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Fight for Air Climb

April 10, 2016

The Firehouse Museum was represented by six museum volunteers in April's stair climb at One America Plaza in downtown San Diego. The Fight for Air Climb event raises money and awareness for the American Lung Association. Collectively, they raised \$1,891.00 for the cause, going almost 90% over our goal! The event also proved to be a great venue for spotlighting the Firehouse Museum.



From L - R: Michael Watson, Brian Parrish, Allen Swartwoudt, Jack Mecham, Christina Reese, Zachary Rehfeld

The San Diego's Mayors Desk

by Stu Sprung

In the mid-1900's, SDFD's small woodshop (located in what is now the hall of the San Diego Firehouse Museum) had the daunting task of making tables, chairs and desks for all of San Diego's fire stations. As any firefighter knows, in order for furniture to survive in a firehouse it has to be of superior durability...and it was. Of course, when word spread of the skilled abilities of the firefighter/carpenters, it wasn't long before other city departments were requesting their own custom-made woodwork. This didn't escape the notice of the mayor's office, who was in need of a desk befitting of a mayor of a major American city. So, Captain George Hammond went to work on the desk. At the same time Captain William Pollock went about the fine detail of a walnut city seal. (Pictured) Today, a half-a-century later, Mayor Kevin Faulconer sits behind that very desk, continuing the proud tradition of every San Diego mayor since it was built. In fact, there are certainly other desks, tables and chairs made by the same carpenters still being used in firehouses throughout the city today.



The mayor's desk, constructed in the mid-1900's and still used today.



Working on the details of the walnut city seal

President's Notes

Captain Kevin McWalters

JUNE 2016

Since our last newsletter there has been many developments at your Firehouse Museum. Mike and the volunteers continue to do an incredible job improving the facility, hosting events and completing special projects. The museum is in the best condition since its inception and that's only because of your support, the commitment of our volunteers and Mike's leadership.

On 26 May 2016 we were honored to have our Fire Chief Brian Fennessy visit the Museum and address the membership. The Chief provided a dynamic presentation sharing his vision regarding the future our department and his devotion to leading us in a positive direction. There are some exciting changes that have taken place and more headed our way. Selfishly I wish I were staying a few years longer to be a part of the good things to come. Thanks to Chief Fennessy for his commitment to leading us in positive direction and reminding us to continue to "take care of our own".

Until next time enjoy your summer and be safe.



Kevin McWalters (President) and
Chief Fennessy



Kevin McWalters, Chief Fennessy, and
Jack Gosney (Vice President)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

-December 17th, 2016-
2016 Christmas Ball



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Executive Director's Report

Captain Mike Colafrancesco

It is hard to believe summer is already here! It has been a very busy few months at the Firehouse Museum. In May, the museum hosted a quarterly dinner with Chief Fennessy as the guest speaker. Chief Fennessy spoke about San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's future. Thank you to all that attended!

In June, the Firehouse Museum served as the voting location for two precincts during the Primary Election. It was great to see a building that houses so much history, in a small way, contribute to our country's future.

Membership renewals for our non-payroll deductions members have been sent out. It is through your support that the museum continues to prosper. Capital improvement projects for FY 2016 included two new displays, a new point of sale system for the gift shop and an upgraded security system. In FY 2017, we are planning to replace the building's roll-up doors and rehab old Foam 28.

I am always looking for new volunteers to help staff the museum. If you know any aspiring firefighters that are interested please have them email sdfirehousemuseum@gmail.com.



San Diego Firehouse Museum Firefighters Christmas Ball

SAVE THE DATE

DATE: DECEMBER 17 2016

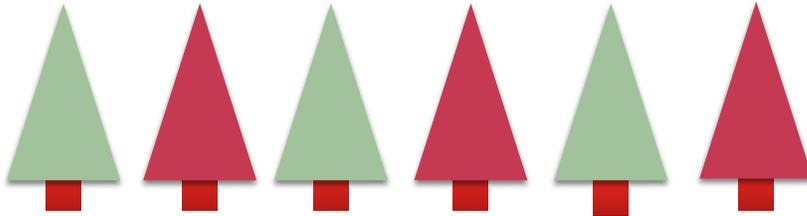
LOCATION : THE EDGE ROOM at HARD ROCK HOTEL SAN DIEGO

ATTIRE: FORMAL/ CLASS A

DANCING * GOURMET DINNER * NO HOST BAR



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San Diego Firehouse Museum



see you there!