

Frank Treanor

I was born on Easter Sunday, 1944 in San Francisco and grew up living in the Parkside district. My dad died when I was 9 years old. Mom and I had to keep things together after that. I was able to attend St. Cecilia's grammar school, where I received a great base education and learned how to survive the nuns.

I then went to Hoover Junior High and Lincoln High School, in the same class as John Fineren, although we did not figure that out until about 6 months ago at beer Friday.

In high school, I played Baseball and Soccer, studied hard and goofed off some. For income I had a paper route.

After high school, I went to work as a newspaper District Manager and student at City College of San Francisco, studying electronics technology.

I married "Saint" Donna in 1964, we have two children, Stephanie who lives in Santa Rosa and Scott who lives in Maui. We also have two grandchildren. All of them bring great love, joy, and happiness to my life. We have been happily married 58 years. Donna just says a long, long time. I took a competitive examination for the San Francisco Fire Department and in 1966 found a career that I would embrace for the rest of my life. This changed my educational path to Fire Science and Public Administration.

Unlike some of our last contributors to this column, I did not travel around the United States in my career. My travel consisted of only 49 square miles, the City of San Francisco. I worked in every firehouse in the City and spent 17 years at Station 5 on Turk and Webster. The 4th busiest firehouse in the City. I did every job you could do there, from Firefighter to Division Chief.

My favorite position was being Captain of Station 5. I worked with great people who went to work every watch to make a difference. I served in the SFFD for 33 years, finishing in Battalion 5 in the Hayes Valley/ Height Ashbury/ Fillmore districts in 1999.

We moved to Sonoma County in 1977, to 4 acres on the top of a hill, south of Sebastopol and in 2005 moved to less land in Windsor and the gardener comes on Thursday. We miss the view but not all the work.

In 2005, I submitted a resume to the Rancho Adobe Fire District to be Fire Chief. I was selected as interim Chief on January 1, 2006, and the interim position lasted for 11 years. Working with all the folks, we improved fire protection for all their citizens. The staff at Rancho, awarded "Saint" Donna an award for Patience for putting up with me.

I am currently on the Board of Directors of Sonoma County Fire District, the largest fire district in Sonoma County.

Some things you might be surprised to know about me:

- I was Santa Claus at Macy's in Serramonte from 1968-1974
- I took firefighters, clowns, singers, candy, toys, and Santa (me) to UCSF kids' cancer ward for 26 years at Christmas time. We went to give and received so much more.
- In 1994, I was asked to take vacation time and join a group of firefighters going to Goma, the Congo to provide drinkable water for the refugees of the Rwanda genocide under the authority of the United Nations. Our group delivered 600,000 gallons of drinkable water a day and were credited with saving 143,000 lives.
- I delivered 5 babies in the projects in the City.
- I was the Captain of Fireboats for a year and a half

- I like to play golf, not particularly well but love to play. I like wood working, furniture and wine barrel creations, and stained glass creating. I also like to cook; Paella and scratch Caesar salad are a couple of favs.
- I work with a group of retired firefighters who put on a lunch for 250 retired firefighters twice a year at the Petaluma Elks Club.