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BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR HAWAIIAN LUAU

BY JOAN OLIVER

It was a beautiful sunny day on the shores of Lake Erie with not a drop of rain in sight, as the veranda at Lago Custom Events was transformed into a magical tropical island paradise for our Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser. Close to 200 guests attended our event this year. Each was presented with luscious floral lei as they stepped through the doors onto the veranda which was adorned with a colorful array of magnificent tropical flowers.

Our DJ, Michael Adachi did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd with a wide variety of musical selections. With the lakefront as the background, guests could stroll the grounds and admire the breathtaking views of the Lake Erie Shoreline.

All attending had a great time enjoying good company and delicious food. Museum Board member Bryan Draga was our MC for the evening and did an excellent job showcasing all the wonderful silent auction items up for bid, as well as, all the items and packages to win in the Chinese raffle. Many attendees went home happily with some terrific baskets and packages. Some of the premier silent auction items that evening were a weekend getaway package to the Lakehouse Inn & Spa, field box seats to a Guardians game, Browns 50 yard line tickets, a night in the flats with dinner, hotel, and gift card to a discotheque, and a theater package with tickets to Hamilton, hotel, dinner and limo. Equally, there were some magnificent items to win in the Chinese Raffle as well. A big thank you goes out to all those who contributed the wonderful array of baskets and gifts. We had a new addition to the event this year a wine toss. We'd like to thank all those who donated bottles for the wine as well.

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Joan Oliver Photo

Steve Churchin and Michael Timperio Browse Silent Auction Items

PRESIDENT'S LOG

BY JIM BELL

Greetings from the Western Reserve Fire Museum. I am pleased to announce the completion of the renovation project on the second floor. The dormitory walls and ceiling have been beautifully restored. New restrooms have been created and the entire space has been air conditioned. Additionally, new light fixtures have been installed and the floor has been stained and sealed. We need to finish a few small tasks and then clean the new space before we bring in the city inspectors to get their approval and receive our occupancy permit.

Board member Andrew Czarzasty, and our friends from Lago restaurant, are helping us plan table and seating arrangements along with the estimated capacity we can accommodate.

I would like to again thank all of our members and supporters who answered our call for financial support. Through your generosity we were able to raise the necessary funds for the renovation project. Likewise, I would like to thank the Richard G. Small Foundation for their significant contribution. With their funds the Museum was able to complete additional work on the first floor and basement.

I would encourage everyone to visit the Museum and come see our current exhibit of horse-drawn fire apparatus and view our upgrades.

Take care,
Jim

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A special thank you goes out to Museum Board member Bryan Draga, The Sherwin-Williams Company, and Tylok International who provided premier auction items as well as sponsorship support. One of our most generous contributors was Museum Board member Andrew Czarzasty, Esq. and Lago Custom Events along with Danielle Mitchell, Social Sales Coordinator, who did a wonderful job working with the committee to set up this magnificent venue on the East Bank of the Flats and catered the delicious food. We would also like to thank all the individuals who gave sponsorship support by purchasing tables as well.

The success of this event was due to the hard work of a committee consisting of Andrew Czarzasty, Pat Poole, John Zangerle, Pat Zangerle, Dan Martone and Joan Oliver. A special thank you goes out to Pat Poole who coordinated the silent auction and Chinese raffle. We would like to thank all those who volunteered to work the event. We couldn't have done it without you. Last but not least, a big thank you goes out to all those that attended and showed their support to make this event a success. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

(Joan Oliver Photos)



Great Conversation and Good Food



Karen & William Allport Peruses Chinese Auction



MC Bryan Draga Addresses Crowd

APPARATUS DAY 2022

BY JOAN OLIVER

On July 9, 2022 the Museum held Apparatus Day. We had about 50 visitors come out for this event. This was a chance for fire truck owners to display their apparatus. There was a mix of fire trucks by various manufacturers restored and original on display on the plaza in front of the Museum. We had eight Fire trucks on display along with the Museum's 1980 American LaFrance Funeral Caisson and Aerial Truck.

Those that participated that were: Scott Geisler with his 1988 American LaFrance Century 2000 Series Pumper, Capacity 1500 GPM, Tank 500 Gallons, in service Williamsville, NY 1988-2013; Greg Oesch with his 1964 Mack Pumper Model C95, Capacity 1250 GPM, Tank 1000 Gallons, in service Charlestown, WV 1956-1992 and his 1990 Mack Pumper MCEEI, Capacity 1250 GPM, Tank 1000 Gallons, in service Stanford Fire District, NY 1190-2019; Wayne Poussart with his 1956 Mack Model B95, Capacity 1500 GPM, Tank 250 Gallons, in service Garfield Heights

(Steve Nedrich Photos)



Apparatus Lined Up for Display on Plaza

1956-1988; John Zangerle with his 1951 Mack Pumper Model L95, Capacity 1000 GPM, Tank 100 Gallons, in service Sewickley, PA 1951-1991 and Ken Rybka with his 1966 Ford Galaxy Replica Fire Chief's Car.

It was quite impressive to be able to see all these trucks up close. Visitors could enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and beverages while looking at these beautiful pieces of firefighting history. Many took advantage of touring the Museum and seeing our current exhibit "Fighting Fire with Fire" featuring turn of the 19th century firefighting with a beautifully restored Amoskeag Steamer, ladder truck and hose wagon. Others took advantage in participating in fire safety training in our Education Wing with our smoke bedroom, safety kitchen and fire extinguisher training system. A good time was had by all.



1966 Chief's Car & 1988 ALF Century 2000 Series Pumper

REMEMBERING CHIEF KEN NICHOLS

BY BOB GAHR AND JOHN ZANGERLE

If you have attended the Museum's annual firematic flea market and wondered how it got started, then you need to know about Cuyahoga Heights Fire Chief Ken Nichols who passed away July 24, 2022. As a Cuyahoga Heights officer, Ken Nichols got to know Museum member Bob Gahr who was then Safety Director for McGean Chemical located in Cuyahoga Heights. When Ken became Fire Chief in 1985, Bob Gahr asked if Western Reserve Fire Buffs (precursor to the Museum) could use the rear and maintenance area of the Cuyahoga Heights fire station to host a flea market. The Chief enthusiastically endorsed the idea and the flea market was born. WRFBA members hauled folding tables from the Cuyahoga Heights High School and set them up in the station. The first flea market was a great success and it continued at Cuyahoga Heights for five years until it outgrew the available space. Chief Nichols also made the station's meeting area available to WRFBA for both board and membership meetings and ultimately persuaded the Cuyahoga Heights City Council to donate its reserve 1949 Seagrave pumper to us so the truck could be used as a fund raiser.

Chief Nichols was well respected in the firefighting community and was the first firefighter in his department to learn CPR. He became a CPR instructor for his department as well as several others. While he was Chief, he led the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Board in establishing a number of its guidelines and procedures for HAZMAT teams in Cuyahoga County. He was an active member of the International Fire Chiefs Association and became its first vice-president and also served as president of the



Chief Ken Nichols

Great Lakes Region.

We remember Chief Nichols and thank him for his active support of the Fire Museum and his overall contribution to the fire service. Ken will always be remembered for his friendly demeanor and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, his son, and his daughter. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

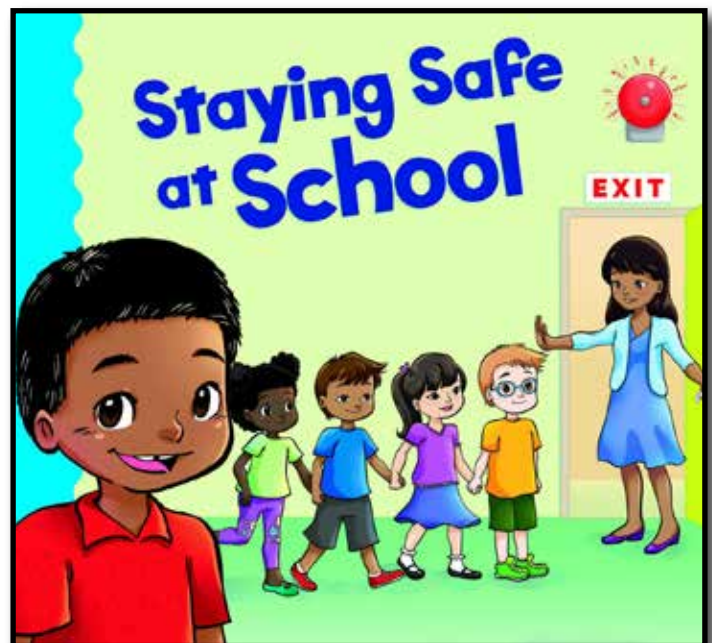
KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE AT SCHOOL

BY JOAN OLIVER

A new school year has just begun and kids face a number of safety issues in school: more than 160,000 students miss school every day out of fear of bullying, for example, and 59 percent of kids deal with personal property theft.

Here are Ten Tips For Keeping Your Student Safe:

1. Parents and their children should plan a route to and from school together – whatever the child's age. Discuss avoiding hazardous short cuts that might take them out of public view.
2. Kids in groups are generally safer than alone. Encourage children to walk with friends to and from school.
3. Establish clear rules for play after school and review them regularly.
4. Children should report suspicious behaviors or threats by other students to a teacher or counselor.
5. Help children learn how to manage anger effectively. Encourage the school to provide conflict resolution training for students.
6. Respect others and their belongings – refuse to bully others or steal personal property.
7. Look for warning signs of a troubled child. Parents should listen to and talk with their children regularly to find out what is happening at school both in and out of the classroom.
8. Ask administrators about safety efforts. Do they control access to the school by visitors? Are all visitors required to check in and wear appropriate badges/ID at all times?
9. Request free school safety assessments to identify potential problems and upgrades needed to improve school safety measures.
10. Parents should get to know their child's friends and the friends' parents.



Good things are constantly happening at the Museum. Recently, the Museum received a donation courtesy of the Cleveland Division of Fire.

Back before the Fire Alarm Office was computerized, the street box system was based on paper and pen. When an alarm was received, the Operators would look up the running assignments on pre-established cards known as Running Cards. The running cards listed the box number, location, and the fire apparatus that would respond up through the fifth alarm. These cards were mounted in numerical order, in binders, for fast, easy access. These binders were known collectively as the 'Bible'. Until recently, no one knew what became of the Bible when the FAO was closed and consolidated with police and EMS dispatch. The mystery was solved when CFD Lt. Richard Bryant came to the Museum and advised us the Bible was sitting in a store room in the current dispatch center, unused and unneeded. The Bible was offered to the Museum and we gratefully accepted the donation. After a thorough cleaning, the Bible was put in safe storage until we establish a proper display. The Museum thanks Lt. Bryant and the CFD Command Staff for making this donation possible.



(Joan Oliver Photo)

"The Bible" – Cleveland Street Directory w/Running Cards

MUSEUM HOLDS 9-11 CEREMONY

BY JOAN OLIVER

Sunday, September 11, 2022 marked the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C.; and United Flight #93 that went down in a field near Shanksville, PA. To pay tribute to all those that lost their lives that day, the Museum held a remembrance ceremony in their honor.

Museum President, James Bell presided over the ceremony which began with the Cleveland Fire Department's Honor Guard then posting colors. Afterwards, the Cleveland Institute of Music's Brass Quintet played the National Anthem followed by Captain Joe Mason, Cleveland Division of Fire (Ret.) giving the opening prayer. Mr. Bell gave opening remarks, thanked everyone for coming, and



(Joan Oliver Photos)

CFD Firefighters Who Attended 9-11 Ceremony

that morning 21 years ago. He also remarked how the country was afterward and how united we were. We were all Americans! He stated that so much has changed since then. The country has become so divided and we desperately need to get back to being united again.

After his speech the CIM Brass Quintet played "America the Beautiful". Then, following the tradition of New York Fire Department when remembering a Line-of-Duty Death, Dean Murad, Captain Cleveland Division of Fire (Ret.), rang 5-5-5 in memory of all those who lost their lives that Day. This was followed by the CIM Brass Quintet playing "Taps" and Captain Joe Mason, Cleveland Division of Fire (Ret.) giving the closing prayer. The ceremony concluded with "Amazing Grace" played by Ronnie Stepka of the Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums.

We'd like to thank all those who came down that day to remember the 3,000 that died that day, including the 343 firefighters.



Pres. Jim Bell with CIM Brass Quintet

presented the guest speaker, Interim Chief Eric Burchak, Cleveland Division of Fire.

Chief Burchak began his speech reflecting most people clearly remember where they were that day and recalled what he was doing

A 5-5-+ALARM FIRE AND A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

THE YOUNGLOVE BLOCK FIRE...MAY 12, 1951

BY PAUL NELSON

One of Cleveland's most spectacular fires in its long history destroyed three buildings on Euclid Avenue just north of E. 55th Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad viaduct. The fire started in the Younglove Block at 5518-24 Euclid Avenue, a five-story brick structure with multiple tenants. Originating on the third floor occupied by the Retlig Patent Co. and the Betz Marley Spring Co., arriving companies found heavy smoke conditions and initiated an interior attack. An explosion occurred in solvent tanks shortly after they made entry to the third floor. Fire spread across the third floor entering elevator shafts and open stairwells. Companies retreated and began an exterior attack as fire quickly spread up and down the building.



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West wall of Younglove block collapsing

The fire then jumped an alley to the five-story Abbot Block at 5506 Euclid Avenue quickly involving the entire structure. With heavy fire conditions in the Younglove Block, the west wall collapsed onto a one-story building at 5508 Euclid Avenue with debris also falling onto the railroad viaduct and tracks.

Response of 25 companies on the 5-5 alarm and a special alarm for five additional engines (skipped the 2-2-2 alarm going directly to a 3-3-3 alarm at the time of the explosion):

6:01pm	Box 2339	E: 7-9-17	L: 3-6	RS:1	BN: 4
6:25	3-3-3 2339	E: 9-5-3-14-18-10	L:7	AC	
6:45	4-4 2339	E: 22-16-2			
6:54	5-5 2339	E: 28-27-1	L: 1	BN:2	
7:00	525-5 2339	E: 13-25-20-6-3			

The special call for the five engines occurred when the west wall of the Younglove Block collapsed sending flaming debris onto the adjacent one-story building. At the same time the interior floors began to collapse downward. Multiple deluge guns and ladder pipes were deployed on Euclid Avenue. Several companies stretched lines onto the railroad tracks and bridge as well as the roof of the railroad station for big line attacks on the structure. No serious injuries were reported in the fire. Loss to the structures and contents was set at \$465,000.

Cause of the fire was determined to be arson. One of the male employees of the third floor business set fire to some waste material in an effort to cover up thefts from fellow workers. Ironically, he became trapped in the resulting fire and was rescued over a ladder by fire fighters. He was later arrested, found guilty in a trial and subsequently sent to prison.



Companies working on roof of Pennsylvania RR station

Two CFD apparatus collided with each other at E. 30th Street and Euclid Avenue enroute to the fire. Engine 1 had relocated to another fire station on a fill-in assignment and was not travelling a normal route. Ladder 1 was travelling on Euclid Avenue from Headquarters downtown. As a result of the impact, Ladder 1 careened into a pole and Engine 1 came to rest east on 30th Street. Seven members were hospitalized but none had life threatening injuries. The fact that CFD had changed to closed cab apparatus with all riding inside was a major factor in avoiding more serious injuries or even death.



Engine 1 1939 Seagrave 4-door 1000gpm pumper



Ladder 1 1939 Seagrave 4-door 100ft aerial ladder

Engine 1 was totaled and the rig was scrapped. It was replaced by one of the Anniversary Series Seagrave pumpers delivered in 1951. After examination of Ladder 1, it was determined that the ladder trailer was serviceable. A new Anniversary Series Seagrave tractor was ordered and placed under the ladder. That combination remained in service for another 16 years until replaced by a Sutphen Aerial Tower.

MUSEUM HOSTS SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM HYDRANT PAINTERS

BY JIM BELL

Over the course of this summer the Museum had many group tours come through our building. Every year the Museum is happy to host a group of local young men and women who are employed by the City of Cleveland Department of Public Utilities Summer Youth Employment Program to paint the city fire hydrants. These young people are performing a very important service to the city and to the Cleveland Division of Fire. Through the effort of CFD Lt. Michael Norman and Stephanie Byrd of the Cleveland Division of Water, the group is brought to the Museum to be educated in the history and traditions of the fire service, as well as prompted to consider a career in the fire service. This year the Museum hosted a group of thirteen possible future firefighters. We look forward to seeing these young people next year.



(Joan Oliver Photo)

Lt. Mike Norman & Pres. Jim Bell Address Summer Employees

MUSEUM ATTENDS EMERGENCY/MILITARY NIGHT AT CAR SHOW

BY JIM BELL

Mother Nature did not want to cooperate with the annual military and public safety vehicle show in Solon. Originally planned for September 6, the show had to be postponed to September 13 because of rain. Even then rain hit intermittently during the day and cloudy skies kept attendance down. The museum did manage to bring in the funeral caisson and staff an information table. Todd Wolf (Solon FD) brought his Mack model CF pumper and Bob Shimits (Solon FD, retired) brought his Buffalo pumper as well. Our thanks to Joan Oliver, Dean Murad (girlfriend Lisa), Tony and Anthony Caruso, Frank Novak and Larry Gordon for their help and support. The Museum even won an award for a Cruiser of the Year Top Pick Qualifier. We will see everyone next year!



(Joan Oliver Photos)

Tony Caruso & Dean Murad with Caisson



Museum Volunteers Larry Gordon, Anthony Caruso

FRANKENMUTH MUSTER CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

SPAAMFAA's Great Lakes chapter just celebrated 25 years of holding its annual muster in the Bavarian themed town of Frankenmuth, Michigan on July 30. The annual Frankenmuth muster has become a huge draw for antique owners and enthusiasts all over the Midwest. Each year a substantial contingent of Museum members attend the muster. Many of our members bring their apparatus to operate and display. Apparatus starts arriving on Friday at the local Heritage Park on the Cass River. This year in addition to the usual chicken dinner in the park, there was an evening parade through town with lights (no sirens allowed in town so as not to spook the carriage horses).

On Saturday, the weather was perfect and 76 pieces of fire apparatus were on display. A large flea market started in the morning before the 11:00 AM parade which wound around the city and back through the downtown area finishing over a covered bridge on the way back to the park. This year Great Lakes welcomed back its many Canadian participants who weren't permitted across the

border because of Covid restrictions for the last two years.

After an opening ceremony, many of the participants pumped from the beautiful Cass River, while others wandered through the park talking to the owners of the apparatus. This has become a highlight of the summer muster season for many of our members who also enjoy visiting the many shops and restaurants in town. It is a great family event that is always held the last weekend in July.



(Ken Rybka Photo)

Ted Elder Operating Steamer with Help of Family Members

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 15, 2022** – Cleveland, OH. Annual National Fire Safety Week Open House at the Museum. 10 – 2pm. Hotdogs, Popcorn & Beverages. Games & activities for the children, fire safety presentations, goodie bags & handouts, plus the Jr. Firefighter's Challenge. Admission to the Museum will be free of charge during Open House hours. For more information visit our website at www.wrfmc.com or call 216.664.6312.
- **Sunday, December 4, 2022** – Cleveland, OH. Annual Meeting at the Museum. Business meeting at 1pm in our newly newly renovated dormitory area followed by socializing and change to experience our 2022 exhibit "Fighting Fire with Fire". Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Museum will provide beverages and pizza. For more information visit our website at www.wrfmc.com or call 216.664.6312.
- **Saturday, December (TBA) 2022** – Cleveland, OH. Planned visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Western Reserve Fire Museum, 310 Carnegie Ave. Goodies for the kids. Bring your camera, great photo opportunity for the family. For more information visit Museum website at www.wrfmc.com or call 216.664.6312.
- **Thursday, February 2 - Saturday, February 4, 2023** – Phoenix, AZ. SPAAMFAA National Winter Convention is being hosted in partnership with the Hall of Flame. Host Hotel Residence Inn Tempe Downtown/University, 510 South Forest Ave, Tempe AZ. Registration deadline January 6, 2023. For more information as well as registration forms visit <https://spaaamfaawinter2023.com>.
- **Saturday, March 4, 2023** – (Tentative) Cleveland, OH. Annual Firematic Flea Market, held at Cleveland Fire Training Academy, 3101 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, OH. 8am – 1pm. Admission \$5.00 with children 12 and under free. For more information visit the Museum website at www.wrfmc.com.

ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2022

Because of construction followed by two years of covid restrictions, it has been several years since we have been able to hold an in person Annual Meeting. The Board is now planning to resume in person meetings at the Museum this year on Sunday, December 4, at 1:00 PM. There will be a short business meeting followed by an opportunity to socialize and tour the building.

The meeting should be one of our first opportunities to use the newly renovated dormitory space on the second floor and to see the improvements that have been made. If you haven't seen our 2022 exhibit of horse drawn apparatus, this gives you an excellent excuse to visit. Given the time of the year, this will be a combined holiday party and annual meeting. Following our tradition, we are asking everyone to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The museum will provide beverages and pizza. Mark your calendars.



CFD TRIVIA

BY PAUL NELSON

Q: How many Quads have seen service in Cleveland?

A: Only two, both acquired in 1954.

The original NFPA Specification 19 defined a Quad as a piece of motorized fire apparatus with a pump, a load of hose, a booster tank and a group of ground ladders. Each of the four components had a minimum requirement. The apparatus could be designated either as an engine or a ladder truck, depending on the fire department's preference. They could be found in almost every suburban department from the 30's into the 70's.

Fire Chief Elmer Cain chose Quads for two of the City's outlying stations, Station 6 on the east side and Station 42 on the west side. Both were new and served an area that was beginning to grow after World War II. A Quad operating as an engine company was the most efficient apparatus at 6 and 42.

The identical Quads were American LaFrance 700 Series (712-QEC) models with a 1250gpm pump and 125-gal booster tank. They both were in service from 1954 to 1968, placed in reserve until 1971 and scrapped in 1971. Federal Civil Defense had been reestablished in 1951 as concerns of the Cold War increased. Funds were available for fire departments to add equipment to be ready in case of an enemy attack. ALF and Seagrave were the only bidders with ALF being the successful bidder. Cost of each rig was \$55,000 with Civil Defense contributing \$7,850 to the cost of each rig.



Carl Fridley photo

Engine 6 1954 American LaFrance 1250gpm Quad



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AT 1:00 PM**

**Don't Throw
That Away**

The Fire Museum is looking for fire related photos, articles, artifacts from Cleveland and all of the Lands of the Western Reserve as we preserve area fire history.



Fire Prevention Week Open House Saturday, Oct. 15th

Fire Prevention week runs Oct. 9-15th and the Museum will be hosting an Open House Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission to the Museum will be free. There will be all kinds of games and activities for the kids, junior firefighter challenge, music, fire trucks, fire safety lectures, museum tours, hot dogs, popcorn, beverages and more. Something for everyone! So, please come down and join the fun.

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