



## Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!

Foursomes waiting to start the first Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament at the Delta View Golf Club in Pittsburg.



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## \$64,000 Raised at Golf Tournament

To say the first ever Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament was a success would be an understatement. On October 7, 2005, 123 golfers arrived to take part in the event at the Delta View Golf Course in Pittsburg. Nearly \$64,000 was raised, helping the club reach its 2005 financial goal of \$400,000.

A great time was had by all with plenty of food and beverages available at several of the holes. "Thanks to Christina, Maria and Jessica Giacomelli, the City of

Pittsburg, the entire Tournament Committee, including Course Manager & Club Member Bart Kerr, and several One Hundred Club Members and Directors and numerous Volunteers the day of the tournament for making this such a fun and successful tournament," said Don Theile.

The many sponsors also deserve kudos. The hole-in-one prizes included two cars (one from Mike Stead and one from Bill Brant Ford), a Harley-Davidson motorcycle (from Mike McGuire Harley), a golf cart (courtesy of the



city of Pittsburg) and \$10,000 cash (courtesy of Supervisor Mike DeSaulnier). One of the exciting outcomes of the tournament were the many new club

members who joined as a result of the event. Thank you all for making this tournament a fun and very successful event.

## President's Message



As we roll into 2006, I wanted to reflect back on events that took place last year. 2005 was a year of joy and sadness.

One year ago, you received my first attempt at a newsletter, but we needed to do better. Welcome to the new The One Hundred Club of Contra

Costa County newsletter! This is our way of better communicating with our membership. We are planning on having a newsletter three times a year. This newsletter is a work in progress. Your thoughts, comments, suggestions and ideas are all welcomed and encouraged. The email is: [theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com](mailto:theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com)

On April 29<sup>th</sup> we lost Pittsburg Police Officer Larry Lasater who was ambushed and fatally shot while pursuing two bank robbers. Larry left behind his sweet wife JoAnn who was expecting their first child. As I write JoAnn and

seven month old son Cody are doing well.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> I received more devastating news that San Leandro Police Officer Dan Niemi had been fatally shot. While Officer Niemi was in Alameda County he was the loving son of our Secretary Treasurer Rudie Niemi and his wife Millie. The Alameda County One Hundred Club was right there to help support Dan's wife Dionne. At the Annual Dinner Dionne and the Niemi family were joined by 15 uniformed San Leandro Police Officers including Chief Joe Kitchen who all helped out the Niemi family during that most difficult time.

One of our two Membership events, the

Annual BBQ took place at Sportsman's Park in Ross-moor thanks to Board Member Clem Swagerty. This fun event was again very well attended by about 300 (a full house). Thanks to Vice President Roxanne Lindsay who arranged to have the San Ramon Valley Fire District Mobile Command Center there for a tour. This is a very large and interesting piece of high tech equipment. A very big thanks to Jon Chal-loner and his team for barbecuing those delicious steaks, to Roberta Healy for helping organize this fun event and to the many volunteers who gave their

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President's Message continued

time to not only help Roberta but to handle sales at the club store and check-in the 300 members and guests that attended.

Our very popular Annual Dinner was held at the Crow Canyon Country Club with over 250 people in attendance (see next page).

The goal I set at the 2004 annual dinner was to strengthen the club financially by increasing our available funds to \$400,000.00 by our 2005 Dinner (and \$500,000.00 by 2006). While this goal would be a real challenge, thanks to several members who converted their annual membership to a life membership and some private donations, we brought in several thousand dollars, but well short of our goal. And then along came Christina Giacomelli, the daughter of Pittsburg Inspector Ray Giacomelli who was fatally shot during an investigation in 2003. "How about a golf tournament?" said Christina. "How about the Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament?" With the City of Pittsburg's unanimous support and many days and hours of work by Christina her mother Maria, sister Jessica and a hard working dedicated Committee, the tournament was a huge success. Almost \$64,000.00 net and everyone had a wonderful time. And now the rest of the story! We not only reached but exceeded our 2005 financial goal of \$400,000.00. As of this writing we have not yet confirmed a 2006 golf tournament but hope to have one. If we do we could really use a little more help. We'll let you know in our next newsletter.

Our Membership has really grown. 2005 brought in the largest number of new members ever, 121, for a total of 565 members. Thanks to our membership for telling others about our Club.

This year, we are hoping to get our website up and running. If you or anyone you know has expertise in website development and can assist us in setting up and maintaining our website, we would welcome and appreciate the help.

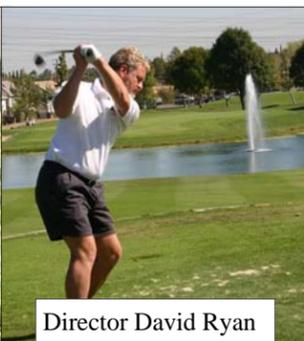
Thank you, the Officers, Directors, members and volunteers for helping make 2005 a very good year. I'd say we're off to a great start this year and wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2006!

Don Theile, President

## Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament



Maria, Christina and Jessica Giacomelli



Director David Ryan



Pittsburg Police Chief Aaron Baker



Terri Beardsley and Director Roberta Healy



Seated (l-r), John Bedford, George Iaconis and Will Kesler; standing, Will Casey

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### The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa Needs You

We're looking for a couple of good women and men to help your One Hundred Club. As you're aware, we have no paid employees, just some hard working and sometimes over taxed volunteers, most but not all of which are your Officers and Board Members. We really need some help in the secretarial area and someone who has good letter writing (communication) skills. We also need someone who is a good photographer who can take photos at our Annual BBQ and Dinner. Lastly we could use some help and expertise in setting up and maintaining our planned website. If you have these skills, have a little extra time and would like to help your One Hundred Club I would really appreciate hearing from you. Call Don Theile at (707) 480-2749 or (925) 743-0393.

### Name the Newsletter!

The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County newsletter needs a name. Please email suggestions to: [theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com](mailto:theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com). The winner will receive a lapel pin and two The One Hundred Club license plate frames.

## 2005 Annual Dinner

Over 250 Members packed our 2005 Annual Dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club. Unfortunately Hurricane Katrina took our keynote speaker. Well, he returned only to be recalled to assist with Hurricane Rita. Our replacement speaker also had to cancel with the delivery of a new grandbaby. The day of the Dinner, our speaker Dr. Ben Ho returned and called to see if he could attend as a guest. Due to a lack of equipment Dr. Ho was unable to give his original talk but agreed to say a few words. Where did we get this wonderful speaker everyone asked and I'm still getting comments about Ben and his exceptional talk. Thank you, Dr. Ho. A sincere thanks to our greeters who did the check-in, Lana Reichick and Mary Gunderman in the Club store and those that helped make this event a success.



The San Leandro Police Department at the Dinner.

## Letter from Christina Giacomelli

Within 48 hours after the passing of my father, Inspector Raymond J. Giacomelli, who was a Pittsburg Police veteran of 23 years, my family was presented with a check of \$15,000. It was from The One Hundred Club. At that time we knew nothing about The One Hundred Club, but as time went on we found out that was not going to be the last time we see the men and women of the Club.

I am Christina Giacomelli, the 20-year-old daughter of Inspector Ray Giacomelli. When I started college at Saint Mary's in the fall of 2003, The One Hundred Club, once again stepped in to present me with a large scholarship to cover my housing. After this the members of the Club invited my family and close friends of my father's to their annual dinner and barbeque as their honored guests. The men and women of The One Hundred Club showed genuine compassion and warmth to my family whenever we saw them. It has now been two and a half years since the passing of my father, and The One Hundred Club is still very much a part of our lives, and has become somewhat of family to us. They are a constant reminder that the memory of my father and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. The people of this Club are not only there for immediate financial support, but also for the friendship my family needs as we go each day with only the memory of my father.

The senseless loss of my father will be remembered forever, but so will this Club's contribution to the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. It is people like the men and women of The One Hundred Club who make this world a better place.



## The Hundred Club Store

At the request of many club members, The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County has made available several items, all of which have been very popular with the membership. Some of these items regularly sell out at Club functions. The items are all high quality, proudly worn by the members and are great advertising for the Club and the proceeds add to the Club's available funds.

A round of applause and a Big thank you to members Mary Gunderman and Lana Reichick for their time and creativity in handling the sale of club items at the last two BBQ's and Annual Dinners. Total sales have exceeded \$5,000.00. We have available the following items as requested by the membership and they are hot!



- Navy blue fleece vests with Club Logo (s-xxl) \$35.00
- Navy blue polo's with Club Logo (s-xxl) \$30.00
- Chrome 100 Club license plate frame \$20.00
- Lapel pins (star with 100 Club engraved) \$10.00

They will be available at the Annual BBQ in June, the Annual Dinner in October and in between by calling Don Theile at (707) 480-2749 or (925) 743-0393.

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.