

Fall 2017 Newsletter

Fireman's Hall Museum Celebrates 50 Years of Operation!



Left to right Commissioner Adam Thiel, Anne Hairston, and former Commissioners Joseph R. Rizzo and Lloyd Ayers

On October 13, 2017 Fireman's Hall Museum celebrated its 50th anniversary with remarks from the current and former Commissioners, a founding member of the Philadelphia Fire Department



Historical Corporation, Greg Gaul and today's current president Rick Coppola as well as others. It was a wonderful tribute to those who helped shape the museum. Thanks so much to Mission BBQ who donated the yummy food!

Insurance Day of Giving

Once more our friends at Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company came through on the Insurance Society's Annual Day of Giving to volunteer their



time at Fireman's Hall Museum. They photographed ribbons, badges and patches, entered catalog records into our PastPerfect database and scanned copies of *The Officers' Call*, newsletter from the Philadelphia Fire Officers' Association from the 1950s and 1960s. Thanks to Chris Erb, Joe Donnelly, Brent Haupt, Erin Self, Dave Gartland, Laura Mitchell.

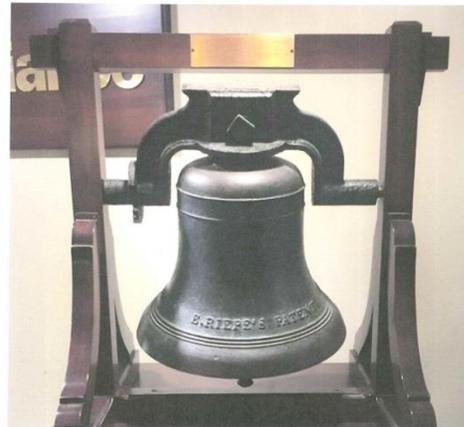
Firefighter of the Year

Our morning Insurance Society volunteers on October 17th were invited to attend our annual Firefighter of the Year award ceremony. This year's recipient Firefighter Dana Mueller, although unaccompanied, managed to pull an unconscious victim from the second floor of a fully engaged building fire. In recognition of his selfless actions, he was recommended for this honor. He is shown here with his young son.



Vigilant Bell

Thanks to the hard work of the collections committee spearheaded by Lee Ryan, and numerous donors, the bell that rang from the Vigilant Engine Company's fire house at 143 Race Streets is now a part of the Fireman's Hall Museum collections. It has been installed in our Franklin's Volunteers gallery and can be used to ceremoniously mark events at the museum as it once rang for Old City events in the 19th century.



Members' Nights are Back!

On Thursday, November 16, 2017 Chief Greg Masi of the Second Alarmers gave a wonderful presentation to our members on Philadelphia fires at Engine 38's Community Room. Mark your calendars for the next event on January 11, 2018.

Santa arriving via Fire Truck

Reviving an old Philadelphia tradition Santa will be arriving on a fire truck to start the holiday season. Santa will be escorted to the Betsy Ross house for the tree lighting and then to Fireman's Hall Museum on Thursday, November 30th. Festivities start at 5:30 pm. Come celebrate the holidays and get your picture taken with Santa! Special 10% gift shop discounts are being offered on these evenings.