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President's Message...

I hope this latest version of The Informer finds everyone in good health. Your board of directors has been busy since the last version of our Informer. We have had two financial meetings and board meetings over the last six months. During these meetings, we have discussed and approved multiple scholarship requests from our younger family members to help them to navigate their way with their continuing education requests. I am also happy to report that your 100 Club is doing well in today's tough financial marketplace. With the guidance of Bill Vaculin and his team at Morgan Stanley, we are in a good position to respond in the future if a line-of-duty tragedy happens to one of our police officers or firefighters in our county.

We were also able to put on our annual Winter Dinner on January 11th during one of the worst rain periods in our county's history. Much improvising was made during the last week of our planning for this event due to the rains. This included moving the entire event from one building at the fairgrounds to another building due to substantial roof leaks at our normal building location. As most of you know who were able to attend, we struggled throughout the evening with our sound system and the acoustics in the larger building we moved to. We are hopeful that we have addressed this situation moving forward so everyone will be able to hear all of our guest speakers at our next event.

On May 4, 2023 I was asked by our new Alameda County sheriff, Sheriff Sanchez, to speak at the annual Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony. This took place at the 100 Club Memorial Wall at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. This ceremony is widely attended by representatives from all of the law enforcement offices in our county. It was an honor to be asked to do this again on behalf of all of the members of our organization. I would like to thank all of our board members that attended this event with me to support our family members that were also in attendance. As always, it was a very solemn yet positive day for all that were there. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to see this beautiful memorial which honors all of our fallen firefighter and peace officer heroes, I would highly encourage you to take the time to do so someday.

Please make sure to mark Wednesday August 2, 2023 on your calendar for our annual 100 Club BBQ at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. (Additional information enclosed in this newsletter). This BBQ will take place in the front of the fairgrounds (where we had it last year). Chef Tony Macchiano and his BBQ Crew and your entire board of directors are looking forward to serving you another great meal and to putting on another nice evening for all of our family members and members.

Until then, please keep all of our peace officers and firefighters in your thoughts and prayers as they go about their jobs to make the world a safer place for all of us.

Ron Capilla - 100 Club President

Family Members Report By Patty Goodman – Family Member Liaison

We are proud of our Family Member children and their accomplishments, especially with the circumstances they're dealt. We are featuring 3 of our college graduates in this Informer, Ashton and Sara Lunger, daughters of Hayward Police Sergeant Scott Lunger, EOW 7/22/2015 and Michael Foley, son of ACSO Deputy Michael Foley, EOW 2/23/2017. It is important for our general membership to see the impact of belonging to our Club and the good that it does.

Ashton Lunger

Hello everyone, my name is Ashton Lunger and I am the eldest daughter of fallen Sgt Scott Lunger of the Hayward Police Department, EOW 7/22/2015. I attended the University of Nevada, Reno for my



Ashton Lunger & Matt Escola

bachelor's degree in Community Health Science and graduated in 2016. In 2018, I attended Carrington College to obtain my nursing degree. I have been working as a cardiac telemetry nurse at Renown Hospital in Reno since 2020. It has been a very challenging but rewarding few years to be a nurse, especially a new nurse, during a global pandemic. I am very grateful to have served my community during the pandemic and will continue to do so as we find our new normal. When we aren't working, my boyfriend, Matt, and I along with our two dogs, Skye and Willow, spend our time adventuring around and exploring new places with our rooftop car tent.

I would not be where I am today without the help of the 100 club. The support I received allowed me to focus on school during a time I wasn't sure I could even finish school. I promised my dad and myself that I would one day become a nurse and it would not have been possible without the help I received from the 100 club. I wasn't sure if nursing school would still be in the cards for me after my dad, and with the club's support I was able to complete this dream. I have even considered going back for my masters which seemed impossible after losing my

dad. I cannot thank the 100 club enough for their support and encouragement over the years. I am forever grateful to the members of the club who allowed me to achieve what I have today.

Sara Lunger

Sara graduated in May with her Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology from the University Of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.



She will begin working as an SLP in the acute care unit at Renown Hospital in Reno where Ashton also works as an RN.

Sara Lunger

We can't thank the 100 club enough for their generous support in helping Sara achieve her education goals. The 100 club has stood beside the Lunger girls from the very first day of the tragic loss of their dad and our gratitude is immeasurable.

Michael Foley

Michael Foley was a freshman in college at Azusa Pacific University when his father, Deputy Michael Foley, ACSO; EOW 2/23/2017 died in the line of duty. The 100 Club provided college funds through his graduation in 2020. Now in law school, Michael continues to receive our funds and, in his

words, "sincerely thanks the Alameda 100 Club for their support all these years." Recently we received this update from Michael:

I am living in San Francisco and entering my final year at Golden Gate University School of Law. I am spending this



Michael Foley

summer working as a Certified Law Student at the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. At the District Attorney's Office, I am able to gain real courtroom experience, such as arguing and writing motions. When I am not working, I enjoy exploring San Francisco and coming home to the East Bay to spend time with my family.

Meet Your Board of Directors By Ron Capilla – 100 Club President

Your 100 Club of Alameda County has a board of directors that consists of 30 members of your club who meet once a quarter to review the business of the club and to plan our annual events. To help our member's better get to know our Board of Directors, we will be introducing a few of them to you in each episode of The Informer. Hopefully, you'll get to know a little bit more about them and why they volunteer their time to support our mission. In this newsletter, we are proud to introduce you to Leon Mezzetti and Cynthia Birmingham.

Leon "Lee" Mezzetti

Lee originally got involved in The 100 Club through

his father in 1978, making him currently a 45th year member of our organization. During his term on the board of directors, he first served as the head of our By-Laws committee. He has also served as Secretary,



Treasurer, Vice President and then was elected the President of our club. Lee is now currently serving on our board of directors nominating committee.

Lee's most memorable experience on the board of directors was when he was president of our club had to visit the wife of a fallen police officer. Lee says: "We did this to pay our respects and to console her and her family. We also informed the family of the monetary assistance that The 100 Club would be providing for them in the future. It was a sad day for all of us that were there that day, but it made me very proud to be a part of The 100 Club and to be representing all of the members of our club".

Hopefully, if you haven't already, you'll get the opportunity to meet Lee at our upcoming BBQ or one of the other club events. He is very approachable and would love to talk to you more in person about our organization.

Cynthia Birmingham

Cynthia first became a member of The 100 Club when her father Jack Smith, one of the original 100 Club members, gave her a life membership in our organization as a



birthday present. Eventually, she was nominated and confirmed as a board of director. At the time we had only two women on our board, Linda Kaufman and Mary Warren. They both took Cynthia under their wings, and with the help of all three of these ladies, we were able to better diversify our board and our organization to what it is today.

Like Lee Mezzetti, Cynthia also knows all of the inner workings of The 100 Club. She came up through all of the chairs and has been the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. She is now currently serving as the co-chair of our Summertime BBQ committee and is also serving on our board of directors nominating committee.

As a practicing attorney, Cynthia worked in the law firm with her then-board member father Jack Smith, Judge John Purchio and current board member Bob Sakai during the early beginnings of our club. Because of this early knowledge of our club, Cynthia is still often called on today when we have a historical question about our clubs past.

Cynthia's most enduring memory on the board of directors was when we lost a firefighter in Alameda County. In Cynthia's words:

"At the time our club had a standing committee consisting of Rene Davidson, Mary King and whoever the president was at the time. When I was President, myself and Mary met with the family of the young fallen firefighter. It feels like yesterday that we sat with the family in their living room. It was Mary's eloquent and empathetic explanation of our club and how we would always be there for the family that will last with me forever."

Like all members of our board, Cynthia has a strong desire to grow The 100 Club organically through word of mouth from our members. She would like to encourage all of the new board members and our

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100 Club membership at large to get involved in getting the word out about our organization and to try to recruit others to join our cause. As her father

did with her, Cynthia is helping to grow our club generationally by getting her children involved in our club and our events.

Thank you again Lee and Cynthia for all that you have done for The 100 Club in the past and for what you continue to do to this day!

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Join us for the Annual Summer BBQ Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 Bernal Greens Picnic Area Enter Gate 8 off of Valley Avenue

ALL Members and any of your prospective members or Public Safety Guests Are Welcome!

Advance reservations are required!

Make your reservation online at: <u>https://www.100clubalamedacounty.org/events</u>

No charge for members. Guest price \$25 (Public Safety Officers and Prospective Members.)

Event Registration Form

Yes, count me/us in for the BBQ, I am a member in good standing!

Member Name(s):_____

Please make a reservation for my Public Safety Guest(s)! (I am sending \$25 each today or paying online)

Name & Department of Public Safety Guest(s): _____

Please make a reservation for my prospective member(s) – (*I am sending \$25 each today or paying online) *Guest fee applied to membership when joining at the BBQ.

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