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## *President's Message...*

I hope all had a pleasant holiday season. The Corona virus restrictions affected many of the usual holiday celebrations. With the development and distribution of the new vaccines, this year should be back to something resembling normal times.

Regrettably, the Winter Dinner has been cancelled. As the pandemic continues to surge and predicted to continue to do so for a few more months, an indoor gathering with four hundred or more attendees does not seem prudent. I know everyone misses the chance to get together with Club members and to honor our Club's Family Members. I hope that by August, the spread of the virus will be under control and we will be able to enjoy the Summer Barbeque.

Sadly, on November 20, 2020, we lost Oakland Interim Fire Chief Sean Laffan. Chief Laffan suffered a fatal heart while on duty. His wife Sabrina, and three sons, Caeden, Conner and Cooper, survive him. As Club President, I presented Sabrina with the Club's death benefit to help with any expenses that may arise during this very difficult time for the family. Our wonderful Family Member Liaison, board member, Patty Goodman, has contacted Sabrina to let her know that your Club stands ready to help the family in any way possible.

The Board of Directors has established a new benefit for our students. Many students have been forced to pursue online rather than in person learning. Each student is now eligible for reimbursement up to \$1000 for the purchase of a laptop or other device for use in online classes. Six students have taken advantage of this benefit and we expect more to do so. In this small way, we can help assure our students get the most of their education during this difficult time.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Barbeque. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Thomas J. Orloff  
100 Club President

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# Family Members Report

By Patty Goodman

During this difficult and unprecedented time, we thought it might be enlightening to feature a few Family Members to tell their stories of how they've been doing this year, especially with school-aged children. You will be happy to know that your dues and donations went to several students to buy laptops for in-home online learning, including Summer Smith, Reese and Chandler Miller.

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## **Kellie and Summer Smith Surviving wife and daughter of Detective Sergeant Tommy Smith, BART PD, EOW 1/21/2014**

*Hello 100 Club Families,*

*What a year 2020 has been. Summer finished the 7th grade virtually and what a learning curve it was. As teachers and students adjusted to extended screen time on their computers, the spring semester quickly ended and we rolled into summer. As the summer unfolded it was quickly apparent 8th grade would begin virtually as well and now will continue until the end of the school year. With so much computer time, thanks to all of you, I updated Summer's computer to meet her school needs. Summer's amazing positive attitude allowed her to still connect with a few friends in our bubble as well as virtually through hours of FaceTime conversations and TicToc skits.*



*Travel plans were definitely adjusted as we traveled with in the state, usually to a beach destination and bringing virtual school with us on the road. Many backyard BBQ's and sharing a meal with those in our bubble kept us connected to the special people in our lives. At the beginning of the pandemic, I started driveway conversation and cocktails on Friday nights with all our neighbors. Everyone brought down their chairs, sat 6 feet apart and connected with one another in ways they had not before. It was a great way for life to slow down and for people to meet their neighbors.*

*Although kids camp did not happen this year for Summer, she is hopeful it will happen this next year. The camp is C.O.P.S. (Concern of Police Survivors) kids camp. The camp is for children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. They spend a week at a YMCA camp in Wisconsin with their surviving parent, really one of the only place all these kids feel normal as they don't have to explain their family circumstances. Summer has been able to keep in contact with all her friends across the USA via text and planned zoom meetings.*



*As for myself, I got involved with the First Responders Support Network and began volunteering. It's an organization that helps first responders with post-traumatic stress, learn how to manage their triggers and help get back to living life again. Along with volunteering, I have enhanced my meal prep and culinary skills, sharing those new recipes with family/friends.*

*I hope this finds you all safe and well. Summer and I look forward to the day when we can all gather again. Thanks so much for always looking out for your families, we truly appreciate each and every one of you! Happy holidays*

*from our home to yours!*

*Much love,  
Kellie and Summer Smith*

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**Stephanie Miller and children Reese Miller, age 15 and Chandler Miller, age 17**  
**Surviving wife, daughter, and son of**  
**CHP Officer John Miller, CHP Dublin, EOW 11/16/2007**

*100 Club Members and Family,*

*2020 has been quite the year! We kicked off the March stay at home order on Reese's 15th birthday! Chandler celebrated his 17th birthday 4 days later! The following weeks consisted of the three of us watching the entire Marvel movie series in order and a lot of family time. I truly valued every minute I got with both of them, especially since Chandler will be off to college next year! Chandler is currently a Senior and began his year distance learning. Although it is not what we hoped his last year would look like, he is making the most of it and even got a job at our cousin's farm! He recently delivered a calf during one of his work days. He is playing basketball on a travel AAU team, traveling to Arizona often. He is looking forward to hopefully playing his Senior year on his school team, graduating, and going to college in the fall.*

*Reese is currently a Sophomore and is also distance learning. She has been keeping busy, making the Varsity Cheer team for her 2nd year in a row! She also is in her 10th year as a competitive cheerleader at UCF. And watch out on the roads...she has her permit! She is very excited to get back to school, get her license, and hopefully have a fun summer!*

*As for me, I have been enjoying spending as much time as I can with the kids. They are growing up quickly, and I am trying to treasure every moment I can get (which with teenagers is challenging)! We truly appreciate each and every one of you. The 100 Club has always had a special place in our hearts. We cannot thank you all enough for the support and the love we have received from you all. We are hopeful that 2021 we will be able to all come together!*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*  
*Stephanie, Chandler, and Reese Miller*



**Michelle Seuis and daughters Danielle Seuis Correa and Kristen Seuis Thornally**  
**Surviving wife and daughters of**  
**Officer William Seuis, Oakland PD, EOW 7/22/2004**

*Hello One Hundred Club Family,*

*My daughters were both married a little over a year apart in 2019-2020. My youngest daughter, Kristen Seuis and Nils Thornally were married August 30, 2020 in their backyard it was a very small ceremony. 11 people to be exact. They have known each other since middle school. They were married on their 7-year anniversary. My oldest, Danielle and Mike Correa were married on October 11, 2019. They have known each other since high school. Danielle, Mike, Kristen and Nils all graduated from the same high school. So we have been busy planning for these, one pre Covid and one this year.*



*Danielle works for Event Hollow they are an online wedding planning company. This was very helpful with two weddings. Kristen works for PG&E. Both girls live local so I am very happy. I am working for Pleasanton School District Supervising a Cohort program for youth that need academic support and 3 Steve's Winery. Our family is doing well during this time.*

*We want to thank you for all the love and support you have showed us over the years. It has meant so much to us. We want to wish you a healthy holiday season.*

*Warmly,*  
*Michelle Seuis*

# ***Providing Support, However We Can***

*By Ron Capilla*

How did you become a member of The 100 Club of Alameda County? I personally became a member of the 100 Club when my parents sponsored me and paid for my first annual membership dues as my college graduation present. I still remember the day when my mom and dad gave me this gift and told me “There is no finer organization in Alameda County than the 100 Club.” Thanks, mom and dad, you were right!

I always like to ask members when I meet them at one of our events, “How did you become a member?” The most common response that I hear is that they found out about the mission of our organization through a neighbor, a co-worker or a friend and decided that they too wanted to join us.

One must always remember that the reason our club exists is to provide support for some of our members who did not choose to join us but became members each through a different terrible circumstance. These members would be our 100 Club Family Members. Our club exists solely to provide our support for them. This support is given in many different ways. Sometimes it is through college scholarships. Sometimes it is through a letter writing campaign that we ask you to get involved with, as we recently did for our Family Member Tammy Monego. And sometimes our support is provided by a friendly “hello” and conversation with a Family Member at one of our dinners.

This unending focus by all of us to provide support however and whenever we can for all of our Family Members is what will continue the legacy of keeping our organization the finest in Alameda County.



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# ***100 Angels – A Guiding Light***

Dearest 100 Club Members,

Reflecting upon this last year, I believe that each of us has the opportunity to gain empathy for those around us that may be struggling. Decades ago, our organization was founded upon this simple premise and it has continued to serve as a guiding light for our hundreds of members ever since. For most of us, these past months have been exceptionally challenging for any number of reasons. However, our strength is in our cohesion to a sole purpose, one of serving those that serve to protect us.

Our collective capability as 100 Club members has given opportunity, offered relief and most importantly provided comfort to the Families of our fallen Police Officers and Firefighters here in Alameda County. Your Annual or Life membership is the basis of our financial support in this collective endeavor.

Understanding the importance of this on-going support to our surviving Families and the need to keep it fiscally sound, our beloved Bob Byers began the “**100 Angels**” program several years ago. The “**100 Angels**” mission is simple – bring together 100 or more members of our Club who are willing to contribute \$250 or more, on an annual basis. This added act of generosity has ensured that 100% of proceeds are available to benefit our surviving Families.

You may be able to this 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. Some have chosen to honor a loved one, a friend, a colleague or an organization by donating on their behalf – what a gift for that special someone in your life. 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.

This philanthropic opportunity is open to all members, including our life-members. You may contact our Angel maker, Christine Maderos ([christine@100clubalamedacounty.org](mailto:christine@100clubalamedacounty.org)) if becoming one of our “**100 Angels**” is within your reach.

The New Year brings with it hope and the promise of a return to normalcy. So, let’s all get through this time by working together, remaining focused and never losing sight of our shared mission. We look forward to your fellowship at our next event, where your name will be proudly displayed as one of our “**100 Angels**”. Stay safe, be well, know empathy.

Craig Bueno  
100 Angels Chair

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## **2021 Angel Donation**

Yes, I would like to be a 100 Angel for 2021 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, 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588  
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# *Thank you to our current 100 Angel contributors for 2020/2021*

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