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Summer 2014

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Dear Kristina and members of the 100 Club of Alameda County,

Words cannot express my gratefulness to you and your organization for what you have done for my family and I. My Husband, Tommy Smith was killed in the line of duty January 21, 2014 and you were there within the first 48 hours presenting me with a check to cover whatever expenses arose. I honestly am so humbled by your generosity and thank you seems like small words, but they come from the bottom of my heart.



Summer and I live each day, striving to find our "new normal", some days good, mostly, I just hope not filled with a 6 year olds tears. I am thankful we shared 16 wonderful years together, 12.5 years as husband and wife, and 6.5 years as parents together. We have wonderful memories, and I only wish your organization knew Tom personally. Tom was an amazing husband, father and co-worker; he touched many lives and I am reminded by their kind words almost daily.

Please share this letter with your organization and tell everyone, if they see Summer and I out there to please stop and say "hello." Tommy and I had lofty goals of a Stanford education for Summer and your check was put into her college fund.

Thank you and keep up the incredible work; I will be a lifetime member once I retire.

Sincerely,  
Officer Kellie Smith [Tommy Smith's Widow]  
BART PD

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**Join us for the  
Annual Membership Barbeque  
Wednesday, August 6, 2014  
5:30 pm  
\*See inside for details.**

## *A Note from our Family Members...*



Excerpts from Bryan Soto's letter:

Dear 100 Club,

1/15/2014

Ever since my father, Miguel T. Soto, was shot and killed in the Line of Duty while working for the Oakland Police Department on June 22, 1994, I have been fortunate enough to be a beneficiary of your organization. Aided by the undying support of the 100 Club of Alameda County, I have successfully completed three and a half years of undergraduate education.

In about a week, I will be starting my final semester at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. This past semester, I completed four math and science courses- Mathematical Modeling, Instrumental Analysis, Physical Chemistry, and Mars

Exploration.

I took these classes to polish off my core work (Mars Exploration), to round out my double major in Biochemistry and Mathematics (Physical Chemistry).....

Not only have I been organized and focused enough to excel academically, but I have many other commitments. This past semester, I completed six applications for graduate school in chemistry, sang in an a capella group, tutored three high school students in Math, became a volunteer tutor through the chemistry club, rejoined my fraternity (that returned to campus after leaving my freshman year), prepared my own meals, worked for the Boy Scouts, and ran on the varsity cross country team.....

After I finish my undergraduate education I will be attending graduate school in computational and theoretical chemistry.....

Over the past 19 years, I have been fortunate enough to have the 100 Club helping me. I am incredibly grateful for the financial support I have been given and know that my undergraduate experience would have been much different without your support.

Thank you so much for supporting me,

Bryan Soto

**Update:** Bryan chose to accept the offer from the University of Georgia where he is headed for the summer. The above photo was taken from his graduation! Lisa, his sister and also a recipient of 100 Club funds, flew in from Hong Kong to support her brother.

## *President's Message - By Kristina Brouhard*

This year, so far, has been one that makes me proud to tell friends and family that I am a member of the 100 Club. We were there for a family who suffered a loss. We had another family member graduate college and is going to graduate school. I attended the Annual Peace Officer Memorial held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the One Hundred Club Memorial Wall at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. It was a special occasion where we gather to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It was touching, somber and hopeful. If anyone has ever wondered why they should be a member of our Club, please take a moment to read this entire newsletter. This is why we do what we do.

August 6<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual BBQ at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a new or prospective member! Take this opportunity to tell a friend or co-worker what we do and why our organization is special. Give them a copy of this Informer! Lastly, "Thank You!" to the 100 Angels for 2014. Our Angels are growing and we are so blessed.

Kristina Brouhard, President



## ***Does Alameda County Need A 100 Club: By Jim Knudsen***

Not every county in California has a 100 Club. In fact most don't. So I have been asked the above question many times. Usually I hear the question after I have spoken to a business group or fraternal organization. Am I qualified to answer this question?

My family has been part of the police culture since 1919. I have relatives that were Highway Patrol Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, and Inspectors. My grandfather was an Oakland Police Officer who died in 1936 after an on-duty accident. My grandmother never received his pension or any benefits. She sued the retirement board which created litigation that lasted for 30 years and was never resolved.

The first police officer death in Alameda County occurred in 1867. Since that time we have lost 72 officers. People will recall the unnecessary deaths of four Oakland Police Officers in 2009. They left nine young children between them.

Another tragedy occurred in Alameda County on July 19, 1898. Alameda County lost five officers in one incident. A Sheriff's posse was trying to arrest a murder suspect and he killed four deputy sheriffs, a constable and ultimately himself. July 19, 1898 became significant because it marked the day that the most police officers were killed in one incident in the United States until September 11, 2001. Seventy-one police officers were killed on September 11.

Search for "The Officer Down Memorial Page" on the internet for information on the names of fallen officers. In the United States, within the first four months of 2014 we have lost 40 police officers in the line of duty. One of these officers was killed in Alameda County. The web site described above lists the name of the officer, the agency, the city and the manner of death. These details help police agencies determine the type of training their agencies need to work on so as to help prevent further officer deaths.

The first firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty in Alameda County occurred in 1899. Since that time we have lost 83 firefighters. In the United States we have lost 38 firefighters in the first four months of 2014. Search the "California Memorial Wall" on the internet for updated information on firefighter deaths.

The 100 Club concept got its name from 100 business people who got together in Detroit to help a police officer's family after his death. The Martin C. Kauffman 100 Club of Alameda County was founded by Mr. Kauffman in 1974. Starting with a small group of 4-5 business people it grew to our present size of 1200 members. The MK 100 Club does not allow police officers or firefighters to join until they retire. It also does not look for public praise and shies away from the news media. It quietly helps the fallen hero's family. Since the MK 100 Club was founded 34 Alameda County police officers and 7 firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. All the families of these heroes have been helped by the MK 100 Club-including college/vocational educations for their sons and daughters.

During my years in police work I witnessed many acts of kindness by the MK 100 Club-always done quietly with no fanfare. As soon as I retired I wanted to be a member of this great organization.

In summary, I believe the Martin C. Kaufman 100 Club of Alameda County is needed and I am proud to be one of its members. It is my sincere hope that we never lose another police officer or firefighter. However, if we do, be assured the MK 100 Club will be there to help their families thanks to the donations by the membership.

Editor's Note: Jim Knudsen is a retired lieutenant with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the MK 100 Club and serves as the chair of the membership committee. If you would like him to speak to your organization about the MK 100 Club email him at [jknudsen@att.net](mailto:jknudsen@att.net) or call 510-225-5960.

## ***A Huge Thank You to our 2014 - 100 Angels...***

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***\*Please note your next Informer will be emailed to you.***

*Join us for the:*

**Annual Summer Barbeque  
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 - 5:30 PM – Alameda County Fairgrounds**

Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
Gate 12

*ALL Members and any of your prospective members or*

*Public Safety Officer Guests Are Welcome!*

*\*Advance reservations are required!\**

*Please email your reservation to: [MK100Club@astound.net](mailto:MK100Club@astound.net)*

*If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours please call the club office at 510.818.0337  
No charge for members. Guest price for Public Safety Officers and prospective members is \$25*

- YES! Count me in for the BBQ - I am a member in good standing**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_
- YES! Count me in for the BBQ – Enclosed are my dues.**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Please make a reservation for my guest - (I am sending \$25 today) \***  
Name of the Public Safety Employee \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_
- Please make a reservation for my prospective member – (I am sending \$25 today)\***  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Reservations needed by Noon on July 30, 2014\***