

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE GREENE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

A BRIEF HISTORY:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. was organized in 1930 at East Durham with Mrs. Seth Cole as President. Incorporation was finalized in 1961, John Fromer as Attorney, and signed by Mae Forrester, Rose Benjamin, Dorothy Persons, Florence Hoovler and Laura Baldwin (cost - \$50.00).

For many years, meals were served after the meetings. As the attendance increased, it was voted to do only light refreshments – finger foods. In the early years, there was a Spring Banquet. Now we have our Annual Dinner on Wednesday in conjunction with the Convention (280 attended in 1973 at Friar Tuck; average now is 150). Annual meetings were held on Saturday before the parade; now the meeting is held on the Tuesday of Convention week.

Regular meetings are held the 4th Monday of November, February and May. At the May meeting, a memorial service is conducted by the Chaplain to honor our deceased members with a tolling of a bell and a flower laid on the Bible for each member who passed away that year.

Our opening ceremonies now include Presentation of the Flag, a Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag. Many committees have been added: Sunshine was one of the first and was the cause of many lengthy discussions as to how to handle this; By-Laws, Auditing, Nominating, Executive, Guidelines, the Christmas Party at the Firemen's Home and a 25-Year Membership Committee. Also after much discussion, 2 auxiliary members were added to the GCVFA Parade Rules & Regulations Committee (the Ladies Auxiliary has its own set of rules) and the Scholarship Committee.

For fund raising, we have sponsored: craft sales, doll raffles, bake sales, grocery raffles, 200 club, Chinese auction, mock food sale, games of chance, volunteer dollars for scholars, Christmas auction, sale of afghans and shirts and the daily drawing. In 1979-80, a 400 Club was sponsored and raised \$7000.00 for the purchase of a Cardiac Defibrillator for the Burn Unit in Albany Medical Center. The money raised has been used to purchase a gift for the Firemen's Home for the pleasure of the residents each year and support of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association. We have purchased officers' badges, a pole and holster for the Greene County flag, a bunting, plaques for the parade car, shared in the expenses of the Past President's Dinner and raised money for the Scholarship Committee.

Many of our members are active in the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Some have held an office. Delegates attend each year and bring back a report.

New officers are elected; new ideas are presented and have greatly added to the success of the Auxiliary. This helped the organization grow but not in membership. Maybe volunteerism will return. In 1981, the membership was about 480; today it is 283.

The Ladies Auxiliary is proud to support the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Cooperation between the two organizations has improved. We now share in the Past President's Dinner in November and have joint Executive Meetings. And in 2006, both organizations hosted the 118th Annual Convention.

Officers 2007-2008

President-Cindy Lampman
1st Vice President-Marilyn Farrell
2nd Vice President-Alison Rivenburgh
Recording Secretary-Bonnie Pflegl
Financial Secretary-Denis Taber
Treasurer Roberta-Roberta Spring

Executive Board 2007-2008

Ashland	Janice Knox	Kiskatom	Sue Golden
Athens	Lynn Brunner	Leeds	Denise Skewes
Cairo	Sharon Pugsley	Lexington	Shirley Van Valkenburgh
Catskill	Alison Rivenburgh	Medway-Grapeville	Kathy Gaspar
DM Hamilton-Coxsackie	Carol Estep	Cornell Hook & Ladder	Denise Taber
Hose #3-Coxsackie	Catherine Frank	Oak Hill-Durham	Ruth Wood
Earlton	Kathy Donovan	Palenville	Roberta Spring
East Durham	Diane Sala	Prattsville	Phyllis Raeder
Freehold	Mary Dwyer	Round Top	Winifred Umbach
Greenville	Cindy Lampman	West Athens Lime-Street	Marilyn Farrell
Haines Falls			Bonnie Pflagl
Jewett	Janice Maben	Windham	

Committees 2006-2007

Auditing:	Chair: Dolly Cavicchioni Victoria Dichian Pam Wright Catherine Spring	Historian:	Dottie Jennings
25 Year Members:	Chair: Victoria Dichian Linda Overbaugh Alison Rivenburgh	Fund Raising:	Chair: Linda Overbaugh Geri Shultz
Bylaws:	Chair: Beverley Jennings Linda Stacey Pam Wright	Guidelines:	Chair: Linda Overbaugh Janice Knox
Boosterline:	Chair: Dorothy Jennings Maureen Murphy Mitzi-Su Fremgen Marilyn Farrell	Nominations:	Chair: Nancy Ferretti Marilyn Schrader Ruth Wood Janice Knox Phyllis Raeder
Daily Drawing: Chaplin: Color Bearer: Color Guards:	Chair: Nancy Ferretti Victoria Dichian Ruth Wood Shirley Winnie Phyllis Raeder	Parade Rules:	Chair: Roberta Spring Kathy Gaspar Nancy Ferretti Nancy Ferretti
Fire Prevention:	Chair: Marilyn Farrell Marilyn Schrader Alison Rivenburgh	Parliamentarian: Past Presidents Dinner	Chair: Diane Sala Marilyn Farrell Alison Rivenburgh Linda Stacey
		Scholarships/ Awards:	Chair: Marilyn Farrell Denise Taber Heidi Frank

Sunshine:

River Towns:

Maureen Murphy

Valley Towns:

Peggy Edwards

Mountain Top:

Janice Knox