

During the month of July the Fire Museum of Texas had a total of **1,057** visitors. Of those **105** were from Beaumont, **647** from the Golden Triangle, **166** from across the state of Texas, **130** from across the United States. The **9** International visitors this month included two from France and seven from Spain. Fourteen tours were given and 2 birthday parties were hosted.

Happy Birthday to future Fire Fighters **Christopher Miller** who turned 3 this month at the Fire Museum and **Peyton Hall** who celebrated his 4th birthday with us.



With the help of Green Team member **Debra Goss** we have successfully completed scanning the historical photos from the storage room. We are researching the possibility of storing the photos off site in a historical library. The remainder of the summer will be spent tagging and completing our museum inventory. **Cody Hollis**, Intern/Volunteer returned to work after his successful shoulder surgery.



Director, **Carol Gary** attended the Green Team going away luncheon hosted by Exxon Mobil at Lamar University on July 31, 2009 and was able to extend our appreciation of **Debra's** contributions and the generosity of Exxon Mobil.

The Board of Directors met on July 16th at noon. The agenda, led by President **Allison Getz** included an introduction of new Board Members, approval of the April meeting Minutes, Treasurer's report and the acceptance of the updated by-laws.

The Building committee reported the parking lot should be completed and re-opened soon. The committee also reported copies of the original 1926 building blueprints have been made and provided to Beaumont Main Street. The Fundraising committee is working on the Fire Prevention Festival and Car Show. Silent Auction and Door Prizes are needed for the event. 2,000 Disneyland Trip Flyers are being distributed to encourage people to donate on the website. The Public Relations committee reported Public Service Announcements will begin in September. The new 2009-2010 Convention & Visitors Guide continues to list the Fire Museum as a "Must See Attraction."

The Membership Committee is holding back the new drive or Capital Campaign until we get new software and the Memorial fund-raising is complete. The Finance Committee reported The SFFMA donated \$500 in support of our mission with a letter explaining why funding is down this year by \$9,500. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 15th at noon.

Plans are underway for the 2009 Fire Prevention & Safety Festival scheduled for October 10, 2009. Professional Fire Fighter's Local #399 will sponsor the 13th Annual Flamin' Hot Car Show. The event will also feature a Pancakes & Prevention on the Plaza, a Blood Drive, a Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Children's Games, Entertainment, and Safety and Prevention Booths. The planning committee met on July 29th at noon. Anyone interested in a Sponsorship should contact the Fire Museum at 409-880-3927. There are sponsorship levels from \$250 to \$5,000.

