

National Fire Prevention Week

The Annual Open House/Pancake Breakfast looks a little bit different this year!

2001 was the first year of the Pancake Breakfast. Jr. League of Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula called the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, wanting to help with a service event, and proposed a Pancake Breakfast. When 9/11 occurred, all the funds from the Pancake Breakfast went to the widows and their children of New York City. Ever since, funds have been 100% donated to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

This is a combination fundraiser with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District Firefighters Association and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. The Open House/Pancake Breakfast was developed for National Fire Prevention Week.

The major stakeholders who have made it possible are Jr. League, Stanford Park Hotel and the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation who donate most of the volunteers and food. We have over 100 volunteers every year with more than 1000 people attending the event.

This year, due to social distancing, we cannot hold the traditional pancake breakfast. To continue support for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, the Local 2400 Firefighters Association has set up a GoFundMe instead to help burn victims for this non-profit organization. (www.gofundme.com) We have also decided to do a coloring contest. Kids can color the picture and turn it in at the nearest fire station. Prizes will be provided to top winners. ([Coloring Contest Page Link](#))

The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (AARBF) is a California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing burns and fires and providing services to those who have been affected by a burn injury. AARBF brings together health care providers, firefighters, emergency workers, burn care professionals, burn survivors, and our community to enhance the quality of life for burn survivors and to make burn injuries a thing of the past.

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