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Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

NEWSLETTER

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Hoping everyone had a safe and wonderful Holiday Season in 2015, and looking forward to starting 2016 off on the right foot. (Although some may be left footed!)

LAST ALARM: Retired Communications Manager Clarence A. Rease passed away on December 26, 2015. Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, January 2, 2016 and many of his close personal friends from JFRD were there to share their memories. The Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department Honor Guard was in attendance for both the viewing and the Service.



Picture: Retired JRFPA Captain John Wood presenting Mrs. Sonia Rease with the Commemorative Coin. (In the event of a Fire Fighter's death, the coin will be presented to their widow or widower)

Members Report:

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In a January 2016, a Times Union Newspaper article recognizing “Notable Passings of 2015: Many who served and inspired”: One of our own, Lt. Paul Galloway (Age 92) was listed in honor of his being the oldest living Retired Fireman. Among many accomplishments, he was an actor and singer full time starring in numerous commercials and performing in many Dinner Theatre bookings.

Jerry Burns and his family are in search of a “Handicap” accessible van specifically for a wheelchair, and they would be most grateful for any leads or suggestions in this endeavor. He can be reached at (904) 612-3415.

Retired Engineer Linda Treadwell was diagnosed with cancer immediately after Christmas. She was admitted to Baptist Medical Center and following major surgery, she will be transferred and further treatments at U F Health Medical Center in Gainesville, FL. Husband, Warren Treadwell has asked for no phone calls or visitation at this time, only your good thoughts and prayers.

Retired Engineer Ray O’Dwyer has received a good report from his last CAT Scan. We wish him continued improvements and good health for 2016.

Retired Lt. Jim White’s Wife “Jackie White” has been admitted to a Hospital and not doing well at this time. Jim and his family are asking for no phone calls or visitation at this time. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

2015 Recap of November/December Events: **Veteran’s Day Parade:**



Pic: Buddy Harris’s Snorkel



Pic: Local 122 Fire Engine

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Red Knights Motorcycle Club's Christmas Presentation:



Chairman Paul Lutzen and Members gathered at St.Vincent's Riverside to present Christmas Gifts to a needy family.

Annual Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighters Association Christmas Fruit Baskets are prepared and delivered to our members who are ill and home bound during the holidays.



Members collecting fruit at Stan Crosby's house. He and his wife, Barbara have unselfishly provided oranges, grape-fruits and tangerines every year. (left to Right) Officers Stan Crosby, Ronnie Learn, Charlie Geiger and Todd Buchanan. Wayne Doolittle taking Pic.



Officers and Members of J R F Association Gathered in the kitchen of Local 122 to assemble the fruit baskets. (Left to Right): Duke Denson, Jimmy Waters, Todd Buchanan, Richard Brand, Charlie Geiger, Wayne Doolittle, and last but not least, Ronnie Learn.

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