

AUXILIARY OF THE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers elected for 2016

President: Karen St. Cyr

Vice President: Linda Abbott

Secretary: Donna Barbalato

Treasurer: Judi Miller

For over four decades, the Auxiliary of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department has actively aided and benefitted the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to providing service and financial support to the 100% volunteer fire department, our service extends to the Francestown community and beyond.

The 2016 Francestown Directory, published in March, was dedicated to the late Clifton Frederick Foote, a lifelong resident and Retired Francestown Fire Chief. He gave over five decades of service to the volunteer fire company and served on many town boards. Complimentary copies of the directory were mailed to each residence, given to town agencies, and included in Welcome Baskets delivered to over two dozen new families who moved to town. The Directory Project, the organization's largest fundraiser, is a bi-ennial publication composed of town information, a residential section and a directory of local businesses. The donation of \$2500 following production of the 2014 edition was included in Warrant Article # 13 "to purchase a rescue truck" at Town Meeting this year, and reduced taxpayer expense. Once priority needs are determined for the unit, a donation based on the success of the 2016 edition will be given to the FVFD.

A standing-room-only gathering of residents at the deliberative session of Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12, generously supported Auxiliary refreshment offerings - thank you! Also in March, the Auxiliary catered a corned beef dinner at the firehouse for the annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Warden's meeting.

On Sunday, August 7, 2016, a Memorial Service was held at the Old Meeting House for FVFD firefighter, Cole Wohl, who unexpectedly died on July 31, 2016. He was a role model to his peers and an inspiration to all who knew him. The Auxiliary was honored to assist the FVFD by co-ordinating the reception at the firehouse following the graveside service.

In October, an Open House and Safety Day was sponsored by the FVFD. At this time, the new rescue truck was dedicated into service. Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary and traditional Toadstool Literature vouchers were presented to each FES classroom for use toward books pertaining to topics being studied during the current academic year.