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ALBANY COUNTY VFA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 8 AT EAST BERNE

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACVFA WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW EAST BERNE FIRE STATION. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2024 AND WILL START AT 7:30 WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED BEFORE THE MEETING AT 7 PM. THE OFFICERS URGE ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE GIVEN AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE. THE EAST BERNE FIRE HOUSE IS LOCATED AT 792 HELDERBERG TRAIL (ROUTE 443) IN EAST BERNE.

ANNUAL DINNER SEPT 18 AT VOORHEESVILLE

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday September 18 at the Voorheesville Fire Station located at 12 Altamont Road in Voorheesville. The Association's September meeting will begin after dinner. Dinner will be BBQ Chicken and Ribs. Info on the Dinner will be sent out to all companies and Departments soon.

DOUG LAWTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Guilderland Center Fire Dept will be hosting the 10th Annual Doug Lawton Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday July 17th at the Orchard Creek Golf Course in Altamont. Cost is \$160.00 per Golfer and includes 18 holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Prizes. This is a 4 person scramble format. For non golfers dinner can be purchased separately for \$50.00. Registration deadline is July 1. For more Information please contact gcfgdgolf21@gmail.com or Tom Lawton at trl12203@yahoo.com

ACVFA LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING STILL IN NEED A HOST

The ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary is still in need of a host for their June 24, 2024 Annual Meeting. Please ask your Auxiliary if they are willing to host a meeting, only light snacks/refreshments are needed. Snacks start at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7. If interested contact President Wilson or any Auxiliary Officer. More info on page 3

WALTER W. ECK JR. FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Many of our member Companies and Departments each year honor one of their members as their Firefighter of the year. Why not submit that persons name for the WALTER W. ECK JR Firefighter of the Year Award. To do so, write up a description of the event or reason for the nomination on a company letterhead. Have the Chief Officer sign it and send it to the Association Secretary John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave Ravena NY 12143. The deadline is August 1 but don't wait do it today.

4th BATTALION VACANCY

The Association is looking for someone to fill the 4th Battalion Director's position. Anyone from the following Companies is eligible for this position; Boght Community, Maplewood, Menands, Schuyler Heights, S.W. Pitts or Verdoy Fire Dept. If interested please contact any Association Officer listed on Page 5, Secretary John Webb by Email at jlwsec@gmail.com or attend the Annual meeting on May 8 at East Berne.

E MAIL ADDRESSES STILL NEEDED

As noted in the last newsletter, the newsletter is now being sent out by email to the members. We now have almost 250 email addresses but still need more. Please send your email address to the editor John Webb at jlwsec@gmail.com to be sent the newsletter by email. The association thanks you for your cooperation.

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NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Association was held on March 13 at the Ravena Fire House. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Robert White. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Chaplain Jonathan Hough gave the opening Prayer. Travis Witbeck welcomed everyone to Ravena and pointed out the Fire exits. Communications were read and four bills were approved for payment. Committee reports were received from Newsletter, Muster, Firefighter of the year, Burn Fund, nominating, Ways and Means and Annual Dinner. 4 new members were proposed and accepted into membership. In Old Business Vincent Comisso from Voorheesville spoke about having a softball tournament sometime this summer as a fund raiser for the Burn Fund. In New Business the Association voted to endorse Robert Schrader for President, Robert M. Fritsche for First Vice President, John V. O'Brian for Second Vice President and Tara Scarduzio for Director of Hudson Valley VFA. The membership voted to take a Half Page ad in the Hudson Valley Convention Journal in August. Motion was made to leave 2 pages blank in the minutes in honor of Kathie Wood Champion and William Mehan. Fred Pettingell will serve as Delegate and Butch Recchia as Alternate for the Hudson Valley Convention. Fred Pettingell presented the Treasurers report and Clayton Ash presented the Financial Secretary's report. Chuck Feldmann. President of the Albany County Fire Police Association announced that their next meeting will be on March 27 at Guilderland Center. There were 22 Officers, members and guests present and 11 companies represented at the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The ACVFA welcomes the following new members who were voted in at the March Meeting: Charles King, Don McMullen, Mike Mattox and John Myers all from Ravena Hose Company. Thank you for joining

CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

Now that Spring has finally arrived, I hope all are ready for the nice weather ahead. We have a Few Members that have passed away since our last meeting. Keep them and their Families in our Prayers. They will be missed.

William Borger	Delmar & Selkirk
Richard T Denu	Schuyler Heights
James F Schrimsher	Boght Community
Bill Swartz Jr	Westmere

**To contact Chaplain Hough call 518-894-0374
Remember the sick and wish them well.**

TAB COLLECTIONS

We still need those pull tabs. I am still collecting them for now so if your Company or department has some please bring them to the next meeting and if I am not there the Secretary will make sure I get them. The Shriners and I thank you for all of your support.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MATT WILCENSKI

As Second VP of the Albany County VFA it was nice to see 4 new members join the Association at the March Meeting. Lets see if we can continue to get more new members. Also would our Officers like to order shirts that say Albany County Vol Firefighters Association on them. Please let me know if interested.

ROAST BEEF DINNER AT BERNE

The Berne Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a **TAKE OUT ONLY** Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the Berne Fire Station at 30 Canaday Hill Road in Berne. Diners will be available from 12 Noon to 4 PM or sold out. The menu includes Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy. Cabbage Salad, Vegetables, Homemade Applesauce and Homemade Apple Pie. Cost is \$18.00 per dinner.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Good news will be coming soon as we announce and award our 2024 Scholarship winner of \$2500. Hope everyone who applied sent in their completed application by the deadline. The applications will be judged by out-of-county judges with their results coming in soon. This scholarship is funded by selling our Daily Drawing lottery tickets. Please help us to support this fundraiser by buying tickets, they make great gifts. Ask any Officer for information on how to obtain these tickets. June is our Annual Meeting and we don't have a host as of yet (please see story above for information on this). Remember to check our Facebook Group (ACVFALA) for up-to-date information and meeting places.

Ladies some of the Auxiliaries, as well as some members, are in jeopardy of losing their membership. Please check with your Treasurer to see if your Auxiliary dues are paid and up to date. Notices have been sent out.

Reminder, in order to vote at the June meeting, you need to be in good standing by having attended two of the four meetings, and having your current dues paid by the end of our Fiscal year, May 31st. The Credentials Committee, Vice President and one member will be checking on good standing status.

Congratulations to all the newly appointed officers throughout the County. Wishing each and everyone a very successful and productive year.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary have scheduled events for this spring. Events will be held at the East Berne Fire Station located at 792 Helderberg Trail in East Berne. Events scheduled are:

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

on Sunday May 11th They will have a Mother's Day breakfast – all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8 AM to Noon. Menu includes Pancakes, hash Browns, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits with sausage gravy, coffee, juice, and /or milk Cost is \$10 for 7 years of age and up, 6 years and under are free. The Breakfast will be held at the New East Berne Fire Station.

DRIVE THRU BROOKS BBQ

on Tuesday June 4th They will have a DRIVE THRU Only Brooks BBQ at the **East Berne Fire House located at 792 Helderberg Trail**. The BBQ starts at 3 PM and goes to 6 PM or sold out. Chicken dinners are \$15.00 and consists of ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole slaw and Roll. First come, first serve. No pre-sale will be offered

Please check Facebook under East Berne Auxiliary or East Berne Volunteer Fire Company Seeks New Members for more info on all these events.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ladies thank you for the news for this issue. The deadline for the next issue is August 15. If you have anything you would like to have in the next issue please send it to the editor by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com.

80th ANNUAL PUNKINTOWN FAIR

The New Salem Fire Dept will be having their Annual PUNKINTOWN Fair beginning on July 18 and going to Saturday July 20. The Fair begins each night at 6 PM and will be held at the New Salem Fire House on Route 85A in New Salem

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE POLICE NEWS ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

The Albany County Fire Police Association will have their Annual Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at the PAVILION of the Shaker Road Loudonville Station #2 located at 147 Old Niskayuna Road. The evening begins at 6 PM with the meeting at 6:30 PM, The Memorial Service at 6:45 PM and Dinner at 7 PM. Featured will be steak, chicken, salad, dessert, soda and water from OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE. The highlight of the evening will be the Installation of the Officers. Dress is informal and please bring a guest. Tickets are \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for guests. PLEASE NOTE NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. YOU MUST HAVE PAID RESERVATIONS!

SEND RESERVATIONS to: TFPAAC

PO BOX 5361 COLONIE NY 12205 Make checks payable to The Fire Police Association of Albany County. DEADLINE for reservations is MAY 10 by 6 PM. For more info contact President Charles Feldmann at 518-859-6883

COEYMANS HOLLOW ELECTION RESULTS

The Coeymans Hollow VFC conducted their election of Officers recently. The following have been elected as Firematic Officers:

Chief Daniel Haight, 1st Asst Chief John Williams, 2nd Asst Chief Bill Kapusta, 1st Captain Dan Houghtaling, 2nd Captain Pat Christiana Jr, 1st Lt. Rob Radley, 2nd Lt. Sean Mooney, EMS Captain Davin Krzykowski, Fire Police Capt. Jack Dennis and Fire Police Lt. Darlene Wilson

Administrative Officers are President Darlene Wilson, Vice President Dan Houghtaling, Treasurer Maryann Dennis, Recording Secretary Pam Rafferty, Financial Secretary Sue Stratta, Membership Secretary Pam Rafferty, 2 Year Director Matt Mortefolio and Sgt-at-Arms Jordan Flach.

COEYMANS FIRE CO. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Coeymans Fire Company recently elected their Officers for the coming year. The Firematic Officers elected are; Chief Mark Deyo, Assistant Chief Rob Domanico, Assistant Chief Ryan Williams, Captains are Eric Datri, Jim Quinn and Brian Pugsley Lieutenants are Adam Derway and Connor Liscum Executive officers are President Cate Zakens, Vice President Buddy Irwin, Secretary Darleen Domanico, Treasurer John Frangella III, Sgt-at-arms Anthony Datri, Fire Prevention Officer Mark Deyo, Executive Committee JR Driscoll and Director Carmen Frangella Jr.

WESTERLO FIRE COMPANY FUNDRAISER CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

The Town of Westerlo volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a Fundraising CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT on Sunday June 2 at the Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park at 950 CR 401 in Westerlo. Round 1 starts at 10 AM with registration at 9 am. This is a Random Draw, Double Elimination. Cost is 20 per person. Round 2 starts at 2 PM with registration at 1 PM. This round is bring you own Partner and is Double Elimination. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash and prizes awarded along with raffles and a 50-50. Refreshments available and will be held rain or shine. This is a Fundraiser for their New Fire House.

SELKIRK FIRE CO # 2 TO HAVE FLEA MARKET

The Selkirk Fire Co # 2 will be having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, August 4th beginning at 8 AM. The Station is located at 301 Glenmont Hill Road in Glenmont. Next to Tractor Supply. Spaces are still available by e mailing fleamarket@selkirkfire.org or by calling 518-436-1601.

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HUDSON VALLEY CONVENTION

This year the 135th Annual Hudson Valley Convention will be held in Saugerties NY from June 19th to the 22th. Golf outing is on the 19th at The Wiltwick Country Club in Kingston. Deadline for entering is June 1st. Convention Meetings and the Annual Memorial Service take place on Thursday and on Friday is the Annual Awards Ceremony and Election of Officers. These will be held at the Glasco Fire Dept. The Madri Gras Parade begins at 7 PM on Friday and the Dress Parade on Saturday at 1 PM. Both Parades will be held in the Village of Saugerties.

FASNY CONVENTION

The 152nd Annual Convention of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York will be held from August 8 to the 10th in Niagara Falls NY and will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. For more information go to www.fasny.com.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ACVFA MEMBERS

The Albany Firefighter Museum along with the Friends of The Albany Rural Cemetery will be dedicating a graveside that belonged to the D.D> Tompkins Hose Company #8, a volunteer fire company that served the city of Albany in the 1800's. We hope that you members will join us on Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 6 PM at Section 72 of the Albany Rural Cemetery.

The dedication is expected to last approximately 1 hour with light refreshments to follow at the Albany Firefighters Museum located at 384 Broadway in Albany.

The invite was provided by Bill Schmitt, Board Member of the Albany Firefighters Museum and a member of the Midway Fire Dept.

ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Robert White	772-9807
1st Vice President	Tom Cascone	441-5162
2nd Vice President	Matt Wilcenski	650-6115
Recording Secretary	John Webb	256-7359
Treasurer	Fred Pettingell	466-6357
Financial Secretary	Clayton Ash	861-7445
Chaplain	Jonathan Hough	894-0374
Sargent-at-Arms	Don Champion	872-1676
Board Chairman	Burt Frederick	861-6635

BATTALION DIRECTORS

First Battalion	Mike Taylor	858-5342
Second Battalion	Frank Papa	765-3764
Third Battalion	Charles Feldmann	859-6883
Fourth Battalion	VACANT	
Fifth Battalion	Henry Smith	859-5088
Sixth Battalion	Marc Platt	461-5141

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Member Company/Department	\$ 15.00
Individual Member	\$ 10.00
Associate Company/Department	\$ 15.00
Associate Individual Member	\$ 10.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____
 State & Zip _____
 Fire Dept/Company _____
 Home/Cell Phone _____
 E MAIL _____
 Signature _____
 Date Elected as Member _____

Please return Application and the correct fee to
 Clayton Ash, ACVFA Financial Secretary, 1138
 Meadowdale Road, Altamont NY 12009

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CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY 8 – ACVFA ANNUAL MEETING AT EAST BERNE 7:30 PM START

MAY 11 – MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST EAST BERNE. INFO ON PAGE 3

MAY 23 – COEYMANS FIRE COMPANY DRIVE THRU ROAST BEEF DINNER 3:30 TO 6:30 PM

MAY 29 -ALBANY COUNTY FIRE POLICE ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING. INFO ON PAGE 4

JUNE 2 – WESTERLO CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT. INFO ON PAGE 4

JUNE 4 – BROOKS BBQ AT EAST BERNE. INFO PG 3

JUNE 19-22 - HUDSON VALLEY VFA CONVENTION AT SAUGERTIES, ULSTER COUNTY. INFO PAGE 4

JUNE 25 – LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING. NEED A HOST INFO PAGE 3

July 17 – GUILDERLAND CENTER FD DOUG LAWTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. INFO ON PAGE 1.

JULY 18,19 & 20 – ANNUAL PUNKINTOWN FAIR AT NEW SALEM FIRE HOUSE

AUG 8 – 10 152nd ANNUAL FASNY CONVENTION AT NIAGARA FALLS

AUG 14 - ACVFA DIRECTORS MEETING. NEED HOST SEPT 18 ANNUAL DINNER AND QUARTERLY MEETING AT ALTAMONT

SEPT 21– ANUUAL MUSTER/INSPECTION DAY AT SLINGERLANDS

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

If you would like to publicize your upcoming event or news about your Company or Auxiliary that you would like to share please send the information to the Editor John Webb. Best way is by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com By phone at 518-756-3281 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is August 15, 2023 This issue can include information on events happening anytime after Sept 1.

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