their own Mack pumper (at least for the day), owned by Brendan Keeney, Bronx Dispatch. Moving into June, their annual FDNY Retiree Golf Outing will be held on June 3, at Stony Ford Golf Course in Orange County. (Pat O'Neill is golf chairman.) All invited. In July, they hope to have their first annual picnic, but the date is not set yet. And, of course, the high point of their social year is the third annual dinner/dance/boat ride on the Hudson River, August 3, 2005. The cruise is on a real paddle wheeler, the River Rose. (They hope the wood glue holds.) Due to the great response last year, they may have life jackets for almost everyone onboard. FM Jerry Killenburger Bronx Base is the boat chairman (and oarsman in a pinch). There will be a live (?) band and food from one of the best restaurants in Orange County. Charlie Quigg L-35, Vice President of Orange County, says that he will share the life jacket locker keys with Gerry Bellingham E-41, President of the Embers and Tony LaMagna SQ-/E-41, President of the Florians of Rockland County. This event is filling up already and if history repeats itself--and we know it will--this will be a great time! ...Another first for FDNY Retirees upstate! They are

in the process of forming an FDNY Retiree Pipes and Drums. They have a group ready to go and a Pipe Major ready to teach and lead. This will be open to all members. Anyone interested, call or email them at embers41@hotmail.com. Info hotline is 1-845-4410 (ear plugs optional?)...FDNY Retirees of Orange County, the Embers of the Hudson Valley



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and the Florians of Rockland are all proud members of the URFA...The annual holiday party for the FDNY Retirees, Phoenix Division, was held on December 11 at casa Maione in Moon Valley. Many thanks are due to Ray and Rosemary Maione for hosting another fantastic gathering at their beautiful home on Port Au Prince Lane. Attending the fest were Pete Breen, Paul Chance, President Tom Cox, Jim Donnelly, Mick Ennis, Bill Fay, Joe Iaccarino, Jack Leonard, Ray Maione, Dan McCarthy, Marty McGovern, Tom Merkel, Arnie Miller, Joe Pecoraro, George Pickett and Joe Tufano. Many of the Brothers were accompanied by their wives; others had significant others and some came stag. The food, games and hospitality were top of the heap...In November, the Brothers gathered for the annual Blue Mass prior to Thanksgiving, held at St. Simon and Jude's Cathedral in Phoenix. They filled two pews. Many of our retired Brothers were in dress blues; others in FDNY regalia; and we made our presence known...The annual picnic was held on the first Saturday of November in Fountain Hills. A nice showing of retirees and ladies and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Sal Carbone for making the arrangements and letting us enjoy his neighborhood picnic grounds...The following is one of a number of compliments that Chief Hatton receives about WNYF. This one comes from the above Phoenix, Arizona, retirees: Check out the Retirees section in the WNYF. Your club has been mentioned in the past four issues. Thanks to Larry Hatton. He is the

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January 11, 2005. This memorial is dedicated to all Long Islanders who perished during the attack on America on September 11, 2001, and to all the Long Islanders who came to the fore in the aftermath of this fateful event. Ken, another tireless worker, is also the Vice President of the Long Island 9/11 Memorial Committee. This is a fine example of what can be done with all the spare time we have now that we are part of those who used to serve ... 'Til next time, stay low, stay healthy, join and get active in your local retiree organization. And if your organization is not mentioned here, send some info to me. **Taking Up** November 30, 2004-January 31, 2005 Engine 14 James A. Kelly Ladder 59 Engine 306 Michael T. Kuczinski Marine 9 Richard E. Lacerra Joseph P. Laing **Fire Marshals** Bronx Base Robert J. Lang ADMBFI Joseph C. Lavin **Marine Engineers** Edward M. Luciani Marine Division Michael A. Macko Marine 9 Andrew F. Mastrota Firefighters Sean F. McNamee Ladder 119

one who gathers all the info from across the country.

We get some ink and name names. Congrats to the

Editor, Advisors and staff at WNYF. The magazine

is as professional as any out there...Andy Ashurst

E-216 reports that the Pocono Retired Firefighters

had a Christmas dinner with about 90 in attendance.

They honored Jerry Healy E-249 and later, E-153,

who resigned his post as President because of a

move down south to be with his son, who also is

retired from the FDNY. He will be missed. Jerry

was very active since 1987 and largely because of

his efforts, they have the organization that they have

in the Poconos. Their next meeting will be in March ...Ken Dolan, President of the Long Island

Association of Retired NYC Firefighters (formerly

Island 9/11 Memorial at SUNY Farmingdale on

SCARF), reported that there was an unveiling of the architectural design concept winner for the Long

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