



# The SPANNER

A Bi-Monthly Publication for the Friends and Firefighters of the Stayton Fire District

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JAN—FEB 2017



## From the Chief's

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruben Sisto for his years of service to the District and the community. Ruben is the true definition of a volunteer and has always given 100%. There are very few people who can say they gave it their all 100% of the time, but Ruben is one of those individuals that can.

Not once in all the years I have been here did I ever see or hear Ruben do or want any

thing for himself. With Ruben, it has always been about service, about out-

standing values, about exceeding the expectations of those we serve by motivating each other to be the best, while putting the needs of others before his own.

Ruben is truly one of those people that lives it and by that, sets the example for the rest of us. He has truly walked the walk.

Just like as it has been with others, Chief Tegen, Captain Rowling, and Captain Fery to

mention a few, the District will move forward and continue on, but we will do so as richer individuals and a better organization because of the values and character Ruben has reinforced in all of us.

Ruben, with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation, **Thank You from all of us** for your friendship, dedication and service. In as much as we will miss you, we also wish you and Ruth the best in your next adventure and hope you both will stop and say 'hi' from time to time.



**In 2017**, don't sit on the couch and wait for change. Go out. Make a change. Smile more. Be excited. Do new things. Throw away what you've been cluttering. Unfollow negative people on social media. Go to bed early. Wake up early. Be fierce. Don't gossip. Show more gratitude. Do things that challenge you. Be brave. Have a wonderful New Year!



## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

Dan Houston—30 yrs.  
Jeff Deetz—17 yrs.  
Gene Dershewitz—7 yrs.  
Nastasja Johnson—4 yrs.  
Jacob Adams—1 yr.  
Damon Button—1 yr.

### FEBRUARY

Steve Orr—6 yrs.  
Scott Orr—5 yrs.  
Kaitlyn Woodsmall—5 yrs.  
Josh Pearce—4 yrs.  
Jeff Harris JR—2 yrs.  
Josh Lindemann—1 yr.

### MARCH

Doug Hansen—33 yrs.  
Eric Peterson—11 yrs.  
Jeff Harris SR—11 yrs.  
Linda Lai—9 yrs.  
Trent Tegen—5 yrs.  
Ashley Griffith—1 yr.  
Brian Hendricks—1 yr.

**Congratulations!**  
**154 Years**  
**of Service!**

**60th Annual Benefit**  
**Mehama Fire Station**  
**& Stayton Volunteer**  
**Protection Co. #1**

**BINGO &**  
**SWEETHEART**  
**BREAKFAST**

**Bingo**  
Saturday  
February 11, 2017  
6 pm to 9 pm  
♥ Lots of Prizes ♥  
Concessions

**Breakfast**  
Sunday  
February 12, 2017  
7 am to 12 pm  
♥ Ham, Eggs & Pancakes ♥  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**Breakfast Admission:**  
Adults \$6 • Seniors \$5 • Children Ages 7-12 \$5  
Children Ages 6 & under Free



**Office of State Fire Marshal Celebrates 100 Years!**  
January begins the yearlong celebration of the OSFM's 100-year anniversary. Each month they will be highlighting significant OSFM and Oregon fire service accomplishments and successes for each decade since 1917. They will also distribute these highlights through social media platforms (Twitter and Facebook) and in their monthly publication, The Gated Wye.



# WINTER DRIVING

During these cold months, in addition to keeping a full tank of gas and fresh anti-freeze in your vehicle, we recommend you don't leave home without these:

- Properly inflated spare tire and jack
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- Tire chains
- Tool kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Reflective triangles or flares
- First aid kit
- Windshield cleaner/ scraper
- Nonperishable foods, such as nuts, dried fruits
- Blanket, gloves, warm clothing

**BE SAFE - BE PREPARED**

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

5—Jeff Harris SR  
13—Jeff Deetz  
24—Byron Smith  
27—Jeff Harris JR

### FEBRUARY

3—Doug Kintz  
5—Michael Beaumont  
12—Nastasja Johnson  
14—Lucy Hemenway  
23—Theresa Smith  
26—Doug Smith  
26—Kevin Bakke  
27—Alison Lindsay  
28—Ray Porter  
28—Will Comerford

### MARCH

15—George Crosiar  
22—Rhonda Grant  
23—Don Dotter  
30—Maria Sammons  
31—Sheila Woodsmall



Happy  
Birthday!





*Upcoming Events...*

- Feb 4 SVPC Dinner/Business Meeting at Station 82
- Feb 11 Mehama Bingo
- Feb 12 Mehama Sweetheart Breakfast
- Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- Mar 4 Awards Banquet
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

Watch your email or check the website calendar for activity and event notifications  
[www.staytonfire.org](http://www.staytonfire.org)

*\*Congratulations Corner\**

**Volunteer Association  
Board Elections:**

- ✿ Vice President, Kelly Oliver will be stepping down and James McDougall will become VP starting in Jan. 2017
- ✿ Treasurer Gene Dershewitz will be stepping down and Doug Kintz will become Treasurer starting in Jan. 2017

Thank you to those who served - great job, we appreciate all your work—and thank you to those that are stepping up to fill the positions.



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