



Touching Lives & Supporting the Journey

2017 Newsletter

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*Happiness is a perfume
you cannot pour on others
without getting a few drops
on yourself
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~*

St. Florian Support Events

Planning is underway for several St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation support events. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Service of Remembrance

February 26, 2017

Burn Survivors Together

Waterloo March 4, 2017

Bettendorf March 11, 2017

Sioux City April 1, 2017

West Des Moines April 8, 2017

Iowa City May 6, 2017

Young Adult Burn Survivors

April 21-23, 2017

Miracle Burn Camp

July 9-15, 2017

Family Burn Camp

August 18-20, 2017

Service of Remembrance

The first annual Service of Remembrance was held in January 2015.

The 2017 Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday February 26, 2017 from 1 to 3 pm at the East Room of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

(8th floor of the John Colloton Pavilion)

The Service of Remembrance is for families and close friends of those who died due to burn or wound injuries. The service is also for burn treatment staff, hospital chaplains, firefighters and other pre-hospital care providers.

The service gives all present an opportunity to remember and honor those who died and also helps create new friendships with others who have experienced similar losses.

Family members and close friends are invited to send in photos of their loved one as well as written tributes to:

Nancy Johnson

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Check us out on the following websites and social media.

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Burn Survivors Together

St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation and the University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center are sponsoring regional Burn Survivors Together events along with some Iowa fire departments.

This event is for people who in one way or another have had burns affect their lives and includes burn survivors, medical care providers, firefighters, family members of burn survivors or family members of those who died due to burn injuries. The event gives these burn community members an opportunity to share stories, make connections and support one another.

The Burn Survivor event is one of many different events and activities jointly sponsored by the St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation and the Burn Treatment Center.

The following events are scheduled in 2017. All are scheduled to be held 10 am to 2 pm and will include lunch.

- Saturday March 4th Waterloo
Waterloo Fire Rescue Station 1
425 E. 3rd Street
- Saturday March 11th Bettendorf
Bettendorf Surrey Heights Fire Station
5002 Crow Creek Road
- Saturday April 1st Sioux City
Sioux City Fire Dept. Training Center
1701 Terminal Drive
- Saturday April 8th West Des Moines
West Des Moines Fire Station #18
5025 Grand Avenue
(Interstate 35 and Grand Ave, Exit 69)
- Saturday May 6th Iowa City
Moose Family Center
3151 Hwy 6 East

Contact any of the St Florian Directors or Nancy Johnson nancy-e-johnson@uiowa.edu if you would like to receive an invitation and attend one or more of these events.

Miracle Burn Camp July 9-15, 2017

Calling Fun, Energetic Individuals!

Miracle Burn Camp is our flagship burn support program for pediatric burn survivors. Miracle Burn Camp is supported by a team of volunteer staff. Each summer, about 20 adults volunteer their time to act as counselors at Miracle Burn Camp. The counselors are assigned to a cabin with pediatric burn survivors. They act in a counselor capacity, also supported with YMCA camp counselors. They spend their week playing, interacting and bonding with burn survivors. There is a mandatory staff training on July 8th, with campers arriving July 9th. If you are interested and can commit to participating from July 8th - July 15th, we encourage you to fill out an application! Visit our web-site for more details!!!

Miracle Burn Camp began in 1995 as a one day outing for children treated for burns at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City. It grew into a weeklong event and moved to YMCA Camp Foster on East Lake Okoboji in Iowa. Miracle Burn Camp grew to be a state and now regional camp. Each year 50-60 young burn survivors ages 8 to 18 from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota are given the opportunity, free of charge, to attend Miracle Burn Camp.



Miracle Burn Camp gives young burn survivors the opportunity to be themselves in a non-threatening environment. The Miracle Burn Camp experience helps build self-esteem and supports emotional healing, encouraging burn campers to live beyond the scars and to be themselves. Through structured activities the campers develop a sense of self-worth. The campers meet others who are experiencing similar feelings, fears and concerns. Many lifelong friendships have grown from this very special camp.

Camper forms will be available on our website.

Governor's Award for Firefighter of the Year

This award is presented to a firefighter who has provided outstanding service to their department or community, either for a specific action while on duty or for career achievements. The nominee must, at the time of the act or acts resulting in the nomination, have been a member in good standing of an organized fire department within the state of Iowa.

Bettendorf Firefighter and St Florian Fire & Burn Foundation Board Member, Andy Sheehan was nominated last fall and was selected by the Commendation Committee earlier this year as the recipient of this award.

State Fire Marshal Jeff Quigle presented this award to Andy at the February 21, 2017 Bettendorf City Council meeting. This award is normally presented at Iowa Fire School but Fire Marshal Quigle wanted to make this more meaningful and significant to Andy, the Bettendorf Fire, Rescue & Emergency Department and the City Council and staff by presenting it in Bettendorf. The award will be mentioned at Iowa Fire School on the last weekend of February.

Andy was recognized for:

- his participation in fire department training and past participation in the Fire Explorer Program,
- his participation across the State in training fire personnel as a Field Staff Instructor for the Fire Service Training Bureau,
- his completion last year of a bachelor's degree in fire science,
- and for his service as a St. Florian Fire & Burn Foundation Board Member and participation in the St. Florian support programs for burn survivors, especially for his participation at burn camps.

Andy has participated a Miracle Burn Camp (MBC) counselor each year since 2013. After the completion of the 2014 MBC, Andy was asked to consider filling a St. Florian board member vacancy and joined the Board early in 2015. At MBC in 2015 Andy and camper Luke Schlesselman were nominated to attend the IAFF International Burn Camp in the Washington DC area. Each year participants in the International Burn Camp, one counselor and one camper, are elected by each of the regional burn camps across the United States and Canada. Selection as a participant in the International Burn Camp is a great honor and exclusive opportunity.

[Congratulations to Andy!](#)



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OTHER RESOURCES

Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors

Founded in 1977, the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering anyone affected by a burn injury. They have many resources and programs available for burn survivors. A few of these resources are articles and information on various topics that have an impact on burn survivors, weekly live chat, a discussion forum, podcasts, online learning, etc. The [Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors website](#) has a wealth of knowledge and resources available.

The Phoenix Education Grant is the first national scholarship endowment fund created for burn survivor students pursuing their education dreams. Application forms will be available in February 2017 on the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors Phoenix Education Grant webpage. The grant is available for *burn survivor students* pursuing their post-secondary education who have applied and been accepted to a:

- 2-year College
- 4-year College (University)
- Technical or Vocational School
- Graduate Program

Tragedy to Triumph Foundation

From Tragedy to Triumph Foundation was established by burn survivor David Schury to provide support to burn survivors and their families. David and his wife Michele have been very active in providing support to burn survivors as Phoenix SOAR volunteers and through their Foundation. When a loved one goes through a life changing tragedy, it affects the entire family. What we realize after any tragedy is that once we survive, we begin living a "new normal" life.

The [Tragedy to Triumph Foundation](#) is committed to providing scholarship opportunities to those with financial need when they are accepted into an accredited college or university. These scholarships will benefit students who are burn survivors, who suffer severe frost-bite, and those who have been treated in a burn unit for soft tissue injury. Their 2017 [scholarship application](#) form recently became available on their website. The application deadline is June 1, 2017.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Illinois, Indiana or Iowa
- Provide proof of volunteerism
- Must have been treated in a burn center
- Must be a high school senior or graduate

American Burn Association

The American Burn Association has resources and information available on their [website](#) for burn survivors as well as burn care providers. The American Burn Association and its members dedicate their efforts and resources to promoting and supporting burn-related research, education, care, rehabilitation, and prevention.

The American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons created national guidelines to optimize burn care and the ABA created a program to provide burn center verification, a true mark of distinction for a burn center. To achieve burn center verification, a center must meet rigorous standards for organizational structure, personnel qualifications, facilities resources, and medical care services from the time of injury through rehabilitation. The ABA website has a list of [verified burn centers](#) in the United States, Canada and Australia.

49th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association

The 49th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association will be held March 21-24, 2017 in Boston, MA. Lucy A. Wibbenmeyer, MD, FACS with the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics is the ABA Program Committee Chair. The Program Committee has the arduous task of planning and overseeing all aspects of the Annual Meeting.

The ABA Annual Meeting provides education and meetings on a variety of different burn prevention, burn care and burn community related topics. There are also research presentations on cutting edge topics. ABA Committees also have meetings and conduct committee work on March 20 and 21.

The ABA Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to network with Special Interest Groups and other ABA members. There are numerous exhibitor booths with current and new products for burn care.

Second Annual Miracle Burn Camp Golf Scramble

Join us on Sunday June 11, 2017 for the Second Annual Miracle Burn Camp Golf Scramble at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake located at 12633 Resort Dr, Moravia, Iowa.



1 PM Shotgun Start
4 person team - \$60 per person/\$240 per team
Burger or Brat with chips included
Place Prizes, 50/50 Raffle & Raffle Auction
Team mulligan can be purchased for \$20 per team (limit 1 per team)

Help send a burn survivor to camp

All proceeds donated to Miracle Burn Camp/St Florian Fire & Burn Foundation

[Golf Scramble Event fb Page](#)

Course information <http://honeycreekresort.com/golf>

Awesome Biker Nights

The Awesome Biker Nights event will be held June 15-17, 2017 in Sioux City. This is the 18th annual event. Awesome Biker Nights has donated to St. Florian Fire & Burn Foundation and other charities for many years. Their [website](#) and [facebook](#) page have much more information and will have their entertainment schedule in the near future.

St Florian Support Activities

St Florian Fire & Burn Foundation provides several support activities for burn survivors and their families. St Florian also provides support activities for families of individuals who died due to burn injuries. Our programs are run completely off of fundraising efforts and donations. Without the support of the community and sponsors we would not be able to provide support for our survivors in through our programs.

We would like to thank you for considering a tax deductible donation to our non-profit foundation. Any donation is welcome and can be done through the St Florian Fire & Burn Foundation website <http://stflorianfireandburnfoundation.com/donate> or can be mailed to

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