retiree and brother firefighter Maclovio Olivas, Age 91, passed away on Saturday June 21, 2014. At the time of his death he was the oldest Retired firefighter of the AFD Retiree's Association. He joined the department in February, 1953 and after 24 years of faithful and dedicated service he retired during October, 1977. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was nick named "Mac." Some times his friends called him "Tortuga." There were only 7 fire stations at that time and there was no training Academy, Rescue Division, or Fire Prevention/Arson Bureau. The training program lasted about one week and new trainees were assigned to the Engine 1-A Lieutenant for hose lays, ladder practice and basic fire tactics. Mostly training was on the job. During that era the fire apparatus in the department was all Seagrave. The old Drill tower was located behind Station # 1 at Second Street and Tijeras NW. Art Westerfeld was the Chief and "Mac" worked with Assistant Chiefs, Simon Seligman, Milton Grande, Leo Renaud, S.B. Skidmore, Joe Bowdich, and Carl Macaluso. Then firemen worked 72 hours per week. Maclovio was promoted to driver in May, 1957 and served in that position for 20 years. He was a reserved and easy going man and was well liked by his fellow firefighters. "Mac" Was part of that special breed of firefighters from the old school who helped build the department From almost nothing during the 50's, 60's, and 70's to what it is today. He was a member of The AFD Retiree's Association during the past 14 years and faithfully attended the retiree Annual picnics.



MACLOVIO OLIVAS

His son Virgil Olivas was a career firefighter with AFD and spent over 20 years with the department. We were happy to have known and worked with our brother firefighter and friend. He will be greatly Missed. Our most sincere condolences to the Olivas family. Funeral services are pending.



NICK NAMES OF FIREMEN. 5-14-14  
ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Abeyta, Santos	Snow or Goose	Jaramillo, Gabriel	Plugs	Romero, Frank Jr.	Champ
Armenta, Greg	Cabiallo	Jaramillo, T. V	Kojack	Romero, Sipriano	Sip
Allen, Royce	RC	Jimenez, Manuel	Jim Dandy	Romero, Zacharias	Zach
Apodoca, Julian	Hookie #1	Jojola, Solomon	Salo	Saavedra, Nick	Hands
Aragon, Frusino	Chucky	Jurado, Louie	Mister	Salas, Joe	Mata Gato
Archuleta, Melisindro	Mel	Kendrick, Joe P.	Lightning	Sanchez, Florenio	Flo
Armijo, Orlando	Hookie #2	Lopez, Trinidad	Nania	Sanchez, Raymond	Little Ray
Baca, Noel	Penguin	Lucero, Adolph	Empanada	Sanchez, Richard	Dickie Pops
Barboa, Jerry	Barbie	Macluso, Carl	Mac	Sanchez, Robert	Donut
Brito, Eddie	Bear	Maestas, Celestino	Tino	Sanchez, Silver	Silver
Byrne, Marcus	Tiroteo	Major, John	Jack	Sandoval, Juan	Chango
Buckner, Rudy	Conejo	Maldonado, Jose L.	Little Joe	Seligman, Simon	El Cojo
Candelaria, Esequiel	Candy	Mares Lloyd	Purple	Shanin, Don	Ironing Board
Candelaria, Jimmy	Vallient	Martin, Alvin	Bubba	Sierra, Frank	Stuffy
Castillo, Joe	Chinaman	Martin, August	Auggie	Sierra, J.B.	Jose Bueno
Chavez, Efen	King Farouk	Martinez, Joe	Green eyed monster	Skidmore, S.B.	Skid
Chavez, Henry	Chato	Mascarenas, Pat	Pillsbury Doughboy	Swearington, Ray	Tubbs
Chavez, Hilario	Lurch	Mirabal, Cruz	Bones	Tafoya, George	Mickey Mouse
Chavez, Joe	Jumping Joe	Mirabal, Sebastian	Sammy Davis Jr.	Teupell, Albert	747 (airplane)
Chavez, Ralph	Dudley	Montano, Filiberto	Tom Cat	Trujillo, Sam	Kissenger
Cordova, Armando	Chop Chop	Mora, Fred	Bugalo	Valdez, Charles	Chucky Baby
Dauber, Joe	Preacher	Morales, Isreal	Sonny	Valdez, Lucio	Lucky
Dauber, Moises	Moe	Murphy, Michael	Tang	Valencia, Jerry	Frankenbury
Davidson, John C	Slim	Murphy, Robert	Hands	Vallejos, Bartolo	Black Bart
Delgado, Hank	Hank	Myrick, Dorrance	Heavy Duty	Vigil, Horace	Hippo
Escricida, Victor	Water Heater	Noblitt, Dale	Pinky	Vigil, Manuel	El Pinto
Flores, Ray	Tiger-Animal	Olivas, Maclovio	Mac	Vigil, Melvin	Mel
Garica, E.J.	Gene	Otero, Louis	Sundown	Valdez, Lucio	Lucky
Garcia, Gene	Tootsie	Padilla, A.M.	Gomer	Wenzel, Chuck	Chuck
Garcia, Gilbert	G.O.	Padilla, Alfonso	Doc	Westerfield, Arthur	Art
Garcia, Juan R	Juan Pelon	Padilla, Carmen	Pickadille	Zamora, Eleno	Toastie
Garcia Sr, Paul	Piggy Eyes	Padilla, Esequiel	Skippy	Zamora, Felix	Chicken man
Gonzales, Benny	Bulldog Plachas	Padilla, Jose	Teddy Bear		
Gonzales, Joe L.	Chinaman	Padilla, Louis	Big Bird		
Grande, Milton	Metote	Pavlakovich, Joseph	Pappy		
Gurule, Alfonso	Big AI	Pedigo, Bill	Wild Bill		
Gutierrez, Ernest	Indio	Perea, Robert	Largo		
Gutierrez, Ed	Large Ed	Pino, Eliseo	Chamba		
Harcrow, Virgil	Scarecrow	Quintana, Horace	John the Baptist		
Hernandez, Joe H.	Big Joe	Rhodes, Allen	Red		
Hernandez, Joe	Gorilla	Rios, Chris	Rivers		
Herrera, Ron	Crackers	Robles, Louie	Papouie		

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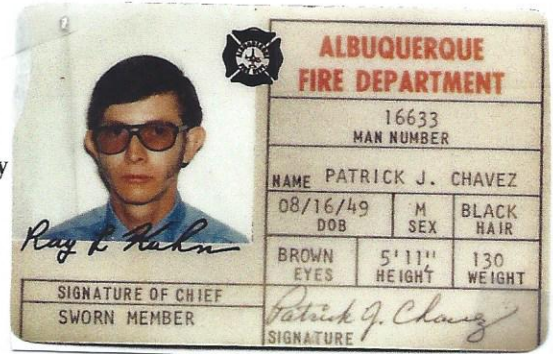


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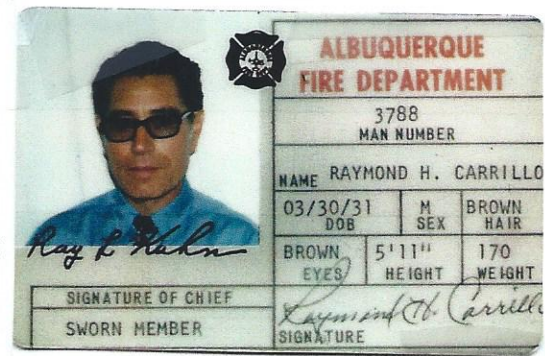
Many thanks to our fellow retiree Al Armenta who compiled this List of nick names of our fellow Firefighters who we worked with For so many years in the AFD. Al Spent 23 years in the department Working on pumpers, ladders and The rescue squads. He spent 10 Years as a fire inspector and fire Investigator. He retired during 1992 as a Fire Captain. He holds An Associates of Fire Science Degree from the University of Albuquerque. Currently he is An active member of the AFD Retiree's Association



**PATRICK J. CHAVEZ, DIES**- Our brother and fellow retired firefighter Patrick J. Chavez, age 65, passed away on Thursday July 17, 2014. He was born in Springer, New Mexico and after High school he served in the United States Navy. After his military service he joined the Albuquerque Fire Department in December, 1973. After serving 23 years with the department He retired in December, 1996. During his career his assignments kept him at Stations on the West side of town, serving on the pumpers, ladder trucks and the rescue squads. He was promoted to driver in June, 1987. He was given the nick name "Chicken Man," by his fellow firemen which he accepted graciously. Pat was a strong and agile firefighter who loved his job, especially as a driver. He was easy going with a good sense of humor and was well liked by his fellow firefighters and supervisors alike. He was a good role model for the young firefighters and was good at training them on pump operations and the responsibilities of a fire truck driver. We were happy to have served with him as a fellow firefighter. Our sincere condolences to the Chavez family.



**RAYMOND CARILLO DIES**- Retired District Chief Raymond Carillo, age 83 passed away on Wednesday July 30, after a long term illness. He was born and raised in Springerville, AZ. After His military service with the U.S. Army He joined AFD on June 1, 1960. After serving the department for 26 years he retired on December 27, 1986. When Raymond was hired the department had just gone from a 72 hour work week to 60 hour week. Ray Kuhn was the Assistant Chief of training and Firefighter training was 8 weeks long. There was a need for more firemen and station # 12 opened that year. In 1960 there were four fire training classes that year and 70 new firemen were hired. The Department had difficulty hiring local people so they recruited people from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arizona. Raymond was a sincere and dedicated Fireman who loved his job. However he had a reputation for telling tall tales. He had a knack for stretching a story and we never knew when it was for real or that Raymond was having fun at our expense. About his stories we always said, "Believe It Or Not." Needless to say, his stories were always interesting. Raymond will be remembered as a fun guy and we will miss him. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Carillo Family.



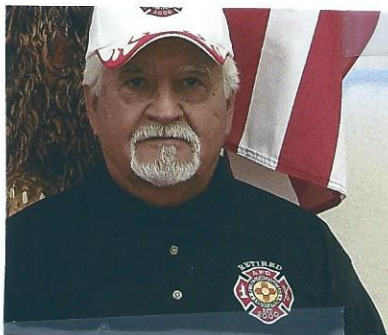
**PHILLIP B. SMITH DIES**- Our friend and brother firefighter, retired Lieutenant Phillip B. Smith, age 83, passed away on Saturday July 19, 2014. He was hired as A firefighter 3<sup>rd</sup> class on September 11, 1954. After serving the department for 26 Years he retired on May 13, 1980. Firefighter training was on the job because there Was no formal Fire Academy during those years. Station # 1 was located in the old City Hall at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Tijeras N.W. Station # 8 opened shortly after Phillip was hired at Graceland and Menaul N.E. to serve the new Bel Air subdivision. There was just over 200 firemen then, and they worked 72 hours a week. Beginning Fireman's Pay was about \$250. dollars per month. Phillip never served as a driver because he Was color blind. However, he was eligible to take the Lieutenant's exam and was Promoted to Lieutenant on January 19, 1960. He spent most of his career working At fire stations on the west side of town mainly at Station # 1 as an engine officer. He was a sincere and dedicated firefighter and was looked up to by the younger men As their leader. He was part of the senior Lieutenants that were the backbone of the Department who helped build the department from 200 people to over 500 people From the 1950's to the 1980's. He joins the ranks of numerous department officers Who in their 80's have now passed the torch on to the younger men. We are all Appreciative of the guidance and leadership given to us by the older generation of Firefighters like Phillip who worked long hours for low pay and benefits and paved the Way for us and the firefighter's of today. Phillip Smith will be greatly missed and we acknowledge the many years of service he gave to his community and the department. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Smith family.



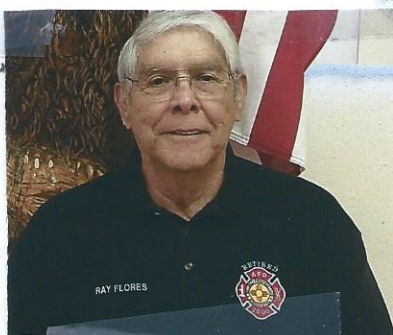
**Phillip B. Smith**

Herman R. Bishop, Historian  
AFD Retiree's Association





**EDDIE TORRES**



**RAY FLORES**

**ANNUAL PICNIC REUNION A SUCCESS**

Eddie Torres and Ray Flores declared the retired Firefighter's annual Picnic/Reunion a huge success. During the past 14 years Eddie and Ray have Coordinated the picnic along with Sam Trujillo. Their Wives Viola Torres and Merry Flores have assisted And have been mainstays each year to ensure the Success of our get together. Special thanks goes to all The retirees and their wives who so graciously assisted In food preparation, tables and chairs set-up, and break Downs. Eddie and Ray said, "It is wonderful to see all Our old friends and their families who shared our food And friendship

**"PROCLAMATION," SAM TRUJILLO, ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL**

On Monday August 11, 2014 Sam Trujillo, President of the AFD Retiree's Association Was awarded a "Proclamation," by the Albuquerque City Council for his 46 years of Fire service. Diego Arencon, President of the IAFF, local 244, firefighter's union Nominated Sam for the award. "Diego said, "Sam is most deserving of this recognition. His dedication and commitment to the fire service and his 14 years serving as President Of the Retired Firefighters Association is outstanding." Sam joined AFD in 1968 and Served in all ranks through Assistant Chief, and headed the Paramedic Division. He is a Graduate of the National Fire Academy and holds an Associates Degree in Fire Technology from the University of Albuquerque. He has worked with the firefighter's union to promote and protect the pay, benefits and retirement options of both active duty and retired firefighters. Sincere congratulations go to Sam for achieving this important award.



**SAM TRUJILLO**

**KERRY HORTON, "MAN OF THE YEAR," AWARD**

At the Retired Firefighter's annual picnic/reunion retiree Kerry Horton was presented the "Man Of The Year," Award. He was nominated by John Serino. Since his retirement in 2012 He has become an active and valuable member of the Retiree's Association. Currently he is Collecting photos of all cadet classes and writing the history of each graduating class. When The project is complete his work will become part of the permanent displays at the fire academy. He has participated in most of our major projects throughout the past year.

Kerry is a key member of the funeral truck detail and works hard to maintain that vehicle and to Keep it service ready. John said, "for the above reasons I feel that Kerry is most deserving of Recognition and should receive the "Man Of The Year," award, congratulations Kerry !"

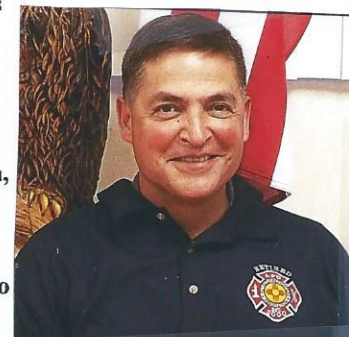


**KERRY HORTON**

**MARK CHAVEZ, "MAN OF THE YEAR," AWARD**

This year two "MAN OF THE YEAR," awards were given. Mark Chavez was nominated for this award by John Serino. Currently Mark serves as Chaplain for the Retiree's Association and is Always on call to assist any of our retirees in need. He has been a key member of the firefighter's "Random Acts of Kindness," and has assisted numerous families in need both locally and in other Communities as well.

He has responded to several National disasters such as the California wild fires, hurricane Katrina, In New Orleans and has assisted in re-building firehouses in New Orleans. He also led a group of Firefighters to assist the citizens of Moore, Oklahoma following the devastating tornados there. He is a talented artist who specializes in chain saw wood carvings particularly of firefighters, Smokey bear and his beautiful sculptures are on display on the river bosque at Coors and Montano Here in Albuquerque. Congratulations to Mark for a job well done !



**MARK CHAVEZ**

**AUGUST 13, 2014 MONTLY MEETING-** The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 PM. After the pledge, Opening prayer by Deacon Santos Abeyta, and a moment of silence for our deceased members, roll call was Held. Felix Garza is recovering from a recent heart attack. AFD staff has asked our retirees to join them in Commemorating 911 on September 11, 2014, @ 10: AM on Civic Plaza Downtown. Eppie Ortega is offering A defensive driving course for retirees. Contact Sam Trujillo @ 899-1500 to sign up. Sam welcomed retiree Jim Moffitt who attended his first retiree meeting. The annual picnic is set for Saturday August 23, 2014, @ Rotary Park, Downtown Bernalillo, NM. Eddie Torres and Ray Flores welcomes everyone to attend. Herman gave a talk to friends of the Library on July 12, 2012, on the early history of AFD. A big thanks to Frank Maestas for the great door prizes he donated for the picnic. Nice letters of thanks were sent from Dolores Chavez for the funeral services for her husband Pat and from Rick Winters Jr. for the services in Memory of his father Rick Winters Sr. Juan Sandoval led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned, 8:45 PM.





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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

By: Sam Trujillo

We are well into our 14<sup>th</sup> year as an association and our numbers continue to grow .... We had 37 AFD Retiree's in 2013 and so far at mid- year of 2014 we are at 20 AFD Retiree's ..... Our numbers will continue to grow and hopefully involvement by these younger AFD Retiree's will also grow .... As I have stated in previous newsletters, we are losing the older generation of retiree's that were the backbone of Albuquerque Fire Department ..... These older Fire Fighters were instrumental in building the pay / retirement benefits that are now the norm ..... I always stress that we should never take our retirement for granted and I want to make sure that our association continues to lend support to **IAFF Local 244** in their battles to protect our PERA Retirement ..... I have faith that our retiree association will prosper and that the foundation that we have established as an association will allow for continued growth in numbers and accomplishments .....

I also want to remind our members to stay involved and to continue in lending financial support to our association as our cost of this newsletter continues to increase each year .... Our association operates strictly on your donations .... Please lend support to your AFD retiree Association .... Please send donations to **AFD Retiree Association** c/o 1504 Hermosa SE, 87108 ....

I also want to remind you to keep me informed (899-1500 / 400-3644 or [samtruj@aol.com](mailto:samtruj@aol.com) ) on any address / telephone number changes. This includes e-mail address changes. Our e-mail network has grown extensively and this allows us to communicate with our members on a daily basis if needed ..... Thank you for your support!