

A Thank-You Chorus to the City's Firefighters

The Hundred Year Association and one of its special affiliates—the chorus of the Bar of the City of New York, known as the City Bar Chorus—paid a “Thank You” visit to the Fire Department’s Ladder #3 at its station house on East 13th Street off Third Avenue on the evening of November 29. Ladder 3 lost 12 firefighters on September 11 including Captain Patrick Brown who had received a special Public Service Award from the Association in 1996.

Ladder 3 belongs to Battalion 6 which lost a total of 23 men at the World Trade Center. The Battalion’s Ladder 6 and Engine Companies 5 and 33 came to the concert in fire trucks and full fire-fighting regalia. A couple of dozen neighbors also took part in the tribute. The 25-member City Bar Chorus, many wearing red, white, and blue scarves, sang God Bless America, New York New York, Lullabye of Birdland, and other songs.

The firefighters were enthusiastic and gracious in thanking the chorus and the Association for arranging the program.

Ralph K. Smith, former chairman of the Awards Committee, pulled out of his



Fire Chief Carl Jost with Association President Richard A. Cook and City Bar Chorus Musical Director Kathryn Schneider.



City Bar Chorus.

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Musical Director
Say Thank You with a Musical Tribute
to
THE CITY OF NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT

November 29, 2001
Ladder #3, 108 East 13th Street

files a letter from Captain Brown thanking him for the 1996 award. The money that came with the award, Brown said, would go to a worthy cause in Harlem where he was stationed at the time and to the Associated Blind where he was a volunteer.

Enclosed with the letter was a newsletter article in which he expressed

his views about being a fireman. The many cash awards he had received for meritorious service had all been given to charity. “I never felt right about taking cash for just doing my job,” he said. “I became a fireman because I wanted to help people and it has given me an opportunity to make an impact in a small way on society....It has nothing to do with luck or fortune. God puts me in the right place and I rely upon what I have been given to do what I have to do.” ■



Ladder #3



Ladder #3 and Engine Companies #5 and #33.



Firefighters and 13th Street neighbors.