

President's Report

April 9, 2008

Respectfully Submitted By Keith B. Kemery

Pension Litigation:

Since Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg's decision against the New Jersey Education Association, our attorneys and actuarial expert Vincent Amoroso have been contacted and are reviewing the decision. A telephone conference between the PFANJ, the NJ State FOP and our attorneys has been scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2008. Further report will follow after the telephone conference and as developments occur.

Police and Fire Pension Trustee Election:

The PFRS ballots have been issued and all PFRS members are again urged to VOTE GEORGE BOREK for the PFRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Call the undersigned via 609-820-2675 or Brother Borek via 609-240-2875 if you have not gotten your ballot or have any other difficulty casting your vote during this election.

IAFF Guide for Surviving an Economic Crisis:

In response to the current economic downturn that is creating concern at local and state government levels throughout the country, the IAFF has updated and released its "Surviving An Economic Crisis" guide for local leaders. This guide will be added to the PFANJ website for access by locals in need of this important information.

Local 198 Brother Scott Evans for Mayor of Atlantic City:

General President Schaitberger will visit Atlantic City on April 17, 2008 to headline a labor fundraiser on behalf of Brother Firefighter and Atlantic City Mayor Scott Evans. The event will be held at Boulevards Café, Sheraton Hotel from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. \$250 per ticket.

Reminder – Newark Saint Florian Mass:

The Annual Saint Florian Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark at 3 PM on May 4, 2008. All fire department pipe bands, honor and color guards are invited to attend. Class A dress will be the uniform of the day.

Emergency Medical Services System Review:

Brother Tom Gironda has attended several meetings regarding the redesign of New Jersey's EMS System and the PFANJ is in continued contact with the New Jersey State Career Fire Chiefs. A report from Brother Gironda's is included within the materials attached to this report.

PFANJ Convention and Affiliate Leadership Seminars:

Call To Convention packages are available for distribution today. Locals are asked to please return registration and housing applications as soon as possible. A tentative convention agenda has been published within the Spring, 2008 All Hands. This issue is in the mail now and is also posted to the PFANJ website now.

Thomas P. Canzanella New York / New Jersey IAFF Caucus & Convention:

The New York State Professional Firefighters Association continues to work on preparations for the 2008 caucus and convention in Albany, New York. Pursuant to practice, the PFANJ will issue a Call to Convention as soon as finalized information is received from New York. This information is expected very shortly.

Important Dates and Events:

April 12, 2008: PFANJ Valor Awards Brunch

April 17, 2008: Labor Fundraiser for Brother Firefighter and Atlantic City Mayor
Scott Evans

April 18, 2008: 28th Annual Conference on Public Sector Labor Relations Law
New Brunswick, New Jersey

May 4, 2008: Annual Saint Florian Mass, Newark

May 27 - 30, 2008: PFANJ Convention & Affiliate Leadership Seminars, Atlantic City

June 11 and 12, 2008: Thomas P. Canzanella

New York / New Jersey IAFF Caucus & Convention in Albany, N.Y.

June 25, 2008: Annual PFANJ Beach Barbeque at Martell's Tiki Bar, Point Pleasant, N.J.

August 10-15, 2008: 49th IAFF Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

September 20, 2008: IAFF Memorial Service, Colorado Springs, CO.