



## JACKSONVILLE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

## FOR ALL WIDOWS OF FIRE FIGHTERS

## <u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Newsletter – 2016</u>

If you think it's tough being a firefighter, try being a firefighter's wife. ~Author Unknown Thank you for being the Fire-wife behind the Fireman.



Happy Birthday to all our Widows from the previous and current  $1^{st}$  and present quarter months.

| Lucy Dukes – 01/15        | Mary Ann Ray - 05/16       |
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| Debbie Tarkington – 01/15 | Peggy Hendrix - 05/29      |
| Wanda Sneed – 01/16       | Mary Ann Cromartie – 05/26 |
| Elizabeth Leggett – 02/10 | Sonya Rease – 06/04        |
| Karen Love – 03/17        | Jeannie Parrish – 06/15    |
| Kathy Grant – 03/19       |                            |
| Annette Haddock – 03/21   |                            |

For all the widows unable to attend the 2016 luncheon, please contact Meg (904 707-8127) or Wayne Doolittle (904 228-9795) to give us your birthday information so that we may include all of you in the Birthday announcements in future editions.

In regards to the 2016 luncheon, to all that helped plan, organize, and prepare the yearly luncheon, a Big "Thank You" for all your efforts. The turnout was excellent and enjoyment of spending time with everyone was phenomenal! We understand that the length of time it took to award the prizes was extensive, however, we have never had the opportunity to divvy out so many items before. We will make every effort in future luncheons to curtail the time frame it requires to do so. Any suggestions or ideas are welcomed. For all our widows who attended, we Thank-You for making the luncheon a HUGE Success. And we hope the memory stays with you all year. We are looking forward to the March 2017 Luncheon. Date to be determined later.

In order to have enough topics and information to share in future newsletters, we have an open communication policy so please contact Meg (904 707-8127) or Wayne (904 228-9795) anytime with your input.

For ease of viewing, all Widows with computers can access the <u>www.jaxrfa.com</u> website and simply click on the blue link to left of screen "Our Widows" and you will be able to view the newsletter and past luncheon events with pictures. This site is maintained by Buddy Harris, our web master.

The present Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Administration had an invitation to attend the luncheon, however, they were required to attend a Media event at the Fire Training Academy and could not come. Chief Kurt Wilson and all the other Admin Staff offer their sincere apologies for missing your event.

Please enjoy these pictures from the last luncheon: March 31, 2016; IAFF Union Hall - 10:00 to 2:00









The Last two pictures are (Left to Right) Mary Ann Cromartie and Kathy Grant were the Grand Prize Winners of 40" HD Televisions. They left with big smiles on their faces. Congratulations!!!!!!!!



We are so happy that Linda Treadwell felt well enough to attend this year's luncheon.