

AFD RETIREE NEWS

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ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION
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March 1, 2010

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009 TERMED HUGE SUCCESS

The Retiree's Christmas Party was held on December 12, 2009 at the town of Bernalillo Community Center. A big thanks to Vice President Eddie Torres who arranged with town officials to get the meeting hall for free. The toy drive was successful and toys were donated to the town of Bernalillo to give to children who are in need. The highlight of the party was Santa Claus (Leroy Barboa) who delighted the children, talking to them, and taking their picture with Santa. Eddie Torres was Santa's helper and gave goodie bags of candy and toys to the boys and girls while they waited to visit with Santa.

The food buffet was excellent and was coordinated by Ray and Merry Flores and Eddie and Viola Torres. A sincere thanks to all who donated food and assisted in setting up the hall and most of all helping with the clean up when the party ended.

Fire Alarm Box Raffle
Mrs. Rosanne Varela of Bernalillo, N. M, won the Fire Alarm Box Raffle.

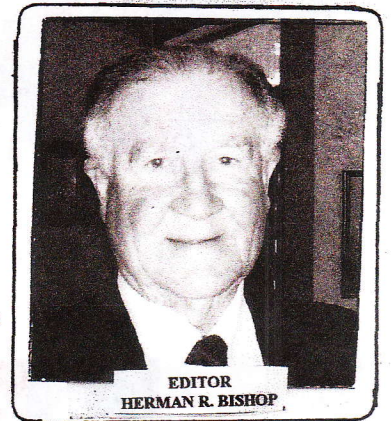
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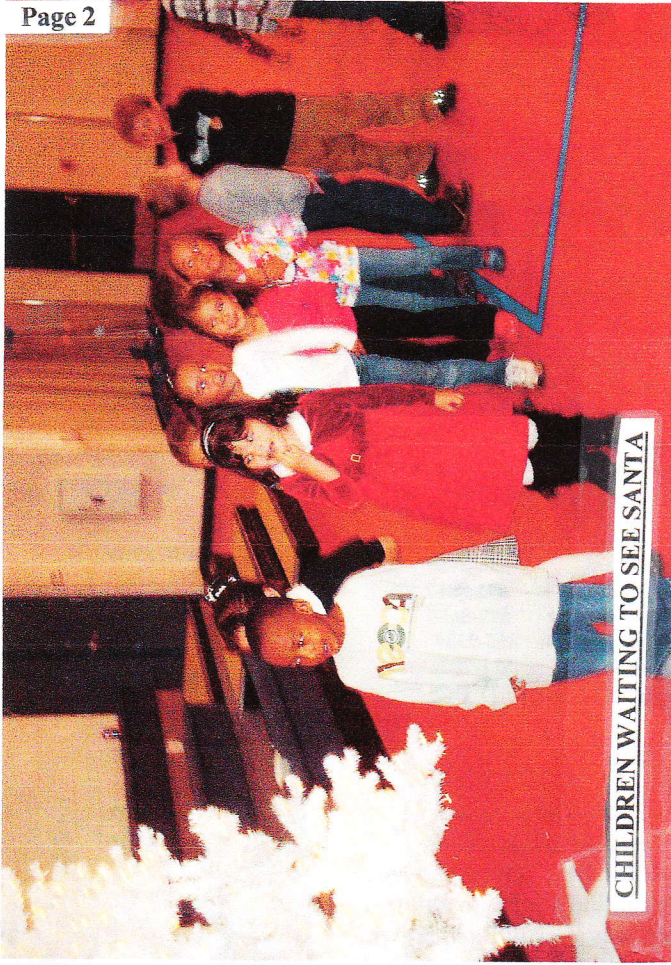
Merry Lee Flores and Viola Torres were presented Special Recognition awards by the Retirees for their devotion and hard work during the last few years to make the annual picnic and the Christmas Parties highly successful.



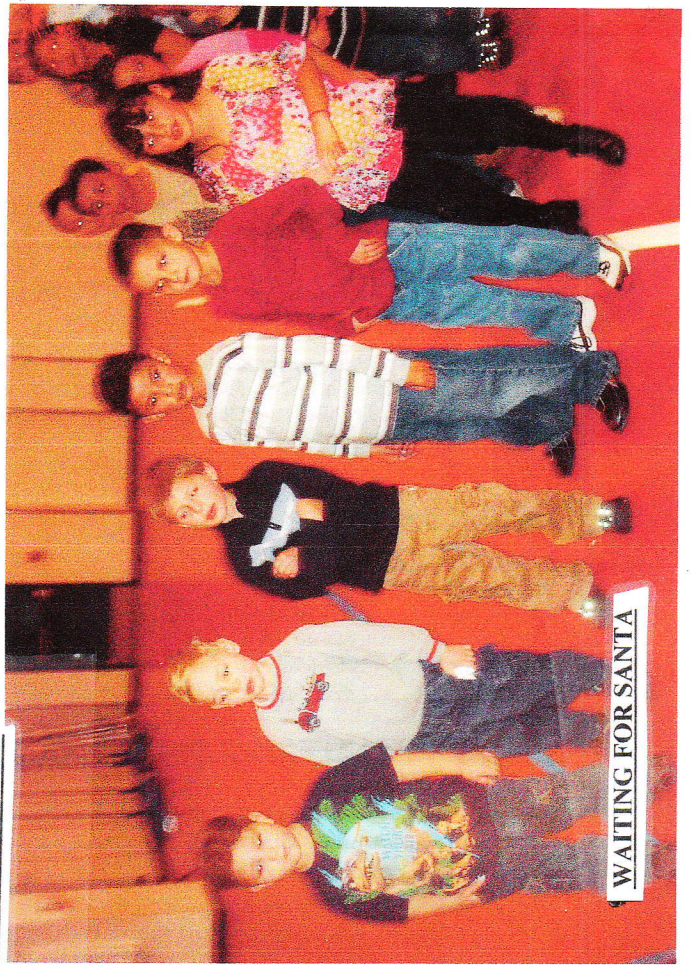
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2009- RETIREE CHRISTMAS PARTY



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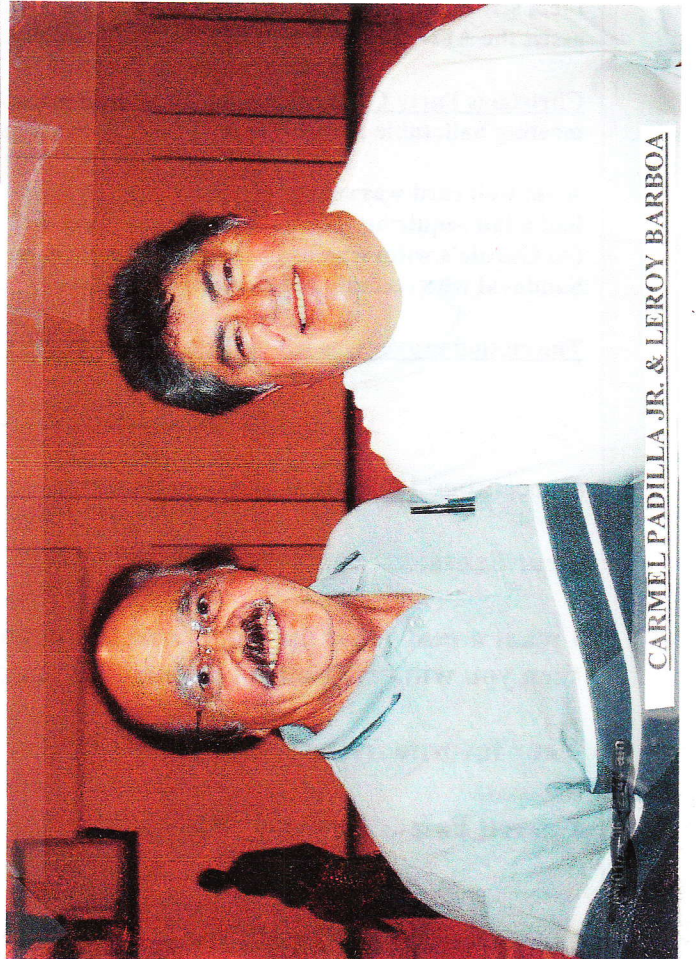


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2009- RETIREE CHRISTMAS PARTY



CARMEL PADILLA JR. & LEROY BARBOA



L-R- EDDIE ABEITA, MEL ARCHULETA, BILL RAUPFER

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December Meeting- President Sam Trujillo called the 112 th meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led our members in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for our departed members. Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer.

President Sam Trujillo advised that the Retiree's executive board has a meeting planned with the new Fire Chief Jim Breen on January 6, 2010.

We had a guest at the December meeting, Felix Garza, a retired Lieutenant from the San Antonio, Texas Fire Department. Felix makes his home in Albuquerque now and was invited by President Sam Trujillo to attend the retiree meetings. There were no guest speakers.

Louis Trujillo read the November minutes, Eppie Ortega moved to accept as written and the motion was seconded by Ralph Sedillo, The motion carried. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report and Bill Raupfer moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Douglas Sieben and carried.

Historian's Report- Herman reported that the Memorial Plaque project is going well and the response has been good. We are trying to get the names of our retirees on this commemorative plaque which will be displayed at the new fire museum located at the Fire Administration building. Contact Herman or John Serino to get your name or the name of a deceased member on the plaque. A donation of \$50.00 is requested.

John Serino displayed the Fire Department Photo collection donated to us from the Applebees Restaurant at Yale & Gibson due to a remodeling project. These photos will also be displayed in the Fire Museum.

Funeral Truck Committee- Bill Raupfer said they have had several meetings and have familiarized them selves with the Pumper, Operation of the Hydraulic lift and are developing plans on how to best assist the AFD Honor Guard at funerals, including ringing of the bell, (The four-fives).

Christmas Party Committee- Ray Flores and Eddie Torres coordinated all the preparation for food, meeting hall, table and chair set-up and listed volunteers for various tasks including food donations.

A get well card was sent to Big Joe Hernandez who has been sick and to Joe Marquez who recently had a fall requiring stitches in his head. A get well card was sent to Mrs. Juanita Gurule (Al Gurule's wife) who has been sick. We gave our best wishes to brothers Slim Davidson and Juan Sandoval who recently recovered from pnemonia. Both attended December's meeting.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

December 12, 2009

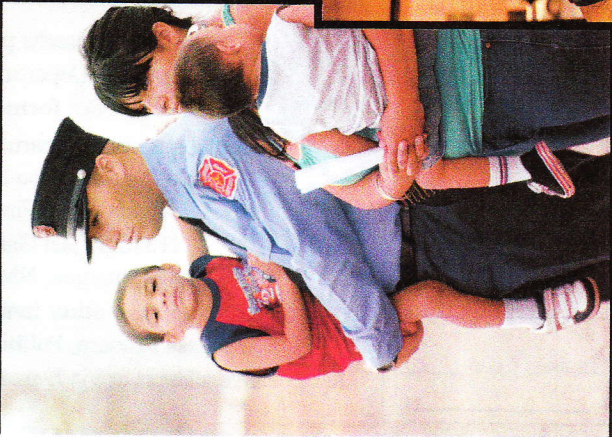
Dear Santa:

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Fire Families



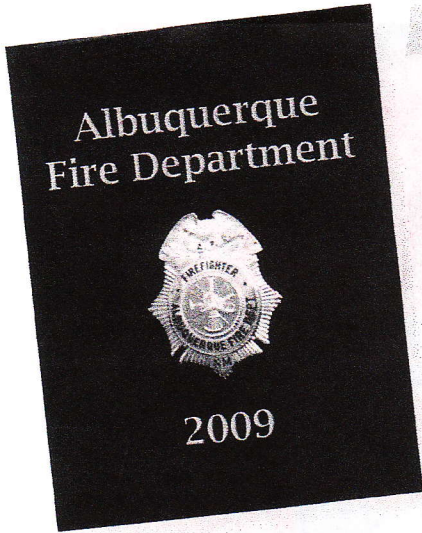
The Fire Families Program was developed from working in the Albuquerque Fire Department and noticing some common issues and concerns that can hopefully be addressed in a proactive approach to help fire fighters and their loved ones through their career in the fire service.

Anyone interested in the programs available for spouses, kids, or other support members of an AFD fire fighter: Please call me with any questions Adele 934-3434

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The book committee is compiling photos and historical material for the book. Please submit any historical items along with your current photos, action photos or photos of special events to Melissa Romero in the Public Information Office. All items will be reviewed for content and clarity and included in the book based on space availability. Send original photos with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to have your photos returned. Digital images also acceptable, but must be at a resolu-

tion of 300 dpi and saved as .jpg or .tiff. Low resolution images are not able to be reproduced for the book. Be sure to include a caption indicating who/what is depicted and the date the photo was taken.

This edition will feature hundreds of photos, individual personnel photographs and a history of the Department.

A special committee is heading up the history book project. Please give them your support by submitting photos and your book order. **The final deadline is February 1, 2010.**

Sincerely,

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AFD RETIREES MEET WITH FIRE CHIEF JIM BREEN



**PRESIDENT SAM TRUJILLO ADDRESSES
CHIEF JIM BREEN (1-6-2010)**



Chief Sadberry, Eddie Abieta, Ralph Sedillo (1-6-2010)

Jim Breen was appointed to Fire Chief on December 1, 2009 after the retirement of Chief Robert Ortega. On January 6, 2010 members of the AFD Retiree's Association met with Chief Breen and Deputy Chief Craig Sadberry. On behalf of the retirees President Sam Trujillo congratulated Chief Breen on his new position and offered the assistance of the Retiree's Association members to establish a positive working relationship with the new administration.

Retirees who attended the meeting were: President Sam Trujillo, Louis Trujillo, John Serino, Herman Bishop, Marx Deer, Noel Baca, Fred Casias, Bill Raupfer, Ralph Sedillo and Edward Abieta.

Chief Breen gave the retirees a cordial welcome and said he was looking forward to working with us. He commended the members for remaining active with the Fire Department and for paving the way for the active duty members today. He recognized the vast wealth of knowledge and experience the retirees have to offer and view us as a valuable resource to the department.

President Sam Trujillo addressed some major activities the retirees are currently engaged in such as the Memorial Plaque project, retiree participation in last alarms, our assistance to restore antique fire apparatus and equipment, our support of the fire museum, lectures to the new fire cadets, assistance with the firefighter health and welfare program, and participation in Cadet Graduation ceremonies and other Fire Department activities throughout the year.

Bill Raupfer explained about the committee he heads to assist with the funeral truck and funeral services for firefighters, and maintenance of antique fire equipment at the museum. Bill said his group is ready to assist the department when the need arises.

John Serino briefed the Chief about the recent fire photo collection that he and Eddie Abeita recently acquired from Applebee's Restaurant due to their recent remodeling and renovation. John

stated that on behalf of the Retiree's Association we are donating the entire collection to the department. (24 photographs, framed, matted and ready to mount for display). We would like to see them displayed in the fire museum. The Chief gladly accepted the collection.

Louis Trujillo offered the assistance of our retirees to the Chief and that our members stand by ready to assist the Department in any way we can. Further Louie stated that he is optimistic that our association can continue the positive working relationship with the administration that we have had during the past nine years.

Herman Bishop presented the Department six historic photographs from the turn of the century (1900), that have been restored, enlarged, matted and framed ready for mounting in the new museum. He further pointed out that each photograph has a story. On the back of each picture you will find the stories describing the people, dates and a summary of each photograph. The Chief graciously accepted the photos and assured us that they will be properly displayed.

After accepting the historic photographs Chief Breen appointed the Fire Department photographer Matt Painter to be the official custodian of the photo collection and that he also accept the Applebees collection as well from John Serino. Matt Painter will ensure that the entire collection will be properly displayed.

The retirees along with President Sam Trujillo complimented Matt Painter for the photography work he has done for the Department and also thanked Matt for sharing his photographs with us and for the cooperative spirit he has shown the retirees. Matt is working with the Retiree's Association to preserve the Fire Department history through photography.

President Sam Trujillo also asked the Chief to consider publishing a Fire Department monthly newsletter again. In years past the retirees really looked forward to the news letters as they were a connecting link for us to keep in touch with the department and allowed us to keep abreast of the department activities and it's members.

Sam also suggested that the Chief reinstate the Annual Report as well. It is a valuable historic document of Fire Department activity. As we have carefully reviewed the annual reports from the past, they are valuable tools to preserve history and to see the progress of the department today.

In summary the meeting with Chief Breen and the retirees was a productive one. The interest Chief Breen showed in the Retiree's Association is positive. We are optimistic that we can work in the spirit of cooperation in the future and that we can be of assistance to the Department. We are excited about the prospects and potential of putting the new fire museum together. The retirees are happy to be welcomed and to remain a part of the Albuquerque Fire Department.

FIRE MUSEUM COMMITTEE FORMED

Fire Chief Jim Breen appointed Commander David Downey as Curator of the new fire Museum. On January 11, 2010 Downey met with members of the Retiree's Association to form a Museum committee. The committee will be comprised of active duty members and retirees. Commander Downey and Photographer Lt. Matt Painter will coordinate with the retirees to select appropriate items (photos & equipment) for display during the next few months. Retirees will assist in equipment restoration.



L-R, Sam Trujillo, David Downey,
John Serino, Eddie Torres (1-11-2010)

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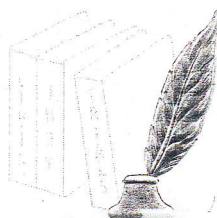
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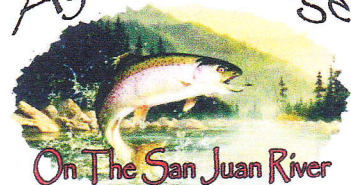


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PRESENTED JUNE 6, 2010

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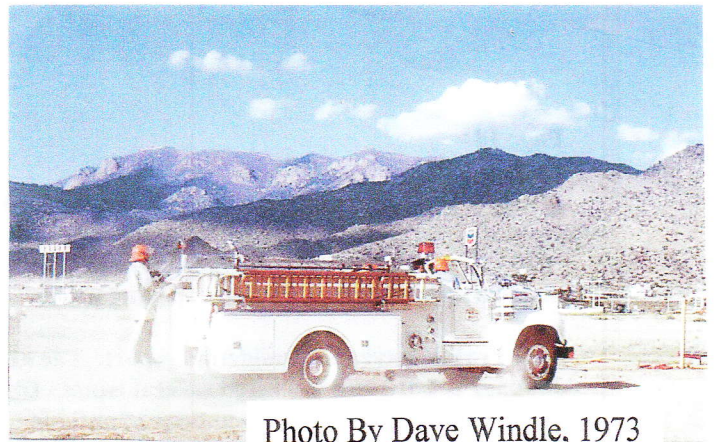


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MEMORIAL PLAQUE, UNVIELING CEREMONIES

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, @ 10:00 A.M. all retirees and their families are cordially invited to attend the Unvailing ceremonies of the Retired Firefighters Memorial Plaque commemorating the 10th anniversary of the AFD Retiree's Association.

Ceremonies will be held at the Fire Administration/Academy Complex located at 11500 Sunset Gardens Rd. S.W. (Directly south of Central Avenue & 114th Street S.W.) A reception will follow and refreshments will be served.

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Photo By Dave Windle (1973)

January Meeting- The 113 th meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was called to order by President Sam Trujillo at the firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith N.E. at :7:10 P.M. on January 13, 2010. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for our deceased members, Bob Martinez led the opening prayer.

Sam Trujillo gave the President's report. The executive board met with Fire Chief Jim Breen on January 6, 2010 and discussed several issues. Discussions were held about the new fire museum, the last alarm committee, and donations of antique photographs. Herman presented the Chief with six restored photographs from the turn of the Century (1900) for display in the fire museum. John Serino presented the Chief 24 photographs from the Applbee's collection which was donated to the Retiree's Association for display in the new museum. Chief was very receptive to the ideas discussed with the retirees. He is fully supportive of the retiree's association.

Sam reported that the recent audit conducted of our association funds was that our finances are in good standing. Louis Trujillo and Herman Bishop conducted the audit and gave a full written report of their findings to President Sam Trujillo. Both Louie and Herman commended John Serino our Treasurer for the complete and accurate records he has kept during the past few years.

Minutes of the December, 2009 monthly meeting was read by Louis Trujillo. Marx Deer moved to accept as written and the second was made by Ramon Maldonado. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by John Serino. He followed the recommendations of the audit report and set up three separate accounts. Checking account, savings account and special funds account. After meeting obligations for newsletters and the Christmas Party, John reported that our finances are solid. A motion was made to accept by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The motion carried

Historian Herman Bishop gave an update on the Memorial Plaque and it is going good. If any one still wants their name or the name of a deceased member on the plaque please send your donation of \$50.00 to John Serino. Members of the executive board met with Commander Downey and are in the process of forming a museum committee comprised of active duty personnel and retirees.

The official date for the unveiling of the Memorial plaque and celebration of our 10 th anniversary will be held at the Fire Academy (11500 Sunset Gardens S.W.) on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. Retirees and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Eddie Torres read a letter of thanks to the retirees from the Town Manager of Bernalillo, N.M expressing his appreciation for the gifts our members took to the Christmas Party and donated to the Town of Bernalillo for their needy children. Both Eddie and Ray Flores thanked everyone for their support and assistance to make our annual Christmas party a huge success. Merry Flores and Viola Torres send their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the retirees for presenting them with a service recognition award. Both said it was a nice surprise and a really kind gesture from our members.

Bill Raupfer reported that the Funeral Truck Committee is now organized and up and running. He is working with members of Fire Administration to develop written guidelines for funeral procedures and to assist the AFD Honor Guard. The committee is now working on a more professional and unified performance as we coordinate with active duty members.

Ray Flores made a motion that we make Felix Garza fellow retiree from the San Antonio, Texas Fire Department an Honorary Member of our Association. The motion was seconded by Marx Deer and carried. During the past year Felix has attended our monthly meetings and functions and has been active in the retiree's association. "Welcome Aboard Felix !"

A get well card will be sent to Robert B. Sanchez and a condolence card to Adolph Lucero who lost his son and his brother.

Mark Sanchez led the closing prayer and the January meeting adjourned at 9:10 P. M.



Photo By: Matt Painter

FIRE CHIEF JAMES BREEN (1-25-2010)



Photo By: John Serino

Rosanne Varela, Winner, Fire Alarm Box Christmas Party, (12-12-2009)

February, Monthly Meeting – On Wednesday February 10, 2010 the AFD Retiree’s met at the Firefighter’s Union Hall at 4100 Edith N.E for their 114 th monthly meeting. Sam Trujillo led the pledge of allegiance and Santos Abeyta and Mark Sanchez led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members. President Sam Trujillo noted that we have lost 56 members since the Retiree’s Association was formed in June, 2000.

We had three guests, Ramona Abieta, Rose Mary Benavidez, and Lawrence Rael. Mr. Rael addressed the group and stated that he is running for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Rael was formerly Albuquerque’s City Manager for twelve years and served under three Mayors.

Presidents Message- Sam talked to Fire Chief Jim Breen and the Chief is looking forward to working with the retirees. He said that the Department has scheduled a Fire Cadet class in July and as of now they are planning to hire 20 Cadets. The Chief appreciates the work the retirees have done to get the new Fire Museum up and running.

Louis Trujillo gave the Secretary’s report from the January monthly meeting. A motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and a second was made by Bill Raupfer. The motion carried.

Treasurer John Serino gave his monthly report. He said people are still sending donations in to have their names placed on the memorial plaque. We have extended the final date to have your name on the plaque until March 20, 2010. As the retirees get paid March 1 st this will give them time to get their money in. John thanked those who donated money for his up-coming trip to Havana, Cuba in February to play Senior baseball with the Cuban Baseball team. John’s team is representing the United States and is comprised of players from around the Country. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Ralph Sedillo. The motion carried

Historian Herman Bishop displayed pictures of AFD from the turn of the Century (1900) and Eddie Abieta donated a photo of a ladder and fire stream demonstration from the old drill tower when it was located at Second Street and Tijeras N.W. taken in the 1940’s. These pictures will be donated to the fire museum for display. Lieutenant Matt Painter, F.D. Photographer advised that the photos donated to the department last month by the retirees are already on display. Pablo Garcia is working on a title plate for the museum display listing the retiree honor roll. You may see this display in the Museum apparatus room now.

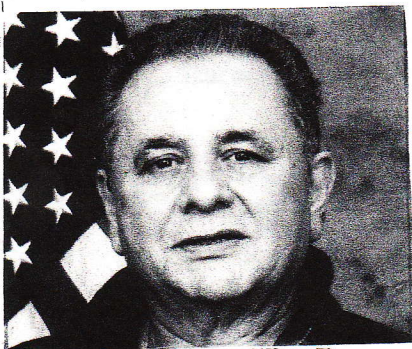
Condolence Cards were sent to John and Marcella Serino on the loss of her sister. Cards were sent to Adolph Lucero who lost his son and brother recently. Condolences were sent to Jake Perea who recently lost his son, Daniel Saavedra who lost his wife’s step father. Our sincere sympathies and condolences go to all our fire families who lost loved ones.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval and the February monthly meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE By Sam Trujillo

It is hard to believe that our association will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary. These past 10 years have gone by very fast and during the past 10 years we have participated in the " Last Alarm " of 56 AFD Retiree's. Our association has been working on the 2010 AFD Retiree's memorial project. The AFD Retiree memorial plaque will be presented on the 10th year anniversary of our association. The date of our ceremony will be on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 10 AM at the new AFD Fire Administration / Academy location. Refreshments will be provided. I hope that you and your families will be able to attend and honor all AFD Retiree's. Our retiree's are the backbone of the Albuquerque Fire Department. I want to thank the retiree's that have participated in this project and I also want to give thanks to retiree's and family members that have contributed on behalf of deceased AFD Retiree's. As you know, we operate on donations and this project will help our association in funding our quarterly newsletter and several projects involving the future AFD museum that is located within the Fire Academy building. With your help, we will be able to continue in our associations endeavors. We have enclosed the list of retiree's that have participated in the 2010 memorial project. Please review your name and notify myself or Herman Bishop if there are any errors. Please contact John Serino @ 266-1252, if any members want directions to the AFD Academy or if they want to be placed on the memorial list, The cutoff date for members to participate has been set for March 20, 2010.

I also want to thank all of you for allowing me to have served as president of our association for the past 10 years. It has been my greatest honor and privilege. I continue to be available in helping our members in their time of need. I hope to see you at our monthly meetings. I can be reached at 899-1500 or 400-3644.

February 10, 2010
Fellow retiree Felix Garza
From the San Antonio, TX.
F.D. who now lives in
Albuquerque was given an
Honorary Membership
To the AFD Retiree's
Association at the February
Monthly meeting. Our
Sincere congratulations to
Felix who strongly supports
The retiree's Association.