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Hi again from Bresnan Headquarters,  
Well I received an encouraging e-mail from Brian Centoni and it looks like there may be some hope that the Bresnan will be carried on after I retire in January. Here is his message:.....FERG <><

*Hi Rich, on behalf of ACFD and Local 55 I have brought up the fact that this will be the last year you are running the Bresnan.*

*Its a tradition we can't lose.*

*I have a few ideas of making it live forever. Please let me know what you are thinking. Again I would like to help.*

*Ideas/options*

*-pass on to another retired guy that is willing to help build stories working with Jeremy Roderick's e-mail blast each month.*

*-have a current member of Local 55 take it over. I have a few people in mind that can handle this.*

*Thanks.*

*Brian Centoni*

*ACFFA 55 Executive Board*

*Director of Online Communications*

## Alameda County Firefighters 14th annual Retirement Party

Come down and see some old friends, maybe make some new ones too, and listen to stories that keep getting bigger every year! Retiree and current active members are all invited. This is a good chance for current members to meet and honor those who gave so much to build the fire service we know and love.

Saturday November 4th 2017

5:30 PM – 7:00      Cocktails  
7:00 PM – 8:00      Dinner  
8:00 PM – 12:00    Roast

IBEW Local 595 Hall      6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568

Discounted rooms available La Quinta inn and Suites, 6275 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA.

Call: (925) 828-9393 for prices under Alameda County Firefighters

RSVP to Station 13 any shift 510 357 2645

Donations will be accepted at the door.



# Grand opening of Station #23



## *Money*

Income = \$0  
Expenses= \$157.40  
Current bank balance=\$102.40  
Please do not send any donations.  
I am quitting at the end of this year.  
Thank you for all of your past support.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**

**Alameda County Fire Station #23**

**Artwork Title: Beacon of Light**

**Artist: David Burke Medium:**

**Glass mosaic tile mural** The artwork offers reminders of the past, inspiration for the present, and hope for the future while honoring the work of the men and women of Station 23. The mural features a black and white photo of the old Station 23. The image celebrates Alameda County Fire Department's history and long-standing service to the community. The tile mural also includes an image of the former station's signal light that hangs at the intersection of Meekland Avenue and Grove Way. The signal A light symbolizes the protective light shining over the community. Greenery and cherry blossoms surround historic images of the neighborhood and the Meek Estate symbolizing the fertility of the land and representing life, growth, and hope.

Burke's design was created digitally and was computer-set by a mosaic fabricator using 3/8" square glass tiles and then installed during construction of the building in 2017. The artwork is located on a large wall that was selected due to its prominent location and is visible from the public sidewalk and extends into the public entry of the building. The glass tiles convey a hand-crafted sensibility as well as a modern feeling that matches the overall architectural environment.

Burke's design was selected through an open, competitive process by a committee comprised of community members, Fire Department representatives, and a local artist. Funding for this public art project is provided through the County's Percent for Art Public Art Ordinance managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission on behalf of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The goal of the artwork is to honor the service provided by the Fire Station, celebrate the Cherryland area, and support the belief that the arts and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community.

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Dear Ferg,

I have enjoyed your newsletter all these years, reading Roy's hard copy after he finished with it, and later by e-mail.

You have provided us with news and helpful information but, more importantly, with a link between folks even as they moved to different stations or cities or retired. Your faithfulness, humor and respect in sharing the news of your brothers was well matched by your publishing skills. We've appreciated every issue.

As you move on next year, we wish you and Debra much happiness. You have given all of us the gift of friendship and connection, and we are grateful.

Judy Grover

(in loving memory of Roy Jones, San Leandro)

P.S. The picture of you and Kyle is purely adorable!

Rich

I forgot to send last month. On April 20th my son Clayton graduated from the Oakland Fire Dept recruit academy.

His brother Ryan pinned him.

It was a happy day for the Davis family.

He has been assigned to downtown Oakland (Battalion 2) and is having the time of his life.

Thank you again my dear brother for all you have done to keep us connected. I will miss the Bresnan.

I would love to get a copy of some of the funnier early San Leandro additions.

Vince