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# President's Message...

As always, I hope that our latest winter version of The Informer finds everyone happy and in good health. Our last 100 Club finance meeting and Board of Directors meeting were held in October. Some of the highlights that were covered at these meetings are as follows:

- We had a very informative financial presentation from David Lu with our Morgan Stanley team. Despite the stock market and economy going through some rollercoaster years, the invested assets that our organization holds are being handled very conservatively and are holding up well during the period that we are now going through. We are all hopeful that we will not have to face a tragic on-duty loss of life from one of our law enforcement or fire fighters in our county. But in the unfortunate case that we do, our money will be there to help the surviving family members.
- We currently have six family member children that are now receiving some type of scholarship or monetary help from our organization. This could never be accomplished without the ongoing membership dues and the additional generous donations that we receive from all of you.
- It has been many years since The 100 Club of Alameda County has increased the amount of payment that we give out after an on-duty loss of life incident. After some long discussions your board of directors has decided that it is time for us to do this. With the cost of inflation that we have seen take place since our last payout increase, it was decided that moving forward we will be doubling the amount of initial payout that we give in a loss of life incident that meets our club's bylaws. This will be a major step forward for our club and our surviving family members that will receive benefits from our club. Congratulations to all of our members for making this moment possible!

This will be my last newsletter writing to you as the president of your 100 Club, as my two-year term will be coming to an end after our next board meeting in early January. It has been an honor to serve as your president over this period. I look forward to staying actively involved in our organization and to continue to work hard to promote The 100 Club to the citizens and business throughout Alameda County. I will see all of you at our <u>Winter Dinner taking</u> <u>place on February 15, 2024 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds</u>. Please mark your calendars and we will follow up with more details. Ron Capilla 100 Club President

## Family Members Report By Patty Goodman – Family Member Liaison

We are grateful to The Laffan Family and to Elizabeth Camilleri for their stories in the Informer. It is important for the membership to see where their dues and donations go. To read the stories of these wonderful people who have lost their loved ones are inspiring and lets all of us know how very fortunate we are. We are thinking about all of our Family Members this Holiday Season. We understand the Holidays aren't always easy for everyone. We pray that the New Year brings peace to all.

## Elizabeth Camilleri (Daughter of Andrew



## Camilleri Sr. CHP-Hayward, EOW 12/24/2017)

Dear friends and family of the 100 Club Organization, I want to start out by saying that I am so incredibly appreciative for being accepted for this scholarship. It is such a privilege to be able to attend a university by the funding of a foundation that honors my dad who had to make the greatest sacrifice. This scholarship has allowed me to attend Sacramento State while majoring in Psychology. With this degree I will serve my community and make my dad and everyone who has donated proud. It has now been a few months since I have been attending Sac State and in this time I have made countless memories and made so many friends. I was even personally invited to be part of the Phi Mu sorority and have my initiation on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sisterhood is amazing. This semester, I am currently taking English 10 Academic Literacies, Psychology 2, CHAD30 Human Development which is my favorite and Anthology 4 language:

culture, and critical thinking which is my least favorite. I am absolutely loving it here at Sacramento State and not a day goes by where I don't express my gratitude for being so fortunate to have a scholarship to support me and my academic journey. I am forever grateful for my family at the 100 Club. I hope I've made you proud and continue to do so.

Love, Elizabeth Camilleri

## Sabrina Laffan (wife of Oakland Assistant Fire Chief Sean Laffan, Last Alarm 11/16/2020)

It's hard to believe it's been over a year since I've sent an update. It has been a big year for us overall, but especially 100 Club wise. We attended our first round of 100 Club Summer and Winter Events that we'd heard so much about, and they proved to be as wonderful as we were told they would be. It's always great to see everyone's smiling faces and to get so many big hugs. I can't say enough how grateful we are to have such an incredible support system in this group. We're truly blessed. You do great work and I think I speak for everyone you've touched, we appreciate you all.

Here's a quick update (I'll try to be quick at least, once I start writing I can't make any promises) on life with the Laffans:

Cooper (22) got a job offer from the City of Sacramento Fire Department last fall, the day after he turned 21 actually. He began their fire academy in January of this year and graduated at the end of June. It



was a very busy year for him, having attended a 24 week academy and transitioning into the firehouse. His first official shift as a Probationary Firefighter with the City of Sacramento was on July 4th and as you can probably imagine it was a busy shift full of excitement.

# Family Members Report (cont.)

He's settling in nicely and enjoying his new career in the firehouse. He picked up traveling a bit once he had a little break and has taken a few short trips to decompress in Hawaii, New England, Seattle and San Diego.

Connor (23) is completing his final day at EMT school as I typed these words, after a full year of working and lots of traveling. He went to Europe for six weeks during the spring, two with his best friend and then he stayed for four additional weeks on his own to explore and do some soul searching. He visited Florence, Rome, Paris, Amsterdam, Germany, Switzerland, Prague, Portugal, Berlin, Brussels and a few other cities/countries that are escaping my memory right now. He planned it all himself and took trains, planes and buses. He stayed in hotels and hostels and visited our past exchange students and their families. He paraglided over the Swiss Alps, budgeted his money (really well!) and enjoyed meeting people, learning about each and every different culture, seeing historical sights, went to Disneyland Paris and wrote in his journal daily the entire time. It was quite an adventure and I was so proud to see the growth that came from him through this experience. He has also been traveling here in the states for work. He has gone on several different month long trips opening new Dutch Bros. Coffee shops. He loved his time in Colorado and got to experience Texas for two months in different areas. While he loves his job in the coffee industry, he has decided it's time to make his way into the fire department world. Following the end of EMT school, he'll begin an educational fire academy in early January, which will end in May. His goal following that is to become a firefighter and I'm in awe of how that decision has brought out an entirely new side of him.

Caeden (24) has found his home at a new firehouse in Oakland after adding Hazardous Materials certification to his skillset in the spring. He completed his AA over the summer, which was an accomplishment and his passion for learning has definitely been reignited. He is now enrolled in a bachelor's program with a double major in Fire Service Administration and Emergency Management. He's also taking leadership classes to prepare himself for further promotion in the fire department. Caeden also was fortunate to be able to do some traveling this year, spending a month in Europe during the summer. Barcelona, Amsterdam, London, multiple cities in Italy and time spent along the Italian coast were where he spent his weeks. Remaining active and athletic, he also competed in several different tournaments with the Oakland Fire Softball team, took part in the Firefighters Olympics Summer games, and won the National Championship with his Australian Football team in Florida in October.

As for me, I'm finding joy in having reorganized my business, now working with firefighters, their partners and their children in a mental health and wellness capacity. Supporting those who support everyone else is where my passion is. I don't believe there is enough support being given to firefighters and their families, so I'm doing my best, along with the network I've developed, to close the gap as much as possible. I understand the lifestyle of firefighter families from just about every single angle, being a daughter, a mom, a wife and now a widow. I'm furthering my own education, as well, taking more college courses and adding additional certifications to my own tool box. I recently became a Brainspotting Practitioner and am currently enrolled in several other wellness trainings to support myself, as well as my family and my clients.

As a family we're doing our best to remain balanced, which is how we keep ourselves healthy... mind, body and soul. We've found that the magic is in the simple things. We spend time together with each other and the people we love, we laugh, we travel and we make memories.

Wishing you all well through the holiday season of 2023. We can't wait to see you all at the winter dinner.

With love and gratitude, Sabrina

# **Board** Nominations

By Ralph Martin, Nominating Committee & Patty Goodman, Family Member Liaison

On January 1, 2024, a vacancy will open up on the Board of Directors as Dave Long (see below) has stepped down from the Board after 35 years of service. Any Club Member interested in applying for the vacant position can find additional information on our website under the <u>"About" tab</u>. Please submit your <u>application</u> by January 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, to Christine Maderos at: <u>christine@100Clubalamedacounty.org</u>.

Dave Long:

The Board and Membership would like to recognize the many years of service Dave Long gave to our Club. He was on the Board of Directors for over 35 years and a Life Member since 1982. Before Dave retired from the board you could find him greeting our Family Members at the check in table or serving food at the BBQ lineup. Dave also served on the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa 100 Club.



Dave lost his beloved wife of 69 years, Ellen, last year and now resides in Pleasant Hill.

# Are you interested in 100 Club logo apparel?

Visit our Land's End Store at <u>https://business.landsend.com/store/100clubalamedacounty/</u> Three easy steps to order: 1.) Select a category (Men, Women or Promotional Products) to start shopping 2.) Click on an item, choose color, size and quantity. Click apply logo, select the 100 Club logo, logo location & apply logo. 3.) Click add to bag and proceed to check out!



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## 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 Kristina Brouhard and Dan Murphy.

## Kristina Brouhard:

Kristina has been a member of The 100 Club since the early 1990's when she joined our organization while then still a member of the Alameda County DA's office. She was asked to run for a vacant position on our board of directors by several past and current board members, including Jack Smith, Cynthia Birmingham and Tom Orloff. She officially became a board member after getting elected in the late 1990's.

officially became a board member after getting elected in the late 1990's. Since her time on the board of directors Kristina has worn many hats for our organization. She was first tasked with being on our By-Laws committee. After this she was asked to serve on our executive board and served first as our secretary, then treasurer, then Vice President and eventually as the President of our club. As a now past president of our club, Kristina's currently chairs our student scholarship committee. She works tirelessly in keeping in touch with our student scholars to help them navigate their way through not only what we can provide for them, but to make them aware of other benefits that they may be eligible for outside of our organization. With six students currently receiving help from our organization, this is no small task!

I asked Kristina to tell me what her most memorable experience has been while on the board of directors. She says "There are too many to name only one. I love getting texts from our students with smiley faces and fireworks. And hearing the thanks that the Club gets for helping them go to college. And watching a proud parent see their son/daughter successfully speak in front of hundreds of people at one of our Winter Dinners. And also receiving so many college graduation notices from our students. And then the ability to share these stories with our club members at the board meetings, the BBQ and the Winter Dinner. This is what our club is all about!"

Please feel free to stop and talk to Kristina at one of our 100 Club events. She would love to share some of her "student stories" with you.

## Dan Murphy:

Dan has been a member of The 100 Club since 1980, making him a 43 year (and counting!) veteran of our club. During this time there was a push from the original founding board members of our club to bring some "youth" onto our board, giving our organization a better chance of survival when the founding members stepped aside. Dan says: "My father's best friend was Marty Kauffman. My earliest memories include both Marty and Linda Kauffman. I was very aware of the birth of the One Hundred Club of Alameda County in 1974. After college I moved back to Alameda County and quickly became a member of The 100 Club, with a small push from both my father (Don Murphy, a founding board member) and Marty

Kauffman. Not being a member of the club would be unthinkable." Since we are quickly approaching the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club, we can truly say that our founder's long-range plan of bringing in some "youth" to our board of directors has paid off.

After getting elected to the executive board in the mid 1990's, Dan worked his way through the various chair positions and became president of our organization in 1996. Dan says: "I was blessed that during my two-year term as president that there was no loss of life by Alameda County public safety officers."





# Meet Your Board of Directors (Cont.)

I asked Dan what his most memorable experience was of being part of the board of directors of our club. He states "As a member of the 100 Club and of the board, I always experience a profound sadness with the loss of any of our public safety personnel and trying to understand the effect on their families. I am always so proud that our group can offer these families some support and to let them know that we all stand behind them. I also have greatly enjoyed working with some of our board members who have now passed away, such as Marty and Linda, Jack Smith, Rene Davidson, Bernie Maisel and Dave Ryan. And some of our long-standing members who have now also passed away, such as Jack Poole, Bob Molinaro and Ben Altadonna. These were all great people who have contributed to The 100 Clubs success."

Dan is also proud that his daughter Danielle is also on the board of directors, making his family the first 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family to support our organization through service on our board. Hopefully when you see Dan at our next Winter Dinner or Summer BBQ's, you stop by and say hello to him. Dan is one of the true links to the founding of our club.

# **Donations in Honor and Memory...**

In Memory of Matthew Kerner John Kerner – Love Mom, Dad Chris, John & Diana Ayala, Saundra Blank, Denise Cahalan. Johanna Canaday, Kevin & Victoria Dugan & Family, Don & Cynthia Huber, Mindy Leung, Susan Jandro, Cliff Olson, Stephen & Cheryl Vitelli, Ye Ye. Janice Ehlers, Everet & Barbara Keller. Nancy Kilby, Tony Lillak, Jerry Sartain, The Schorman Family, David & Lisa Wilhite, Brian Hanson, Chris, Diane, Brendan & Janeele (Stanaway) Jin, Chris & Debbie Warren

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In Memory of Lynn Matsumoto Bob Conner

In Honor of Richard Karn Frank Napoleon In Memory of John Emmett Fahey OFD Patty & Larry Goodman

In Honor of Retired Sheriff Gregory Ahern

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In Memory of Officer William Seuis, OPD-EOW 7/22/2004 Tempting Fate Wines

In Memory of Michael Maloy, EOW 11/08/1999 Kay Maloy

In honor of the ACSO Deputies who protected me for the last 26 years Dennis McLaughlin

In Honor of Nathan & Noelma Carbino Mary Langsdorf

In Memory of the Alameda County First Responders Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice Protecting Their Communities Robert McManus

In honor of Ellamae & Louis C. Reyes Jocelyn & Douglas Reyes In Memory of Robert P. Maginnis Arleen Maginnis, Christopher Lux

In Honor of my dad, Robert Dutton, Retired Officer, Oakland Police Department Kelly Bowers

In Honor of the Lisa Granzella Family & the Ron Ivaldi Family Marjorie Russell

In Honor of Robin Costa's Birthday Marilyn Rutz

In Memory of O.P.D. Sgt. Phil Hickman Paul Berlin, Bob Connor Jim Knudsen

In Memory of Sandy Summerfield Mark & Karen Carter

**On behalf of Sgt. JD Nelson** Dea Nelson

In Memory of Oakland Fire Chief John Baker Sandy & Neil Sanders Larry & Patty Goodman

> In Memory of Dave Hoig Linda Hoig

## **100 Angels** By Craig Bueno – Board Member & 100 Angels Chair

Dearest Members, Soon to be Members & Angels,

The Holiday season is here and that means our annual winter dinner is just around the corner. We all look forward to this celebrated event where we come together to honor the Families of our Police Officers and Firefighters who have given their lives protecting us all in Alameda County.

The *Alameda County 100 Club* was founded in 1974 by the esteemed Martin C. Kauffman. Then as it remains today, "...the purpose of the 100 Hundred Club is to help provide for the Widows, Widowers and dependents of Police Officers and Firefighters who lose their lives in the line-of-duty..."

For nearly five decades the *Alameda County 100 Club* has accomplished this mission due to the strong philanthropic support of our many dedicated members. Although a non-profit with an all-volunteer board, there are costs associated with providing our two annual events as well as some clerical obligations. This is where the *100 Angels* comes in.

Each year we open the window of opportunity to all members to become an *Angel*. The premise is simple – covering the cost of our annual events allows us to provide a greater pool of resources to our Surviving Families. We accomplish this by bringing together 100 (or more) members of our Club who are willing to contribute \$250 or more for the year, in addition to their annual dues. This donation, or donation of services, will add you to the ranks of our *100 Angels*. Our *Angels* are winged annually, so if it works for you this year and maybe not the next, we understand.

This added act of generosity yields 100% of our membership proceeds to benefit our Surviving Families.

All our *100 Angels*, whether an individual, a family, a business or an in-memoriam honoree, will have their name prominently displayed at each of our annual events and on our website. Additionally, you may honor a loved one, friend or colleague by donating on their behalf. If you have an organization that would like to donate to a fully charitable cause, please keep the *100 Angels* in mind.

This philanthropic opportunity is open to all members, <u>including our Life-members</u>. Please contact our Angel maker, Christine Maderos (<u>christine@100clubalamedacounty.org</u>) and earn your wings this holiday season.

Stay safe, be well, know empathy, Craig Bueno 100 Angels Chair

# 2024 Angel Donation

Yes, I would like to be a 100 Angel for 2024 by donating \$250 (or more) in addition to my annual dues.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Please return this slip with your donation to: 100 Club, 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588 or go online to: <u>www.100clubalamedacounty.org</u> to donate by credit card.

## Thank you to our current 100 Angel contributors for 2023!

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# Join us for the Annual Winter Dinner Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Alameda County Fairgrounds 2005 Valley Avenue, Gate 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566 Building C

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 \$50 (Public Safety Officers and Prospective Members.)

## **Event Registration Form**

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

Member Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Please make a reservation for my Public Safety Guest(s)! (I am sending \$50 each today or paying online)

Name & Department of Public Safety Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a reservation for my prospective member(s) – (\*I am sending \$50 each today or paying online) \*Guest fee applied to membership when joining at the Dinner.

Pay online or make checks payable to "100 Club Alameda County"& mail to: 100 Club, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588

To make a reservation: Online: <u>https://www.100clubalamedacounty.org/events</u> By Email: <u>christine@100clubalamedacounty.org</u> By Phone: 510-818-0337 By Mail: 100 Club, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 \*Reservations needed by Noon on February 8, 2024\* If you are unable to attend and have made a reservation, please let us know by February 8<sup>th</sup> to minimize the loss we incur on the cost of the meals. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours, please call the Club office at 510-818-0337 Please note there will be a cashless bar at the dinner (No cash, credit card only).