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### 100 Club 2011 Calendar

We are very happy to announce that a 2011 100 Club calendar is being offered for sale to our members and the public with proceeds being donated back to The 100 Club.

This four-color calendar will depict the mission of The 100 Club. Please make plans to purchase these calendars for your family, friends and business contacts. It will also make a great Christmas gift.



The calendar will be available, for purchase, in the latter part of this year. You can pre-order your calendar by calling 281-569-7150 or online at [www.the100club.org/calendar](http://www.the100club.org/calendar).

The calendar will ship late fall of 2010. Pre-orders will not be billed until the calendar ships.

### 100 Club Goal to Reduce Postage Expense by Communicating with Members through Email

The 100 Club plans to start a process of using email communication with our members in an effort to cut the rising cost of postage and printing of Club materials. Executive

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### "In Their Own Words"

by Maureen Byrne, wife of Houston Drug Enforcement Agency Supervisory Agent Thomas Byrne

My family arrived in Houston, Texas in April 2005. My husband, Tom, had been promoted to Group Supervisor with the Drug Enforcement Agency. This was a big move for us as a family. We were returning to the United States after living in Nassau Bahamas for four and a half years. We had also just added our fourth boy to the Byrne crew.

We really began to enjoy our life in Texas. Our boys enjoyed school and joined local sport leagues. Tom was a very hands-on Dad who adored his boys. One day while driving around town doing errands (which we always did as a family by his insistence) the boys asked Tom, "What is that 100 sticker on the back of cars?" Tom explained to the boys that the sticker represents participation in a club that helps fallen heroes who die protecting us, like firemen and policemen. The boys just seemed to take it all in.

Little did I know that almost two years later, I would come to know The 100 Club very well. On the morning of August 28, 2008, I was preparing to leave the house to bring our third son, Matthew, to his preschool orientation. We were scrambling to get ready when my son could see someone through the glass part of the door and said, "Mom, someone is at the door." We went to the door and opened it, to find several men there. I instantly felt sick to my stomach as the words, "Tom is in the hospital in New Orleans. We will take you there and will stay with your boys." I was rushed off to the airport and flown to New Orleans to be with Tom. After seeing Tom and talking to the doctors, I decided to fly my boys to New Orleans. My best friend and father of my children died the afternoon of August 30, 2008. Our life as we knew it was over.

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*Houston Drug Enforcement Agency Supervisory Agent Thomas Byrne, 40, died in the line of duty on August 30, 2008 after being murdered in New Orleans. Agent Byrne is survived by his wife, Maureen, and four young boys ranging in age from two to eight years old.*



Thomas Byrne  
August 30, 2008

### The 100 Club to Honor Law Enforcement and Firefighter Heroes

The 100 Club will host its 56th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 13, 2010. This year, The 100 Club will honor 34 Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters who have performed above and beyond the call of duty.

In appreciation, each Law Enforcement Officers receive a Sig Sauer Model 229, .40-caliber Semi-Automatic Commemorative Pistol and an Etched, Jade Glass Award. Each Firefighter will receive a Cairns "Sam Houston Model" Firefighter Presentation Helmet and a Glass Firefighter's Ax inscribed with The 100 Club logo.

We congratulate each of the award recipients listed below:

**Officer Allan Bell**  
Conroe Police Department

**Deputy Diane Michele Medina**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

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Conroe Police Department

**Chief Deputy Rodney Kahla**  
Galveston County Precinct 6

**Chief Deputy Craig T. Davis**  
Waller County Sheriff's Office

**Sergeant Tara A. Horne**  
Texas Southern University Police Dept.

**Investigator Michael D. Kubricht**  
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

**Officer Dru Greer**  
Pasadena Police Department

**Deputy Raymond P. Parker**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy Bryce R. Curtis**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy M. W. Gustafson**  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

**Special Agent Matthew G. Abowd**  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

**Special Agent Joel D. Marquez**  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

**Trooper I Kevin D. Kelley**  
Texas Department of Public Safety

**Deputy Henry Tyson**  
Chambers County Sheriff's Office

**Deputy Anthony Rosetta**  
Chambers County Sheriff's Office

**Officer Eliot Swainson**  
Metro Police Department

**Officer Steven C. Rowan**  
Houston Police Department

**Officer Chudy Onwuka**  
Houston Police Department

**Senior Officer Max Williams**  
Houston Police Department

**SPO/Pilot James "Kyle" Engelhardt**  
Houston Police Department

**SPO/Pilot Cory J. Frank**  
Houston Police Department

**Officer Matthew J. Marin**  
Houston Police Department

**Captain Larry McDugle**  
Walker County Sheriff's Office

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A Few Words From Clair Branch

I am honored to serve as your 100 Club President and to continue the work in supporting our law enforcement officers and firefighters that my predecessors started 57 years ago. I would like to share a little bit about myself with you so you know who your new 100 Club President is and also about our plans for the Club. I grew up in Gaston, Texas which is in the Northeast part of the State. After attending public schools, I went to the University of Texas. While at UT, I was a member of the Longhorn Football team from 1955 to 1959. After college, I played professional football in Canada from 1960 to 1964. I have been a Director of the Club since 2001. Professionally, I am retired after a successful career in the concrete products industry with Cemex.

During my term as your President, I am asking each 100 Club member to help The 100 Club grow. Today, we are at a historic 30,300 members. **I would like to challenge each member to recruit one (1) new 100 Club member during 2010. With your help in bringing in just one member, we would instantly double the size of our organization.** Please use this newsletter as a way to tell a friend or neighbor about The 100 Club and ask them to fill out the application on the back page to become a 100 Club member. For those of you who would like to recruit more than one member, please call The 100 Club office at (713) 952-0100 and ask

that additional applications be sent to you.

Many of you know that we support the law enforcement and firefighting communities in 18 counties surrounding Houston.

Additionally, we provide line of duty death assistance to dependants of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Alcoholic & Beverage Commission and Institutional personnel of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice killed in the line of duty anywhere in the State of Texas. To date, your 100 Club has provided over 12.1 million dollars to the dependants of those Heroes who have died in the line of duty. Additionally, over 11 million dollars has been given to law enforcement agencies in the form of officer safety equipment. Our scholarship program has provided 500 college degrees, at three area universities, to law enforcement officers. The 100 Club has provided 5.6 million dollars in scholarship funds. **Your 100 Club has given over 33 million dollars to the law enforcement and firefighting professions in support of our programs.**

**Your help in recruiting only one (1) new member will go a long way in making our support of those who constantly protect us, become even larger.**

Clair Branch, President



ALEXANDER'S FINE PORTRAIT DESIGN

**Firefighter Luke Skelton**  
Conroe Fire Department

**Firefighter Christopher D. George**  
Conroe Fire Department

**Apparatus Operator Eric Wallace**  
Bryan Fire Department

**Firefighter Jermain Wiggins**  
Houston Fire Department

**Firefighter Beau A. Moreno**  
Houston Fire Department

**Firefighter Matthew Whatley**  
Houston Fire Department

**Senior Captain Delbert Burlison (Ret.)**  
Houston Fire Department

**Captain Jeremy M. Martinson**  
Houston Fire Department

**Assistant Fire Chief Duane Henry (Ret.)**  
Conroe Fire Department

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Director Rick Hartley reports that there are currently 9,400 100 Club members who have elected to receive 100 Club materials via email. Hartley said, "With the ever rising costs of postage and related mailing expense; it is time to move into the field of email communication." Our first venue will be to get the bi-annual newsletter to members via email. As with all of our past newsletters, the spring 2010 edition will be available on our website and can be printed from that location. The fall 2010 edition will be sent, electronically, to all members who have signed up, to help us save money, by opting for electronic communication. The next phase will be to send, via email, membership renewal and receipt materials as well as notifications about 100 Club events.

Each 100 Club member is asked to go to our website: [www.the100club.org/paperless](http://www.the100club.org/paperless) to provide us with your membership number and email address. You will be asked to enter your membership number which can be found to the left of your name/address on our

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## ANNUAL HEROES AWARDS BANQUET Member Tickets Available Now

**This will be your only notice To All 100 Club Members:**

The 100 Club's 56th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding area law enforcement officers and firefighters from our eighteen county coverage area, will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in the Ballroom of the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston Texas. There will be a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the awards program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dining will commence once the program is completed. Dress for the event is Business Attire or Semi-Formal.

A limited number of tickets, at \$70 each, are available for 100 Club members on a "first come, first served" basis. **Tickets are limited to two per member and orders must be received no later than Monday, April 26, 2010.** Please indicate mailing address with your order. Tickets will be mailed two weeks prior to the event.

Please make checks payable to: The 100 Club and mail to: 1233 West Loop South, Suite 1250, Houston TX 77027-9107. You may also phone the office, 713-952-0100, if you would like to charge the tickets to a credit card. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover.

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spring newsletter or on your 100 Club membership card.

Additionally, since we are on the topic of computers and electronic communication, we now have a presence on Facebook. You can find our page at <http://www.facebook.com/100ClubHoustonTX>. Share this with your friends and encourage them to join with each of you in supporting The 100 Club.

We also have an presence on YouTube with the addition of an informational video that tells the 100 Club story. You can view our new video at <http://www.youtube.com/100ClubHoustonTexas>.



Visit our web site to see all the new 100 Club merchandise and order it directly from the online store: [the100club.org](http://the100club.org)

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We had to leave New Orleans quickly because of an impending hurricane. We returned to Houston and began to make funeral plans. Tom's funeral was in Maryland in the church we were married in, twelve years earlier. While we were in Maryland, I was told of another hurricane expected to hit Houston. To tell you the truth, I did not think twice about it as I was trying to just cope with Tom's death and be there for our boys. I was told by two siblings that an agent had called to say a neighbor's tree had fallen and severely damaged our home. At that time, we would not be able to live in the home.

We opted to stay in Maryland for a few weeks until things settled after the hurricane. It was there that I received a phone call from a DEA agent telling me that The 100 Club was anxiously awaiting our return so they could give us a \$10,000 check. The agent told me that The 100 Club would like to meet with me as soon as we return to see how they could be of further financial assistance. I had no idea at the time what this would really mean to us as a family.

We returned to Texas and rented an apartment. Two Board Members of The 100 Club, Mr. Rick Hartley and Mr. Tom Pizzo, met with me. They were so genuine in their care and concern for our family and the loss we suffered. They handed me a \$10,000 check and talked about coming again to review any other needs. When they returned, we reviewed my family's debt. This was something that I always avoided with my husband, Tom. I heard his words echoing in my head, "If anything ever happens to me, you need to know this information." But I chose to close my eyes to all of it until this terrible time in my life. I was so overwhelmed with everything at this point that the idea of finances and returning to work were too much to comprehend. A few weeks later, I received a letter from The 100 Club outlining all of the debt that they would pay off. I could not believe my eyes. I was truly in shock and knew that this meant I would not have to reenter the workforce as a social worker. More importantly, I could continue to be there for my four children whenever they needed me.

As the days have gone on, my pain is still as fresh as that day in August. But the unbelievable generosity of The 100 Club makes my days more livable. I am beyond touched. I do not have the words to adequately express my thanks. My boys are well aware of The 100 Club's generosity and we are now proud members of The 100 Club. All four boys watched as I put the first sticker on the back of the car in 2008. This year all four boys watched again as I put their second sticker on the back of the car. I believe this is a new tradition honoring all of the fallen, but especially their father, Special Agent Thomas J. Byrne. In addition, the boys love to tell all of their friends about the meaning of The 100 Club stickers.

We thank all of the members of The 100 Club, along with the Board of The 100 Club, and all of the workers at The 100 Club for your care and concern. We will never forget how you helped us through the darkest moments of our life. You truly brought some light back into our world. May God continue to bless each and every one of you for helping us. And may God continue to bless Texas.

*With sincere thanks,  
Maureen, Tommy, Joseph,  
Matthew and Michael Byrne*

**Update: Maureen and her four boys will appear in the first 100 Club Calendar which will go on sale the latter part of this year. -Ed.**

### 100 Club Upcoming Events

#### Heroes Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 13, 2010  
56th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding Law Enforcement and Firefighters in our coverage area.

*Call our office if you are interested in attending: 713-952-0100.*

#### Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, October 4, 2010  
Venue TBA

#### Annual Meeting

January 12, 2011