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Mission Statement

The Arizona Fire and Burn Educators Association is committed to assisting the communities of the State of Arizona in promoting fire and life safety education. In support of this mission, AFBEA does the following:

- ◆ Provides the public of all ages and abilities with the appropriate behaviors to prevent fire or life safety hazards
- ◆ Effectively educates them in the skills necessary to protect themselves and other when confronted with a fire or life safety hazard.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Janet Morlock-Ward

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! I wish you all the best of the season and happiness, health and many successes in the New Year!

I hope you'll be highly visible during the holidays reminding your communities to be safe. Ladder safety, electrical hazards, trees, candles and fireplaces are all timely topics as citizens "deck-the-halls". It's also a good time to get the word out about age-appropriate toys and reminders about bike and sports helmets and other safety gear. On-the-road safety is important as the holidays bring out the worst in drivers who are more likely to be driving fatigued, stressed and perhaps with a drink or two under their belts. Reminders about seatbelts, child passenger restraints, courtesy behind the wheel and designated drivers are always timely.

If your agency does a Christmas Food and/or Toy Drive tucking some home safety info into the food box or a safety coloring book into to gift packages also helps spread the word. If you give away bikes or skate boards include the safety gear required. If you are working long hours on community holiday projects invite family and friends to share the joy of giving by inviting them to help with activities. This is a tradition that meant a lot to my family in during holidays past and helped them to better understand my crazy passions.

Remember to manage your stress levels as well during this hectic season. Jot down a schedule of what you need to do at work and at home, better managing your time is a huge stress reducer. Take care of you, get plenty of rest, eat well and go light on alcohol and exercise. Work on letting things go; recognize your limitations and learn to say "no" when you are already overloaded. Speak up; keeping important thoughts, ideas and emotions bottled up is a leading cause of stress. Write down the things you can't bring yourself to say out loud. Ask for help, having a strong personal and work network of friends and family helps lighten your load. Prioritize the things you "need" to do and make room for some "wants". Laugh a lot and cry when you need to.

Speaking of managing stress, I have retired from the fire service earlier than I had thought I would and will be finishing up my term as president as a civilian, seems to be working for Bev and Polly so I'll give it my best.

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AFBEA Website

Check out our website at <http://www.afbea.org>. The website contains the meeting minutes, by-laws and copies of past newsletters. We have a children's page for kids to download coloring sheets and activities. We also have pages on emergency preparedness and juvenile firesetters.

While on the website make sure you check the Events section for upcoming training.

The Newsletter Needs Your Help!

Please send any local stories of interest, local events, new station openings, new teaching methods, promotions, or anything to share with everyone. The newsletter should provide a means of sharing to all of AFBEA's membership.

Please send your correspondence to: AFBEA, P O Box 7227 Goodyear, AZ 85338 or email them to afbea@att.net

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President Message (cont'd)

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I am working for a private ambulance company that doesn't do public education but Mark Genz (Airhorn of "Siren & Airhorn") and I will be doing education through the Sheriff's Office (his full time job) now that we've left the fire department. I'll be signing on with the Sheriff's Assist Team (volunteer group) as soon as I get in the groove of the new job and my new primary endeavor as student.

Yes student, at the ripe old age of 53, I've entered my bachelors program! Getting my degree wasn't compatible with the 24/7/365 (literally) job as a small town chief so I made a move that will allow me to finish my degree quickly, leading me to a new and hopefully improved 40-hour career in the near future.

Leaving the fire service after 31 years volunteering and 2 years on the payroll as chief tore at my heart and soul, but having regained time with family and friends over the course of the past few weeks confirms that it was the right decision. Packing up the clown/character stuff that belonged to Mark and I personally was insanely emotional but on the balance sheet of life the right thing to do. I'll be going to storage to get Siren's helmet to hang next to my retired chief's helmet because times with my educator friends have been the highlight of my career. Please update your email list for me: jmw@cis-broadband.com, my cell is still 520-266-1101.

Bless you all for your service to community. I'll be praying that your programs make it through this economic crisis and that you can continue to do the things that matter.

Best to you always,



AFBEA BOARD WISHES
EVERYONE A
Happy HANUKKAH
And
MERRY CHRISTMAS



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Characterization Through Clowning & Puppetry Camp

By Stacy Figueroa, Committee Chair

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31st

Camp will be held January 31—February 3, 2011 at Bullhead City, Arizona. Registration fees are Early Bird Registration is \$200 for AFBEA Members and \$235 for Non-AFBEA Members (which includes one year free membership to AFBEA) until December 1, 2010. After Dec 1st registration is \$225 for AFBEA members and \$260 for non members (still includes one year free membership). The hotel will once again be Harrah's, Laughlin, NV – rates \$22.00 plus tax for Sunday – Thursday. \$72 plus tax if you come in on Saturday.

We have workshops covering,

To register go to <http://www.afbea.org/Events.htm> then click on registration online. Hope to see you all there!.

Member News

Scottsdale Fire Honors 2010 Employee Award Recipients



On Nov. 17, eight individuals were honored by Scottsdale Fire Department and the Firefighters Local #3878 for their service to the department and dedication to the community at the 2010 Employee Awards event.

Fire department personnel, elected officials, city management, friends and family gathered at the Granite Reef Senior Center to recognize this year's winners and celebrate their accomplish-

ments during an afternoon reception.

Twenty-nine peer nominations were evaluated and judged by a panel of past award winners. City Manager David Richert expressed during the event "there is no greater reward than being recognized by your peers for a job well-done."

The following is a brief summary of this year's award winners:

- Craig Randolph was awarded the Volunteer of the Year. Craig participates in numerous community safety training events and has donated over 1,200 hours to the community and Fire Department.
- Senior Account Specialist Jessica Restrepo was named Administration Person of the Year. Jessica was recognized for her excellent customer service and support of the department's payroll and staffing functions.

- Captain Ken Mantay was recognized as Officer of the Year. Captain Mantay was identified as a person who continually goes above and beyond when providing service or rendering aid to others during his shifts and off-duty.
- Acting Captain Chad Masciotra, Firefighter Adam Arrington, and Firefighter Brian DeVault were recognized as Firefighters of the Year for the actions taken to protect the public leading up to and immediately following a major tent collapse in January 2010 at one of Scottsdale's Classic Auto Auctions, which resulted in no serious injuries.
- Assistant Fire Marshal Mark Zimmerman was awarded the Fire & Life Safety Award for his on-going leadership, coordination and follow-up with the numerous Scottsdale signature events.
- Public Education Officer Lori Schmidt was awarded a special Chief's Award for Outstanding Service for her recent honor of being named Arizona Life Safety Educator of the Year. The fire safety and injury prevention programs Lori has created and administers are presented to 30,000 Scottsdale youth annually.

New Members / Members Anniversaries

New Members

John Holmes, Northern AZ Consol Fire Dist
Boyd Lewis, Golden Valley Fire District
Jason Sellers, Horry County Fire Rescue, NC

Anniversaries

January

Jodi Adams, 1 year
Ross Alexander, 1 year
David Alanzo, 1 year
Shannon Biggs, 1 year
Tom Chenoweth, 1 year
Maricela Cueevas, 1 year
John Dabbs, 1 year
Michael Bowling, 1 year
Angela Driskell, 1 year
Shane Dunstan, 1 year
Stacie Durham, 1 year
Dan Elliott, 1 year
Cheryl Evans, 1 year
Jon Gable, 1 year
Gaston Gagne, 1 year
Dr Gary Geroy, 1 year
Leonard Glover, 1 year
Philip Hartley, 1 year
Tracy Horton, 1 year
Donald Huenecke, 1 year
Brent Judd, 1 year

January (con'td)

L Annetta Kellley, 1 year
John Knight, 1 year
Roger Konieczny, 1 year
Brian Lee, 1 year
Megan Macht, 1 year
T J Miller, 1 year
Alan Perry, 1 year
Matthew Poe, 1 year
Myrna Raya, 1 year
Kyla Rolfes, 1 year
Michael Reichling, 23 years
Brent Smith, 1 year
Jerri Smith, 1 year
Gary Sterner, 1 year
Debra Trimble, 1 year
Dennis Ward, 1 year
Jason Willoughby, 3 years
Ray Whitman, 23 years
John Wiggins, 20 years

February

Carrie Abts, 6 years
Sandra Brady, 1 year
Barry Bunzell, 5 years
Shawn Campbell, 1 year
Karl Cincotta, 1 year
Travis Dallinga, 1 year

February, (con'td)

Maria Fickerts, 8 years
Mike Flummer, 20 years
Laura Gifford, 1 year
Dave Hannon, 1 year
Krista Horting, 1 year
Jeremy House, 1 year
Brendon Hunt, 1 year
Jeremiah Jones, 1 year
Greg Keblis, 1 year
Olivia Lorge, 1 year
Larry Mulrain, 1 year
Andy Ockwell, 1 year
Jose Ojeda, 1 year
Lee Primm, 1 year
Chris Ruddick, 1 year
Josh Santiago, 1 year
Keith Tanner, 15 years
Shawn Walker, 1 year
Dan Walsh, 1 year
Harold Watkins, 1 year
Chris Weaver, 9 years
Stefen Wilson, 1 year

March

Liza Aguirre, 1 year
Mike DeMars, 1 year
Jeff Thomas, 11 years

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2011 Quarterly Meeting Dates

March 3, 2011	Avondale Fire Department
June (Date to be set)	Verde Valley Fire District
September 16, 2011	Tucson Area
December 1, 2010	Peoria Fire Department

Meeting start at 9:00 AM, Lunch will be provided.