

AFA General Membership Meeting 09/01/2011

Minutes

Past events:

- January 26: College Visit. UC Davis, Mga Kapatid, Filipino Student Association.
- February 13: Chinatown YMCA Run for the Kids – Provided 2 EMTs to set up a table at Portsmouth Square.
- Feb 28-Mar2: AFA Ski Trip: Reno hotel and Northstar Ski resort. Contact Carol Conley
- February 19: Chinese New Year Parade: Meet at 2nd/Market Street by 5pm. Photo at Station 13. Dinner at Canton House. contact Carol Conley.
- March 11: Mentorship Dinner for AFA Captains and BCs.
- March 19: St Baldricks Foundation, Support OJ Leonardo, Doug Manguiat, and Norm Caba as they shave their heads to raise money to cure children's cancer.
- March 25: H30 Exam Workshop by Mike Bryant. Irish Cultural Center
- March 26: Fight for Air Climb, Bank of America Bldg; Support Greg Collaco and Shon Buford as they cling the B of A Bldg twice.
- April 16-17: Cherry Blossom Festival; (Canceled our booth)
- April 23: Smoke Detector Installation Project with Paul Chin. Over 200 installed.
- April 23: Lions Club Firefighter/Police Recognition Dinner: Al Lee, Greg Owyang, Willa Ortega, John Caba, and Norm Caba.
- May 21: Asian Heritage Street Fair, EMT booth, EMTs needed, contact Norm Caba
- May 24: Night at the PunchLine, Mark Zhang headlining
- July 18: Golf foursome: JCCCNC Nikkei Open, Peninsula Golf Country Club
- Aug 4: Mayor Candidates Night sponsored by Local 798. 6-9pm Marines Memorial Theater.
- Aug 13-14: Nihomachi Street Fair. Contact Keith Onishi or Geary Horikiri.
- Aug 13-14: Pistahan Parade/Filipino Art Exhibition: Parade is on Saturday at 11am. Need Volunteers to staff AFA informational booth. We may also be the first aid booth. This will be both Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm.
- Aug 19: Cathay Post Awards: Honored Vinnie Perez and Tony Valerio.

Current events:

1. Mentorship/ Training:
 - a. New H-2 Class: **All new members are assigned a senior member.**
 - b. Create a training section during our meetings. **Please send any ideas you may have; or ideas of you may want to learn about.**
 - c. Training classes. What topics would most of you want? **Please send us any of your ideas.**
2. Creation of a larger network of the AFA. Invite firefighters from other departments to discuss the formation of a larger AFA network. Week before the CNY parade. **Please let us know if you would be interested in helping plan for this event. We will also need your ideas as well.**
3. Recruitment:
 - a. Lowell High on Oct 3.

- b. Who has contacts at high schools/colleges/etc?
 - c. **If you are interested in presenting, please let us know.**
 - d. **If you know of any groups that we can give a presentation to, please let us know. Groups could range from middle school to college. We can also target other types of groups such as athletic leagues, etc.**
4. Update from the Chief.
5. Community outreach:
- a. Election news. Several Candidates for the November election have contacted us to speak to the membership:
 - i. Former Supervisor Bevan Dufty: 10:15am
 - 1. <http://www.bevandufty.com/>
 - ii. Assessor Phil Ting: 10:30am.
 - 1. <http://www.philting.com/>
 - iii. Former Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier: 10:45am.
 - 1. <http://michelaformayor.com/>
 - iv. City Attorney Dennis Herrera: 11:05am
 - 1. <http://herreraformayor.com/main/>
 - v. Captain Paul Miyamoto, 11:45am
 - 1. <http://www.miyamoto4sheriff.com/>
 - vi. Former POA President Chris Cunnie, after 11:30am
 - 1. <http://www.chriscunnie.com/>
 - vii. Senator Leland Yee: Unable to make.
 - 1. <http://www.lelandyee.com/>
 - viii. Supervisor David Chiu: Unable to make.
 - 1. <http://www.davidchiuformayor.com/>
 - ix. Mayor Ed Lee: Unable to make.
 - 1. <http://www.mayoredlee.com/>
 - x. Prosecutor Sharmin Bock: Call after the meeting. Has the 798 endorsement.
 - 1. <http://www.sharminbock.com/>
 - xi. **Please read more about each candidate at their websites. Please support your candidate and voice your opinion to 798 as the endorsements are made. Also, please continue to assist with all of the campaigns this election season.**
 - b. Pension ballot measure
 - i. Tom O'Connor will update. **We will need EVERYONE'S help for the "Yes on C" and "NO on D" Campaign. Please future emails and communications from AFA and 798.**
6. Communication in the AFA. How can we do it better?
- a. Email
 - b. FaceBook
 - c. www.AsianFire.org
 - d. **Please send us any ideas you may have.**

Upcoming events:

- Sep 10-11: Harvest Moon Festival: We canceled the table due to the busy weekend.
- Sep 10-11: 911 Events: Check LotusNotes for all events.
- Sep 11: Annual Fire Police Mass. St Monica's. 10am

- Sep 17: DragonBoat Races; Let us now if you want to join the team. You must participate in a practice session if you want a spot. Contact Doug Manguiat at St 7.
- Sep 18: Aloha 5K Run. Crissy Fields. Need volunteer EMTs. Contact Keith Onishi.
- Sep 24: Yes on C; No on D kickoff.
- Oct 1: Caucus Classic Golf Tourn. Asian Law Caucus Annual Golf Tourn.
- Oct 3: School Visit. Lowell High School, Career and College classes.
- October 22: Kimochi Inc. fundraiser Sansei Live. Contact Keith Onishi.
- Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day, Meet at 9:30am: serving meals to seniors at Lady Shaw Center (Mason & Broadway) and distribution of hot lunches to Seniors.
- Dec ? : Cooking at Toys, Meet at 10am. Attire: Hawaiian shirts.
- Dec 10?: Parol Lantern Festival/Parade