



## Largest Private Gift in Museum History

An anonymous donor has made a gift to all school-children in Memphis. This gift (valued at \$250,000 this year) gives 40,000 school-children **free admission and free transportation** to visit the Fire Museum and learn about fire safety. City school administrators and teachers have worked with the Museum to make certain that school-children take advantage of this life saving experience. **The Koinonia Transportation Co.** has made these trips possible by providing dependable transportation at a reduced cost.

In Fiscal 2002 (ending 6/30/02), almost 22,000 children took guided tours provided by specially trained Fire Department educators. This summer, day care and summer



School group touring museum meet New York Firefighter



Students tour museum and get fire safety message from Fire Educator Buddy Cantrell

camp children are coming to the Museum in record numbers.

Letter from teacher at A.B. Hill Elementary:

*"On behalf of the entire first grade . . . I would like to thank you for the wonderful field trip. It was very educational, very organized and a lot of fun for everyone. Enclosed you will find pictures from my class . . . showing and telling what they liked and learned . . . I hope funding will be available again next year so we will once again be able to take advantage of this special field trip."*

During the tours, the children interact with every exhibit, including the **FedEx Fire Room**, the **AutoZone Education Center** with Escape Maze and **100 Club of Memphis Fire Safety House**. Educators quiz children on fire safety and prevention tips learned during the tours. The children

get to play on the fire pole, the ambulance and the fire truck in our **Guardsmark Play Area**.

The mission of the Fire Museum is to be the finest fire museum in the country and to reduce loss of lives and property by increasing fire safety awareness. Children and senior citizens are at the greatest risk of fire fatalities.

The Museum makes all the arrangements (tours and bus transportation) for the groups. Call Alice Neville at the Museum 320-5650 for information.

### Fire Museum Honors New York Firefighters

The Fire Museum of Memphis had a great honor on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen firefighters from the Engine 33, Ladder 9 Station in New York City visited the museum, ate barbecue, received gifts and made a presentation to the Museum.

The firefighters were in Memphis as guests of the City and many people who made the trip possible with their



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Heroes of September 11th tragedy arrive on Fire Museum's antique pumper driven by volunteer Clint Pope

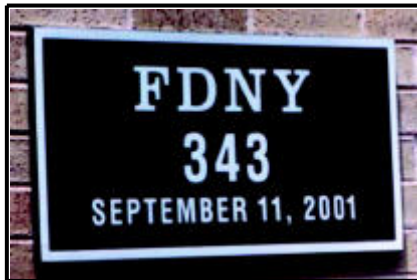
donations. Beth Landau, a Memphian now living in New York City, became a friend of Engine House #33 after the



By Leo Arnoult

September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. Engine House #33 lost ten of their forty firefighters in the World Trade Centers' collapse. Ms. Landau met Firefighter Sal Princiotta and found him to be an Elvis and barbecue fan.

After offering to arrange a visit for Sal, she found that many others wanted to come! She arranged for plane fare, hotel, meals and events – all donated by generous Memphians. At the Fire Museum on the 25<sup>th</sup>, ceremony participants, including



Mr. Robert Snowden, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Councilmembers Barbara Swearingen Holt, E.C. Jones and Tajuan Stout-Mitchell recognized the bravery of these men and welcomed them to our

city. In memory of the 343 New York Firefighters who were lost in the World Trade Center disaster, the Museum installed a plaque on the courtyard wall, "FDNY 343 September 11, 2001."

The New York Firefighters praised the Museum as the best Fire Museum they had ever seen and presented a framed portrait of their firehouse with photographs of each firefighter who lost his life. The firefighters and other Museum guests enjoyed a wonderful barbecue lunch provided by the "Hillbilly Shriners".



By Bill Adelman

Firefighters with Shriners who cooked lunch

## Donors to the May 25<sup>th</sup> Event Honoring New York Firefighters

Mr. Floyd Cupp and the Hillbilly Shriners  
 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Smith  
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 Memphis Fire Department



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New York firefighters present painting to Fire Museum. Engine 33, Ladder 9 is on Great Jones St. About one mile from World Trade Center. They lost 10 of their 40 men.

## Introduction of new Fire Museum Staff

**Brier Smith Turner**, Director of Development, joined the Museum in May. Brier has spent over thirty years working for non-profit organizations in Memphis. She began her career at the Pink Palace Museum and helped raise the funds for the Museum's expansions. After leaving the Pink Palace she has assisted other Memphis causes including Memphis Arts Council, Women's Foundation and the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library. Brier is excited to be part of the Fire Museum team and looks forward to helping the Museum achieve its fund raising goals. If you have ideas for assisting the Museum please call Brier at 320-5658.

**Leigh Robertson** became Guest Services Manager in June. Prior to the Museum Leigh worked in marketing for [Surge@Draft](mailto:Surge@Draft) Worldwide. Leigh will be getting her MBA from the University of Memphis in December. Call Leigh at 320-5653 to arrange a party or order from the gift shop.

## Donations Are Very Important

When you read the article about all the Memphis school-children being able to come to the Museum free of charge you saw that those visits were made possible by a gift to the Museum. The Fire Museum is a private, non-profit organization that exists only because of the generosity of people like you. Museum admissions and government grants do not cover the cost of operating the Museum. Please consider making an annual gift or pledge to the Museum in the envelope provided in this newsletter.

Call Brier Turner at 320-5658 if you wish additional information.

### List of Donors January-July 2002

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6th Grade students & teachers,  
Shadowlawn Middle School

### Ford Presents Check to Museum

The Ford Motor Company of West Memphis presented a \$2,600 check to museum staff member retired Chief Floyd Newsum for the benefit of the Museum.



### It may seem early but the holidays just got easier!

We will be issuing a special holiday card for you to give to your family, friends and clients. You will be able to purchase the cards and make a donation to the Fire Museum's Fire Safety Education Fund. The donation portion of your cost will be tax deductible. A win-win situation -- you make a gift honoring your friends and the Fire Education Fund increases. Please call Brier Turner at 320-5658 if you are interested. The cards will be ready by October 1<sup>st</sup>-- won't it be great to have one item off your list?

## Commercial Appeal articles illustrate that visits to the Fire Museum can be life-saving

*The Commercial Appeal* reporter Lela Garlington told the story of a four year old child who had heard Museum Fire Educator Marian Nance speak about the importance of home fire drills. The child knew exactly what to do when hot grease caught fire on the stove. Fortunately, the entire family escaped unharmed.

In an another article, reporter Tom Bailey, Jr. followed Buddy Cantrell as he led a tour of the Museum for a group of children and adults. The article followed several tragic deaths in our area and listed **important SAFETY TIPS including:**

*Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm. Check alarms monthly and change batteries twice a year.*

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## Stamp Unveiled at Museum

On Friday, August 2, the United States Postal Service Officials unveiled a semi-postal "Heroes of 2001" stamp at the Fire Museum. The event was hosted by Jerry Tate of WREG TV and the keynote speaker was Mayor W. W. Herenton. Other speakers were Fire Director Chester Anderson, Police Director Walter Crews, Tennessee Task Force One member Jerry Crawford, and Postmaster Butch Parker.



First day issue stamps were on sale and the Fire Museum was designated a post office "Fire Museum Station" for the day and stamps were canceled with this mark. The first day issues stamps will be on sale at the museum gift shop.

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### Birthday Parties, Receptions, You Name It? We've got the place for you!

Looking for an unusual place to have a special party? A birthday party for a child, OR an adult. Come to the Fire Museum -- we offer two rooms. One for smaller groups up to 50 is on the first floor just off the exhibits area. On the second floor we have a large room suitable for groups up to 250. A great benefit of having your party at the Fire Museum -- in addition to the great exhibits and unusual setting -- is that we have tables and chairs that you may use. So you only have to bring the food and decorations -- what an easy and fun location.

For more information call Leigh Robertson at 320-5653 (or email her at [leigh@firemuseum.com](mailto:leigh@firemuseum.com)).



**These are just a few of the unique gift items we sell – come see us for your unusual gifts. Call Leigh at 320-5653 if you wish to order something.**

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