

100 Club fundraiser will pay tribute to Old West

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The 100 Club of Arizona is taking its annual fundraising dinner back to the Old West.

The non-profit organization, which provides financial support to public-safety officers and their families, will use a Western theme for its 41st Annual Meeting and Dinner. Thursday's fundraiser at Corona Ranch in Laveen is a tribute to times when police officers and firefighters were just getting started out here, said Rachel St. Moritz, public relations manager for the 100 Club.

"This year ... we wanted to go in a different direction ... and (we) decided to turn it into a tribute," she said.

Old fire engines and police cars will be on display, courtesy of different museums, Moritz said.

"(We'll) compare how it used to be to how it is now," she said.

A special ceremony will honor the five officers and one firefighter who died in the line of duty last year, including Department of Public Safety Officer Bruce Harrolle and Phoenix Police Officer Shane Figueroa.

100 Club's 41st annual Meeting and Dinner

When: 5:30-9:00 p.m. Thursday.

Where: Corona Ranch, 7611 S. 29th Avenue (at Baseline Road), Laveen.

Cost: \$75 for general public, \$50 for public safety personnel and 100 Club members.

Tickets: 602-485-0100 or www.100club.org.

In addition, the dinner will be a showcase for local artist Loretta Musgrave, who has created two original public-safety tribute paintings that will be auctioned off. The program will include a social hour where guests can interact with police and fire chiefs, and a Western-style buffet dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse.

"We just want people to come and enjoy the night, be able to mingle with the public-safety personnel, and of course it's really important to us to honor the fallen officers," Moritz said.

All proceeds will benefit the 100 Club of Arizona.

