



LADIES AUXILIARY
to the
**HUDSON VALLEY VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**
FOUNDER AND CHARTER PRESIDENT
LUCY E. CONTENTO



CHATTERBOX

August 2025

SECTIONAL MEETING SUNDAY September 21, 2025
Carmel Fire Department
94 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE: Sheri King

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 10:30 A.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING – 11:00 A.M.

LUNCHEON – 12:00 NOON

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 1:00 P.M.

NOTE: Doors open at 9:30am and luncheon will cost \$15.00

Words from Acting President Gina-Marie Pacicca:

Dear Officers, Directors, Past Presidents, and County VP's,

First and foremost, I wanted to thank you all for the support & love that everyone has given on the loss of our President Judith Parsells. Her commitment and dedication to all her organizations within the fire service was unwavering. I know this will be a tough year, but with the continued support from all of you; I have no doubt that we will continue to do what's best for the organization. We will continue to fulfill our mission to "supply added power & aid" to HVVFA. We should also remember to "promote goodwill" among us all within the Ladies Auxiliary.

I would like to keep an open door of communication & will also keep you all updated on information. This issue contains an updated call list to help in this endeavor.

Words from 2nd Vice President Megan Rivenburgh:

I would like to personally thank everyone for electing me to once again serve as your Second Vice President of LAHVFA! I would also like to ask at this time for continued prayers to the family and friends of Judy Parsells!! Please bring a friend to our September meeting. They will get to see what our organization is all about and maybe they will even decide to join us. We will be having a fall themed table at the September meeting. Any donations are welcome. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Words from Financial Secretary Tammy Nosek:

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Financial Secretary again. Please note that the 2026 membership dues notices will be distributed shortly. All members with outstanding dues will receive a notification. If you have recently changed your address, kindly email your updated information to me at Tammy.Nosek@Outlook.com or send a text message to (518) 860-7063. Additionally, you may mail your dues to 18 Yeoman Rd, Newburgh, NY 12550, or submit them at any upcoming meetings. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

LA HVVFA Officers being sworn in by HVVFA President Robert Schrader



Left to right HVVFA President Robert Schrader, LA HVVFA Officers – Gina-Marie Pacicca – First Vice President, Diana Balling – Recording Secretary, Tammy Nosek – Financial Secretary, Dianne Werner – Treasurer, Joanne Jantz – 1 Year Director, Dana Nanan – 2 Year Director, SuSu Scognamiglio -4 Year Director and Janine Wheeler – 5 Year Director.

Missing from the picture are: Judy Parsells – President, Megan Rivenburgh – Second Vice President, Alison Englert – Jr, Past President and 3 Year Director – Sheri King.

DATES AND PLACES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

September Sectional Meeting – September 21, 2025 - Carmel Fire Department, 94 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512 – Director in Charge Sheri King

Hudson Valley Day – September 28, 2025 – FASNY Firefighters' Home
125 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534

November Sectional Meeting – November 2, 2025 - Albany Area (TBD) – Director in Charge SuSu Scognamiglio

April Sectional Meeting – April 19, 2026 - FASNY Firefighters' Home, 125 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534 – Director in Charge Dana Navan

Convention 2026 – June 10 - 13, 2026 – Lake George, NY – Director in Charge Joanne Jantz

2025-2026 Officers and County Vice Presidents

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LA HVVFA Committees 2025-2026		
Committees	Member	County
Annual Journal	Sue Mehan/Leisha McKinney	Saratoga/Warren
Auditing	Vickie Dichian	Rensselaer
	SuSu Scognamiglio	Westchester
	vacant	
Bylaws	Beth Brundage	Warren
	Josephine Burns	Westchester
Chaplain	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
Chatterbox	Karen McDonald	Rensselaer
Clothing/Accessories	Sue Mehan	Saratoga
Conductress	Selena Cable	Putnam
Convention 2026	Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer
	Dianne Werner	Rockland
	Beth Brundage	Warren
Credentials	Nancy Pacella	Orange
	Brenda Martines	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	Holly Eichler	Westchester
Color Guards	Tina Healy-Leather	Putnam
	Director Assigned each meeting	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	Diana Balling	Ulster
Parliamentarian	Josephine Burns	Westchester
Resolutions	Dianne Werner	Rockland

Please save these pages, as they have important contact information on them.

CALL LIST 2025-2026 with Emails

	<u>Calls:</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Janine Wheeler				

Membership Notification

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

CONVENTION 2025 – OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Special Guests from the Firefighter's Home



Brunch to celebrate our 50th with a cake!



Boat ride with our three Charter Members on Board! Along with another cake!!



Parades in beautiful Lake George.

BY-LAWS

The following revision to our by-laws was voted on and passed at our 2025 Convention. Please copy or print this change and insert it into your copy of our By-Laws. New copies of the By-Laws will be emailed to members prior to our September meeting and copies of the change will be available at the meeting.

PROPOSED and Passed June 12, 2025

ARTICLE 3 SECTION 3

SECTION 3 – The newly elected Officers will take office immediately after Convention meeting. In the event any of the officers shall absent herself from **TWO (2)** Consecutive meetings, without reasonable excuse therefore, the Office shall be declared vacant, and her successor shall be elected at the next regular meeting.

A vacancy in any of the elected offices by death, resignation, or otherwise leaving shall be filled by the appointment made by the President to serve until the next annual election. Each candidate must be an individual of the Organization in good standing, at the time of elections and be a member of an Auxiliary within the Hudson Valley. The person filling the unexpired term shall be eligible to run for office to fill the rest of the term.

6/12/2025

HAPPENINGS

Albany County: President Darlene Wilson presented Scholarship winner Aurora Wagner with her check and a certificate at the Albany County VFA LA convention meeting on June 23, 2025.

Orange County: The Cronomer Valley Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Tricky Tray will be held Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Firehouse located at 296 North Plank Rd Newburgh, NY 12550. **Doors open** at 1:00 PM, calling at 3 PM.

Admission \$5.00 per person/child. **Tickets \$20 for 5 sheets.** All new items in baskets. Food and drink available for purchase. Follow them on facebook for further information.

Westchester County: The Verplanck and Buchanan Ladies Auxiliaries are hosting a Paint and Sip Party on October 24, 2025. It will be held at 7pm at the Buchanan Engine Co. located at 2159 Albany Post Road, Buchanan, NY 10511 The cost is \$45.00 per person includes all supplies and refreshments. (21+ only) Please RSVP by September 30th to Stacy Conklin (914-406-6042)

The Buchanan Ladies Auxiliary is planning a cookie decorating class on December 12, 2025. This will be held at the Buchanan Engine Co. located at 2159 Albany Post Road, Buchanan, NY 10511. Mark your calendars!! More information will be in our next Chatterbox.

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Marilynn Lobbe, Dianne Werner, Karen McDonald, Diana Balling, Selena Cable, Eleanor Merrill, Carol Madden, Diane Conklin, Joanne Jantz, Sue Mehan, Holly Eichler, Sheri King, Gina Marie Pacicca, Loreen Miller, Josephine Burns, Sue Peck, Deb Tierney, Su Scognamiglio, Cindy Moscalello, Joyce McGovern-Miller, Liz Chapman, Susan Jamison, Karen Consorti, Beth Brundage, Gale Stockman, Anne Collender, Mary Delaney, Nelson Durland, Alison Englert, Paul Englert, Megan Rivenburgh, Tammy Nosek, Verna Bergstrom, Dana Navan, Janine Wheeler, Catherine Johnson

Thank you one and all for your generosity!!! We collected \$84.00.

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.

The Cost of MAILING has gone up again! 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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**ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE ARE DUE
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