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A Very Special THANK YOU to Our BBQ Volunteers!!

We will acknowledge several people that work diligently every year to ensure the success of our BBQ.

First and foremost, a very special thank you goes out to Tony

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510.818.0337 MK100Club@comcast.net www.100clubalamedacountv.org Macchiano and his BBQ team. Pictured from left to right are: Roger Manning, Tim Miles, Steve Gilmore, Ken Mercer, Bob Gianotti, Pat O'Brien, John Repetto, Tony Macchiano, Rick Pickering (from the Alameda County Fairgrounds, a member coming by to "taste").

Without Tony's orchestration and execution of the wonderful food we are served, there would be no BBQ. Ken Mercer is also an integral part of Tony's team. Tony and Ken are directors on the Board of the 100 Club. Tony does the shopping and coordinating of the food. The steaks, chicken, beans, salad, bread, sausages, etc. is the result of hard work during some very HOT days at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. A thank you also goes out to Board Member John Manzella who supplies, counts, and cleans all of the utensils used for the grand event!



Bob Byers (left) stops to admire the new logoed mugs from John and Lola Manzella - who always man the merchandise & check in section. This year John created the new mugs, which were a huge success!

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Next, the fantastic people who volunteer for the check in procedures and other jobs critical to the success of the BBQ. Our check in volunteers pictured left to right were Christine Maderos, Bonni Hendricks, Alyssa Hendricks (Bonni's daughter), Janice Manzella Bartholomew and Lola Manzella. Not pictured we have Board Member Lisa Ivaldi Granzella, Carolyn Richardson, Dawn Schedak, and Barbara Byrd.

Also not pictured, but certainly not less appreciated, is our Family Liaison committee, Dave Long, Patty Goodman, Ralph Martin, Lisa Granzella and Bev Giovanetti who were too busy greeting and seating our Family Members to have their picture taken!

Thanks also to the Directors, their family members and 100 club members for manning the serving lines and making sure everything went smoothly there.



And last, but definitely not least, a very special thank you goes out to director Jim Knudsen and all of his volunteer bartenders consisting of email: Webview Page 4 of 6

> police officers and firefighters, some retired but most active with their departments. Again from left to right at the "Firefighter Bar" Jim Knudsen, Don Graff, Patty Ferdinand, Fred Graham, Mark Blanchard, Jim Ferdinand. Jim Knudsen is also on the Board as our Membership Chairman, and was busy recruiting new members as well!

> Not pictured: the "COP Bar" volunteers: Bill Eskridge, Glen Melanson, and Kevin Hart

> All in all - This August's BBQ was reported to be, not only the largest BBQ we have ever had, but the smoothest running as well! THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Your 100 Club is comprised of only local citizens, so active duty officers are not allowed to be members (until they retire). Fremont Firefighters have always seemed to find a way to contribute to us however, and this year, they recommended to the Fremont Rotary Club that much of the proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off be donated to us! Accepting the \$2900 check at the Rotary luncheon are Board Members Lisa Ivaldi Granzella, and Robert Sakai. Pictured above from left to right....Darren Young, Lisa Granzella, Gerry Fogel, Bob Sakai, John Kinson, Jim Martin, and Dr. Sharma, President of Fremont Rotary

Thank You Fremont Rotary and Fremont Firefighters!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last quarter of the year has been very quiet, which is just the way we like it! There were a couple of close calls, but no officers or fire fighters were killed in the line of duty. Your Board of Directors was busy on other matters that keep your club running and functioning smoothly.

In the last quarter we made college scholarship payments of \$28,500 to four beneficiaries (that we call our Family Members). That makes a total of \$44,250 in scholarship payments that we have made to children of our Family Members so far this year. We are helping these deserving young people get an education and become valuable and productive members of society. We get some extremely grateful letters from these young students who, many times, tell us that they would not be able to attend school without the help that you give them. Currently we have 17 children under 18 years old who will soon be eligible for our assistance with a college or trade school of their choice. Our Club, (just as we think their missing parent would do) has committed to help them get a higher education when they are ready.

We are embarking on the holidays. This is the time of year that is usually most difficult for Our Families without their loved one. Each year, your Club sends to all our Family spouses, and their children under 25, a gift of a \$1000 government bond. We want them to know that we haven't forgotten them, and that their loved one gave his or her life to keep the citizens of Alameda County safe.

We reached a new benchmark last quarter. The net worth of the 100 Club reached \$1.5 million. Most of this money is invested very conservatively for the benefit of future students and to meet the commitments we have made to the families of our police officers and firefighters in Alameda County. Currently 69% of our funds are in cash or fixed income investments and 31% in carefully selected equities. We are poised to change this ratio when economic conditions improve. In the meantime we are gaining value slowly.

As I have said many times in the past, our major source of income is from the dues that you and all the other members pay to the club. If you haven't already, within the next couple of days you will be receiving your dues notice for 2011 from the club. Many members will make their payment in December to write off the cost in 2010. If we haven't yet received your annual dues by the following summer we send a reminder invoice, as there are also members that prefer to remit their dues in July, just before the BBQ. You can pay by

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> check, or pay by credit card online at anytime! However, and whenever, you pay your dues, we want you to know that we are closely monitoring our finances and our investments to assure that the club has the ability to meet the solemn commitments we have made to the police officers and firefighters of Alameda County and their families.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Dick Karn - President

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