



THE ONE HUNDRED CLUB

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CELEBRATING 39 YEARS!

"...the purpose of The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County is to help provide immediate financial support for the spouses and children of police officers and fire fighters who lose their lives as a direct result of physical injuries sustained in Contra Costa County in the line of duty..."

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"The 100 Club of Contra Costa County is dedicated to supporting the families of law enforcement and fire fighters killed in the line of duty."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CHRIS WENZEL

Can't wait for Spring

Summer is over, fall is present, and the holidays are coming. Busy times ahead.

The hopes are that everyone had a great summer and had the ability to get outside and enjoy time with family and friends. So much to see when the weather is nice in California that we should take advantage of it. On June 22nd we had our annual barbeque which was one of our best. Back Forty restaurant did a tremendous job and Board Member and Event Coordinator Wendy Allard spiced up the event with balloons and a DJ.

Inside this newsletter you will see numerous pictures of people enjoying themselves at the barbecue as we shared events of our survivors as well as updates about our club. Madison Moody will be attending college at Chico State University to become a nurse, Emma Moody is cheerleading at Vacaville High school, and I recently attended the graduation of Vincent Starzyk from the Alameda County Sheriff Academy as he is now an Antioch Police Officer. Such an inspiring event where Vincent is following in his father's footsteps; Martinez PD Sgt. Paul Starzyk was killed in the line of duty Sept 6, 2008.

These are just some of the ways *The 100 Club of Contra Costa County* supports our survivors, and this could not be done without the help of the membership as well as work the board continually does.

The 100 Club is continuing to update its procedures with a more efficient membership system along with a more current website. Being a volunteer organization, it can be difficult to complete certain tasks quickly and I apologize for any inconvenience, yet we are making headway with much better functionality than ever before.

Our annual dinner is November 3, 2023 at the Blackhawk Museum. Our guest speaker is ABC7 News Anchor Dan Ashley. Seats will fill up quickly so please go to our website and buy your tickets.

The 100 Club of Contra Costa County is dedicated to supporting the families of law enforcement and fire fighters killed in the line of duty. Law enforcement has seen a big drop in recruitment as well as firefighters to find quality men and woman to put on the uniform and protect and serve. It is important for all of us to continue to praise and support our local emergency responders and whenever possible please thank them for their service. It can be a thankless profession for those men and women who run towards trouble as most are running away.

See you at the Annual Dinner.

God Bless and enjoy the and enjoy the moments.

Chris Wenzel

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DeAnne Khan

Hassan Khan

Majorie Burns

Lifetime

Joshua Patzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual One Hundred Club Dinner and Meeting

Friday, November 3, 2023, 5:30pm to 11:00pm
at the Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle,
Danville CA
925-736-2280

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our club's success is due to all our members. It brings great joy knowing our ongoing growth will assure the ability to continue our good work, assisting the survivors of our fallen heroes. Recruiting new members is especially important, so we are urging each member to continue to encourage friends, family and perhaps co-workers to join our outstanding organization.

WEBSITE UPDATES

We are in the process of updating our *100 Club* website. Please be patient as there are many updates in the works. When completed it will be fast and easy to access to register and become a member, register for upcoming events, view newsletters and read information about each of our fallen heroes.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

In order to update names and addresses on our mailing list, please review your address label on any correspondence from our office and send the correction to Ross Hillesheim, email: rosshillesheim@gmail.com

In an effort to be more cost efficient and environmentally friendly, we are also now sending *The One Hundred Club* newsletter via email. If you prefer an email version instead of hard copy through the mail, please let us know your email address.

Name: _____

Email: _____



The Annual Bar-B-Q



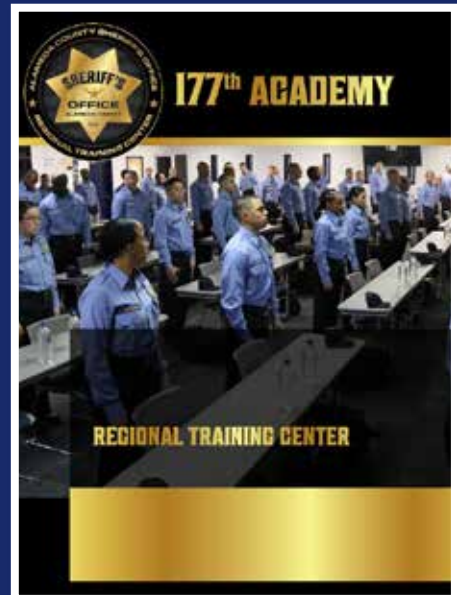
VINCENT STARZYK

Cheers and applause filled the room on Monday, September 25th as 49 men and women graduated from the 177th Academy of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center.

Vincent Starzyk carries a unique legacy. His father, Martinez police Sgt. Paul Starzyk, was shot and killed while on duty in 2008. At the time, Vincent was just 5 years old. On Monday, he was among the six officers joining the Antioch police force.

Retired Martinez PD Chief Tom Simonetti is shown pinning the badge on Vincent. What makes this pinning picture so special is that he was the Chief when Sgt. Paul Starzyk was killed, and they were friends as well.

"Part of this was us helping Vincent recognize his dreams and help accomplish his goals" said acting Antioch Police Chief Joe Vigil, who described the new officers as "a good group of six young men coming to help out the city and the police department where we can really use them."



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our Annual Bar-B-Q was once again a huge success. A very special Thank You goes out to Wendy Allard who coordinated the entire event. Back Forty Restaurant & Bar did an outstanding job catering the food and covering the bar. Also, many thanks to all the volunteers who worked setting up the tables, worked the registration table, and sold raffle tickets for all the wonderful donated prizes. In addition, a huge Thank You goes out to David Bauer who donated all the wine for the event.






★ IN MEMORY OF ★

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Annual Line of Duty Death
Memorial Service**



Please join us in honoring the sacrifices of
**Fire Captain Matt Burton
and
Fire Engineer Scott Desmond**

Friday, July 21, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Con Fire Training and Safety Division
Memorial Wall and Garden
2945 Treat Boulevard, Concord

Also available live-streamed, and later archived, on the
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/contracostafire

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**THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
(CON FIRE) CLAYTON, CA - 9/11 Memorial and Remembrance
Event at Fire Station 11 - September 11**



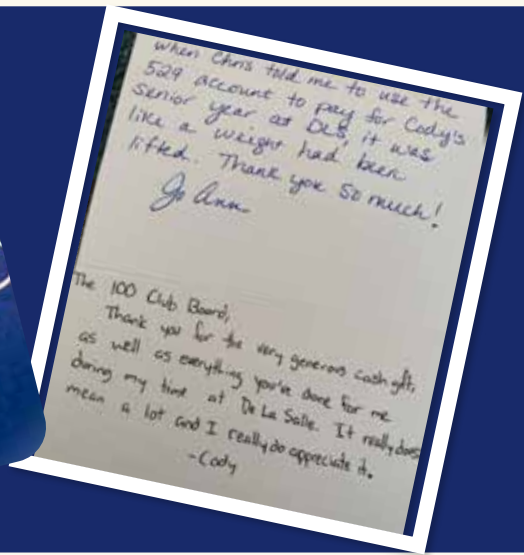


SURVIVOR CHILDREN & WHAT THEY ARE UP TO



JO ANN & CODY LASATER

A letter of thanks for the money *The 100 Club* gave to help with Cody's senior year at De La Salle High School.



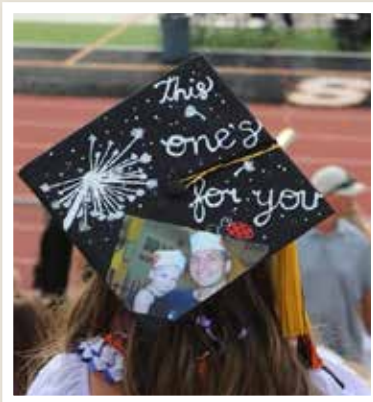
MADISON MOODY

Madison started school at Chico State University on her way to becoming a nurse. She went to Chico on August 16th and set up her shared residence with her mom helping her. Susan was very emotional as this is a big moment for her and her daughter leaving home to go to college. The 100 Club will be sending a little care package just to let her know we are thinking about her and wish her well.



MADISON MOODY

Emma is now a junior at Vacaville High School and also on the cheer team.



Maddy came home to surprise Emma

Emma is third from left in bottom row

Memorial Run

THE MARTINEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT HELD A MEMORIAL RUN TO HONOR PAUL STARZYK'S LIFE AND SERVICE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.



MARY BLUMBERG (MELGOZA)

Mary is a lifelong resident of Contra Costa County and lives in Brentwood with her husband Enrik Melgoza and their two beautiful daughters, Emerson (9) and Paige (8). Mary has come to truly understand the importance of the 100 Club's mission through her professional, and her personal, life.

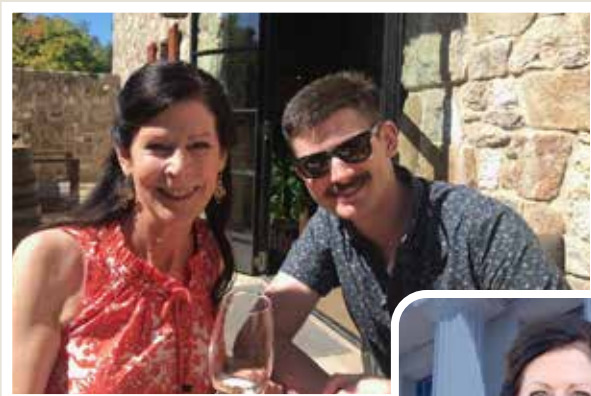
Mary has served as a Deputy District Attorney for nearly 18 years. In that capacity she has handled cases of every type and severity. Mary continues her advocacy for public safety outside of the DA's Office as a Board Member for "getVOCAL for Victims" and as an Academy Instructor at the Contra Costa County Police Academy.

Mary's commitment to public safety and service has been deeply rooted since childhood by the example set by her family. Her father was a Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff for nearly three decades; her uncle was a Captain for ConFire for over twenty years; and her brother has been an Antioch Police Officer for nine years. Her husband, also a lifelong resident of Contra Costa County, is a Sergeant with the Richmond Police Department.

There is nothing more valuable to Mary than the commitment that is made to our community every day by the heroes on the front line, the First Responders of Contra Costa County. The work of the 100 Club organization is incredible—the gift of financial support to the dependents of firefighters and law enforcement officers who



are killed in the line of duty is invaluable. It is the gift that no one wants to ask for, but everyone needs. It is for these reasons that Mary is honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the 100 Club, Contra Costa County.



WELCOME NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARY KNOX

Mary Knox was born and raised in Contra Costa County. Mary has worked as a prosecutor in the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for 38 years. In addition to her commitment to crime victim advocacy while serving on the boards of "getVOCAL for Victims" and "Pillars of Hope", Mary has served on the board of the Walnut Creek Education Foundation and volunteered with the Boy Scouts and St. Mary Church while raising her son, Darien. Mary worked with a number of the murdered first responders and has witnessed how the unfailing support of *The 100 Club* has transformed outcomes for their families. Mary is committed to furthering the objectives of *The 100 Club*, particularly during these challenging times for first responders.



THE 39th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

CELEBRATING 39 YEARS!



BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

WHERE: 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville

WHEN: Friday, November 3rd.

5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

MUSEUM NUMBER: 925-736-2280

GUEST SPEAKER:

ABC 7 NEWS ANCHOR DAN ASHLEY

Dan came to ABC7 in 1995 as the weekday 5:00 p.m. news anchor and investigative reporter. He has received many industry awards, including the prestigious DuPont Columbia Award as well as two Edward R. Murrow Awards for excellence in journalism as well as numerous Emmy Awards for Best Newscast and Individual Reporting.

Dan's distinguished work is also recognized by many other industry organizations, including Associated Press, United Press International, and the Press Club of Atlantic City. He has also received awards from the New Jersey and Atlanta chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Dan began his television career at WTVD, the ABC owned television station in Durham, North Carolina. He then worked for WCBD-TV, the ABC affiliate in Charleston, South Carolina where he was the 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. anchor and lead investigative reporter.

As an active member of the community, Dan serves on the boards of directors of many worthy organizations including The Commonwealth Club, The Bay Area Red Cross, The Oakland Symphony, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), The Contra Costa County Crisis Center, The First Tee, and is president of the Bammies Music Foundation. Additionally, he hosts the annual "Dan Ashley's Friends of Camp Concord Golf Tournament" which raises money to send under-served youngsters to summer

camp. To date, Dan's charity golf tournament has sent more than 10,000 kids to camp, all expenses paid.

Dan also created the non-profit "Rock the CASA Foundation" to raise money through an annual concert to benefit the CASA organization among other charities. Over the years, Dan's charity concert has featured major headliners such as Eddie Money, REO Speedwagon, Cheap Trick, Melissa Etheridge, Patti LaBelle, and Rick Springfield.

Dan was also elected to and serves on the Board of Visitors for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his alma mater. Dan is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with degrees in English and Speech Communication. He is a singer/songwriter who leads his own Americana/Rock band whose members include widely recognized and accomplished touring musicians. Dan was once a figure skating instructor. Dan is married to his wife, Angela, and has two grown sons and three grown stepsons.

SINGER WILL BE DIANA NAGY

Singer/Songwriter of the Patriotic Tribute to our Country

"Where Freedom Flies"

VIDEO HERE: <http://youtu.be/1GOGivjzYml>



The Blackhawk Museum features six dynamic exhibits, including the Classic Cars Collection, Art of Africa, Pat's Compacts, Into China, World of Nature, and Spirit of the Old West. Each exhibit offers visitors a unique opportunity to engage with a rich tapestry of cultures, history, and art. The classic cars are featured in the main dining area, and the other exhibits are located upstairs on the 2nd level of the museum.

ADMISSION

\$125 per person (parking included)
 No Host Cocktails: 5:30 pm
 Dining Room Doors open: 6:45 pm
 Dinner served: 7:00 pm



RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023.
 Space is limited – please register early.

OPEN SEATING

Tables reserved for parties of ten (10) only – these tables must be paid in advance, with ONE check payable to The One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County or ONE credit card if paid on the website.

DINNER INCLUDES:

Hors d'oeuvres Reception begins at 5:30pm in the Lower Lobby of the Mezzanine

-Pesto Brushed Crostini with Sundried Tomato & Three Cheese

-Hawaiian Coconut Prawns, Tangy Orange Cocktail Sauce

Dinner at 7:00pm in the Lower Dining Room

-Scott's Traditional Green Salad

-Sourdough Roll

Entrée Choice: (All entrees are served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables)

A. Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Leek and Lemon Cream Sauce

B. Roasted Prime Rib with Au Jus

C. Seasonal Vegetables with Mozzarella, Tomato and Spinach

Dessert

-Raspberry Jack "Scott's Specialty"

-Peerless European Royale Coffee & Hot Tea

Wine for each table from Indian Rock Winery courtesy of Dave and Wendy Bauer



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