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Check Presentations



In partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Houston Automobile Dealers Association presented a check for \$100,000 to The 100 Club in memory of the four firefighters who were killed in the five-alarm motel fire in southwest Houston on May 31, 2013. The check was presented by HADA president Wyatt Wainwright, chairman Joe Chastang and Harris County Sheriff's Office on June 12th at Houston Fire Station No. 8.

"In Their Own Words"

by Jacki Dowling, wife of Captain William Dowling,
Houston Fire Department Station 68

What does the 100 Club mean to me? I've had many people tell me that they are 100 Club members, and that they often wondered if their donations were ever put to use. My kid's pediatrician was one of them. I happily expressed to him how grateful I was for his donations to the 100 Club, because after my husband's life altering injuries, in the May 31st Southwest Inn fire, the 100 Club has stepped in and has taken care of us and all of our needs. The smile on his face was priceless!



So, what does the 100 club mean to me? It means that I don't have to worry about anything other than taking care of my husband and my kids. It means a peace of mind that I would not have had, without their help. It means that no one donates in vain.

Five Lost Heroes

Pasadena Police Officer Larry Candelari died in the line of duty, on Friday night April 26, 2013, after he and another Pasadena Officer witnessed a serious accident on Interstate 10 near Kerrville, Texas. Officer Candelari was struck by an 18-wheeler and died at the scene. His partner, Officer Mike Huffman was critically injured and one of his legs had to be amputated. Officer Candelari is survived by his wife and two grown sons, one of which is a LaPorte, Texas Police Officer. These two Heroes exemplify that our Peace Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They were doing their best to Protect and Serve.



Engine Operator EMT Robert Bebee, 41, died in the line of duty while fighting a five alarm fire at a hotel in southwest Houston on May 31, 2013. Three other firefighters were killed and thirteen firefighters were injured while fighting the fire. Firefighter Bebee had been with the



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Help Us Grow... Give This Application to a Friend! FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

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- Regular Membership - \$100 Annually
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Shotwell Middle School Principal Mable Holt (left) and Magnet Program Coordinator Peggy Tomme (right) present a \$500 check to The 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley (center) on June 20, 2013. 8th and 9th grade students each donated \$1 on the last day of school and did not have to wear a uniform for the \$1 donation.

Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program Which Benefits The 100 Club



You can now sign up to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program online by visiting Kroger's web site or visit any Kroger customer service desk. The 100 Club's number is 91115. Kroger will pay us a percentage of purchases from everyone who uses our number while shopping at Kroger.

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Houston Fire Department since August 2001 and was assigned to Station 51.

Firefighter EMT Robert Garner, 29, also died in the line of duty while fighting the hotel fire in southwest Houston on May 31, 2013. Firefighter Garner had been with the Houston Fire Department since October 2010 and was assigned to Station 68.



Captain EMT Matthew Renaud, 35, also died in the line of duty while fighting the hotel fire in southwest Houston on May 31, 2013. Firefighter Renaud had been with the Houston Fire Department since October 2001 and was assigned to Station 51.



Probationary Firefighter Anne Sullivan, 24, also died in the line of duty while fighting the hotel fire in southwest Houston on May 31, 2013. Firefighter Sullivan had been with the Houston Fire Department since April 2013 and was assigned to Station 68.



L to R: Chief Alan Bragg, Cypress-Fairbanks Police Department; Gary Lendennie, Sprint; Rick Hartley, 100 Club Executive Director; April Jones, Event Co-Chair; Brenda Crawford, General Manager Willobrook Mall; Diana Elkins, Marketing Director Willowbrook Mall.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A Few Words From Randy Russell

My continued thanks to our 31,000 members who provide the support for the Club's programs. I would encourage each of you to spread the word about what we do and to help us increase the membership of The 100 Club. You are our strongest link to new members. If each of you only brought in one new member, we would quickly double the size of our organization and increase the ability to help those who protect and serve each of us on a daily basis. Please take a minute and help us grow. A membership application is included this newsletter. Use it to get your new 100 Club member. If you need membership materials for larger groups call us at (713) 952-0100 or email our Executive Director Rick Hartley at: rick@the100club.org.

Sadly, I report to you that we lost Pasadena Police Officer Larry Candelari on April 26, 2013 when he was killed when he and his partner, Pasadena Officer Mike Huffman went to the aid of motorists involved in a major traffic accident on Interstate 10 near Kerrville.

Many of you have heard the tragic news of the loss of 4 Houston Firefighters during a catastrophic 5 alarm fire on May 31, 2013 in Southwest Houston. The 4 Fallen Heroes were single without dependents. They are Engineer Operator Robert Beebe, Firefighter/EMT Robert Garner, Captain/EMT Matthew Renaud and Probationary Firefighter Ann Sullivan. 13 other firefighters were also injured while fighting the inferno. Three of them were critically injured. They are Captain William Dowling, and Firefighters Anthony Livesay and Robert Yarborough. The 100 Club has provided gifts of over \$900,000 to assist those who suffered from this fire.

Your Board of Directors approves funds for the dependent families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, which includes paying off the debt and providing funds for children to further their education after they complete high

school. I am pleased to report that our average gift to the dependents of our Heroes killed in the line of duty is approximately \$300,000. Of course, all financial support is based on the particular needs of each family and the amounts vary depending on those needs. Several years ago, the Board added a benefit to provide up to \$20,000 to help with funeral expenses when a single Hero was killed in the Line of Duty. The Board has modified that decision to now provide \$20,000, for use as needed, to the executor of the estate of a single Hero killed in the line of duty and to do a needs assessment if there is debt remaining after the estate has been probated.

Your Board has also approved adding 13 counties to our coverage area which are primarily in the Eastern part of our region. This action provides line of duty death support from The 100 Club for all law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty in those counties. The counties are: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Leon, Polk, Nacogdoches, Newton, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity & Tyler.

As I reach the conclusion of my term as President of The 100 Club, I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. I know that there are many decisions made by each of you regarding charitable giving and appreciate your giving to support of our work. I would also like to let you know that your Board and staff continues to work hard to be good stewards of the resources you provide to our 60 year old Club.

As we approach the Holiday Season, I would ask you to think about giving a 100 Club membership as a gift. Many members have done this in previous years and your gift of a 100 Club membership helps us to grow.



ALEXANDER'S FINE PORTRAIT DESIGN



L to R: 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley and President of Arandas Franchises Judy Camarena. The Taqueria Arandas location each accepted donations for The 100 Club during the month of June.

2013 Back The Badge Gala



L to R: Survivors Derrick Dees and Brandie Wallace, 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley, Survivor Amanda Hurst, and wife of critically injured firefighter, Jacki Dowling shared their stories and gratitude in a compelling video.

Photo provided by Alexander's Fine Portrait Design.



The audience was wowed with a intimate and personal, live performance from Clint Black and his band.

Photo provided by Alexander's Fine Portrait Design.



L to R: 100 Club Director Garry Plotkin, Country Legend Clint Black, 100 Club President Randy Russell, 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley, present Clint Black with a Life Membership in The 100 Club.

Photo provided by Alexander's Fine Portrait Design.

2013 100 Club 25th Annual Golf Tournament



Golfers enjoyed great weather and a great day overall at the The 100 Club 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament held September 30, 2013 at Sterling Country Club.

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100 Club Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2014

60th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet
May 14, 2014

honoring outstanding Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters in our coverage area.

L to R: Hotel Derek General Manager Shawn Gracey and 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley. Hotel Derek donated a portion of the proceeds from every utilized guestroom during the month of June and Hotel Derek also matched that amount.



On June 29, 2013, CrossFit Torch in Humble, held a CrossFit competition "WOD WARS" and all the proceeds were donated to the Houston 100 Club. Photo L to R: Jose Benavides, Krista Benavides, Chris Cayton (Owner CrossFit Torch), 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley, and Michael Gager (Owner Beltway CrossFit).



L to R: Todd Clark, Houston Fire Retirement and Relief Fund Executive Director, Assistant Fire Chief Beda Kent; 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley; Carroll Robinson member of the fund's Board at 8-19-13 \$50,000 check presentation from the Loomis Co. one of the fund's investment managers.