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Promises, Promises

By Nick Marnell

The personalities aligned with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District are usually not shy about dealing with the press. So the Lamorinda Weekly challenged them to go on record with their 2014 New Year's resolutions. And sure enough, many took us up on the offer.

Gloriann Sasser, MOFD administrative services director, was the first to respond:

"I am a faithful reader of the daily newspaper and Sports Illustrated, and this year I need to add some good books. Every day I drive past the Moraga library and I resolve to stop in and check out some books. My second resolution is to get more organized at home. I have lived in the same house since 1997, and there are a few drawers and closets that need [to be] attacked in 2014."

Bill Granados, ConFire commissioner, District 2, Lafayette, broke his already:

"I resolve to continue to make no New Year's resolutions."

Mark DeWeese, MOFD firefighter/Local 1230 representative, shouldn't have a problem keeping his second resolution. He looks like he's 27:

"To to continue to work as collaboratively as possible with the MOFD board to finally get a fair contract for the rank and file employees, and to get prepared for my 40th birthday in September while maintaining my 20-something lifestyle and outlook."

Jerry Lee, MOFD division chief:

"I would like to do a better job keeping in touch with old friends."

MOFD board president **John Wyro**:

"To work with the community to move the Moraga-Orinda Fire District forward on a sustainable path to continue to provide the best possible fire and emergency medical service."

Come to the district meetings and check on the progress of MOFD director **Alex Evans**:

"To develop a sustainable financial plan for MOFD and to get my hair cut more often!"

ConFire captain **Vince Wells**, president Local 1230, United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County:

"I will continue the fight to ensure that adequate fire and emergency services are provided for the citizens of Contra Costa County, and to assure the safest working conditions for the firefighters that provide those services."

If you need something done, ask a busy person! County District 2 Supervisor and ConFire director **Candace Andersen**:

"My New Year's resolution is a recurring one: how to be just a little bit more efficient. Ideally, I'd like to figure out how to fit 36 hours worth of work, community service, and time with friends and family into a 24-hour day!"

If MOFD fire chief **Stephen Healy** is able to keep his resolution, we would like to know the formula:

"I have been planning for a long time to grow two and a half inches in height. That would put me at 5 feet 10 inches, which I think would be a good look for me in my uniform."

Kelly Morris, one of the MOFD firefighters injured in the December 2012 Highway 24 accident:

"I am just hoping for successful surgeries, speedy recoveries, and to someday be able to run around and play with my children and teach them how to play basketball and ride horses."

Gil Caravantes, ConFire captain, Lafayette station 17, colorfully described his resolution to diet:

"I plan to see my feet in 2014!"

MOFD board member **Steve Anderson**, still in pain over the Florida Gators' football season:

"The same commitment I made when I took this job: to set the district on a sustainable path. And to run a marathon in 2014!"

MOFD's newest board member, **Kathleen Famulener**:

"In my day, girls went to graduate school so they would never have to learn how to type. In 2014, I'm resolved to finally learn how to use that computer they've put on my desk."

New ConFire chief **Jeff Carman**:

"Purchase a home and relocate family to the district. Provide the best possible service to our customers; provide open, honest, and transparent communications with our customers, both internal and external. Eat less, work out more, spend more time with my family."

Finally, MOFD division chief **Darrell Lee**. We are assuming, of course, that his second resolution has nothing at all to do with us:

"To create special times for family and tell them 'I love you,' and to continue to motivate the people I work with and not worry about what is written in the media."

Happy New Year, everyone!



Gloriann Sasser



Bill Granados



Mark DeWeese



John Wyro



Alex Evans



Vince Wells



Candace Andersen



Stephen Healy



Kelly Morris



Gil Caravantes



Steve Anderson



Kathleen Famulener



Jeff Carman



Darrell Lee

Not pictured: Jerry Lee

Photos provided

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors Meetings

Next meetings:
Wednesday, Jan. 15
check website for updates
(Go to www.mofd.org as the meeting date approaches for location and more information)

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