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to the
**HUDSON VALLEY VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

FOUNDER AND CHARTER PRESIDENT
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CHATTERBOX

August 2026

SECTIONAL MEETING SUNDAY September 20, 2026
Blauvelt Fire Department
548 Western Highway
Blauvelt, NY 10913

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE: Janine Wheeler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 10:30 A.M.
EXECUTIVE MEETING – 11:00 A.M.
LUNCHEON – 12:00 NOON
MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 1:00 P.M.

Words from President Gina-Marie Pacicca:

Thank you all for a wonderful convention and special thanks to Lake George Auxiliary and the FD for all the hard work you have done! Congratulations to all the newly elected Officers and County Vice Presidents. I am looking forward to working with everyone as we continue the amazing work done by our organization in support of our Firefighters, families and communities.

The most up to date list for officers, committees and phone list are included in this Chatterbox. Please remember this is current as of the meeting and those I have been able to reach to confirm or not prior to the go to print. If you see that you are not listed as you should be, please email me so I can correct the master lists at tinlucky@hotmail.com

I look forward to seeing everyone at our September 20th meeting in Blauvelt Fire Department. Remember to mark your calendars for the next few events and meetings that are coming up. September 27th HVVFA at the home; November 1st Quarterly meeting at Buchanan FD; April 4th, 2027 Quarterly meeting Firefighter's Home; and Convention at Lake George June 16th- 19th.

Words from 1st Vice President Megan Rivenburgh:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Thank you all for electing me to serve as your 1st Vice President! It truly is an honor.

We are in desperate need of new members. I am challenging each of you to bring a friend to our September meeting. Let them see what we are about and encourage them to join. If you know someone who is interested and unable to attend please have them fill out an application and bring it with you to the meeting, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in September.

Words from 2nd Vice President SuSu Scognamiglio:

Welcome to the New Year 2026-2027! Thank you to The Lake George Auxiliary for a fantastic Convention, Congratulation to all my Fellow Board Members, especially those who have joined the board or moved up this year. I am deeply honored to be working with such a wonderful group of women. Thanks you for allowing me to be your new 2nd Vice President.

I've have been busy gathering items for the "NEW" ways and means table this year. If any of you would like to donate a gift basket or other item or our upcoming meetings please feel free to reach out to me by phone/text 516-779-2695 or by email at susulcomm@aol.com. Please don't forget your donations for the Dark Secrets (value \$1.00 - \$5.00) and Specials (\$5.00+)

We truly love and appreciate all the NEW items that members shop for and donate for all our tables. We Thank You each and every one of you for allowing your continuous help As they say "See You in September" - Be Safe and Well

Words from Financial Secretary Tammy Nosek:

Congratulations to all the new officers! Friendly reminder that 2027 membership dues need to be paid (\$5.00/year and you are welcome to pay future years). Reach out to me anytime at Tammy.Nosek@Outlook.com or text/call me on my cell (518) 860-7063. You can also mail your dues to 18 Yeoman Rd, Newburgh, NY 12550 or pay me at any of the upcoming meetings. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you in September!

Words from Daily Drawing Chairperson Karen McDonald:

If we don't sell, we don't make money. Just Think what we could do if each member and each Auxiliary just one ticket!

Tickets for our December 2026 daily drawing will available at our September meeting. There are 2 numbers on each ticket (example 125 & 625) and each ticket costs only \$5.00 for six chances to win. If you have special numbers you would like contact me and I can let you know if they are available. Please contact me call/text 518-339-9605 or by email at kmcdonald@earthlink.net.

A **HUGH Thank-YOU** goes out to those who do sell or purchase tickets regularly for each drawing.

Words from Apparel Chairperson Sue Mehan:

All types of Ladies Auxiliary Hudson Valley VFA items are available at A&P Master Images LLC using our store link which is:

https://store.masteryourimage.com/hv_ladies_aux/shop/home

Sign in and look it over! You pay for your items on the link and they are sent directly to you. Things to remember when ordering:

******Sizes 2X or greater incur an extra fee******

******All clothing items can be embroidered with name for
An extra cost \$6.00***

2026-2027 Officers and County Vice Presidents

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LA HVVFA Committees 2026-2027		
Committees	Member	County
Annual Journal	Sue Mehan/Leisha McKinney	Saratoga/Warren
Auditing	Vickie Dichian Dawn Valk Nancy Pacella	Rensselaer Ulster Orange
Bylaws	Beth Brundage Josephine Burns	Warren Westchester
Chaplain	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Chatterbox	Karen McDonald	Rensselaer
Clothing/Accessories	Sue Mehan - A & P Master Images LLC	Saratoga
Conductress	Selena Cable	Putnam
Convention 2026	Patty Schuster Leisha McKinney Beth Brundage	Warren Warren Warren
Credentials	Nancy Pacella Brenda Martines	Orange Columbia
Daily Drawing	Karen McDonald	Rensselaer
Election Chairperson	Carol Madden	Putnam
Firemen's Home Activities	Marilyn Farrell	Greene
Firemen's Home Birthdays	Alison Englert – Jr. PP	Greene
Flag Bearer	Diana Balling	Ulster
Color Guards	Director Assigned each meeting Director Assigned each meeting	Multi Multi
Historian	Loreen Miller	Orange
Legislation	SuSu Scognamiglio	Westchester
Liaison-HVVFA	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Liaison-HVVFA Fire & Accident Prevention	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Liaison-HVVFA Parade Rules Committee	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Volunteer Firefighter Newsletter	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Parliamentarian	Josephine Burns	Westchester
Resolutions	Dianne Werner	Rockland

Membership Notification

The 1st Vice President will notify all Officers, Directors, County Vice Presidents and Past Presidents of any illness, cards needed. The President will notify of all changes to events. The County Vice Presidents will notify the members in their county or set up a notification chain within the county.

CALL LIST 2026-2027 with Emails

	Calls	Home	Cell	
President	1st VP Megan Rivenburgh		518-291-7933	Megan12414@yahoo.com
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5 Year Director	Warren Cty VP Leisha McKinney		518-538-9920	hubbellzoo5@gmail.com
Heidi Wheelock	Putnam Cty VP Carol Madden	845-225-7206	845-248-0037	carol12650@verizon.net

***** Please note*****

All County VP's are responsible for notifying ALL Members in their Counties

Consider making a group text, or phone chain/along with emailing

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DATES AND PLACES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

September Sectional Meeting: September 20, 2026 – Blauvelt Fire Department, 548 Western Highway S, Blauvelt, NY 10913 Director in Charge Janine Wheeler

Hudson Valley Day: September 27, 2026 – FASNY Firefighter's Home, 125 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534. - 11 AM in the multi-purpose building

October 24, 2026: HVVFA PP Dinner honoring Robert Schrader at the Hunter Mountain Ski Center, Kaatskill Mountain Club.

November Sectional Meeting – November 1, 2026 – Buchanan Fire Department, 3159 Albany Post Road, Buchanan, NY 10511 – Director in Charge – Holly Eichler

April Sectional Meeting: April 4, 2027 - Firefighter's Home, 125 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534. - in the multi-purpose building – Director in charge – Catherine Johnson

Convention 2027: June 16-19, 2027

Convention 2026

LADIES AUXILIARY 2026 – 2027 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS



Left to Right

President Gina-Marie Pacicca-Putnam Cty.
2nd VP-SuSu Scognamiglio-Westchester Cty.
Financial Sec.-Tammy Nosek-Orange Cty.
2 Yr. Director-Catherine Johnson-Greene Cty.
5 Yr, Director-Heidi Wheelock-Putnam Cty.

1st VP- Megan Rivenburgh-2nd VP-Greene Cty.
Recording Sec.-Sheri King-Putnam Cty.
Treasurer-Dianne Werner-Rockland Cty.
3 Yr, Director-Holly Eichler-Westchester Cty.

Our other two Directors were installed previously when they were first elected, they are:
1 Yr. Director- Dana Navan-Rockland Cty. and 4 Yr. Director-Janine Wheeler-Dutchess Cty.

An update to our bylaws was voted on and passed at the Convention.

Copies of the most recent bylaws as of June 2026 meeting will be sent to all members who have emails listed with Karen. Paper copies will be made for all the officers and those who do not have email for the September meeting This will be happening after Chatterbox goes out. If you have an email address and do not receive emails from Karen and would like a copy emailed to you please send her your email address. Her contact information is: text 518-339-9605 and email kmcdonald@earthlink.net
Submitted by: Beth Brundage -Bylaw Committee

HAPPENINGS



Warren County:

Members of the Lake George Fire Department Auxiliary want to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting in June.

Pictured are the members who worked to put things together and helped out..

Chairperson & President Patty Schuster, Leisha McKinney, Gail Corlew, Beth Brundage and Simone Ramsey.

Orange County:

The Winona Lake Fire Engine Co. #2 along with the Winona Auxiliary is having and ATV and Trailer raffle (2026 Honda Rubicon 520 4wd +2026 5 x 8 trailer) Tickets are \$20,00 each. The drawing will be held on at 12 noon Friday 11/27/26 (black Friday) on their Facebook page (Winona FD) or in person at 160 South Plank Rd., Newburgh, NY12550. To purchase tickets contact Tammy Nosek at:

Tammy.Nosek@Outlook.com or text/call me on my cell (518) 860-7063

Putnam County:

As Parade season is winding down The Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary celebrates wining Best Ladies Auxiliary at 3 parades. On 07/01 at Mamaroneck annual FD parade we marched through the town and ended up at the beautiful Harbor. Saturday 07/18 despite the weather they made it through for the win! 07/23 Mahopac FD annual firemen's parade, it was a beautiful day for parade and we proudly won the Best Ladies. We have one parade in October at the Clintondale FD and we are looking forward to going up and visiting and marching proudly as we are the "small but mighty" Auxiliary L-R



Gina-Marie Pacicca, Heidi Wheelock,
Edith Murilli and Alica Madden-Canfield

Rockland County:

The Blauvelt Vol. Fire Co. located at: 548 Western Highway, Blauvelt, NY 10913, is holding its 550 Club Money Mania raffle on Saturday September 26 from 1-4 PM. Price of a ticket is \$75. Please contact Mike Conklin if interested, or for more information 845-709-3837.

Rensselaer County:

The East Greenbush Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary will be having their monthly Pizza Night starting September 12th and continuing the 2nd Saturday of each month until Feburary or March 2027. Oder o go or eat in. Place 68 Phillips Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Check their Facebook page or web site eastgreenbushfire.com for more information.

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Thank you one and all for your generosity!!! We collected \$115.00.

Donations can be mailed to the editor, Karen McDonald, 3 Andrews Road Apt. 11, Troy, NY 12180-8438 if you are unable to attend the meeting. Checks should be made payable to LAHVFA.

If you would like to receive your Chatterbox **via e-mail**, please e-mail me at kmcdonald@earthlink.net. Include your name, address, telephone number and the e-mail address that you would like it sent to.

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address corrections.**

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