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THE HERO



Dominique Sachse does a live shot during the October 9, 2007 Channel 2 Telethon. Looking on are Precinct 5 staffers who manned the telephones and Lisa Norling, widow of Pct. 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling who was killed in the line of duty on October 1, 2007.

Channel 2 KPRC-TV Hosts 100 Club Telethon

Shortly after the tragic line of duty deaths of Texas Department of Criminal Justice Officer Susan Canfield and Harris County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling, the 100 Club received a call from Skip Valet, News Director at Channel 2 offering to host a telethon to help raise funds for the Club's Survivors Fund.

Once the logistics were worked out it was agreed that Tuesday, October 9, 2007 would be the date for the event. Precinct 5 Deputy Constables and Supervisors volunteered to man the telephones during the day long telethon that began at 6:00 AM and ended at 6:30 PM.

The hard work of the telethon team resulted in \$50,000 being raised for the 100 Club which will help families of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Special thanks go to Channel 2 General Manager Larry Blackerby, News Director Skip Valet, and all of the Channel 2 news and production staffers who made the day possible. Also we salute Precinct 5 Constable Phil Camus and the men and women of Precinct 5 who gave their time to make the day successful.

This was not the first time that our friends at KPRC TV, Channel 2

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"In Their Own Words"

by Linda Colson Johnson

July 25, 2007

Dear Mr. Melder and The 100 Club

Hello, my name is Linda Colson Johnson, the surviving spouse of Constable Billy R. Colson. Billy has been gone now, for 8 ½ years. I have since remarried a wonderful man, "Bo" Johnson, in June of 2006. Bo has one son that has graduated Conroe High in May of 2007 and one son that will be a Junior at Conroe High this year. We have just moved into a new home in Montgomery. Needless to say, with four teenagers at home, 3 of those are boys, life is fun.

My daughter, Lakeisha, is now back at home with us and attending Montgomery College. She is taking summer classes and working at O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Conroe. She plans to enroll in the X-ray tech school, hopefully, in January of 2008.

My son, Walter, will be in his second year at the University of Texas, Austin. He is now at home for the summer, working at Huntsman Chemical Plant. He will return to Austin in August. His plans are to get accepted to the business school and graduate with a degree in accounting.

Our lives have continued as they are supposed to. God has been with us through the struggles and placed people like you in our path. People don't truly understand the depth of what your organization stands for and does. But please know, my family and I are very grateful for the generosity you have shown. Lakeisha and Walter realize, without The 100 Club, their college fund would have been limited. You have made their dreams, a reality. My son once told me, mom, I want to graduate with a good paying job and be able to repay The 100 Club back everything and then some.

With the death of my husband, I was faced with not knowing what was next. How was I going to put my kids through school? It wasn't any time, and I received a phone call from Rick Hartley, wanting to meet with me. At that meeting, Rick gave me an assurance that no other one person could give another. At that moment, I was speechless, my heart dropped, not knowing how to express my appreciation and still don't. Please know, each day I am thankful for you and your organization. You give the surviving families a security of knowing there are people who care, and you are someone who we can turn to when life seems as though there is no hope.

Thank you all, for your kindness and continued support, both emotionally and financially.

Sincerely,
Linda Colson Johnson

Two Recent, Lost Heroes

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Officer Susan Canfield, 59, was murdered Monday afternoon, September 24, 2007 near the Wynne Prison in Huntsville, Texas. She was struck, while on horse back, by a vehicle stolen by two escaped convicts that she was trying to apprehend. Officer Canfield is survived by her husband, Charles, a Houston Police Officer and three grown children.



Harris County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling, 38, was killed Monday morning, October 1, 2007. The veteran motorcycle officer was hit by a vehicle on the Westpark Tollway during a routine traffic stop.



He died shortly after 1 p.m. at Memorial Hermann-The Texas Medical Center. Deputy Norling is survived by his wife, Lisa.

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have stepped up to help the 100 Club. In fact, this was the third telethon hosted by Channel 2 supporting the efforts of our Club. On behalf of The 100 Club family, thank you Channel 2.



Lisa Norling, widow of Pct. 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling visits with Pct. 5 Assistant Chief Randy Johnson during the October 9, 2007 Channel 2 telethon.

10th Annual 100 Club Fishing Tournament

The 100 Club's 10th Annual Fishing Tournament for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters was held on September 12, 2007 at the April Fools Point Marina in San Leon, Texas. 127 fishermen checked in for a day of competition and fun not knowing that Tropical Storm Humberto would form later in the day. Heavy wind and rain didn't stop some of the participants from weighing in catches of speckled trout, red fish, and flounder.

The first place stringer of Specks weighed in a 16.36 pounds and was caught by the team of Rick Dalme of the Houston Police Department, Bart Schield, a retired Houston Police Department officer, Jerry Walters, Texas Department of Corrections, and Donald Kelley, a retired Houston Police Department officer. The big Trout was caught by perennial winner Richard Carlson, a retired Pasadena Police Officer, with a weight of 4.92 pounds. The big Red fish was caught by Houston Police Officer Rick Dalme and weighed in at 6.74 pounds. The winner of the Flounder pot was Humble Police Officer Quentin Sammon whose flounder weighed 3.32 pounds.

The participants were treated to a BBQ lunch catered by Trigg's Catering of Humble, Texas. Harvey Trigg, a retired Houston Police



President's Corner: A Few Words From Clarence F. Kendall

The recent and tragic deaths of Texas Department of Criminal Justice Officer Susan Canfield and Harris County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling bring to light just how important each of you are as members of The 100 Club. You see, it is through your support that we can go to each of these families and provide our immediate gift of \$10,000 (which is usually given within twenty four to forty eight hours of the tragedy) and to then go back again, when the time is appropriate, and conduct our needs assessment to determine what additional financial support the club can provide.

Our peace officers and firefighters are no different than most citizens. They have home mortgages, vehicle notes, credit card debt and usually have youngsters that they hope will go to college. The 100 Club's goals,

when making the needs assessment is to, where possible, take the family out of debt and to provide a fresh start financially. We have been able to do this with your support and also with the help of our media friends who let the community know when we lose a Hero. (See story on Channel 2 Telethon, page one, this issue). With two months to go in 2007, your 100 Club has provided financial support to seven (7) families who lost a Hero. On behalf of our Board and Staff, We salute you, the members of The 100 Club, for your work in fulfilling our mission.



Clarence F. Kendall II
President

"Fallen Heroes of the Bayou City"

The 100 Club is Featured in Nelson Zoch's Line-of-Duty-Death Book Which Details Tragic Cases of 106 HPD Officers

Retired HPD Homicide Lt. Nelson Zoch, a regular contributor to two local police publications, finished up his book detailing 106 stories of the ultimate sacrifices paid by Houston police officers since 1860. The publication of *Fallen Heroes of the Bayou City: HPD 1860 to the Present* was published this spring. Zoch has included a detailed look at how The 100 Club and its 26,000 members provide support to the families of these Heroes killed in the line of duty.

Zoch, a 36-year police veteran, mainly in Homicide, researched each case with astute dedication and detail-orientation. He portrays each brave officer's life in human terms, combined with the details of whodunit and what happened to the surviving members of the officers' families. Copies of this one of a kind book may be ordered at the author's web site: <http://www.callofdutypublications.com>.



Nelson Zoch with his newly-released book, "Fallen Heroes of the Bayou City: HPD 1860 to the Present."



The 100 Club's 19th Annual Members Golf Tournament

The 100 Club's 19th Annual Members Golf Tournament was held on Monday, October 1st at Hearthstone Country Club with a field of 166 players. The low net foursome of the tournament was: Skip Oliver, Don Roseberry, Jeff Foster and David Tarnowski, with a score of 50.

The live auction was a big success again this year with items ranging from trips to Hawaii, Mexico, Las Vegas and LAuberger du Lac, dining packages at some of Houston's finest restaurants, a golf package, a VIP sports package, plus a sports memorabilia package.



100 Club Golf Committee Chair Randy Russell hosted Survivor Amanda Hurst, Game Warden Kevin Mitchell Texas Parks & Wildlife Lt. William Skeen.

Special thanks to Col. Randy Davis, our auctioneer, who gives of his time and talent to make the auction successful.

This year, we had a special player: Amanda Hurst. She is the widow of Game Warden Justin Hurst who was killed in the line of duty in March of this year.

Proceeds from the tournament go toward funding scholarships at Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston Downtown. Plans are already underway for next year's tournament.



A Beyer Construction foursome putting on a green and enjoying the beautiful weather that we had for this year's Golf Tournament. Pictured are Jim Thompson, Gina Ognoskie, Alfred DeBorde and Angie Dominguez.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th at 10am at the Houston Hilton Post Oak Hotel.

Awards Banquet

May 2008 - 54th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding Law Enforcement and Firefighters in our coverage area.

Member Reminders

You can donate to the Survivor's Fund or make a Special Contribution.

Why not sponsor a friend, family member or coworker who would otherwise not be able to become a member? Also, you can give a 100 Club Membership as a Christmas gift, if your donation is received by December 7th.

Don't forget about The 100 Club merchandise which can be purchased online. From our home page click on the "Buy Your 100 Club Merchandise Here" button near the bottom right of the home page.

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A Thank You For Opening the Door to a Larger World: What My 100 Club Scholarship Means to Me

by Vicki L. King, Assistant Chief, Tactical Support Command, HPD

As early as 1993, a number of my peers and mentors within the Houston Police Department began to encourage me to finish my college education. Although I had always intended to finish my degree, the prospect was always too daunting. I was a wife, mother, and very busy police sergeant, who needed to work extra jobs to help meet the financial needs of a young family.

My husband was supportive of continuing my education, but we agreed that our daughter's college fund was the priority, so we began investing in the Texas Tomorrow Fund and Savings Bonds. My educational career may have ended with these empty excuses had it not been for The 100 Club and one of my favorite captains, John Mokwa.

Captain Mokwa told me about The 100 Club scholarships for police officers, which pay all out-of-pockets costs, including books for qualified classified personnel. The good captain could see that he had removed my most compelling argument against returning to the classroom and offered these simple words of encouragement: Don't miss out on this opportunity. You never know where it could take you.

In 1998, I applied to the University of Houston-Downtown and was accepted as a transfer student with 80 hours of credit from College of the Mainland and Texas Tech University. After declaring Criminal Justice as my major, I presented my résumé, college credentials, and scholarship application to The 100 Club. I met with the Scholarship Selection Committee and was awarded funding after accepting their challenge to give back to my de-

"I never would have guessed where a degree could take me."



partment and our community the fruits of the knowledge gained. At that meeting, I never would have guessed where a degree could take me.

I relearned long forgotten study habits, enabling me to better prepare for promotional tests. I explored new criminological theories, experiments, and processes, enabling me to develop, implement, and assess new crime

prevention/response programs and strategies for our city. I learned from and networked with professors, corporate security managers, criminal justice professionals, and officers from other agencies, gaining increased perspective, insight, and resources to serve our community. From sergeant to assistant chief, I had no idea where my academic life would take me.

As part of my Masters thesis, I studied and evaluated the impact of a domestic violence victim re-contact program underwritten by the Houston Police Department. In the very near future, I hope to publish the results in a peer-reviewed journal, so that other criminal justice students, practitioners, and researchers can build upon these preliminary findings. As yet, I do not know where this academic research will take us.

As the journey continues, I am so very thankful to The 100 Club for opening the door to a larger world. The rewards are immeasurable. For those thinking about seeking higher education, I offer these words from a very insightful man: "Don't miss out on this opportunity. You never know where it could take you."