



The One Hundred Club Of Contra Costa County



"...providing for the families of peace officers and fire fighters who made the ultimate sacrifice..."

Message From Joe Motta

Dear Distinguished Members,

I am truly humbled and honored to have been voted to represent The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County as the new president for 2007. I definitely have some big shoes to fill. Since joining the board, I have seen the great work, tireless commitment, and tremendous wisdom of not only the board, but our recent president Don Theile, as well as the late Mike Healy, both of whom brought such growth, success, and leadership to our club. I am, frankly, somewhat intimidated by the prospect of living up to the high bar of excellence they have set.

The board has experienced some changes starting this year. Our Secretary/Treasurer for the last 22 years, Rudie Niemi, resigned this year. Rudie was an integral part of the administration and finances of the board, and unbeknownst to the board, taking over his duties and responsibilities requires the work of many people. So our first challenge this year is trying to pick up the load that he has carried for many years. With a new board of directors, we will have our challenges carrying on with the tradition of excellence passed down over the history of the club, but we are blessed to have such distinguished and gifted members.

As I look to the future, I am mindful that our recent successes could easily be forgotten should a major catastrophe occur. It is imperative that we continue to find new ways to increase our working capital, cut costs, and grow our club. Membership dues are our major source of funds so we should strive to have thousands of members, rather than hundreds. We also need to increase our exposure within our community. One way to improve in these areas is to set up an interactive web site. I envision it would have membership applications and it would allow current or new members to pay their dues on line. It would also be an effective and efficient medium for mem-

bers to communicate with the board.

Other ways to increase membership need to be explored. For example, although a sworn firefighter or peace officer cannot be a member, we will try to reach out to the alumni firefighter and police officer associations. The board has also begun considering recruiting more corporate members/sponsors, and we also need to begin the process of calling upon charitable foundations for support. There are also other options, including another golf tournament, which was a big success, but a large amount of work. Either way, the board continues to be mindful that we have work to do in the coming months and years.

As far as cutting costs, there have been a number of board members as well as club members who have felt that the club spends too much of its working capital on meals. This has been a recurring concern for a number of years. In a time where charities are increasingly scrutinized for their spending habits, there is a sentiment that we need to be more responsible. Along this line, starting in 2008, the board is proposing to charge a nominal reservation fee for the barbeque and annual dinner to offset the costs. Currently, the club profits only a few dollars if a member attends both functions. I hope this doesn't offend anybody, but as a charitable organization, with the most distinguished membership of any organization in the County, the board and several members believe it is the right thing to do.

Again, I am truly honored to be a part of this organization. I pray I will never fail you, and I am always open for suggestions. Any comments, concerns, or suggestions would be much appreciated. My direct email is Joe@rmmprolaw.com.

Respectfully yours,
Joe Motta

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2006 Recap

As we put 2006 behind us, I thought a short recap of last year might be of interest to our Membership since 2006 was in fact a very good year for our One Hundred Club.

I'm grateful that during 2006, we didn't suffer any losses in Public Safety personnel in Contra Costa.

Membership grew with 90 new Annual and Life Members and we not only want to welcome you aboard but THANK YOU for your valued support of this wonderful organization.

Our available cash also grew by \$55,319.00 in 2006 with an end of the year balance of \$474,137.01. This brought us very close to our 2006 goal of \$500,000.00. This larger than normal increase in our cash position came from several areas including new Annual and Life Members, Annual Membership renewals and donations. Thanks to Mary Gunderman and Lana Reichick for manning the Club Store. Members purchased \$1,500.00 in items from our Club Store during 2006 plus additional sales during the year. A special thanks to beneficiaries Jo Ann Lasater and Maria Giacomelli (our extended family) plus several wives of Pittsburg Police Officers and those who donated items for their very successful Rummage Sale, that resulted in a \$500 donation to The One Hundred Club. Also, a huge thank you to our many members who reached out and brought in the 90 New Members and to our Annual Members for your continued support by renewing your membership.

I wish to thank the Officers, Board Members, several Individual Members and the entire Membership for all your help and support during my almost three years as President of your Club. It was an honor and a privilege to have been at the helm of this wonderful organization.

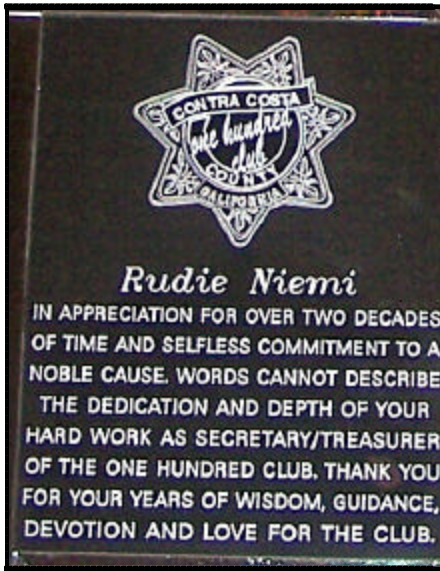
It's now my pleasure and honor to turn the Presidency over to Joe Motta effective January 1, 2007.

Don Theile, Outgoing President

The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County Annual Dinner



The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County thanks Rudie Niemi for over twenty years of service. This plaque was presented to him at the Club's Annual Dinner.



Transportation to Club Events

Our Annual BBQ and Dinner Meetings are wonderful events to be enjoyed only by those members who can attend. Transportation however, can be a problem for some members. While our members never seem to complain about the difficulty with getting to and from the events, we recognize that transportation can and is a problem for some.

Well, we want to help you. In an attempt to start the process, any member who is having difficulty getting to and from an event, we need to hear from you now and YES, we also need Drivers to help provide the transportation.

PLEASE HELP US GET THIS STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please phone Dave Long at 925 376-0721 or email Dave at dalongipa9@aol.com, so we can prepare a list of those members needing transportation and those members able to help provide transportation.

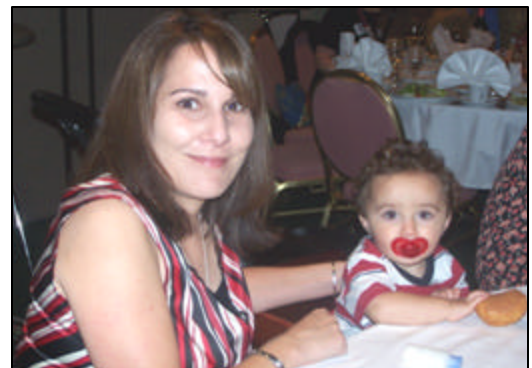
Officer Larry Lasater EOW 4/24/05

On April 23, 2005, I kissed my husband Larry goodbye as he went out the door to work. He was asked to go in two hours early and since Larry was so dedicated, the thought never crossed his mind to say no. As usual, we talked on the phone as he was driving to work. The last words he said to me were "I love you". We hung up at 4:57 pm and the next thing I knew there was that dreaded knock at my door telling me that my husband was hurt. I was not told that he had been shot until we were in the car racing to the hospital and didn't know the extent of his injuries until I arrived. Even though I was told how serious his injuries were, I was in denial and refused to believe that he wouldn't make it. Sadly, tests determined that this wonderful, vibrant, articulate, sweet compassionate man was brain dead and paralyzed. We were expecting our first child in just a few months and I refused to imagine my life without my husband and my son growing up without a father. One of my sisters finally had to tell me what I knew deep down...that there was no hope of Larry surviving.

The next week leading up to Larry's funeral is still foggy in my mind. I was dealing with losing my husband and still trying to take care of myself for the sake of our unborn son. The last thing on my mind was our finances. That's where The One Hundred Club stepped in. Without the financial assistance I received, our bills would have fallen behind. The One Hundred Club also sends US Savings Bonds to my son during the holiday season which is much appreciated. More than just the financial assistance, people reached out to me and my son, whether writing a condolence card or helping us. The One Hundred Club really restored my faith in humanity and I'm grateful for that.

I would like to thank each and every member of The One Hundred Club for your generosity. This is such a great cause to help the families of fallen heroes and it is appreciated by every widow that you have helped.

Jo Ann Lasater



The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County is a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the state of California. It was incorporated in 1984 and is a 501 C (3) exempt organization, no. 68-0084810.

Welcoming Our Newest Members

Member	Organization/Profession	Introduced by
Joann Daigle		Tony Daigle
Daniel Davis*	Retired	Don Theile
Jim Donnelly	Health, Safety, Env. Consultant	Max Noel
Salvatore Evola*	Discovery Builders	Mike Stoiber
Michael Garduno		David Ryan
Janet King	King, King & Fishleder	David Long
George King	King, King & Fishleder	David Long
Patrick MacGrath		Ted Wander
Richard Michael	Engineer	Don Theile
Deborah Mohr		Lloyd Cunningham
Michael Paul	Retired	Don Theile
James Polk	Retired, Berkeley PD	Gus Kritikos
Richard Ponder		Marvin Remmich
Jacqueline Ryan	Retired Teacher	Don Theile
Charles Sabonis*		Marvin Remmich
Kirsti Spiva	Consultant, Diablo Technology	David Ryan
Wendell Stewart*	Retired	Don Theile
Ed Stokes		Vickie Yancey
John Thomann		
Charles Treat	Judge, Superior Court	Don Theile
Audrey Van Poppel*		Marvin Remmich

* Life members

GOLF TOURNAMENT

While we anticipate future golf tournaments, sadly, we simply do not have the commitment and manpower needed to put one on this year. With the changes occurring within the club's board, and the loss of Rudie Niemi's leadership at the Secretary/Treasurer helm, we have chosen to put the decision to resume the golf tournament off until next year. Thanks for your understanding.



**The One Hundred Club
Rummage Sale was a Success!**

Thank you to all those who took part in this fundraiser. \$500 was donated to The One Hundred Club.



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