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Summer 2020

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President's Message...

I hope all of you are well and staying safe. The Coronavirus has certainly touched all our lives. Stay at home orders, closed businesses, social distancing, and wearing masks has affected all of us. Cancellation of the summer barbeque was a real disappointment, but necessary.

Meanwhile, your Club has continued to provide scholarships to students attending Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University, Cal State Chico, Azusa Pacific University, Carleton College's nursing program, and Grand Canyon University. With the rising cost of a college education, our members can be assured that our Club will continue to assist the children of our fallen heroes. The Board of Directors has also voted to provide an award of one thousand dollars to each beneficiary upon graduation from high school.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of Santa Cruz Sheriff Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller, shot from ambush on June 6, and Federal Security Officer David Patrick Underwood gunned down on May 29 while on guard duty at the Oakland Federal building. These tragedies serve to remind us of the perils confronting those sworn to protect and serve. If you happen to see a police officer or firefighter take a minute to thank him/her for everything they do to keep us safe. I know it will be greatly appreciated.

Thomas J. Orloff
100 Club President

100 Club Annual BBQ - Cancelled

It is with regret that the One Hundred Club has found it necessary to cancel the annual August BBQ, out of concern for the safety and wellbeing of all our members and beneficiaries. The restrictions imposed to combat the Corona Virus make it impossible for large gatherings to be held.

Please keep in mind that during this pandemic our first responders are still out there doing their crucial jobs keeping us safe.

While we may not be able to meet in person this year to show our support, please consider a donation in honor of an active first responder to keep the spirit of the Club alive. If you would like to make a donation please visit our website at: www.100clubalamedacounty.org/Donate or contact Christine Maderos at (510) 818-0337.

Stay safe.

Family Members Give Back to Our Officers

By Patty Goodman

Two of our Family Members, Tammy Monego and Stephanie Miller, put together care packages for our officers on the front lines during the May/June protests. They consist of protein shakes, protein bars, monster energy drinks, water, Gatorade, goldfish crackers, jerky, trail mix, and gum. All individually packaged and delivered to the command stations. These amazing women worked tirelessly to make sure our officers were supported in uncertain times. They facilitated deliveries to over 25 law enforcement agencies throughout the state and nearly \$10,000 in donations via our Facebook pages.



We would also like to thank any of our members who donated in effort to help make care packages.

The 100 Club of Alameda History

By Frank Capilla

"The purpose of the Martin C. Kauffman One Hundred Club of Alameda County is to provide for the widows, widowers and dependents of police officers and firefighters from Alameda County, who lose their lives in the line of duty." While visiting Stockholm Sweden, in early 1974, Martin C. Kauffman, an Alameda land developer and prominent citizen of Alameda County, met a fellow American who was a member of the One Hundred Club of Detroit. The gentleman explained to Martin the history of the One Hundred Club of Detroit.

The idea of the club was - and still is - very simple: Members of the One Hundred Club now only pay annual dues of \$150 and \$2000 for lifetime memberships to create and maintain a fund to "help provide for the widows, widowers and dependents of police officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty from Alameda County." Martin immediately saw the merit in such a program and on returning home. He set about getting a club going in Alameda County.

Martin said, "Starting a One Hundred Club was not easy. Fortunately, I knew a lot of people in Alameda County, many of them through my association as a planning commissioner for 23 years. And I started with them."

He didn't waste any time. While having dinner with friends Walt Raimondi and Don Murphy, Martin told them about his plan to establish a 100 Club in Alameda County. "They immediately responded by becoming the first members. It escalated from that point on, Martin says." They established the first benefit at \$1000.

In February 1974 before the club was officially started, two officers of the Oakland Police Department were shot and killed in an Oakland schoolyard. Using his own money, Martin presented a \$1000 check to each of the widows of the slain officers.

In early June of the same year, two police officers with the East Bay Regional Park District were killed in a helicopter crash. Again, Martin drew on his own resources to give a \$1000 check to the two widows.

Gradually, The 100 Club grew in size. In 1975, it had 60 members; in 1980, 224 members; in 1995, 1000 plus members. To this date, The Club has over 900 active memberships.

In the early days, while Martin was getting new members and promoting the club, Martin's wife Linda, kept the records and did all the necessary paper work. Because of her many extraordinary contributions to the Club, Linda was elected an honorary director, later becoming a full director.

The 100 Club of Alameda History (continued)

The Martin C. Kauffman 100 Club of Alameda County is a 501 (C) (3) not for profit charitable organization providing immediate financial support to Spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in Alameda County. The Club also provides college scholarships and educational benefits for the children of the police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in Alameda County. It also provides a Christmas benefit to each spouse and child.

A board of directors and three standing committees; Scholarship, investment policies and nominations govern the Club. The nomination committee is made up of past presidents. The board currently consists of 27 members.

The annual summer barbecue and winter dinner began in the late 1970s, in order to give the Club some continuity through the year and create a feeling of fellowship among the members. Until these two social events started, the only contact a member had with the club was when he got a statement for his dues once a year and there was no contact between club members. The quarterly newsletter, (The informer) started in the early 1990s to keep the members better informed about their club.

The first 100 Club was organized in 1950 after a police officer in Detroit was killed while serving a routine traffic ticket. A number of executives at General Motors raised \$500 for the officer's family, and the 100 Club concept was born. There are currently over 100 active clubs in the US, 7 in California and 5 in the Bay Area.

On August 7, 1991, by a vote of the membership, the Club honored its founder by changing the clubs name to Martin C. Kauffman 100 Club of Alameda County. Earlier, Martin was elected Chairman of the board for life.

Asked what the long-term goal he had for the 100 club, Martin said, "I want the club to continue to do just what it has done since its founding. We have a simple mission and we have a simple way of operating. We will continue to fulfill that mission; to honor and care for the families of police officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty in Alameda County"

Always There

By Ron Capilla



In keeping with the social distancing orders that have been put into place, your 100 Club Finance Board held its quarterly finance meeting on May 14th on-line through Zoom. This first of a kind meeting for our club was followed up on May 21st by a full Board of Directors meeting, also through Zoom. After a few tutorial lessons, minor computer glitches and laughs, we were finally able to get everyone on-line and conduct the business of club in the professional manner that you have all come to expect.

The biggest positive that I got out of both these meetings is the feeling that no matter if the current times are good, or if the current times are bad (as they have been during this Covid-19 crisis), that The 100 Club will be there to remember the sacrifices that have been made by all of our fallen heroes. The 100 Club will always be there to support their families.

Winter Dinner 2020

Thank you to our Winter Dinner speakers, Family Members, Krista Davey Stokes & Tammy Monego, the Oakland Police Department Honor Guard and San Jose Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. Special thanks to Ed Avelar for taking photos that evening. Visit the Alameda County One Hundred Club Facebook page for more photos from the Winter Dinner.



Krista Davey Stokes



Tammy Monego



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Fellow 100 Club Members,

I certainly hope that as you read this you are well and safe. The year of 2020 has certainly presented our County, our Country and the world with challenges not seen in most of our lifetimes. To varying degrees, the multi-county Shelter in Place orders have presented each of us with life circumstances that were previously unimaginable. Each of us has been touched with the real stories of worry, sadness, frustration and in some cases loss.

These past few months have provided me with an opportunity to reflect upon life, evaluating priorities, commitments and even asking myself, “why is this Club so important to me?” Relative to this Club, the answer came easily – the Alameda County 100 Club with its unifying mission is uniquely positioned for times like these.

From the beginning, as our founder Martin C. Kauffman brought together a small group of friends and colleagues to care for the families of two fallen Officers, it was one simple value that formed the foundation of this organization – Empathy.

Nearly half a century has past, and our members now number in the hundreds. Sadly though, the number of beneficiaries, who we refer to as Family Members, are now in the dozens, each surviving family with their own tragic history. Fortunately, throughout each tragedy, our members have been there for the families of the fallen. Providing a system of support, extending educational opportunity and acknowledging the sacrifice of their loved one through remembrance and fellowship.

Empathy as our guiding force, generosity has been the fuel. Recognizing the needs of the Club, several years ago our beloved honorary board member, Bob Byers, launched the “**100 Angels**”. The “**100 Angel’s**” mission is simple – bring together 100 members of our Club who are willing to contribute \$250 or more, on an annual basis. The goal of the “**100 Angels**” is to cover the operating costs associated with running our Club, as well as the annual BBQ and Winter Dinner, leaving 100% of proceeds to benefit our surviving families. You may be able to one year and not the next, that’s okay. This can be done through a donation of funds or by providing services that the Club utilizes. You may honor a loved one, friend or colleague by donating on their behalf.

Additionally, if you have an organization event family trust or business that would like to contribute to a noble cause, keep the **100 Angels** in mind. Thank you, each year, to the ACSO DSA and many years of thanks to Local 55 Stickball. Every Angel will be recognized at our annual dinner and BBQ, and who doesn’t love an Angel?

This philanthropic opportunity is open to all members, including our life-members. You may contact our Angel maker, Christine Maderos, (MK100Club@astound.net) if becoming one of our “**100 Angels**” is within your reach. Stay safe, be well, know empathy.

Together in Solidarity,
Craig Bueno
100 Angels Chair

2020 Angel Donation

Yes, I would like to be a 100 Angel for 2020 by donating \$250 (or more) in addition to my annual dues.

Member Name: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Address: _____

*Please return this slip with your donation to:
100 Club, 767 Brannan Place, Concord, CA 94518
or go online to: www.100clubalamedacounty.org to donate by credit card.

Donations in Honor and Memory...

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AmazonSmile Gives Back

We are excited to announce that we have raised \$88.37 in charitable funds this quarter through AmazonSmile. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$786.47 to Martin C. Kauffman 100 Club of Alameda County. This is in thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com

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For every purchase you make on AmazonSmile, The AmazonSmile Foundation will automatically donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the 100 Club.

Please help us help our 100 Club families by going on-line today and signing up with AmazonSmile and listing The Martin C. Kaufman 100 Club of Alameda County as your charity of choice.

Thank you to our current 100 Angel contributors for 2020

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