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100 Club Update

April 2010



Gilbert Police Lieutenant Eric Shuhandler, 42, was shot and killed during a traffic stop. He is survived by his sister, parents, and two daughters, Meredith and Nicole.

EOW: January 28, 2010.



Three Points Fire Captain Dennis W. Robinson, 61, passed away while on duty. He is survived by his wife, Connie and his adult children.

Last Alarm: March 31, 2010

*The 100 Club of Arizona presents the 4th Annual
Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball
September 25, 2010*



Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Please contact sharon@100club.org for more information.

The 42nd Annual Banquet & Meeting



Police Mounted Patrol preparing for the special tribute portion of the program.

See highlights and other photos from this 100 Club annual event on page 7.

A Message from the President

“A Shot at Glory”



The time is late Wednesday afternoon at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The place is the famous 16th hole at the TCP course in Scottsdale. The event is “The Shot at Glory”.

This Thunderbirds’ charity event has loud music, thousands of spectators, brews and burgers. Celebrities like Mark Grace, Cardinals Coach Ken Wissenhut and Fred Couples along with wounded warrior veterans are visiting casually as they wait for their turn to try for the million dollar hole-in-one prize. Even Alice Cooper has put down his guitar and picked up his golf clubs to try to win money for his charity of choice.

Walking to the 16th hole tee area, everyone has to enter through a tunnel under the stands, much like gladiators entering a Roman arena. The Marine Corps provides a 21 gun salute to honor our military and public service officers and then the event gets under way.

I caught up with Jason Schechterle at the tee box of the par three 16th hole. He and his father had been practicing on the TPC driving range for the past hour but Officer Schechterle was still nervous as the event began. After a deep breath, Schechterle turned to the task at hand, debating between a 7 or 8 iron for the 157 yard shot. Finally, he selected the 7 iron and stepped up to the tee. Eyeing the shot like a professional, visualizing the flight of the ball, he took his stance, looked at the flag, and swung. The shot looked picture perfect. The ball flew high, aimed directly at the pin, and then just over it. The ball landed in a straight line 27’ beyond the hole. One of the best shots of the day, so good in fact, that Schechterle earned third place in the event, netting the 100 Club a donation of \$15,000 from Thunderbirds Charities.

As far as shots at glory are concerned, Jason Schechterle is like the Energizer Bunny . . . he just keeps on going. I thought afterward that someone important had stepped up once again to give of himself to help others. Thank you Jason for all you do for the 100 Club and your participation in The Shot at Glory. Thank you also to Mark Asher from Sports 620 KTAR for winning the 100 Club an additional \$1,000 and thank you Thunderbirds for the \$16,000 donation!

Sincerely,

Mark Hester

A Message from the Executive Director



Since December it seems like I have been caught in a whirlwind. It's times like these I have to take a step back and think about "priorities". Wednesday night, March 24, 2010, after working late and having a week of breathing difficulties, I decided I should stop by urgent care for tests.

When I arrived, I received a breathing treatment, chest x-ray and a blood test. It wasn't long before the doctor reported, "...your tests indicate you may have a blood clot in your lungs. With the pain you have and the trouble breathing, you need to go immediately to the emergency room." He went on to say that a blood clot in the lung can be fatal if not treated immediately. Great.

I drove myself home, picked up my husband David and we set off for the emergency room. I was feeling pretty crummy and a little anxious as they ran more tests. A CT scan showed I had pneumonia but ruled out a blood clot. I was SO HAPPY! I asked the doctor if he had ever seen anyone so happy to have pneumonia. He said no, but under the circumstances, pneumonia was a lot better than a blood clot.

Isn't that how life is? It's all relative. I know many people are going through tough times. For some, they are wondering if their situations can get any worse. Life brings so many pressures: physical, emotional, financial, relational and spiritual. Just a few days ago a friend of mine took his own life because his circumstances seemed hopeless. At his memorial service one of the speakers asked, "How are you dealing with the pressures of life...where do you seek strength and help?"

Public safety families are certainly not exempt from tough times. In fact, the jobs of officers and firefighters become even more difficult and more dangerous when they have fewer resources to work with people who have no hope. It is for this reason I am even more committed to doing all I can to encourage and support the men and women behind the badge.

To all who stand behind the badge, remember you never have to stand alone during difficult, life-changing times. If you need assistance, please contact the 100 Club office. Our professional advisory team (PAT) is standing by to assist with legal referrals, financial planning, debt counseling and other benefits.

The 100 Club is always looking for ways to connect resources to a need. A recent example was an opportunity to provide airfare for one of our public safety families when they experienced an unexpected death. Thanks to US Airways for supporting the 100 Club and our public safety family with a travel gift card!

I want to say thank you to those who put their lives on the line each day they report for work. And I especially want to say thank you to those who continue to support the 100 Club so that we can offer support to our public safety agencies, officers and firefighters.

Next time you come into contact with a public safety officer or firefighter, remember to reach out and thank them for all they do. And please continue to invite others who have a heart for public safety to become members or support the 100 Club through a donation.

Oh, did I mention the night I was in the emergency room was the night before the 100 Club Annual Banquet? When I finally was released from the hospital with a prescription for antibiotics and an inhaler, I had to accept the fact that I wouldn't be able to fully carry out my duties as host and master of ceremonies.

Even though I thought I was indispensable, I quickly discovered that the show had to go on without me -- and indeed it did without a hitch! I am grateful to my staff, my husband, the 100 Club board of directors, and all our great volunteers. I am especially appreciative to each of you who attended the banquet and made the evening another great success.

Sincerely, Sharon Knutson-Felix

Contributions have been made to the 100 Club

In memory of:

Eric Shuhandler	Dudley Melichar
Greg Lavelle	Anita Moore
Ken Fleger	Don Beckstead
Anthony Holly	All Fallen Officers
Chris Marano	

In honor of:

Sgt. Chris Bray	Sgt. David Donald
Off. D.N. Young	Jack Ballentine
Rural Metro	Chris Bray
Off. Michael Harrison	Mike Muraco
Elise Lewis	Randal Belts
Robert Settembre	

Congratulations to the **Fire and Police Poker Series** winner, Gordon Loft. Here Gordon poses by the private jet (donated by Climatec) that



took him and friends to the World Poker Series in Las Vegas as part of his winning prize. A special thank you to FireCat Entertainment and Scottsdale Firefighter Charities for hosting this event to benefit the 100 Club.

Benefits Paid January 1 through March 31

Line of Duty Injuries

Allinich, Greg	Phoenix Police Department
Arnold, John	Phoenix Police Department
Bohatir, Florin	Phoenix Police Department
Crawford, Karen	Phoenix Police Department
Gardner, Paul	Phoenix Police Department
Griffith, Justin	Phoenix Police Department
Guerrero, Oscar	Phoenix Police Department
Henscheid, Kenneth	AZ Dept of Public Safety
Howard, Curtis	Phoenix Police Department
James, Miranda	Tohono O'Odham Nation PD
Krebs, Mark	Raytheon Fire Department
Lewis, Joel	Scottsdale Police Department
Long, Todd	Tempe Police Department
Lopez, Alex	AZ Dept of Public Safety
McElrath, Micah	Phoenix Police Department
Navas, Ray	Phoenix Police Department
Quiroz, Hector	AZ Dept of Corrections
Ramos, Ritchie	Phoenix Police Department
Reavie, Sean	Phoenix Police Department
Rezzonico, Crystal	Phoenix Fire Department
Rosales, Wanda	Tohono O'Odham Nation PD
Shore, Richard	Phoenix Police Department
Wilson, Randall	AZ Dept of Public Safety

Non-Line of Duty Deaths

Allison, Randy	AZ Department of Corrections
Harper, Carol	Maricopa Co. Juvenile Probation
Johnson, Shaun	Phoenix Fire Department
Lavelle, Gregory	Phoenix Police Department
Lindbergh, Pat	ASU Police Department
Reedy, Douglas	Oro Valley Police Department
Schroder, Dale	Yuma Co. Juvenile Corrections

Line of Duty Injury	\$38,800.00
Line of Duty Death	\$30,000.00
Non-Line of Duty Deaths	\$35,000.00
Safety Enhancement Stipends	\$ 2,760.35
Survivor's Fund	\$ 3,603.13
HEROS Fund	\$ 3,119.90

Total Benefits Paid 1st Quarter

\$113,283.38

Welcome to Our Newest Members

January through March

CORPORATE

FOP Tucson Lodge #1
Sarr Group

LIFETIME

Adams, Christine

JOINT

Andes, Fred & Justin
Atwell, Vincent
Brewer, Michael
Donna, Dennis
Hayes, Kevin
Hennessy, Katheryn & Pat
Johnson, Brian & Marlene
Kalaf, Steve & Linda
Laux, James
Lieber, Jim

Mattei, Geoffrey & Richard
Mullens, Lanny & Susan
Ortega, Enrique
Passante, John
Penzone, Paul & Veronica
Richardson, Sam
Robinson, Andrew
Slobodzia, Kurt
Spoon, Arthur
Standrige, Danielle

SENIOR

Harper, Betty
Harper, Howard
Macfarlane, Marjorie
Sandberg, Pamela
Sandberg, Richard

Stankov, Victor
Stewart, Michael
Swartz, Robert
Tridle, Thomas

CHILD

Birdsall, William

PET

Poore, Charlie

INDIVIDUAL

Abbey, John
Adame, Juan
Alloway, Jeffrey
Berglund, Brian
Biller, Ryann
Bowman, David
Conlin, Chad
Corpstein, Ramona
Crann, John
Cross, Jacqueline
Elias, Paula
Ferry, John
Fiola, Jeremy
Foreman, Jeff
Fritz, Steven
Geraghty, Patrick
Goodman, Daniel
Griffeth, Rick
Kaller, Roy

Lawrence, Dan
Lawrence, Rose
LeResche, Mark
McShea, James
Millis, Jody
Moody, Charles
Mraovic, Steve
Oliveri, Megan
Pavene, Anthony
Puente, Michael
Rednour, Carrie
Reeg, Todd
Reid, Catherine
Rios, Monica
Scanlon, Owen
Thompson, Lyman
Velez, Joseph
Weitzman, Marcus

Upcoming Events

May 1, 2010—The 3rd Annual Robbie's Ride for Fallen Heroes

Gilbert Police Department to Gilbert American Legion Post #39
 Check-in begins at 7:30am Brief Memorial Ceremony at 9:00am
 Kickstands up at 10:00am Cost: \$35 per bike/vehicle



GPD Officer Robert D. Taggart
 Badge #701 E.O.M. 1-28-2009

3rd Annual
 Robbie's
 Ride for
 Fallen
 Heroes



GPD Lt. Eric Shubander
 E.O.M. #717 E.O.M. 1-28-2010

Robbie's Ride is a ride in a scavenger hunt format with stops along the way through Gilbert, Coolidge, Florence, Casa Grande and Chandler. The best burgers in the east Valley will be served at the end of the ride while being entertained by local band, "OldSkool." Silent auction and raffle will take place with proceeds benefiting the 100 Club, Arizona Archangels Foundation, and the Gilbert American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Program.

May 8, 2010 – The 14th Annual Bob K Memorial Golf Tournament

ASU Karsten Golf Course - 1125 E. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ 85281
 11:30am – Registration and Open Practice Range 1:15pm – Tee Time
 Registration: \$125 per golfer includes green fees, cart, practice balls, t-shirt & dinner.



Tournament and silent auction/raffle to benefit the 100 Club of Arizona. Proceeds will be used to sponsor "The Friends of Bob K Memorial Scholarship" to be awarded public safety family members through the 100 Club Scholarship Program.

May 15, 2010 – Maricopa Republican Club 3rd Annual Golf Tournament



Duke Golf Course 42660 W Rancho El Dorado Pkwy, Maricopa AZ 85239
 6:30am – 8:00am - Continental Breakfast/Registration
 8:00am. - Shotgun start

A day of golf, fun and prizes to benefit the 100 Club of Arizona, the Maricopa Police Explorers, and the Maricopa Little League.

May 17, 2010—Make Me Laugh Monday

Next Coffee Co. - 59th Avenue and Utopia (1/4 mile south of loop 101), Glendale AZ
 7:00pm - Doors open 7:30pm - Show begins Entry fee - \$5 minimum donation at door

Make Me Laugh Monday, a local spin on the popular television show *Last Comic Standing*, is a competition in which comedians compete to be the best and win the jackpot prize. This event is the opener for a series of 3 shows spanning from May to July in which the talent is narrowed down to the final contestants who will compete at the Grand Finale on August 16. Proceeds to benefit the 100 Club of Arizona.

RubyTuesday

May 17, 2010—Server Tips for Serving Heroes

Ruby Tuesday - All locations statewide. Visit www.rubytuesday.com to find a location near you.
 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Come meet your local heroes as public safety officers and firefighters work hard to serve you dinner and earn tips to benefit the 100 Club of Arizona. If you plan on attending, please make a reservation online at www.rubytuesday.com and enter "100Club" in the comment box.

SUMMER KIDS DAYS!

June 16, 2010—Peter Piper Pizza 100 Club Appreciation Day

Peter Piper Pizza—select locations throughout the state. Visit www.peterpiperpizza.com for a location near you. Open to close.

Bring your family and friends to Peter Piper Pizza for the 100 Club Appreciation Day! Present the 100 Club flyer to your server and 15% of your purchase will benefit the 100 Club. Visit www.100club.org to download this special flyer or call 602-485-0100 to have one mailed to you. You can also pick up a flyer at Meet Your Local Heroes Day at Peter Piper Pizza on Tuesday, June 8 from 10am—12pm. Bring your kids and learn about safety from local police officers and firefighters.

Mail Corner



Dear Ramsey,

It was very nice meeting you and seeing what the 100 Club does for the firefighters and police officers and their families.

We greatly appreciate the generous check you gave us and it definitely helps us in this very difficult time.

We hope to support your great cause in the years to come in honor of our beloved son, Shaun.

Sincerely,

Brian and Marlene Johnson

(The 100 Club provided a non line-of-duty-death benefit to the Johnson family after the death of their son, Phoenix Firefighter Shaun Johnson.)

Dear 100 Club,

Thank you so much for the donation to our family. It will definitely help us out. We will be forever grateful for your expression of sympathy, and truly admire your mission and purpose.

Sincerely,

Kristi, Rory & Meghan Lindbergh

(The 100 Club provided a non-line-of-duty death benefit to the family of ASU Police Department Corporal Patrick Lindbergh when he passed away in February of this year.)

Dear Ms. Knutson-Felix,

On behalf of Chief Kotsur, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you and your organization our progress regarding the 100 Club Safety Enhancement Stipend we received. Officer Sinohui and Ringo (his K-9 partner) are currently attending the Phoenix K9 academy and are expected to complete the course this month. Once they have successfully completed, their training, they will be ready to hit the streets. Along with Ofc. Fernandez & Doerak the K9 unit will be able to assist patrol with seven days a week coverage.

The City of Avondale and the Avondale Police Department want to say a big thank you for Ringo.

Sincerely,

Janeen Gaskins

Grants Administrator

(The 100 Club provided Avondale Police Department with a 2009 2nd Quarter Safety Enhancement Stipend that provided funding to purchase a new addition to their police K9 unit.)

The 100 Club of Arizona's 42nd Annual Banquet & Meeting was made possible through the generous support of the following:

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We would like to extend a special apology to JAT Investment Advisors and Motorola for their inadvertent exclusion from the banquet sponsor signs at our 2010 event. We truly appreciate your support of the 100 Club in the past, present & future.



Did You Know?

- ◆ Fire Houses used to have spiral stair cases to prevent the horses from climbing the stairs. The pole was so the firefighters could easily get down stairs when the bell rang for a fire.
- ◆ Back in the early days when cars first appeared on the roads, they were all black. So to help clear the roads when a fire truck was coming through, they painted them red so they would stand out.

To: *Friends, Supporters and Members*
From: *Ball Committee*
Reference: *2010 100 Club Jason Schechterle Ball*

The State of Arizona is blessed to have three incredible stories they can proudly call their own. These three stories and the people behind them will be featured at the 4th Annual 100 Club of Arizona Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball; an organization, the 100 Club of Arizona; an individual, Jason Schechterle; and a couple, Bud & Sande Davidson. This year the Ball will be held at the Arizona Grand Resort on Saturday evening, September 25th, 2010, featuring dinner, awards, dancing and the Chris Parker Project. We will meet our 2010 scholarship recipients and honor Bud and Sande Davidson with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Last year over 1,000 people attended this star studded evening and made the event a night for all to remember.

In March of 2001, Jason Schechterle was catastrophically injured in the line of duty when his patrol car was hit by a speeding taxi cab and exploded. The result of this accident was disfiguring injuries from 4th degree burns, severely diminished eyesight and loss of his hands; and a lifetime of surgeries to combat the related illnesses caused by the burns.

After Jason suffered through the financial difficulties related to his injuries he realized a need to help other public safety members who were catastrophically injured. The 100 Club was the first organization that came to Jason's family to offer their support. It was a natural fit for the 100 Club and Jason to come together to celebrate Jason's courageous triumph over tragedy by naming the first 100 Club scholarship after Jason to be awarded to dependents of catastrophically injured officers or firefighters. Jason lent his name to the scholarship and the 100 Club Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball was created in 2007 to help fund this scholarship.

Since that initial vision, the Scholarship Ball has experienced incredible growth and has become the major source of funding, not only for the Schechterle Scholarship, but the entire 100 Club Scholarship Program. This year the committee will be reviewing nearly 100 applications of public safety officers and fire service family members.

The members of the planning committee are asking for your assistance and participation in this amazing evening of entertainment, music and honor. If you would like to honor Bud and Sande Davidson with a tribute, sponsor a portion of the evening, or showcase your organization through the purchase of a table, please contact one of the following for more information. More details available on the 100 Club website.

Mark your calendar to make this evening your night to remember and your night to make a difference in the lives of so many deserving men and women.

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 Jack Ballentine
 Event Committee Chair
 602-534-2634 Business, Phoenix Fire
 602-908-7074 Cell

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 Sharon Knutson-Felix
 Executive Director, 100 Club of Arizona
 602-485-0100 Office
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TIP: Scrip is a great way to **keep your monthly budget on track**. For example: If you budget \$150 dollars a week on groceries, purchase \$600 in Scrip gift cards to your local grocery store for that month. Knowing that you only have \$600 worth of gift cards to spend will help hold you accountable and keep you from going over your budget! Plus \$24 of that money will be donated to the 100 Club. If you continue to use Scrip for the next 11 months of grocery shopping, you will have contributed \$288 at no extra cost to you—because it's money you would have spent anyway!

To start using Scrip visit www.shopwithscrip.com and sign up for PrestoPay, indicating the 100 Club as your charity of choice. Need help? Contact us at 602-485-0100 & we'll be happy to answer any question you may have.

42nd Annual Banquet & Meeting



Scottsdale Mounted Patrol shows how to control a mob during their demonstration.



Representatives from Queen Creek Fire Dept. came to honor fallen Fire Captain Tinkham.



Volunteers help guests sign up to bid on items at the silent auction.



Phoenix Fire Department



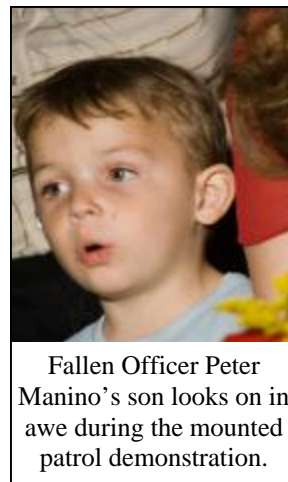
Marano children with memorial boxes dedicated to their dad, fallen Officer Chris Marano.



Gambo, from Sports 620 KTAR, takes part in the K-9 demonstration. Special thanks to both Gambo & Ash for their participation.



Bryan Wilson & the Funk Rangers.



Fallen Officer Peter Manino's son looks on in awe during the mounted patrol demonstration.



Silent Auction

A Big Thank You

to everyone who helped make this event a success including our sponsors, members, guests and volunteers!



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