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BURN FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Burn Foundation is pleased to announce that three new members have joined our Board of Directors, and that Mary Jane Roache has been named Chair of the Board. The new members come to the board with a wealth of experience as exceptional executives and are well poised to support the Foundation’s mission. We are proud to welcome these new board members and look forward to working alongside them.

Mary Jane Roache, Chair
PECO

Since joining the Philadelphia Electric Company in 1980, Mary Jane has advanced in her career with PECO, an Exelon company. She brings a unique blend of professional expertise in training, change management operations and emergency preparedness. Mary Jane holds a B.S. in Health Planning and Administration and a masters degree in Instructional Technology from Pennsylvania State University where she graduated summa cum laude. Currently, she is Director of Construction & Maintenance for Delaware and Chester Counties.

With regard to her new role, Mary Jane said “I am honored for the confidence the fellow board members has placed in me to lead the Burn Foundation as Chair. As I continue my relationship with the Burn Foundation in this new capacity, I look forward to moving ahead on a wide variety of exciting new projects. The wonderful thing about this organization is that they are working to make a difference in our communities and have a positive impact on the lives of burn survivors.”

Carol Gadsden, Vice Chair
Veridign Health Solutions

Carol brings over 30 years of professional experience in various arenas, including academia, social services, parish ministry, managed health care, high tech start-ups and a brief foray into venture capital fund management. She was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in the Diocese of New York, and has held several business management positions with companies in Boston. Carol has the first-hand experience of being a burn survivor herself. She is currently a Client Account Executive with Veridign Health Solutions.

Dr. Russell Davis
Gloucester County College

Currently Vice President for Student Services at Gloucester County College, Dr. Davis is responsible for many facets of the college. Previously, he held positions with university systems in Maryland, including Morgan State University, Cecil Community College, The Community College of Baltimore County Essex and Bowie State University. Davis earned both a bachelor’s degree in English Education and a master’s in Education/Counseling Psychology, from Hampton University. He later earned a Doctor of Education degree in Community College Leadership from Morgan State University. Davis holds a certificate in Educational Management from Harvard University.

Robyn Zlotkin
Arbill Safety Products

Robyn is Vice President of Sales with Arbill Industries, Inc., a safety product and service company headquartered in Northeast Philadelphia. She currently promotes Arbill’s products to major national companies and is also responsible for sales training. Prior to her current position, she held the title of Safety Consultant Manager at Arbill. Her previous experience includes sales positions at MCI and Merck & Co. A Boston Marathon participant, Zlotkin is the founder of the “Run for Health” a local road race to benefit underprivileged children. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Vermont.

ELITE FOUNDATION GRANT: BURNSAFE™ EXPANDS TO CHESTER COUNTY

The Burn Foundation has recently been awarded a grant from the Elite Companies Charitable Foundation. This grant is enabling our organization to deliver the BURNSAFE™ prevention education program to many schools throughout Chester County. These schools will receive copies of the appropriate level videos with accompanying lesson plans, fact sheets, and discussion questions to use in the classrooms. Our educational outreach team is also providing countywide train-the-trainer sessions. We attended the Chester County Intermediate Unit Curriculum Directors meeting in March where BURNSAFE™ materials were previewed and distributed for use in the Chester County Schools. Plans are also underway to conduct workshops for implementing our programs and materials at the next Chester County Intermediate Unit’s County-Wide In-service for Special Areas.

The Elite Companies Charitable Foundation was founded by Russell Naylor, President and Founder of the Elite Companies. This Foundation plays a vital role in improving the quality of life for families in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Currently, the Foundation is focusing on helping families in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Elite Foundation works with and supports organizations that provide temporary housing for women and children as well as helping organizations that rebuild homes and neighborhoods for families who otherwise would not be able to afford a home on their own. Lastly, the Foundation supports organizations that provide medical and dental care for low income families. The Burn Foundation is proud to be a recipient of the Elite Foundation grant.
TURN UP THE HEAT:  
GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, each year Fire Departments respond to an estimated 6,500 grill fires. Before you grab the tongs this spring, make sure you brush up on your grilling knowledge with the following tips.

- Keep your grill in an open area away from your house, garage and trees
- Keep children at least three feet from the grill by creating a “no-go” area
- Tend to your grill at all times
- Keep an extinguisher nearby
- Trim fat on your meat so the fatty juice doesn’t cause flare-ups
- Soak wooden kebab skewers in water for 30 minutes before placing on the grill to avoid burning
- Never apply charcoal lighter fluid to coals when they are ignited
- Keep grill clean
- When finished, close the hood on the grill and turn off the gas tank

BURN FOUNDATION SUPPORTS NATIONAL WHISTLE STOP TOUR TO PROMOTE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) kicked off their inaugural America’s Fire Heroes Whistle Stop Tour on April 5th. The tour crossed the country, stopping in 20 cities, with the goal of educating firefighters, citizens, and local and state government officials about the Everyone Goes Home™ Campaign - a national initiative aimed at promoting firefighter safety and stopping preventable line-of-duty deaths. As part of the campaign, the NFFF developed 16 “Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives” that will enable fire service leaders to better address firefighter safety issues. Their primary goal is to reduce the number of line-of-duty deaths by 50 percent within 10 years.

The tour stopped in Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 1st. NFFF representatives, local political leaders, survivors and fire service leaders hosted a preparedness fair, spoke on firefighter safety issues and presented training demonstrations. The Burn Foundation had a presence throughout the day to encourage citizens and political leaders to become more mindful of line-of-duty injury and death issues and how they can be prevented. More information is available at www.everygoeshome.com/whistlestop.

Thank You IAFF Local #3249!

President Scott DeFilippis, IAFF Local #3249, presenting a check to the Burn Foundation from funds raised.

FIRE CHIEF CHICKEN KABOBS

1 cup (4 oz) button mushrooms, drained  
(or use fresh mushrooms and pre-boil 1 to 2 min)  
1 can pineapple chunks, drained (or cut fresh)  
Red & green pepper chunks  
Chicken  
Marinade:  
2 tbsp. oil  
2 tbsp. soy sauce  
2 tbsp. lemon juice  
2 tbsp. fresh parsley, snipped  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Pepper to taste  
Place chicken and mushrooms in marinade overnight (6-12 hours). Turn often, if possible.  
Alternate on skewers with remaining items. Grill 3 inches from heat 5-8 minutes, turning and basting w/butter.

Message from the President

Spring is finally here and with it comes rejuvenation. As we spring forward with our new board members and renewed enthusiasm, we hope to plant some seeds of new partnerships and projects. As always, please know that the Burn Foundation is grateful for the many people who unselfishly commit their time and choose to go the extra mile for our burn community. On behalf of our Foundation and our Board of Directors, I thank you for your continued support.

Cynthia Rauso, President
This year, while we think about our game and the quest for a perfect golf swing, we should also keep in mind the true spirit of our golf tour and the difference our fundraising makes in the community. Your registration fees and contributions throughout the tournament help support the Burn Foundation’s mission to aid the community through fire and burn prevention, education, treatment and recovery. Since the early 1980’s, the Burn Foundation Golf Tour has been an integral part of our fundraising efforts. Thanks to your help, the Burn Foundation has provided over $1,850,000 in financial assistance to our four regional burn centers. Whether or not you are an avid golfer, your contributions and participation in the Golf Tour really do make a difference. Thank you for your participation and please consider joining us for another tournament or for the first time!

April 30, 2007
Camden County Fire Chiefs & Officers
Pennsauken Country Club (Pennsauken, NJ)
Registration contact: James Hutton (856) 663-1208

TBA
Atlantic City Professional Firefighters
Location: TBA (Atlantic City, NJ)
Registration contact: Tom Crozer (609) 892-8473

June 11, 2007
American Fire Sprinklers Association
Manufacturer's Golf & Country Club (Oreland, PA)
Registration contact: Glenn Cooper (215) 659-0676
Glenn.cooper@gmcooper.com

June 25, 2007
Joe Rizzo Annual Golf Classic
Torresdale Frankford Country Club (Philadelphia, PA)
Registration contact: Burn Foundation (215) 988-9882

July 11, 2007
Brigantine Professional Firefighters
The Links at Brigantine Beach (Brigantine, NJ)
Registration contact: Bob Riley (609) 266-2814

July 30, 2007
Vineland Fire Department
White Oaks Country Club (Newfield, NJ)
Registration contact: Lou Tramantana
ltramontana@vinelandcity.org

August 24, 2007
Everett Marshall Golf Tournament
White Oaks Country Club (Newfield, NJ)
Registration contact: www.cmcfiregolf.com

September 13, 2007
Cape May County Fire Chiefs
5 Mile Beach Fire Chief's Association
Wildwood Country Club (Cape May Courthouse, NJ)
Registration contact: www.cmcfiregolf.com

September 19, 2007
Hospital Fire Marshal's Association
Valley Brook Country Club (Blackwood, NJ)
Registration contact: Bob Shrewbrook (215) 338-1052

October 9, 2007
Philadelphia Firefighters Local 22, IAFF
Pennsauken Country Club (Pennsauken, NJ)
Registration contact: Local 22 (215) 440-4400

Join former Phillies pitcher Mitch “Wild Thing” Williams for a round of golf at the Annual Rizzo Classic on Monday, June 25th at Torresdale Frankford Country Club
The nurses of the Burn Center at Temple University Hospital have been named 2007 Best Nursing Team by Advance for Nurses™ magazine. They received remarkably high scores from the publication's panel of judges, who recognized them as “Best in Initiative and Adaptability.”

The burn center's nursing team will appear on the cover of Advance for Nurses™ with a feature article detailing why they were chosen as the best nursing team. Advance for Nurses™ is published by Merion Publications, publishers of 26 allied health professional magazines. It is a biweekly regional magazine with 75,000 subscribers in the Philadelphia Tri-state region.

The nursing team applied for the 9th annual Advance for Nurses™ 2007 Best Nursing Team contest by submitting a 4-page entry describing examples of initiative, adaptability, knowledge and teamwork. The entry also required information about the center's nurse recruitment and retention efforts, awards the team or its individual nurses have previously earned and examples of ways the team goes “above and beyond” its normal responsibilities.

Temple's Burn Center is a specialized and highly sophisticated burn care facility offering a wide range of care for children and adults - from high-level trauma care for severely burned patients, to outpatient care for those with less severe burns. Regardless of the extent of the injury, all burn patients treated in the Temple University Hospital emergency room are fast-tracked and seen by burn center specialists.

In addition to handling their normal job responsibilities, many of the burn center nurses serve on hospital committees, work on issues such as patient and employee satisfaction, nursing practice and education, quality, leadership and clinical issues. As winners of this contest, the nurses from the burn center have received an engraved plaque commemorating their title as 2007 Best Nursing Team.

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**CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

- **April 19th**
  Virginia Fire & Safety Coalition (Harrisonburg, VA)

- **May 10th**
  Safe Kids - Bucks County Intermediate - BurnSafe™ Exhibit (Doylestown, PA)

- **May 23rd**
  State Fire Workshop (Montgomery County Fire Academy, Conshohoken)

- **June 2nd**
  State Fire Workshop (Harrisburg Community College)

- **June 3rd-7th**
  NFPA World Safety Conference (Boston, MA)

- **June 20th-21st**
  Philadelphia Dept. Fire & Safety Seminar (Best Westin, NE Philadelphia)

**AMERICAN BURN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

On March 19-23, the ABA held its annual conference in San Diego at the Hyatt Grand Manchester. The Burn Foundation, along with the International Federation of Burn Associations and local and national experts, gathered to discuss trends in fire and burn prevention.

**CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE**

The CFSI hosted their 19th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars in Washington, DC on March 28-29. The Burn Foundation engaged Congressional leaders and Administration officials in discussions about about fire service legislation and addressed the needs of local fire responders.
SPARKING MORE THAN A CHILD'S INTEREST

They are colorful, compact and conveniently located at stores and gas stations everywhere. Novelty lighters look like harmless toys, but they can spark much more than a child's interest. The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is leading a nationwide effort in calling for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to prohibit the sale and distribution of novelty lighters in the United States. They strongly caution parents about the growing popularity of the potentially torrid toy. Although some of these lighters may meet the child resistant lighter standard established by the CPSC, parents should be warned that children still have the tendency to play with these lighters. This behavior can cause deadly fires and painful burn injuries. You can help by getting the word out and making your community aware of the dangers associated with these lighters.

HEART DISEASE, INCLUDING HEART ATTACKS, LEADING CAUSE OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS

About 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year and previous research has shown that nearly half of the deaths are due to heart disease. Heart disease is the leading cause of firefighter deaths each year. Many studies underscore the need for fire departments to make proper diet and exercise a priority. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) launched the Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program in 2003 to promote fitness, nutrition, and health awareness within the nation's fire and emergency services. This program is the only national heart attack awareness and prevention campaign targeted at all firefighters and EMS personnel, both volunteer and career. Learn more about the NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program online at www.healthy-firefighter.org.

TAX INCENTIVES FOR VOLUNTARY INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Each year, United States fire departments respond to nearly half a million residential fires or one every 74 seconds. These fires account for a small percentage of all reported fire incidents, yet cause 80 percent of all fire-related deaths and nearly 75 percent of all injuries. Residential sprinkler systems are extremely effective at preventing fire-related death and injury; the chances of dying in a residential fire are cut by as much as 59 percent when automatic sprinkler systems are present. Yet sprinkler usage in homes that have fires (3 percent) is extremely low. The combination of smoke detectors and sprinkler systems could reduce fire-related deaths by 82 percent and injuries by 46 percent. Unfortunately, due to the costs of implementation, there has been little incentive for property owners to install these systems. The Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Tax Credit Act plans to reduce the cost barrier by providing tax credits of up to $1,000 to eligible homeowners for the voluntary installation of fire sprinkler systems in residential dwellings. Rep. Tim Solobay (D) Washington County, a firefighter for thirty years, is pushing House Bill 1144. In support of the legislation, the Burn Foundation has been helping to get the word out about how quickly a fire can get out of control, and how effective sprinkler systems can be. “This legislation saves lives of people living in the home, and saves lives for firefighters that fight that battle,” said Cynthia Rauso, President/CEO of the Burn Foundation.
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**Education** – Our Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool and Call educational program in elementary schools teaches children how to prevent burns and fires, as well as what to do in the case of a fire.

**Treatment** – Our regional burn centers, with a skilled medical team, initiate the treatment and healing process which includes the use of pressure garments often provided by the Burn Foundation.

**Recovery** – Our scholarships enable children to attend summer burn camp and in the coming year, our burn survivor support group will help many more.

You can make a difference. Send your donation to us today, or call me at 215-988-9882 to discuss how you can help.

Thanking you in advance,

Cynthia Rauso
President and CEO

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