

The Forest View

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News: This years banquet was quite different than past years. First of all, it was held at the Salisbury Country Club rather than a hotel. At first people worried that may cause a problem since people could not get a room for the night. That turned out to be a non-issue. The second change was a live band for dancing after the banquet and presentations. The band was called The Mashup because they play all kinds of music for the last 50 plus years. There were 5 of them, lead and rhythm guitar, base, drums and keyboard. All sang except the keyboard player. The lead singer was the rhythm player. Often he would put down his guitar and come on to the dance floor with the patrons to get them going. Once he even got the dancers to sing rather than the band. I have played many types of dance bands for over 60 years and have never seen this before. I was impressed. It worked well. The band was so good, I even saw club staff dancing in the hallway. Dave tells me they plan to have that band back next year. That should help make next year's event a success. Some highlights of the awards were the induction of officers. Administrative officers are the same as last year. Operations are the same with a few minor changes in lieutenants. Next year lieutenants will be Susan, Rob, Amy, Randy (acting Lt.), Tony, and Bobby. In addition to being a crew Lt. Bobby is also Logistics Captain. This year, Alice decided all of the crews deserved crew of the year, so she awarded crew of the year to all of the lieutenants. There were 5 people who received hours awards for over 1000, two had over 2000 hours. Think about that; that is more than a full-time job. Ward was a last minute surprise with over 2000 hours, but Tony was not a surprise so Alice awarded him two 1000 hour T shirts and a squirrel figurine that was larger than the others. Remember also that Tony pulls all of this duty in addition to attending school full-time and performs many special tasks at FVRS. He was also squad person of the year. Alice received the J.C. Phillips Leadership award. Below are an assortment of photos taken during the banquet, and before and after.





Previous Page: Clockwise from upper left. Junior members, former junior members and guests socialize. Social hour before dinner. Anyone ever seen Alice cut loose before? Alice strips Down the organization. The band Mashup. Alice gets the J.C. Phillips Leadership Award. Several generations of FVRS members.



This page: Clockwise from upper left. CFD and Co. 5 guests. Alice begins to strip down the organization. Alice awards 1000 hour T shirts. John and Mrs. John dance after dinner. John awards Tony Squad Member of Year. Eric and Mrs. Eric dance after dinner. Teresa awards service awards. Alice thanks her deputies. Alice and her deputies.

Excellence in Service: Stuart Hall joined, Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in September 1962 as a 16 year old high school sophomore. That was the year that Forest View started a Junior Squad and he was told by a friend, that she felt that might be something in which he would be interested. Her father was a member of the Squad. So he went to the second meeting of the Forest View Junior Squad and found that it was something he enjoyed. Back then Juniors could not ride on calls. Juniors took Advanced First Aid and did first aid and rescue training. They used that training during first aid competitions. He also worked to learn the equipment on the ambulances and crash truck. Juniors also did dispatching during the evening hours, and washed and cleaned the units and equipment. Juniors also scrubbed the bays and cleaned the building, as well as had fund-raising events to help raise money for the Junior and Senior Squad. Stuart was the first Junior member to ride on a call. The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation allowing Junior Squad members 18 years old to ride on emergency calls except obstetrics calls. So when he turned 18 Stuart began to ride calls in 1965. Stuart shared a photo with me showing him with a vintage carry-all converted to an ambulance. I wished I could share it with you, but it was not in a format I could download. (editor) He served as an officer in the Junior Squad in many positions and on the First Aid Team. Over the years he has served as an active member of the Senior Squad, advisor to the Junior Squad, first aid and CPR instructor and worked on many fund-raising events. He has served on the Executive Board and is currently serving as Treasurer. In recent years he has worked to take as many training classes as possible and has retained his EMT certification. He also assists with CPR and EMT skills training. One of his greatest honors was to be recognized at an installation banquet for 55 years of service to Forest View Rescue Squad.

Dianne joined the Forest View Auxiliary in May of 1969. She was very active in auxiliary activities such as fund-raising events including fruit cake sales, yard sales, and the picture projects. Dianne was awarded Life membership in 1979. In 1980, she was awarded the FVRS Auxiliary's first Outstanding Service Award. She served as Vice President of the Auxiliary for many years. Most recently, she has served as hospitality chairman for the Auxiliary for the past several years. She coordinates the meals for the quarterly Senior Squad meetings and district meetings held at our squad building. 2018 will be her 49th year with the FVRS Auxiliary.

From our Chief: A huge thank you to Wayne for all of his continued work on the newsletter. Due to material constraints, we have decided for the coming year, to put the newsletter out quarterly rather than monthly. This hopefully will allow for Wayne to add more pictures and events. Please send any pictures or interesting stories to Wayne as you have them so that Wayne can compile for future newsletters. We are always prepared to go back to monthly if need be. Hopefully all have registered for the EMS Expo to take place March 3-4. It is always a great time and classes are always excellent. Finally, don't forget to mark calendars for our annual retreat in May the 4th-6th more to come from DJ as plans are put into place.