



Fall 2016 Newsletter

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Events

[Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2016](#)

[28th Annual Phoenix World Burn Congress](#)

October 19-22, 2016

Omni Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island
Phoenix World Burn Congress is an annual, international conference that brings together 900 burn survivors, their families, caregivers, burn care professionals, and firefighters to offer support, increase their knowledge of burn recovery, and share inspiring stories.

[WBC Brochure](#)

Phoenix World Burn Congress is also a valued learning experience for burn care professionals to better understand the issues that impact the lives of burn survivors. Many participating firefighters have discussed the closure it brings them as they witness burn survivors and their families living meaningful lives.

The following events are scheduled with more details to be provided soon.

[Service of Remembrance](#)

February 26, 2017

[Burn Survivors Together](#)

Waterloo March 4, 2017
Bettendorf March 11, 2107

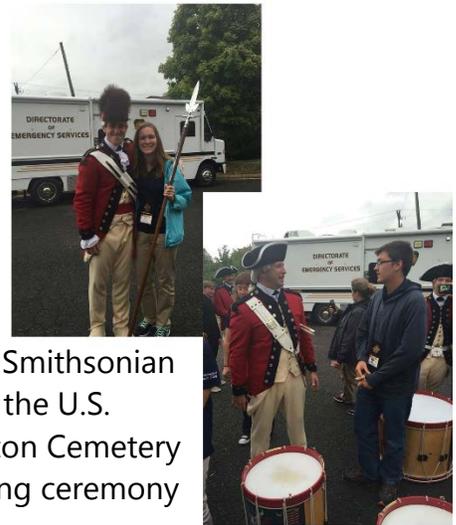
Miracle Burn Camp - International Burn Camp Connection

Miracle Burn Camp was held July 10-16, 2016 at YMCA Camp Foster, East Lake Okoboji, IA. See our [facebook](#) page for photos. Sarah Day (University of Iowa graduate student and St. Florian Fire & Burn Foundation volunteer) and camper Bernard Picard (16-year-old burn survivor from Omaha, NE) were nominated by the Miracle Burn Camp campers and counselors to attend the International Burn Camp September 24 through October 1.



International Burn Camp is a one-week long camp at Camp Wabanna located near Washington, D.C. and hosted by the International Association of Fire Fighters. Each year, regional burn camps across the United States and Canada nominate one camper and one counselor to attend the International Burn Camp. Selection as a participant is a great honor and exclusive opportunity. The IAFF International Burn Camp honors the teamwork and leadership skills that the campers and counselors show while attending their local burn camps.

International Burn Camp combines camp-related activities and educational excursions to create a unique experience. Sarah and Bernard participated in camp related activities like burn survivor support, a high ropes course, improv skits, and campfire songs. They also attended a Baltimore Orioles baseball game; visited numerous monuments such as the Jefferson



Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial; visited the Smithsonian Institute; had a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Academy; visited Arlington Cemetery and were part of a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and even visited and toured Mount Vernon where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at George Washington's tomb.

Sarah and Bernard had a great week and both enjoyed International Burn Camp.



Family Burn Camp

Family Burn Camp was held August 19-21, 2016 at YMCA Camp Foster, East Lake Okoboji, IA. 13 families and a total of 67 attendees came together to grow and thrive! See the [July 2016 newsletter](#) for more information about Family Burn Camp.



Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2016

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada, during the week (from Sunday to Saturday) in which October 9 falls. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting the barn on fire which rapidly spread and became a conflagration.

In the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. In Canada, Fire Prevention Week is proclaimed annually by the Governor General. The Saturday ending the week is also proclaimed as Fire Service Recognition Day to express appreciation for the many public services rendered by members of the Canadian fire service. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) continues to be the international sponsor of the week.

2016 Theme

The National Fire Protection Association and fire service personnel have found that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced. As a result of this finding, the National Fire Protection Association chose this year's theme "**Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years**"

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

See the <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/fast-facts-about-fire> website for more facts about fire and fire prevention week.

Firefighters are not the only ones to present fire safety education to children across this nation, staff members of burn treatment centers also provide fire safety and burn education.



Safe Start Burn Prevention with Puppets

by University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center Staff Nurse Sarah Palek

The University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center focuses on many educational outreach programs for the community. One popular outreach program the nursing staff is involved in is the Safe Start Burn Prevention with Puppets Show. This program has been growing and developing since it was first started in 1998. It was implemented by nurses on the Burn Treatment Center and continues to be managed and performed by nurses. This program focuses on fire safety and burn prevention and reaches children all over Iowa, though it is typically presented to students at the third grade level.

The puppet show is about 45 minutes long and consists of three songs and two skits dealing with fire safety and burn education and prevention. The show uses real size puppets from the Kids on the Block group. After each skit, the puppets interact with the students by asking them questions regarding key elements of fire safety and burn prevention that were mentioned. At the end of the show, the nurses who play the roles of the puppets also ask the students questions. These questions focus on different ways people can get burned and how to prevent this, and also about the importance of smoke detectors. The nurses then answer questions from the students.



In addition to the Safe Start Burn Prevention with Puppets show that we perform, our nurses are

also trained in a school re-entry show for our pediatric survivors. We offer this program to all pediatric burn survivors, especially those who are having image difficulties related to their injury. We find that many school age burn survivors are nervous about returning to school and how their peers will perceive them after

their injury. The school re-entry program teaches the children about fire safety and burn prevention but also educates them on the experience the burn survivor has been through. We bring additional items to the re-entry shows including dressing supplies to show the children some of the different process the burn survivor may be going through.

The Safe Start Burn Prevention with Puppets program is a unique and educational program that touches many students throughout Iowa. The Burn Nurses who take part in the program pride themselves on the impact they make in the students' lives. By providing this educational program we hope that we are able to prevent many burn injuries from occurring.



Coincidence or Not???

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K + N + O + W + L + E + D + G + E
11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = **96%**

H + A + R + D + W + O + R + K
8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 + 15 + 18 + 11 = **98%**

Both are important **but** fall short of 100%

But

A + T + T + I + T + U + D + E
1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = **100%**

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude ... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our Attitudes.

~Charles Swindoll



St Florian Fire & Burn Foundation burn survivor support programs and activities are run completely through donations and fundraising efforts and are free to the participants. Without the support of the community and sponsors St. Florian would not be able to provide survivor support programs.

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