

CALIFORNIA FIREMEN'S MUSTER ASSOCIATION

August 12, 2010

Presidents Message

Lindsay Muster

A "BIG" thanks to Lindsay for all their efforts and hard work. I enjoyed my 3 days immensely, even with the warm weather. Thanks to Sherry Bogdan for taking on the secretarial duties (with Paulines absence) and Bruce Andreozzi for taking over pictures. Kids events seemed to go well as did MASH. I hope all who got wet Sunday morning at camp have recovered. Heard a lot of good words on trophies and all presentations. Folsom is just a few days away and I'll be busy getting the final touches filled. Dean went home on Monday after Lindsay and appears to be doing very well. He says he'll be with us at Folsom - hope that is true. At Lindsey your Board met with Mr. Fred Cheney the owner of United Support Group LLC (formerly Cheney Enterprises) with whom CFMA has used for solicitation/funding since 2002. He informed the Board that he has been working with the State Attorney Generals office and that a new agreement/contract would be required for continued fund raising on behalf of CFMA. He also indicated that it could be some weeks before all things could be filed and approved. Solicitation for CFMA stopped in June. The Board felt it most appropriate to wait until the October meeting so that the general membership would have final determination.

Thanks to all of you that have contacted me these past few days extending you hand of assistance with the Folsom Muster.

Folsom Muster:

Hello, from one week from Folsom and one week to Murphys. That is since Folsom and awaiting Murphys. I wish to acknowledge all the help that CFMA officials provided for the Folsom muster. From my view all seemed to go well and everyone had a good time. The weather truly provided good days and cool nights. For those that were not able to attend, you missed good food, great fellowship and a wonderful time. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of those attending to make sure costs were covered. Because of your donations CFMA was able to give the Folsom Firefighters Association \$200.00 towards their Fire Safety for kids program. And, may I say Folsom already has a team for next year - some may be at Murphys (your interactions truly motivated those people). Thanks to Colma for a wonderful dinner Saturday night (no pot-luck). A CFMA "thanks" also goes to that team who chose to donate items for a raffle and Saturday auction for the benefit of CFMA members. Saturday, August 7, I and some other CFMA members attended a pre-muster/district support event for Murphys Fire and what an event it was - congratulations to Murphys Fire for their hard work.

PS: I hope the trophies presented at Folsom were adequate and that no one felt being DUCKED was inappropriate. Tim

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Merced City Fire Department History

"Old Betsy's Legacy"

Merced County Courthouse Museum

21st and N Streets, Merced CA

"Old Betsy" was the first fire engine of the Merced City Fire Department. Build in Rhode Island, it was shipped around Cape Horn and purchased by Merced in 1874. Having been with the fire department since its inception, "Old Betsy" has witnessed more than a century of changes and challenges. This exhibit a joint project of the Courthouse Museum and Merced City Fire Department and will run August 12, through October 31, 2010. The history of Merced City Fire Department will be on display.

Free Admission: Museum Hours: Wed - Sun 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MUSTER BIDS FOR 2011

Proposals for 2011 sanctioned muster should be presented at the Directors Meeting on Sunday, August 22, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. If you will not be present at Murphy's and would like to host a muster, please contact the President or Vice Presidents.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

Sharri Bogdan is looking for any CFMA pictures from the past for the new CFMA calendar. Go through your older muster pictures and other CFMA functions and see if you can come up with some early pictures of CFMA members. Please bring them to the Murphy's Muster. Sharri will copy them and make sure they are returned to you.

CFMA Cook Book

CFMA is starting a cook book. We are looking for any recipe you would like to submit to be put into a book. The book will be available for sale once it is complete. Let's make this interesting as well as useful. If you have a history or anything of interest about the recipe, please submit that also. You may submit a name or names with the recipe and it will go with the recipe in the book. Sharri Bogdan is putting this together so all your information will go to her as well as any questions you may have. You may make copies of your recipe and email or mail them to Sharri. We do not have a price for the book as of yet. Here is Sharri's contact info: Sharri Bogdan - email woodwheel@frontiernet.net - mailing address: 6641 Via Alta Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

Health & Welfare Committee

Tim Franks, Chairperson (559) 920-3254, Mike Paul, (559) 930-3263, Maye Bradbury (916) 689-4979 & Jerrie Dahlen (805) 466-4895. Please contact a member of the committee if you have any members in need.

Nominating Committee

Tim Arnhart, Chairperson, Bruce Ratliff, Bill Klatt, Stan Steiner, Mark Bogdan and Joe Rosa.

Contact a member of the Committee or any Board Member if you would like to serve on the CFMA Board.

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