

## See you at the BBQ—June 29, 2006

This year's very popular Annual BBQ will be on Thursday, **June 29, 2006** and will again be held at the beautiful Sportsman's Park in Rossmoor thanks to Board Member Clem Swargerty. Thanks to Board Member Roxanne Lindsay, we will again be having one of the interesting pieces of fire equipment available to tour when you arrive.

There is no charge for Life Members and Annual Members paid through 2006. There is a \$15.00 charge for guests.

Last year, as always, was very well attended and the park and seating will limit us to 300. So, if you plan to attend get your response in early since space is limited. By now you should have received your invitation.

We will also have The One Hundred Club polo shirts, fleece vests with the club logo, club license plate frames and lapel pins available for purchase by check, cash or credit card.



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## The One Hundred Club Of Contra Costa County

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



### History of The One Hundred Club

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The concept of the 'Hundred Club' started in Detroit, Michigan in 1950. Following the fatal shooting of a young Detroit police officer, a person by the name of William Packer (The largest Pontiac dealer in the nation at the time), who was a friend of the Police Commissioner, wrote to 100 of his friends encouraging them to donate funds to the family of the fallen officer. The response was 100%.

Packer and the Commissioner met with the widow, who was pregnant. They reviewed her finances and arranged to pay off the mortgage on the home and all the bills. An education fund was set up for the unborn child and \$7,000 was deposited in a checking account for the family. Packer and his friends incorporated The One Hundred Club of Detroit. Since its found-



ing, the Detroit Hundred Club has helped 262 widows and families and disbursed nearly \$5 million in benefits and education

assistance.

Some 56 years later, there are 121

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### President's Message



As I write my message for the second issue of our Club Newsletter, I am reminded of the excellent response we received from our first issue, and I humbly thank the membership for your wonderful comments. This is your newsletter and I welcome your input, sugges-

tions and comments.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned the need for assistance in several areas and I got calls from some very qualified and enthusiastic members who wanted to help. It is a true privilege to be involved in such a worthwhile organization with members who show their unconditional support. If anyone would like to become a little more involved with your The One Hundred Club, I invite you to call me or one of the other board members. I can be reached at (707) 480-2749 (cell).

I also wish to thank most of our annual members

who were prompt in sending in their 2006 renewal checks or credit card renewal form. There are however a few members who have apparently been very busy or who might have forgotten to mail in their renewal. As you're aware we are member supported and your renewal shows your continued support for the Club. If you need another credit card renewal form please call and we will send it to you. Not only do your annual dues go to helping the surviving spouses and children of Peace Officers and Firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting your community, but your dues are tax deductible under the IRS

guidelines, you get a wonderful BBQ, Annual Dinner and four windshield decals all for only \$100.00. That's a bargain! Won't you please do it today!

I'd also like to thank the many generous Annual and Life Members who made additional contributions ranging from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00. We also received a \$2,000.00 Grant from the Burke Family Charitable Trust and a \$500.00 donation from Research Security Administrators in memory of Club member Philip Schieder-mayer who passed away recently and a \$500.00 donation from Allied Framers.

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active Hundred Clubs throughout the nation. Some of the larger Clubs may represent an entire state and have over 20,000 members while smaller clubs may have several hundred members.

In 1984, then Contra Costa Sheriff Richard Rainey wanted to have a Hundred Club in the county. Donald Schliesser stepped in and formed The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County. Attending the strategy meeting in Walnut Creek were Ken Behring, Ken Hofmann, Joe Vrankovich, Lee Shaklee, Bob Thayer, Gerry Fitzpatrick, Don Schliesser and Sheriff Rainey. Each decided to fund the One Hundred Club by donating \$1,000 and soliciting friends and acquaintances to join and donate as well. Many people stepped forward with Life Memberships while others did work or provided expertise at no cost. By 2003, the membership grew to 415 members. The One Hundred Club has helped five families of officers killed in the line of duty.

In the last three years The One Hundred Club membership roster has grown to 581 members. Last year alone saw 121 new members.

The One Hundred Club provides \$15,000 to the surviving spouse within 48 hours after the death to help with the immediate financial needs of the family. Longer term, the Club helps the surviving children with scholarships when appropriate. Presently, there are two in college (Christina and Jessica Giacomelli). To let the surviving children know that they are not forgotten, they are each given a savings bond for Christmas. To date, The One Hundred Club has been there to assist the survivors of five police officers who have died in the line of duty, dating back to 1989.

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Additionally, I'd like to thank the many Annual Members who have converted to a Life Membership. The Life Members who have converted have greatly increased our available cash funds, and they now make up approximately 20% of the total membership. The Annual Members who make up the other 80% are still the life blood and backbone of the club, but the Life Members are catching up.

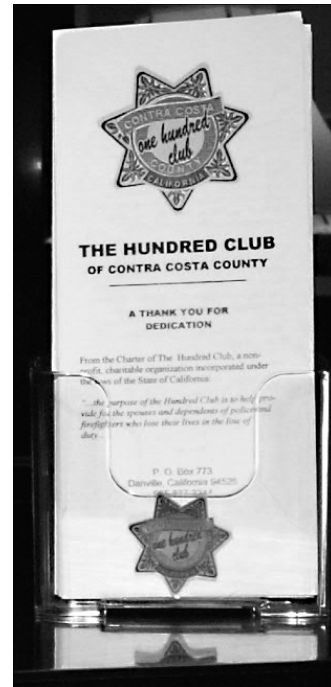
Our financial goal for 2005 was to have \$400,000.00 of available funds after expenses. That goal was reached, in large part by the Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament, followed by the Life membership conversions, and then the addition of many new members. Our ultimate financial goal is to reach \$500,000.00 by the Annual Dinner in October 2006. While we're working hard, we have a ways to go to reach this goal this year.

As most are aware, last year we had a very successful Inspector Ray Giacomelli Memorial Golf Tournament. The founders and the driving force behind that wonderful event were Christina Giacomelli, her mother Maria and sister Jessica. Many in attendance said it was the most fun charity golf tournament of the season. The good news is there will be another in 2007, and as impossible as it may seem, the Giacomelli family and The One Hundred Club are committed to making the next one even better.

Don Theile  
President

**Brochure Display Holders**

A suggestion from our members was to make available The One Hundred Club membership application holders for display in their place of business. We can make them available to you at no charge. They can be very effective in advertising the Club and bringing in new members and they look good. If you're interested please call Don Theile (707) 480-2749 or email us at [theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com](mailto:theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com).



**Name the Newsletter**

The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County Newsletter needs a name. We did receive some good suggestion in our last newsletter but would like a few more options.

So put on your thinking cap and please email your suggestions to: [theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com](mailto:theonehundredclubofccc@yahoo.com).

The winner will receive a lapel pin and two One Hundred Club license plate frames.

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

We're looking for a couple of good women and men to help your The One Hundred Club. As you're aware, we have no paid employees, just some hard working and sometimes overtaxed 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 computer skills. If you have these skills, have a little extra time and would like to help your The One Hundred Club, I would really appreciate hearing from you. Call Don Theile at (707) 480-2749 or (925) 743-0393.

**Welcoming Our Newest Members**

Member	Organization/Profession	Introduced by
Craig Andersen	Anderson & Bonnifield	Mary Piepho
Mr. Bonnifield	Anderson & Bonnifield	Mary Piepho
Ken Bouchet	Dow Chemical	Jean Meredith
Wayne Bridges	Smith Barney	Don Theile
Ron Cirimele	Belreve Construction	Jay Murphey
Mike Connally	Attorney	Roberta Healy
Lloyd Cunningham	Forensic document examiner	John Lopes
Sharon Del Chiaro		
Paul Dickey	Retired	Jean Meredith
Joseph Fitzsimmons	Walnut Creek Ford	Don Theile
Majorie & Ben Ho		Rudie Niemi
Harry Hubinger	Retired	John Taylor
Mark Johnson	Allied Framers	Don Theile
Mary Anne & Thomas Jorde		
Michael Kuhn	Real estate	Don Theile
Jakki Kutz	Allied Framers	Don Theile
James Lasater	Construction	Jean Meredith
Brad Nail	Director, City of Pittsburg	Don Theile
Michael Ortiz	Hi-Voltage & Splicing	Leon Baller
Sheila Presto	Information technology	Paul Holmes
Sally & James Shoemaker		
Resham Singh	Superintendent, Diablo Hills Golf Course	
Frank Sligh	Pacific Bay Electric	Bob Tucknott
Vern Stewart	Performance Lending & Investment	Don Theile
Anna Tilley		
Hope Tiscareno		Jean Meredith
Robert Tucknott	Tucknott Electric Company	Don Theile
Nick Vaticano	Nick's Boot & Shoe Repair	Don Theile
Connie Werschem	Galloway, Lucchese & Everson	Don Theile
Donald Werschem	Werschem & Associates, Inc.	Don Theile
John Zandonella	Zadonella Reporting Services, Inc.	Joe Wolf

**The Hundred Club Store**



Life members Susan and Marv Remmich model the Club polo shirt, fleece vest and pin. They both are holding the license plate frame.

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, 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.

**Letter from Pittsburg Police Chief Aaron Baker**

Prior to April 2003, I had little knowledge of The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County. At that time I could not have known how this charitable organization would touch the lives of two Pittsburg Police Department families.



On April 15, 2003, Inspector Raymond Giacomelli was killed while searching the scene of a homicide. Just two years later, on April 24, 2005, Officer Larry Lasater was killed while pursuing a robbery suspect. In the immediate days following each tragic event, The One Hundred Club presented each family with funds to provide immediate financial assistance. I was present during each of these presentations and was moved by the concern and compassion of the President of The One Hundred Club as he spoke to the surviving families of our slain officers.

The One Hundred Club not only provides financial assistance, but represents several hundred Contra Costans who support and appreciate the dangerous job performed by those peace officers and fire fighters who protect and serve our communities. This is a very clear and very strong message to all of us that we serve in an honorable and important profession.

I can never thank The One Hundred Club enough for everything they have done for the Pittsburg Police Department and our surviving families. We owe you a huge debt of gratitude for the help and assistance that was extended to our families when they needed it the most.

Aaron L. Baker  
Chief of Police  
Pittsburg Police Dept.