

ATLANTA FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE NEWS

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BI-MONTHLY MEETING February 1st at the Piccadilly, 2442 Godby Rd. Bull starts at 11:00 AM, eating and more bull about 11:30. Bring someone that will help keep the tall tales straight. We have had a great turnout of current and retired AFRD personnel at recent luncheons, the more the better.

Last call for 2012 Metropolitan Fire Association calendars. As always, they are \$5, include a pocket calendar, and help to fund the MFA's Unit 880 canteen. Contact your normal supplier, or let me know and I will get you as many as you need.

February 7, 2012 will mark the **40th Annual Firefighters Recognition Day** held at the State Capitol to recognize and pay tribute to our firefighting community. Several different activities are being planned for this day, and a crowd in excess of 500 is expected at the State Capitol to take part in the activities.

The **Atlanta Fire Rescue Department** Firefighter application period is now open! The close date will be February 24, 2012. Applications can be picked up at the Atlanta Workforce Development or at www.atlantaworkforce.org

IN MEMORIUM

Retired Battalion **Chief Thomas H. Roberts**. Chief Roberts, one of the four surviving fire fighters of the Winecoff Hotel fire of 1946 passed away December 22nd. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Betty Ludvick age 80, died 12-30-2011. She was the wife of retired Lt. Edward (Ed) J Ludvick.

Thomas Beacher Leathers, age 88, of Conyers, died Thursday, December 29, 2011. He worked for the Atlanta Fire Department. He trained at Station 7 in West End, was assigned to Station 4 and then worked in the Signal Office for the remainder of his career.

FAO **James C. Rousseau**, retired from station #30, passed away on Sunday January 08, 2012.

Sincere condolences to all these and any others who have lost loved ones.

Here are the retirees for January 2012.

Glenn Williamson

4453 Abingdon Drive
Stone Mountain GA 30083
404-296-1812

Matthew Holbrook

96 Lentry Drive
Sharpsburg GA 30277
770-502-8140

Mark S Greene

2508 Leeshire Road
Tucker GA 30084
678-343-1111

Patrick J Cogan

439 Plantation Court
Stockbridge GA 30281
770-301-6486

The **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)** for 2012 will range between 0.2879% (for December 2011 retirees) up to the maximum of 3% for those who retired before June of 1982. Most will get 2.849% on your January 31st payment.

Larry Mahle, Trustee

If you're not a member of the **Atlanta Pension Fund Members Association**, please consider joining for \$10 a year and protect your pension. Please contact me at the address above for an application. We hope to soon have a webpage where you can join and pay online. The **Annual Meeting** of the **APFMA** will be December 8th at the same Piccadilly as the AFD Retirees' Luncheons. (Isn't that convenient?)

If you're receiving the newsletter both online and via U.S. Mail, please let me know. If you get it via U. S. Mail, but have an e-mail address, please let me know. Unless you just really need that paper copy, I would prefer to move everything to e-mail. To you mail only recipients, I will continue to mail them out, but I send out a lot of updates between paper issues that are timelier.

Bob Gish is still looking for those apparatus photos for the book project. If you have access to the photos in the 5 AFD Annuals, 1960-2007, please let Bob know about their use for the book.

His contact information is; e-mail bgish@att.net or cell 678-223-5513.

E-mail addresses needed – I know that the e-mail addresses we have do not constitute the entire population of AFRD retirees, especially the many, many recent ones. Please help by forwarding this to as many retirees (or active FF's) as you can and ask anyone who does not get this directly from me to send me their address. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE: **The 2nd Annual Atlanta Fire Rescue Retiree Roundup** is scheduled for Friday, April 27th at 10 AM at Grant Park. RSVP to Claudie Nash at (404) 392-0040 or Michelle Lynum at (404) 227-7383.

From Retired **Section Chief Jimmy Hodges**:

Happy New Year!!!

Please be advised that I have volunteered to participate in the production of the 2012 edition of the AFRD yearbook and will serve as the liaison for all AFRD retirees. This is a great opportunity to include any pictures and related histories that any retiree may deem worthy to be included in this historic 130th Anniversary Edition.

Anyone with knowledge or possession of pictures of various fire shots or station personnel in an electronic format can forward them to me at this email address. Additionally, all retirees are encouraged to either take advantage of this opportunity to take a current individual, family or retiree group picture with the professional photographers provided for this project.

Attached is a brochure indicating times and locations to be considered when determining your visit with the onsite photographer. If you decline to use the photographer, it would be acceptable to submit a personal photo to be included in the yearbook; however, it must be forwarded electronically. Lastly, we encourage all retired members to consider purchasing a copy of this collector's edition of the 130th Anniversary Yearbook.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!!

With Warm Regards,

Jimmy Hodges
AFRD Section Chief - Retired 2011

All members who are retired and have not received their **retirement watch**, they are ready for pick up at City Hall. This is all the information that I have at this time.

WSB TV featured injured **Sergeant Jordan Jenks** on Sunday, January 15th along with his father, retired **Captain Walton Jenks** and retired **Chief Nish Willis**. Here is the link:

<http://www.wsbtv.com/videos/news/p2p-gold-shield-foundation/vFnL5/>

ATLANTA BRAVES FF APPRECIATION DAY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT FS#11, AT 2 – 3 pm. Contact April Thacker at (404) 304-1012.

Claudie Nash has offered to help any retiree who never got a **watch** or particular **service pin** obtain one. See below:

“Chief, I have made arrangements with HR at City Hall. If the retirees will provide me with their SS#, Date of Retirement, # years of service, I will be happy to pick up their retirement watch. Also, I can hold their watch until the Retire Roundup or make plans otherwise. I’m just trying to help. The watches are on a first come first serve! When they are gone they are gone.....”

Please have them to contact me via email or city cell: 404-392-0040.”
