

Subject: FL Happenings for December 2017
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Happy December, Forest Lakes Family and Friends!
I make a comment nearly every month about how time flies. How can it be December already? I quote Dr. Seuss who can best express my sentiments "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"— Dr. Seuss
<https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/61105.Dr_Seuss>

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS

FLFD monthly Board Meeting is next Saturday, December 9th at 10 AM at the fire station. All residents are welcome to attend; it is an open meeting.

Latest Update of progress on the new Fire Station:
Activity involves electrical, plumbing and insulation installation. Drywall has begun on the crew quarters side. The cut across Merzville Rd. for power and communications has been completed. The Grading and Drainage plan for the retaining wall and for the area along Merzville has been received. The building is dried in and the interior is conditioned for tape, texture and paint.

Fire District Auxiliary Report

The Forest Lakes Fire District Auxiliary is on winter recess until March 2018.

Treasurer Paul Studer resigned from the Board effective October 31, 2017. Paul was instrumental in raising funds for the heart monitors that were recently purchased for the Fire District and was also in charge of the Ice Cream Socials. Thank you Paul, for your service on the Board and to the community.

Joe Ruet joined the Board in October and will fill the position of Treasurer.

The Auxiliary Board is still in need of a Secretary and historian. Please contact Chris Bennett @ chrisb2763@gmail.com <<mailto:chrisb2763@gmail.com>> if you would like to serve on the Auxiliary Board.

Final Note from the FLFD Legacy Committee

Tis the Season for Giving and what better way to support the Forest Lakes Community AND leave your Legacy than by taking this final opportunity to donate to our New Fire Station's Legacy Fund! Of course, it doesn't hurt that your donation, made through the FLFD Auxiliary, is fully tax deductible for 2017 if made before the end of this year.

But with the end of the year, we will also see the end of recognizing donors who have contributed. While donations will still be able to be made to the Forest Lakes Auxiliary after the turn of the year, only those donations that come in before 1/1/18 will make their way onto the Legacy plaque that will be placed in the new station. Hopefully, you will leave your Legacy to Forest Lakes and our Fire District by having your name on our plaque. As a reminder, we have various levels of cumulative giving that will be

recognized: Diamond level for donations of \$5,000 and over; Platinum level for donations between \$1,000 and \$4,999; Gold level for donations between \$500 and \$999, and Silver level for donations between \$100 and \$499. We expect the plaque to be very attractive and hang in the new station for decades to come!

If you are on the cusp between one level and the next, please consider an additional amount to get you to that next level. Or maybe you are looking for this year's charitable giving tax deduction and haven't given this year (or want to give more). Please consider our Legacy effort as the goal for your generosity!

Also, of major importance, we are asking that all donors go out the FLFD website (www.flfdaz.com <<http://www.flfdaz.com>>) to check the listing of names to make sure yours is shown as you'd like it to. We will take corrections up until 12/31/2017. After that, names will be shown as listed. If you'd like to make a change to how your name is shown, please send a brief email to jwagg07164@aol.com <<mailto:jwagg07164@aol.com>> . While you are there, take a look at all the great photos we've taken of our progress. And if you do want to donate, all the forms and details are there on the District's website for your use.

Also, please see the attached list of recent donors, some first time and some repeat donors. Be sure to thank them if you get the opportunity!

The Legacy Committee would like to thank you once again for all your generosity! To those of you who have donated, you are the ones who have had the foresight to make our new station a reality that will benefit the Forest Lakes community for decades to come!

Best regards,
The FLFD Legacy Committee

Passing of long time resident Warren Beil

Sending our sincere sympathies to the entire family. Please know that all of our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. It was just one year ago that we sadly reported the loss of Helene Beil. The Beil's cabin is now owned by their grandson Shane Williams, who carries on the love of his grandparents' flowers, garden, and trees. Another grandchild, Liberty Morehead and her husband Bill and children, are full time residents of Forest Lakes. What a legacy the Beils have left in Forest Lakes!

Warren Beil passed away peacefully on November 24, 2017. He was 96. He was preceded in death by his wife of 75 years, Helene last year. Warren and Helene have 3 children (Willow Luidhart (Jeff), John, and Emily "Amy" Williams (Bill)), 7 grand-, 8 great-, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Warren was born on March 4th, 1921 and grew up in Chili, WI. He met Helene, his high school sweetheart, on the school bus and married her about 4 years later. Together they worked a dairy farm for many years before moving to Arizona in the late 1950s.

After they moved to Arizona, Warren worked as a carpenter for Maricopa

County school system, and he was a well-respected wood craftsman. He loved to build things! He built their cabin in Forest Lakes, furniture, interior fixtures, cabinets, and lots of stuff for his workshops. When in the valley, Warren was a faithful congregant at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa. He remained active until his later years when he wasn't able to attend services. Even then, he welcomed church members to his home to share the latest sermons on DVD given by the pastor the previous Sunday. When Warren was up in Forest Lakes for the summer, he was a regular member of the Forest Lakes Community Church. In fact, Warren and Helene worked to get the church started in its earliest days. It was their pastor from the valley that came up to deliver the first sermons.

In his last years, he was often talking about how much he loved his time in Forest Lakes, and how he missed the climate up here in the summer time. He loved visiting with the neighbors in Forest Lakes and counted many of you as his closest friends. He'd drive his four wheeler around, just to see who was building what where, and loved to find someone to stop and talk with about the latest news. Often, he'd have his blue healer tagging along as a faithful companion. Warren loved the fruits of his garden in Forest Lakes, especially the apples and the blackberries (both are still thriving).

Warren will surely be remembered by his family and friends as good man. Warren decided not to have a funeral, but wanted his remains laid with Helene's under a blue spruce we planted on their property this past spring. No other services are planned.

Don't let December get away too soon; enjoy every minute!
Judy Nelson, Editor

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