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President's Message

Jim Schrepfer, President I.A.R.F.



Brothers and Sisters,
2018 got off to a very good start with our first quarterly meeting in Bloomington. The first meeting was attended by 46 retirees from 12 clubs.

Members attended from as far away as Belleville and Evanston. The Bloomington and Normal Retirees provided a great lunch of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad and dessert. The membership was informed about the activities in Springfield by AFFI Legislative Representative Chuck Sullivan. He emphasized the importance of this election year.



As President, I am trying to visit all the 26 clubs and attend their regularly scheduled meetings. Since the last magazine, I received extended invitations to attend meetings in Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, Waukegan, Kankakee, and Jacksonville. If you would like the IARF to attend your activities, contact us at the email addresses listed on the next page.

The IARF has submitted a resolution to the AFFI to restructure our per capita. This organization aligned with the AFFI in 1988 and agreed to pay per capita on 250 members. That amounts to \$26,000 per year and is no longer



feasible. The principle officers sat down with President Devaney and Secretary Tom Roate and worked out a more favorable solution. Our three delegates to the State Convention in St. Charles will represent you and get the job done.

Lastly, The Executive Board of The IARF is set to unveil a new endeavor: "SUPPORTERS OF THE IARF". Trustee Jim Smith of Bolingbrook has agreed to administer the program and has written an article in this magazine with the exciting details. It should make the quarterly meetings a little more exciting with a \$500 drawing.



Thanks for being a member of the IARF and AFFI and I hope you can continue to support our efforts to protect your pensions through education. If you have not yet paid your 2017 or 2018 dues, please contact your club Secretary or use the form included in this magazine!

Fraternally in Solidarity,
Jim Schrepfer President





Michael Morse is a former captain with the Providence (RI) Fire Department (PFD), an author, and a popular columnist. He served on PFD's Engine Co. 2, Engine Co. 9, and Ladder Co. 4 for 10 years prior to becoming an EMT-C on Rescue Co. 1 and Captain of Rescue Co. 5.

WHEN IS A FIREFIGHTER NO LONGER?

Is it the day he puts in his papers?

The last night in the station?

Driving away from the station after the final shift?

When he says, "I'm home," and stays there?

Or is it when the fire in his heart diminishes and the thrill of responding to emergencies in the dead of winter is no longer there, but he does his job and leads by example and never lets "the kids" know that he knows the end is near?

Is it when the thought of working a holiday is no longer acceptable, and unused sick or vacation time begins getting used?

Or when "the tones" at 3:00 a.m. sound like the bells of hell rather than a subtle way to say get up, get dressed, and get on the truck?

Is a firefighter through when he makes rank?

Or if he chooses a different career path, like EMS or Fire Prevention?

Or arson investigator?

Is a firefighter no longer a firefighter when the years of injury finally make it impossible for him to do his job without putting himself, his crew, and the people he is sworn to protect in danger?

Does he become less of a firefighter if he retires on a disability?

It's none of those things. A firefighter is no longer a firefighter when he stops breathing. Then he is a dead firefighter. Three days later, he will be a dead and buried firefighter. Then, he will live forever with the rest of the firefighters who came before him and lived the life and loved the job even when it became more and more difficult to feel it the way they once did.

A firefighter is no longer a firefighter only when he chooses to no longer be a firefighter. Nobody can make that choice but the firefighter. What makes a firefighter a firefighter resides deep inside, and nobody can change that unless the firefighter chooses it. Simply hanging up the turnout gear for the last time does not strip a firefighter of his status.

Nobody can take away the things that make us firefighters. Nobody can strip us of our memories, our heart and soul, or our willingness to put it all on the line when needed. Nobody can take the friends we make during our journey away. Nobody can make us forget those friends we have lost.

Being a firefighter is for life. There is no such thing as a retired firefighter. We can't even die without being remembered as a firefighter. And after living the life, and feeling the heat, and knowing exactly how good it feels to do the job, who would want to?

Vice President's Message

George Bode, Vice President I.A.R.F.



I hope you have all weathered our unusual winter well, and are ready for spring. Spring is a time of new beginnings, regrowth, and fresh starts. This is what our club is in the process of doing. Our time honored source

of income, the advertising in our magazine, is starting to fail us. The rate of sales is declining; therefore the income derived from them is declining along with it. We need to find some new and creative sources of fundraising. One idea that has been suggested is a "raffle" that really isn't a raffle. It operates very closely to the "500 Club" concept. We print a specific number of tickets, for a set price, and draw winners at scheduled times throughout the year, namely our quarterly meetings, with several ticket-buyers winning one of the six prizes at each drawing. Each ticket is good for an entire year, even if you happen to win. This will not replace all of the missing income, but it will be a start. To be successful, it will take every member of the IARF selling these tickets. We need your help to make this a real success.

Another idea being discussed is the annual golf outing. The golf outing is sponsored by the IARF and hosted by a local club. Up until now, the IARF has not profited from any of these outings. Our plan to build the outing into a big event every year that folks look

forward to attending. The IARF will work with whichever club is hosting the outing, to ensure its success. Since this will be a mutual effort, the profits will be split between the host club and the IARF. What that split will be is currently being discussed. If properly run and advertised, it can be a real moneymaker. Again, it will take all of us working together to make it happen.

The IARF is counting on the membership to help bring this organization back to be a force in the state. We are recognized across the state for our efforts on behalf of our retirees. We need to continue to grow with the demands placed on us by the politicians. Only you can help us succeed in this endeavor. Will you do your part??

I look forward to seeing you in Belleville in April.

Until then, I remain fraternally yours.

George Bode
VP of IARF

Fraternally Yours,
George Bode

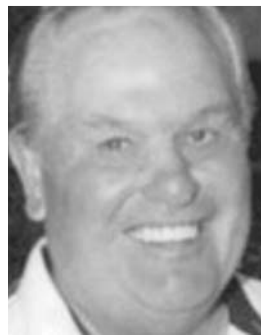
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Secretary's Report

Mike Levine, Secretary I.A.R.F.



In 1990, shortly after his retirement from the fire service, Donald L. Van Scoyoc accepted a position as trustee with the newly formed Illinois Association of Retired Firefighters. The IARF was in the early organizational stages of forming 20 local charters across the state from Rockford to Belleville, from Danville to Rock Island. Don worked tirelessly on the road with his fellow trustees to secure those local retiree charters.

The AFFI had identified over 2000 regular retirees along with 800 disabled firefighters that needed representation to reach a minimum standard of living. Don was dedicated to the efforts of the IARF to be a voice for our retirees, our disabled, and our fire service survivors. In addition to building the organization, Don Van Scoyoc worked with the executive board team and the AFFI to successfully lobby the state legislature for quality-of-life improvements for all our fire service family.

Last year Don Van Scoyoc entered his eternal reward at the age of 84. He was born to Roy and Catherine (Young) Van Scoyoc on September 23, 1932 in Lewistown Pennsylvania. Don attended Bradley University and entered the U.S. Navy serving until his honorable discharge in 1965. Don Van Scoyoc was commissioned "Fireman" on the Peoria Fire Department in 1965. He successfully negotiated the competitive promotional process to the rank of Fire Captain and retired in 1989 with nearly 24 years of distinguished public service.

Donald was an avid golfer and traveled several years with many of his Fire Department

TRIBUTE TO TRUSTEE DONALD L. VAN SCOYOC, FIRE CAPTAIN RET. 1932 - 2017

friends to golf events in Biloxi, Mississippi. Don's skill at the game of golf proved valuable and impressed many political friends to support firefighter legislation during AFFI and IARF sponsored golf events.

He loved dancing in his free time with the "love of his life," and the "right one," Wanita Dybevik (Wantling) Van Scoyoc. Whom he married on November 12, 1976 in Las Vegas Nevada. Donald is survived by his wife Wanita of Peoria; two step children Patti (LesDaniels) Stookey of Florida, stepson Steve (Kim) Wantling of Peoria; one sister Dorene (Roy) Weaver of California; one granddaughter Alycia Raska of St. Augustine Florida and two great grandchildren Taylor and Kaylee Raska of St. Augustine Florida; one nephew "his favorite" James Van Scoyoc of Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as many more nieces and nephews. Donald was preceded in death by his parent's, one stepson David Wantling, and one brother James Van Scoyoc.

Don knew the strength of the fire community to be a positive influence for both the fire service and the needs of their local communities. He knew people will listen to good, sound advice from those who serve in the honorable professions, and encourage retirees to be cordial with neighbors, family, and friends to gain their political support.

Last year was a solemn time for the IARF after attending two memorial services for both President Emeritus Robert Sullivan and a few days later for former Trustee Donald L. Van Scoyoc. The editorial committee wanted to give full dedication to each fire officer with their own publication in accordance to the office held and date of memorial respectively.

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The fall issue of the “Disabled and Retired Firefighters” honored the memory of Bob Sullivan, with this spring 2018 issue to recognize the life service of Don Van Scoyoc. Both officers set the traditions of selfless service to their nation, community, and the betterment of their fellow man. May we honor them by building on their efforts and continue in their tradition of service.

Remember the quarterly meetings in Belleville on April 28th; Peoria on July 28; and Elgin on October 28, 2018. Also send in your reservation for the Springfield Golf Classic on September 11, 2018 (9/11 memorial).

Submitted by Mike Levine, IARF Secretary



Treasurer's Message

Dan Oaks, Treasurer I.A.R.F.



I hope this issue finds that everyone has survived another Illinois winter (for those of us who aren't smart enough to go south or west). I also want to thank the officers of

our various clubs for the forwarding of their current rosters. It has been an enormous help in updating our membership rolls. As well as making sure our widows who wish to receive the magazine receive one. The magazine is our largest expense other than the per capita we pay to the AFFI, so it is important to make sure our mailing list is current.

The executive board has also been working hard to find a more consistent and dependable source of revenue, so we don't have to depend on phone solicitations and ad sales to fund our organization. We have also been working with the executive board of the AFFI to present a resolution at the Biennial Convention to reduce our per capita cost to a more manageable amount. Doing these things is of the utmost importance to our continued long term financial health.

Fraternally,
Dan Oaks

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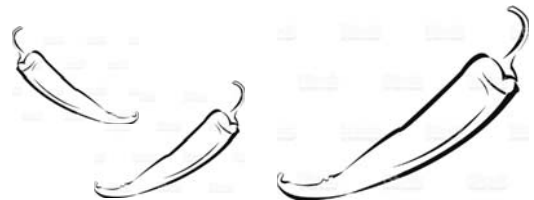
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Trustee's Message

Rocky Fardel, Trustee I.A.R.F.



Retiree's and Spouses,

Here we are weeks into the year 2018. I hope everyone is doing well and living retirement to its fullest. I would like to thank the Evanston Club and the Bloomington/Normal Club for hosting our last two quarterly meetings. Both did a

great job.

I would like to welcome Jim Smith from Bolingbrook to the IARF board as our newest Trustee. Jim was appointed by the board to fill the vacated spot of Dude Meisinger. We thank Dude for his years of service to the IARF.

The Trustee's recently completed the audit of our books and every dime was accounted for. Thanks to Treasurer Dan Oaks for the great job of keeping everything in order. The board is continually looking for ways to cut costs and bring new revenue in. If you have any fundraising ideas, let us know.

We will be sending representatives to the AFFI Convention and the Legislative Conference again this year. It is important that we attend these events in order to keep retiree's issues in the forefront.

Please try and attend a quarterly meeting this year. We have the meetings spread throughout the state. You may see some old faces, get the latest IARF news and we throw in a free meal/drink.

Fraternally, Rocky Fardel - Trustee
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Trustee's Message

Joe Swierczek, Trustee I.A.R.F.



Retired Brothers
and Sisters,

Greetings from
Belleville! Let's
welcome Spring and
another Political
Season...

The Fall 2017
meeting was held in
Evanston and it was
a very good and well

attended meeting. Guest speakers included
the Mayor and Fire Chief. I must say the food
was excellent!

The Winter 2018 meeting was held in
Bloomington / Normal. I was not able to
attend that meeting, but I was told that it was
well attended.

The Spring meeting will be hosted by the
Belleville Club on April 28th, see details in
this magazine. The Belleville Club has elected
new Officers, President Charles Grider III and
Secretary / Treasurer, myself Joe Swierczek.
I hope to report in the Fall magazine that the
Spring meeting was well attended! Please
make plans on attending. If you have not seen
the 911 Fire Fighter Memorial that is located
outside of the #4 Fire Station in Belleville,
please put that on your list of things to do!

I would like to welcome Jim Smith a Retired
Brother from Bollingbrook to the IARF
Board. Jim is a new Trustee, filling a vacant
spot that Dude Meisenger held for years. I
look forward to working with Jim. I would
like to thank Dude for his many years of
service to the IARF.

Lastly, please plan on attending the quarterly
meetings. The meetings are very informative,
you get a chance to visit with old friends and
meet new ones and you will receive a meal.

Sincerely,

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Trustee's Message

Wayne Stout, Trustee I.A.R.F.



Hi to all our IARF Brothers and Sisters.

While looking for an idea for my spring magazine article I ran across the following:

‘Remember me; I haven’t forgotten you’

By Ray Severence

Retired Minnesota firefighter.

No, I haven’t forgotten the excitement of riding on a fire rig, lights flashing, siren wailing, or the feeling of a “good save”, whether it be a human life or the valued possessions of a fellow citizen.

I haven’t forgotten the feeling of standing ankle-deep in freezing water on a -30 below January night, gloves frozen to a nozzle, fighting a fire I know was caused by carelessness—or worse.

I haven’t forgotten terror, of being lost in a smoke-filled building—feeling the increased heat of the fire working its way through my turnout gear, or the taste of a hot cup of coffee and a cold meatloaf sandwich at four in the morning.

Now I walk into my old fire station, only to find It filled with strangers.

I may not walk as fast, or stand as straight as you. My hair may be gray and thin, and my jokes don’t come as easily as they once did.

But I know in my heart that I have paid the price, and earned THE RIGHT TO SAY PROUDLY, “I AM A RETIRED FIREFIGHTER.”

I feel, as I’m sure many of you do these same things today as I reflect on my years in the fire service. When in a group of retired firefighters we tend to recall the good old days. As president of my local organization I have the occasion to go down to the fire station. Being retired for 23 years there aren’t many left there who remember me, but they always welcome me. I hope to see you in Belleville on April 28th so we can recall some of the good old days.

Sincerely, Wayne

Trustee's Message

Jim Smith, Trustee I.A.R.F.



Hello to all fellow retiree's. I would like to introduce myself to you as being your new I.A.R.F. trustee. My name is Jim Smith and I have been a member of the Joliet area chapter I.A.R.F. since 2005. Then in 2011, I retired from

the Bolingbrook Fire Department as the Fire Marshal. When I was hired in Bolingbrook the village was pretty much known as bedroom community with the FD having 3 stations. Over the next several years the village grew with commercial buildings as well as residential building and businesses on the upswing. When I retired the fire department had 5 stations and a village population that grew from about 30,000 people when I started to over 70,000 people.

As your new trustee I hope to be part of a great organization that will continue to prosper and grow like it has been over the last several decades. Plus serve the members as the people before me have done.

Now that I am the probie all over again the board has asked me to help with a program that will hopefully offset the cost of running this organization. This is what we have come up with as a board to help with costs.

We will asking the members of the I.A.R.F. to seek supporter's donations from family, friends and even businesses that the members come in contact with. This program is called Friend's of Illinois Association of Retired Firefighters. Members will have supporter coupons that we will provide and this coupon will have two parts. Part one will have an area the supporter will fill out information about themselves, the second part will be the coupon the supporter keeps.

In return to the supporters we will have four drawings a year where 9 supporters at each drawing will have a chance to receive a thank you gift from the I.A.R.F. for helping the organization. There will a \$500.00, \$250.00, \$100.00 and six \$25.00 gifts to be handed out.

These next coming months we will be getting the coupons out to all the chapters and will have the first drawing at the July picnic in Peoria. With a little time from the members to secure donations from supporter's the I.A.R.F. will hope to make this an annual event.

Thank you, Jim Smith.



THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAPLAIN...Darrell Coons

Here's a question for you:

Have you ever gone to work, or school or anywhere that you have responsibilities, when you were sick...because you were afraid no one would pick up the slack for you?

Have you ever skipped a vacation because you felt you were too needed at work to take the time away?

Have you ever had a day off where you made sure that you could get to your phone IN CASE "WORK" CALLED?

Have you ever been on vacation or on a day off where you felt guilty that you weren't working on something? If you're like me, you had to answer yes to each of those questions. And, just maybe, that's not something to be proud of.

Do you recall the 4th Commandment from Exodus 20?

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the Seventh Day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates."

And why is that?

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and made it holy." (NIV)

Yes, you say, but that was in a different time. In our culture, Sunday doesn't look much different from any other day. People work, stores are open, life goes on. Besides, we have three worship services and Sunday School and meetings and other activities.

But Sunday is NOT the issue. The issue is *When do we rest?* Normally, I'd say "anytime I want to because I'm retired! But do we? Our physicians tell us we need rest. Add to that our psychologists who point to mental fatigue as one of the most serious ailments of the mind. Our efficiency experts say there is a point where if you don't rest, you become less proficient at your task. And yet, we push and push and feel guilt for those times we sit and relax.

Max Lucado points to the fallacy of our thinking that "the show won't go on without me" when he says, *"God's message to us is if creation didn't crash when I rested, it won't crash when you do!"* Rest....Sabbath....We need to find quiet and restfulness because it gives healing to the spirit and adds strength for the road ahead.

But most of all, we need to rest because it is commanded by the One who made us and knows us best. I think I'll take a nap!

Blessings to you all,
Chaplain Darrell Coons



FROM THE DESK OF THE AFFI PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters,

We are excited to announce our 42nd Biennial Convention of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois is being held at Pheasant Run Resort and hosted by St. Charles Local 3322. The Convention will take place June 14, 2018 and continue until June 16 or until the business of the Convention is completed.

Local delegate strength count shall be completed by March 14th, 2018 with registration beginning March 19.

As per resolution 2016-07 the process for convention registration will be done via email notification and online registration.

Pat Devaney, President
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois
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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The IARF does not have any automatic dues deduction,
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AFFI LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At the time of this publication, the AFFI Legislative Committee is right in the middle of the 2nd year of the 100th General Assembly. As you know, the AFFI has a long history of advocating for its members at the capitol in Springfield. As retirees, many of you had a hand in promoting our issues and creating some of the many rights and benefits all of us enjoy today. It should also be noted that legislators in the Senate and House, as well as supportive Governor's have played a significant role in creating or maintaining all of our rights and benefits. Below is just a sampling of items that have passed and became law in just the last 5-7 years.

1. Increased the population threshold for municipalities in order to maintain relevance within the Work Comp statute.
2. Revamped the entire firefighter hiring process so that all municipalities and districts use the same process.
3. Ensured that employers pay for the exam review sessions within the promotion process.
4. Allowed for a Article 4 pension board to make payments to a beneficiary trust fund.
5. Allowed for public safety officers to solicit for charities at certain intersections in their communities.
6. Increased the dependent benefit for FF's who die and are not married.
7. Created the Regional/Unified Fire Protection District Act.
8. Before a local government can cease FD operations they must put it on a referendum.
9. Ensured Manning is a mandatory subject of bargaining.
10. Increased the maximum age for a FF to be hired for those that are serving in the military at the time they reach 35 years of age.
11. Created the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Taskforce.
12. Required Local governments to issue certificates of appointment to FF's hired.
13. Allowed Bedford Park tier 2 FF's to participate in IMRF-SLEP as opposed to IMRF.
14. Allowed a FF who was formerly a police officer in same local government to transfer up to 6 years of creditable service from Article 3 to 4.

15. Broadened the infectious disease testing done at hospitals.
16. Created minimum standards for Fire Chiefs to be appointed.

As we head into the Summer months, the AFFI will again go through the rigorous endorsement process ensuring that only those that are supportive of issues affecting our membership receive the coveted AFFI endorsement for the November General Election.

As members of the AFFI & IARF we ask that you participate in our political action program by volunteering to campaign on behalf of endorsed candidates when called upon. We also ask that you study our endorsement list and vote for those who support issues important to professional union firefighters and retirees.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact an AFFI Legislative Representative if you have questions or concerns.

In Solidarity,

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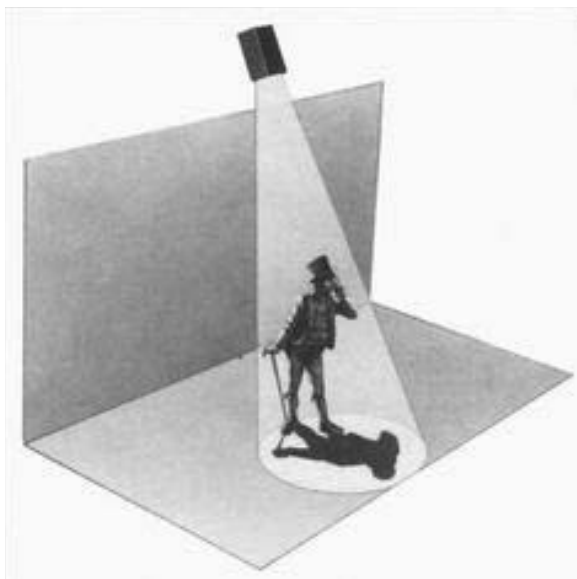
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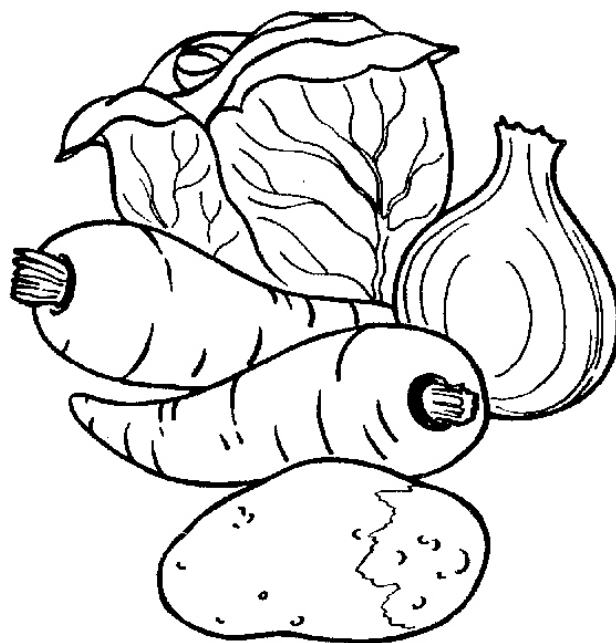
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FILIAL LAWS COULD PUT RETIREES ON THE HOOK FOR PARENTS' HEALTH-CARE COSTS

I recently came across an article on a long-term-care planning strategy By Greg Iacurci.

State laws known as filial responsibility laws have the potential to stick unwitting family members with relatives' hefty long-term-care costs. They can wreak financial havoc on families that don't prepare for long-term-care need. Observers point to a recent case, to demonstrate the breadth of how courts enforce filial laws, which basically establish that children have a duty to care for their parents, and which experts believe will become more relevant as lifespans increase and healthcare costs swell. The case, *Eori v. Eori*, broadens the net of financial responsibility and even pits siblings against each other. It determined that each had a financial responsibility to financially support their ailing mother, who required in-home care.

"This should open eyes to everyone that even if you don't end up in a nursing-care facility, you could still have end-of-life costs. If parents become indigent or broke and rely on others, that could have a big impact on all the family members," said Jamie Hopkins, professor of retirement income at The American College of Financial Services.

Roughly half of Americans turning age 65 today will require long-term care. In 2017, the national median monthly cost for a home health aide was about \$4,100, according to Genworth Financial Inc. the monthly cost swells to more than \$7,100 for a semi-private room in a nursing home.

While states' filial laws differ, the *Eori* case is a "fair reading" of what may be expected in other states. The *Eori* case pitted Joseph Eori, who helped care for his 90-year-old widowed mother Dolly, against his siblings Paulette and Russell (who, after the lawsuit began, changed his name to Joshua). Because they weren't providing financial assistance to their mother, Joseph sued under the state's filial laws.

The mother had cancer, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and required 24-hour care that came via adult day care as well as three in-home caregivers, the cost of which exceeded her Social Security income, according to a court document.

Ultimately, a Pennsylvania state court mandated in 2014 that the brother, Joshua, pay \$400 per month in support — or, \$4,800 a year — which was upheld on appeal. The daughter consented, before appeal, to also pay \$400 a month.

Interestingly, the court found that the mother wasn't "destitute," but needed extra income to help meet her monthly expenses and therefore was considered "indigent."

"Now, we've seen a court say, 'You do have to pay up, Family Member No. 2 and 3,'" Mr. Hopkins said.

Observers believe financial advisers would be wise to become more aware of filial responsibility laws, which underpin the importance of having a conversation with clients around long-term-care planning." The people who don't know it should, because it's going to become more prevalent," Mr. Darling said.

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2017 Membership Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Membership Meeting – October 28, 2017

Evanston

Officers present: Schrepfer, Oaks, Fardell, Swierczek, (Bode, Levine and Coons absent)

Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of colors by the Evanston Honor Guard

Moment of Silence for Fallen Military and Firefighters – Reverend Jones - officiating

President Schrepfer presented Bob Nelson, President of the host – Evanston Chapter, who introduced Mayor Steve Hagerty who welcomed the retirees to Evanston, talked about his Irish background, encouraged everyone to tour local amenities including Northwestern University. Mayor Hagerty also announced the successful budget presentation by Chief Brian Scott. Mayor Hagerty heads a disaster relief consulting firm that responds to local tragedies and directs remediation. The Mayor expressed his respect and admiration for the firefighting profession in their public safety effort across the county.

Evanston Fire Chief Brian Scott addressed the meeting and reflected agreement with Mayor Hagerty's remarks. Chief Scott was encouraged by the local political support for the fire service. He gave a lot of the credit to the past efforts of retirees during their active service. Chief Scott looks forward to the continued partnership of active and retired firefighters.

President Schrepfer introduced Chuck Worley of the Illinois Firefighter Peer Support Team (IFFPS) who presented the service of the IFFPS to assist both active and retired firefighters with support during life's most difficult moments. In addition, Chuck discussed the cancer support services that the fire service appears to be plagued with and how the IFFPS can help. Chuck announced the need for volunteer assistance. Anyone with a desire to assist fellow fire officers in need can contact the IFFPS to attend classes. Call: (855) 907-8776 or visit the website at: iffps.org This organization has been featured in past issues of the magazine and is supported by both the IARF and the AFFI.

President Schrepfer introduced Eddy Cruse, AFFI Northern District Legislative Representative. Rep. Cruse presented a summary of the AFFI's progress in the Illinois Legislature. At this time, several bills were passed that included certain veto overrides that benefited job security, pension eligibility, and transfer of vested service from police to a fire officer job. The pension code limits professional firefighters in low populated industrial communities from the pension benefits enjoyed in larger populated communities. The AFFI fought to override the governor's veto of legislation that would correct this pension issue. Through late night lobbying effort the AFFI was able to pass law that the governor signed for firefighters in industrial areas to enjoy a better pension. The AFFI obtained legislation that will require fire officer qualifications for public safety directors with direct responsibility over fire departments. Representative Cruse explain much of the tactic and strategy used by AFFI to protect the interests of the professional firefighter community. There was a question and answer period with the membership expressing gratitude for the work of the AFFI and Eddy Cruse's report.

President Schrepfer presented the AFFI 5th District Vice-President, Art Thompson. V.P. Thompson reported on the job security efforts being delivered throughout the Northern District. There are several departments seeking union representation and taking-on full-time positions that were once part-time. The membership was able to learn of the upcoming election activity and ways in which retirees could assist electing our friends at all levels of government positions.

1st Order of Business: Treasurer Oaks presented the July/October report of the Treasury. A detailed register of income and expenses was provided. In summary revenue is stable and improving from past levels. There were questions about membership status and notification of when dues are to be paid. Discussion centered on the management of the multi-year statements.

Motion: Elgin Officer Larry Judkins moved to accept the Treasurer's report with attachments. WCRF Officer Steve Rose 2nd the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the Treasurer's report with attachments.

2nd Order of Business: President Schrepfer requested a motion to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2017 general meeting held in Peoria. The membership should have a copy of those minutes as printed in the Fall issue of the Disabled and Retired Firefighters magazine available at each table. Without objections, additions, or corrections a motion to accept is requested.

Motion: Evanston Officer Badger moved to accept the July meeting minutes. Evanston Officer Mike Kelly 2nd the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the July minutes.

3rd Order of Business: President Schrepfer announced that the nomination and election for delegates to the 2018 AFFI Convention by the next meeting. All members are encouraged to seek nomination and, if needed, a vote will be held to select three (3) delegates.

4th Order of Business: President Schrepfer reminded the membership that quarterly meeting have been set for January 2018 – Bloomington, Spring 2018 – Belleville, Summer 2018 – Peoria, and Fall 2018 – Elgin. If any chapter wants to host a meeting for 2019 a request can be made at a quarterly meeting. The Summer meeting has been traditionally held in Peoria as the annual meeting. Therefore, the board decided to offer chapters located in each of the three districts (Central/Winter, South/Spring, and North in the Fall) to host a quarterly meeting in one of the open spots. A request for such can be made at a previous quarterly meeting

5th Order of Business: President Schrepfer announced that this year will be the 25th Anniversary of the Earl Levine Golf Classic and is scheduled in Springfield on 09-12-2018. Joliet has scheduled the golf event for 2019. Chapters wanting to host the 2020 golf events and beyond may make a proposal at the annual meeting in Peoria.

6th Order of Business: President Schrepfer reminded the membership of the financial needs of the North Riverside Fire Department caught-up in a legal battle to keep their jobs that Eddy Cruse had talked about in his report. A fund raiser will be conducted to support re-imbursement for the Riverside Firefighters' legal fees. To date, this very brave, but small fire community has been successful in 13 court battles.

7th Order of Business: President Schrepfer requested a motion to place a \$100 advertisement in the AFFI Honor Guard Program Book.

Motion: of \$100. was made by Rockford Officer Ron Seeley. Seconded by Evanston Officer Walls. To provide a \$100. advertisement in the AFFI Honor Guard Program Book.

President Schrepfer requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn by Treasurer Oaks. Seconded by Trustee Stout. Motion to Adjourn Passed by voice vote – unanimous at 1:30 pm.

The October 28, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted:
Mike Levine, IARF Secretary

2018

Quarterly Membership Meeting – January 27, 2018

Bloomington/Normal

Officers present: Schrepfer, Bode, Oaks, Levine, Stout, Fardel, and Smith. (Swierczek and Coons absent)

Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of colors.

Moment of Silence for Fallen Military and Firefighters

President Schrepfer introduced Chuck Sullivan, AFFI Central Legislative Representative. Representative Sullivan stated that the AFFI was the first union group to endorse J.B. Pritzger for Illinois Governor. J.B. is an American venture capitalist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist based out of Chicago. J.B. has been a champion for the working families and has recruited Julian Stratton for his running mate. While Bruce Rauner has attacked unions and the benefits of working families, J.B. has sought a higher quality-of-life for the average citizen. Governor Rauner made his fortune from the pension funds of working families; and as an equity broker that broke-up corporations putting people out-of-work. J.B. supports collective bargaining and the pension plans of working families.

Chuck reported that the number of local unions has increased. This includes paramedic units that are not firefighters. AFFI is supporting legislation that will cover paramedic units under the same protections as firefighters. Also many of the small fire departments that are not covered by the downstate pension law are being supported by the AFFI to gain pension upgrades. Those local communities that have contract fire service must identify on their fire equipment that they are not a state commissioned fire protection service. Also the AFFI supports legislation requiring communities that contract firefighters covered under another municipal pension fund must reimburse the firefighter's pension contribution back to the full-time municipality.

Chuck entertained several questions from the floor. The membership was very appreciative of Chuck's report on AFFI activities and provided a very welcome reception.

President Schrepfer introduced Bloomington Local 49 President, Clayton Matteson. Clayton welcomed all the retirees to the Police and Firefighters Clubhouse. Also, he announced the 150th Anniversary of the Bloomington Fire Department with an event to be held in July 2018. There is a memorial to be constructed in Bloomington's Miller Park. All are welcome to sponsor a brick for placement in the monument. More information will be available in the near future.

1st Order of Business: Treasurer Oaks presented the July/October report of the Treasury. A detailed register of income and expenses was provided. In summary revenue is stable with minimal improvement from past quarters. Unfortunately, the magazine is only providing about a third of the revenue that it has brought-in from past publishing periods. Raising the dues in 2016, by a vote of the general membership, has helped to off-set revenue depletions. Significant cost reductions have been implemented to improve the fiscal record. There were questions about membership status and notification of when dues are to be paid. Discussion centered on the management of the multi-year statements.

Motion: Bloomington President Ron Fowler moved to accept the Treasurer's report with attachments. Oak Park Officer Mike Kelly 2nd the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the Treasurer's report with attachments.



2nd Order of Business: President Schrepfer requested Secretary Levine to read the minutes of the October 28, 2017 general meeting held in Evanston. The membership was provided a copy of those minutes that were also mailed-out to each of the charter presidents. Without objections, additions, or corrections a motion to accept is requested.

Motion: Oak Park Officer Greg Badger moved to accept the July meeting minutes. Evanston Officer Ron Gannon 2nd the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the October minutes.

3rd Order of Business: President Schrepfer provided a copy of a resolution to be presented at the 2018 AFFI convention that will reduce the per capita dues the IARF pays to the AFFI.

Motion: Treasurer Oaks made a motion to accept the resolution as provided and read. Bloomington Officer Ken Sylvester second the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the motion.

4th Order of Business: President Schrepfer announced the opening for delegates to the 2018 AFFI Convention, and that the Board nominated Dan Oaks to be a delegate.

Motion: Trustee Stout made a motion to send Treasurer Dan Oaks as a delegate to the 2018 AFFI Convention. Evanston Officer Ron Gannon second the motion. The membership voted unanimous to accept the motion.

5th Order of Business: President Schrepfer announced the election of President, Secretary, and four Trustees positions. The membership was given notice that all members in good standing may write a letter of intent to run for any of the open officer positions by June 27, 2018. Treasurer Oaks explained that two of the trustee positions will be for two years, and the remaining two will be for four years. Eventually, all officer positions will be for four-year terms under staggered cycles to maintain procedural continuity on the Board.

6th Order of Business: President Schrepfer notified the membership that the winter 2019 quarterly meeting is open for a central Illinois chapter to bid on hosting. The Board had offered to designate the spring quarterly to a southern Illinois chapter, the winter quarterly to a central Illinois chapter, and the fall quarterly to a northern Illinois chapter. This is an effort to be more inclusive and encourage higher membership levels. The annual summer meeting will continue to be held in Peoria.

Motion: Bloomington Officer Ken Sylvester made a motion for Bloomington to host the 2019 winter quarterly meeting. Bloomington President Ron Fowler second the motion. The membership voted unanimous to have Bloomington host the 2019 winter quarterly meeting.

7th Order of Business: President Schrepfer recognized Springfield President, John Sullivan, to provide an update on the 2018 IARF Golf Classic. The only major change is the date from the second Wednesday in September to the second Tuesday in memorial of 9-11. President Sullivan stated that the site for the Golf Classic will be the Lincoln Greens Golf Course located on Lake Shore Drive. The cost will be \$75. per individual. Additional information will be placed in the spring magazine

8th Order of Business: President Schrepfer provided an update on the North Riverside labor dispute. The Village of North Riverside has spent over a million dollars in legal fees to replace the North Riverside Fire Department with a contract service. The Village has lost at every level of the legal system. The Illinois Supreme Court did not find the arguments presented by North Riverside to be credible. Therefore, the issue returns back to arbitration, where the Firefighters have won the right to negotiate with the Village.

9th Order of Business: President Schrepfer asked the membership for a motion to send delegates to the AFFI Legislative Conference this May 2018 in Springfield.

Motion: Bloomington Officer Jim Stokes made a motion to send delegates to the AFFI Legislative Conference in May 2018. Oak Park Officer Greg Badger second the motion. The membership voted unanimous to send delegates to the AFFI Legislative Conference

10th Order of Business: Pekin Officer Dan Sego reported that Past-Trustee Dude Meisinger had plan on being at this meeting, but unfortunately had a health set-back and is under doctor's care. Dude sends his regards and looks forward to attending future meetings and events.

11th Order of Business: Bloomington Local 49 President, Clayton Matteson, notified the membership that the IAFF will be celebrating 100 years as an organization. Illinois has been recognized as having several locals that have been in continuous operation since the early years of the IAFF.

12th Order of Business: Trustee Stout notified the membership of the availability of shirts, caps, and jackets. Also the family of President Emeritus Bob Sullivan have donated AFFI logo shirt to be available to any of the IARF membership.

President Schrepfer requested a motion to adjourn.
Motion: to adjourn by Bloomington President Ron Fowler. Seconded by Normal Officer Jeff Freasley.
Motion to Adjourn Passed by voice vote – unanimous at 1:30 pm.

The January 27, 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted:
Mike Levine, IARF Secretary

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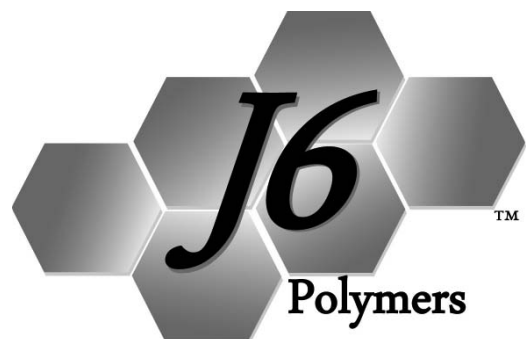
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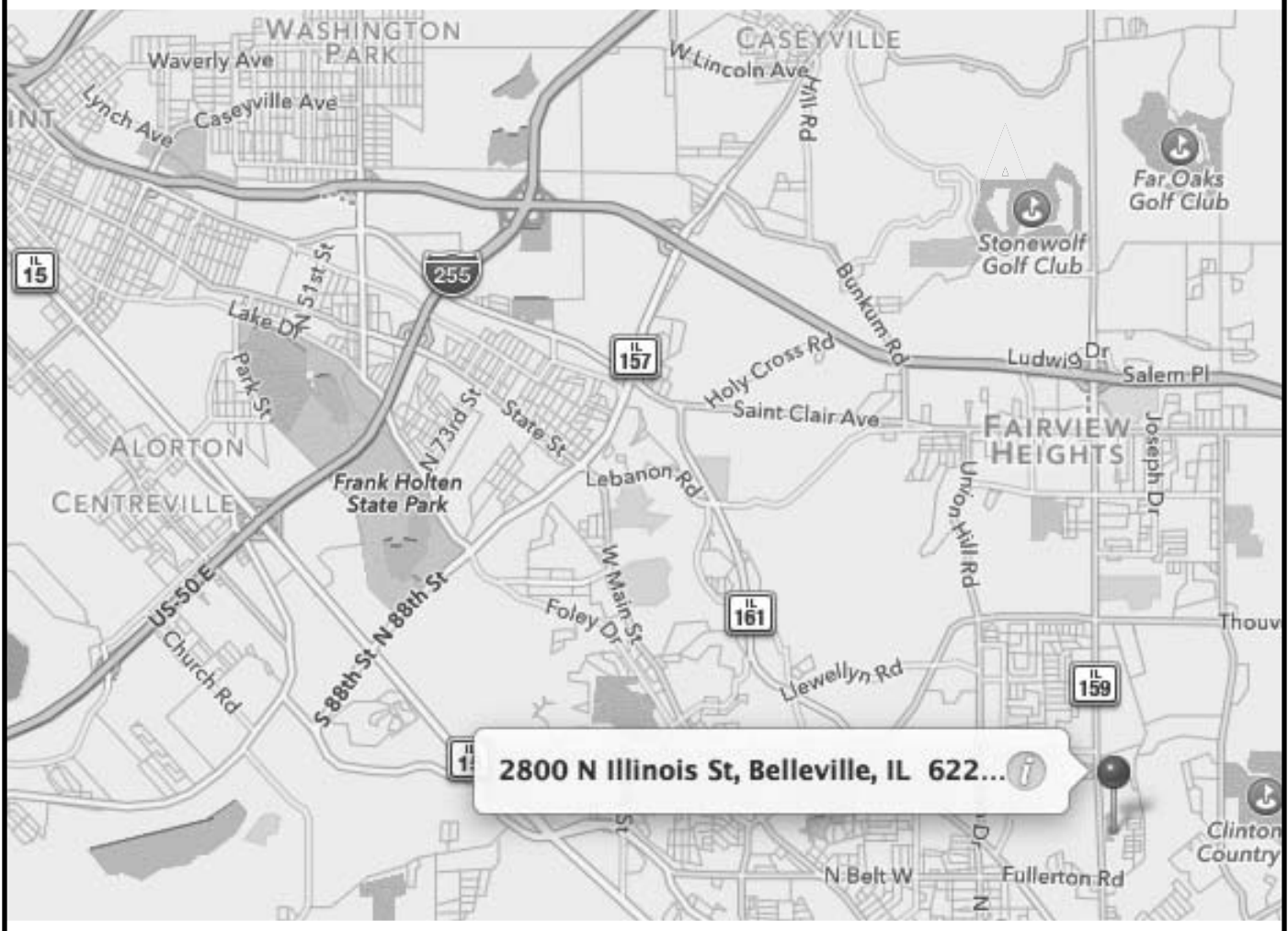
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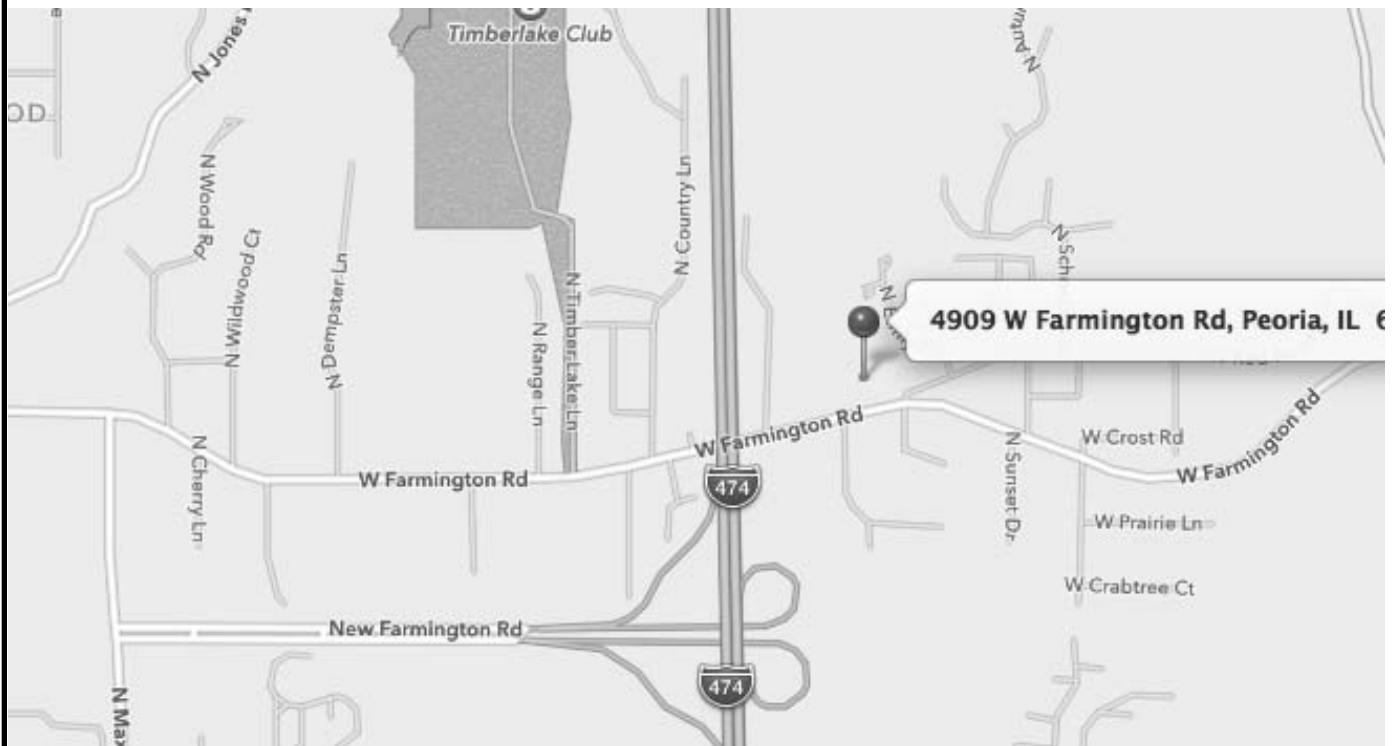
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4 Keys To Finding Closeness Again



**Jada Hudson,
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In a world of online dating, TV shows called *Married at First Sight*, and Millennials getting married later, its clear that the institution of marriage means something different today than it did when Grandma Lucille met Grandpa Harry in 1946. Surprisingly, however, divorce rates have consistently dropped since the 1980s in every age group except older adults.

In adults ages 50 and older, the divorce rate doubled in the past two decades. So, how can retired firefighters develop marriages that survive the retirement years? Here are four keys:

- 1. Commit to stick it out.** One study of 700 elderly adults found that 100% of them called their long marriage “the best thing in their life.” It also found that 100% of them called their marriage “hard” at one point. But, couples who practice being good to one another for the long-run rediscover the same care and closeness of their courtship.
- 2. Develop or discover mutual interests.** Think of activities you both enjoy doing together and do them as often as possible. Connecting over shared interests helps your relationship endure challenges from the outside.
- 3. Keep up your sex life.** When comparing couples who have sex once a week to couples who have sex less than once a month, the happiness level of the frequently-intimate was almost three times higher!
- 4. Find something meaningful to do with your personal time.** Don’t ask your spouse to satisfy your every need. Fill your days with satisfying activity, and invite your spouse to join in, if he/she wishes.

Though it may have been decades ago, something got you and your spouse together. A lot of time and many changes may have come, but you can rediscover the beauty of an amazing marriage even in the retired years. Start by shifting your focus from getting satisfaction out of your marriage to finding genuine closeness in your marriage.

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Eligibility

All active-retired IAFF members are automatically members of the Alumni. Most former IAFF members with an inactive-retired membership status are eligible to participate provided that they retired or left their local in good standing. The final Alumni eligibility decision is at the discretion of the retiree's former union.

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meets on the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, 53 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois 60505.

Picnic is in August or September and a Holiday Dinner in December. Call secretary for times.

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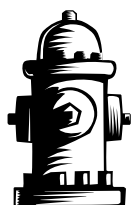
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club holds Breakfast at "Hank's Bait and Bite" every other month beginning in February. The Club also has an annual breakfast for retirees, wives and widows that is prepared by active fire fighters Local 429.

DECATUR

Decatur Retired Firefighters Club

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Secretary

Dale Penn

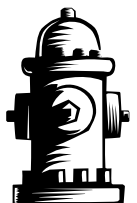
(217) 433-2375

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month (no exceptions) at 11:00 a.m. at Diamond's Restaurant, located at Pershing and Oakland streets.



EAST MOLINE

East Moline Retired Firefighters Club

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Secretary

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East Moline, IL 61244
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meets twice a year at station No. 2 spring and fall. The Breakfast is also twice a year.

Members participate in a Memorial Day event by placing markers on deceased firefighters graves in honor of their profession.

ELGIN

Elgin Retired Firefighters Club

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Secretary

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meets at the American Legion Hall, 820 N. Liberty, on the first Wednesday of every month. Time: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Eat lunch - Tell stories - Update issues relevant to retirees - Pension - etc.

EVANSTON

Evanston Retired Firefighters Club

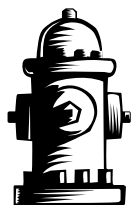
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meets twice a year (tba), once in the spring and once in the late fall.



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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meetings are the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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Jacksonville Retired Firefighters Club

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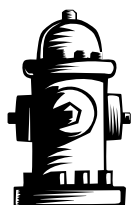
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES Meetings are on the second Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in January, April, July and October.



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Kankakee Retired Firefighters Club

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES Club's membership includes over 40 retirees. Meetings held at the Rich Lambert Memorial Union Hall #653, 120 E. Hickory St., on the second Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m.

MOLINE

Moline Retired Firefighters

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES This Club will meet at the VFW on 7th Street in Moline at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the even months. Memorial markers are placed on the graves of our deceased each Memorial Day, and a Memorial Service is held at the Central Fire Station each year with an Honor Guard and Pipers. August meeting is a potluck with the wives.

MOUNT VERNON

Mt. Vernon Retired Firefighters Club

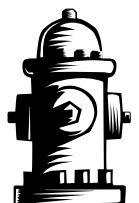
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting in August. Social time is followed by a meal and business meeting.



(FORMERLY WAUKEGAN) NORTHEAST

Northeast Illinois Retired Firefighters Club

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of March, May, September and November at 2:00 p.m. at Bertrand's Bowling Alley on Washington St. in Waukegan. This Club supports the programs of the WFD and Local #473.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois Retired Firefighters Association

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Lyn Pond

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES This Club meets 3rd Wednesday of odd number months at Venetian Club, 2180 Elmwood Road, Rockford, Illinois.

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Ottawa Retired Firefighters Club

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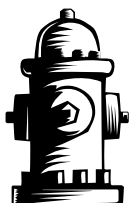
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meetings are on the last Thursday of the odd number months.



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Pekin Retired Firefighters Club

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Pekin Club will have their meetings in February, April, June, August, October, and December on the second Tuesday at the American Legion Hall, 718 Court St. gathering at 6:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. meeting start.

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club meets on the last Monday of each month at the Peoria Firefighters Club, 203 S. 4th, Dunlap, IL 61525 at 6:30 p.m.

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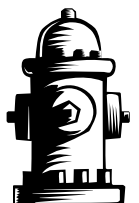
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES The Club has meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 3737 N 5th Street.



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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES This Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hy-Vee in Rock Island at 9:00 a.m.

The Club has a Memorial Service each year on Firefighters Memorial Day and participates each year in the Labor Day Parade.

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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES At Firefighters / Postal Club 940 West Lake Shore Drive, 2018 meeting dates: May 19, Aug. 25 and Nov. 17. February 6, Retiree Appreciation Dinner.

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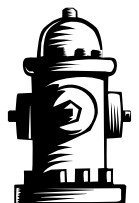
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES This Club meets in the VFW Post #630 located at 1303 E. Main, Urbana at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every other month beginning with January.



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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES Correspondences to WCRF can be sent to:
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I CAN RELATE TO DUCKS

Joel Mains Retired Downers Grove Fire Department *I Can Relate to Ducks*



I recently had to travel back to the frozen tundra of northern Illinois. My Local, DGPFFA #3234, had our Recognition Dinner. We do this event every year to honor retirees from the previous year, and since I qualified, I came back for the festivities. Since I'm now on a fixed income, I'd typically drive but due to time constraints, this time I flew.

For the trip home I chose casual attire, which included my union logo'd jacket. I'm proud of my Union; Local 3234, the AFFI, and the IAFF and I don't mind representing when I'm out in public.

Brief side-track...

A few years ago, maybe 2013 or 14, I was helping the fellas collect for MDA. I was positioned on one of the busiest intersections in town; west bound Butterfield Road at Finley Road. At one point as I was strolling among the cars stopped at the light, I saw a woman, sitting in the front passenger seat, reach in to her purse. Of course I stopped at her window. An older woman along with her husband (I assume) driving a fairly recent model, full-size, Cadillac. Big money, right? I leaned over as she rolled down her window and as soon as the window opened the hubby leaned over and asked what we were collecting for. I politely told him we were collecting for MDA, "you know, Jerry's kids." Even though Jerry Lewis no longer did the telethon I still used that line, especially with folks my age or older. As the wife deposited a dollar in change (I wish I was making that part up) the husband said, and I quote, "Oh, good. I thought this was some union thing" Before they pulled away I said "Oh don't worry sir, it is a union thing, thanks!" and laughed to myself as they drove off.

Back to the matter at hand.

So, while sitting at the gate at O'Hare, waiting for the return trip to North Carolina, a gentleman came over and sat down a couple seats away from me. He looked at my jacket and asked if I was a firefighter. I told him I was, that I was actually a recently retired firefighter. Then he said, with complete sincerity "Thank you for your service." I thanked him for his kind words, but assured him the pleasure was all mine. I meant it too. I loved being "on-the-job" as much as anything I've done and all the good times that came along with it too. But when someone from the general public drops a "TYFYS" on me, I get a little twitchy. Don't get me wrong, I like a compliment as well as the next person. Still, something about it just doesn't feel right. I mean, after all, we're just doing what we get paid to do, right? And I may be wrong, but I think most of us got into this business for many things other than accolades.

So, my retired brethren and sisteren, (that may not be a word by the way) I'm looking for a little help here. Do I just need to get over this or is there a better way to handle unsolicited yet genuine thanks for doing something I loved doing? Any suggestions are welcome. And, uh, TYFYS...

Joel Mains retired after 25 years as a firefighter/paramedic with Downers Grove Firefighters Local 3234. He served his local as President, Vice President and Steward at various times in his career. He writes on a variety of topics at icanrelatetoducks.com and can be reached through that website.

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We are undertaking a new program that will offset some of the costs that this Organization has endured over the last several years.

The program is the *Friends of Illinois Association of Retired Firefighters* and we are asking members to sell sponsorship coupons for \$10 per coupon. Your Chapter will be receiving your supply of coupons in the next couple of weeks.

The coupons are two parts. The first part is information on the I.A.R.F. they will sponsor; the second part is a stub where the sponsor will fill out personal information.

We will have gifts for 9 sponsors who have donated to the organization by drawing names at the quarterly membership meetings. The prizes that will be awarded are as follows:

- 1 - \$500.00 prize
- 1 - \$250.00 prize
- 1 - \$100.00 prize
- 6 - \$25.00 prizes

There will also be a \$25.00 prize for the I.A.R.F. Member who sells the \$500.00 prize coupon. On the section where the sponsor fills out information about themselves, there will be a line for the seller to place their name.

All stubs the sponsors have completed, all unsold coupons and total monies collected shall be returned to the I.A.R.F. no later than **May 15, 2018**. In order to save processing time, please have your Chapter send one check made out to I.A.R.F. for the total amount of coupons they have sold.

The hope is for the *Friends of Illinois Association of Retired Firefighters* Program to turn into an annual event. With a little help from each of you, we can make this program a success in helping our organization with rising costs.

Please send all coupon stubs, unsold coupons and money to:

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Thank you,
Trustee Jim Smith

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To commemorate the people of the fire service who have earned their supreme happiness in heaven, we dedicate this page...

Last Alarm

District Chief Lowell Metheny	Rockford	November 30, 2016
Captain Donald L. Van Scoyoc	Peoria	June 5, 2017
Captain Edward P. Canny	Springfield	August 16, 2017
Batt/Chief Anthony "Tony" Taylor	Rock Island	October 15, 2017
Captain Kenneth Woith	Bloomington	October 21, 2017
Engineer John (JT) Thomas	Bloomington	October 21, 2017
Fire Chief Victor "Spud" Sylvester	Normal	November 3, 2017
Engineer Roland "Gabbie" Giorgi	Rockford	November 7, 2017
Asst. Chief Howard H. Dye	Canton	November 12, 2017
Engineer Bruce Nelson	Rockford	December 7, 2017
Captain Fred Bertram	Jacksonville	December 16, 2017
Captain David Fox	Bloomington	December 21, 2017
Lieutenant Lloyd W. Powell	Decatur	December 24, 2017
Dist. Chief Thomas "Tom" Frawley	Rockford	January 8, 2018
Investigator Paul H. Nevitt	Springfield	January 13, 2018
App. Operator David Churchill	Joliet	January 21, 2018
Lieutenant Thomas Bianco	Joliet	January 21, 2018
Lieutenant Ronald A. Blodgett	Decatur	January 22, 2018
Lieutenant Stanley Gulczynski	Kankakee	January 22, 2018
Lieutenant James "Jim" W. Zindel	Decatur	January 25, 2018
Lieutenant Billy V. Williams	Decatur	February 6, 2018
FF/Paramedic Tim Leader	Kankakee	February 17, 2018
Lieutenant Rich "Hooks" Viano	Joliet	March 9, 2018



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