

## Looking Back Officer Slain; Hundred Club Responds

Forty years ago — on Aug. 25, 1967 — Hartford Police Officer Harvey Young was fatally shot while on duty.

Five weeks earlier a Hartford businessman, Anthony Ustjanauskas, had started The Hundred Club. At the time of Mr. Young's death, the club had seven dues-paying members. Each had paid \$250. Mr. Ustjanauskas used \$1,000 of the \$1,750 on hand to make the initial death payment to the law enforcer's widow.



The publicity which resulted from the brutal death created interest in the newly formed organization, particularly its stated purpose of helping families of law enforcers and firefighters beset by tragedy.

According to newspaper reports, Mr. Young was attempting to make an arrest on a breach of peace charge at the Charter Oak Terrace housing project. A physical struggle developed and the suspect, after being wounded by the officer, got possession of the gun and shot Mr. Young. Residents who witnessed the events called Police Headquarters and the killer, Roberto DelGado,

was apprehended

There was an outpouring of sympathy for the Young family. He was married to the former Louise Flagg. The Youngs had three children. Two, a son, Francis, and a daughter, Sandra, were still at home with their parents in South Windsor. Nancy Young Verona was married and lived in East Hartford.

The day of Mr. Young's funeral was an official day of mourning in Hartford and all flags were at half staff. An estimated 1,000 people filed into St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, for the funeral Mass. Rev. Edward Barry, Catholic chaplain for the department, celebrated the Mass. In his eulogy Father Barry called the fallen officer "a monument of character." Auxiliary Bishop John F. Hackett presided.

Mr. Young was a highly respected officer. He had been cited for his work on several occasions. He was the second member of the department to lose his life in the line of duty. On May 24, 1964, Officer Harry W. Jennings was shot in a Hartford hotel while staking out an individual suspected of firing at a patrolman.

City Treasurer John J. "Bud" Mahon, in the aftermath of Mr. Young's death, said that his widow was eligible to receive the full pay her husband was earning at the time of his death — \$137 a week for life, unless she remarried. The same rules applied to Mr. Jennings' widow. ■

## Founder Enlisted Family Assistance For Hundred Club

In its early years The Hundred Club was a family activity, according to Mrs. Ada Ustjanauskas, the widow of the club's founder, Anthony Ustjanauskas.

Mrs. Ustjanauskas recalled that membership campaigns were organized in the family kitchen, "Anthony would gather the children around the table and they would go through the yellow pages in telephone books, picking out names of businessmen and professional people Anthony thought might be interested in the club. Then he would send them letters explaining the purpose of the club."

While a college student, Andrew, the eldest son, handled much of the club's correspondence and other paperwork.

"I am sure that if Anthony had lived he would have made known that The Hundred Club was a family concern," said Mrs. Ustjanauskas.

It was Mrs. Ustjanauskas who made her husband aware of the Hundred Clubs in Massachusetts and Detroit, Mich. She called his attention to an article in *Parade Magazine*, an insert in Sunday newspapers. "This is a very good idea," he told his wife. And soon he launched The Hundred Club in Connecticut. ■



Mrs. Ustjanauskas

## Cyclists' Annual Ride

More than 1,800 motorcyclists took part in the annual Connecticut United Ride sponsored by the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of Connecticut. The event took place Aug. 26.

The parade of motorcycles started in Norwalk and went through 11 communities before concluding in Bridgeport's Seaside Park.

The first ride was held in 2001 to pay tribute to the law enforcers and firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

The 2007 ride raised and estimated \$50,000 which is being divided between emergency funds for law enforcers and firefighters and two United Way organizations.

Some law enforcers rode their department's bikes while firefighters and supporters traveled on their own. ■

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firefighters battling a blaze.

The Fire Academy is located on Perimeter Road and is easily reached from Rte. I-91. It is a short distance from Bradley International Airport. The upcoming ceremony will start at 2 p.m. The general public is welcome. ■

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## Tim Prete Captures Low Gross Honors In Golf Tourney

For the third time Tim Prete won the low gross competition in The Hundred Club's annual golf tournament. Prete, a long hitter off the tee, recorded a one-under par 71 on the 6,241-yard White Course at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. The event took place July 31.



Tim Prete

Prete, who did not compete in the tournament last year, won top honors in the gross category in 2003 and 2004. Three strokes behind Prete with a two-over par 74 was Ralph Giansanti. He won the event in 2002 and 2005. Giansanti recently won the club championship for the second consecutive year at the Farmington Country Club.

Third place was taken by Pete Petersen with a 78. A 78 was also turned in by Steve Powers. Petersen was awarded third place on the basis of a matching of the scorecards. In 5th place was Paul Vaccaro, who registered a round of 79.

The low net score, determined by the Callaway system, was Bill Starkie's 70, which was two shots better than the 72s



Bill Starkie

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## Meeting Oct. 30 in Hartford

### Three Firefighters Will Be Honored At Event Oct. 21

Three firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty will be honored Sunday, Oct. 21 during the fifth annual ceremony at the Firefighters Memorial in Windsor Locks. The memorial is on the grounds of the Connecticut Fire Academy.

The names being added to the memorial are Capt. Joseph S. Pagano of the Middletown Fire Dept. He was stricken with a coronary attack at his desk Nov. 3, 2006. Capt. John Keane of the Waterbury Fire Dept. died from injuries suffered May 19 when two fire trucks enroute to a fire collided. Foreman Thomas Langan of the Winsted Fire Dept. lost his life in 1899. The material related to his death was recently submitted to the Memorial Committee which approved the request to include his name on the roster of "Fallen Heroes."

With the addition of these deceased firefighters, there will be 322 names on the tablets at the base of the centerpiece, a large block of black granite on which are engraved the images of four

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### 60 New Troopers Join State Police

Sixty new State Police troopers were sworn in by Public Safety Cmsr. John S. Danaher, III during graduation exercises July 19. The event took place in Jorgensen Auditorium at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

The keynote speaker, Gov. Jodi Rell, took the occasion to address the allegations of racism in the State Police. She declared forcefully that if it exists, "Racism will be rooted out." She told the graduates, "You are the face

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### Convention Center Site for Luncheon

For the first time in the 40-year history of The Hundred Club the son of a past president will assume the presidency. At the annual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30, Thomas Guerra will receive the ceremonial gavel from Atty. Christopher C. Cobb, the 2007 president. Mr. Guerra is the son of Peter H. Guerra, who served as president in 1997.

The session, in the form of a luncheon, will be held in the Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. A social hour will start at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Guerra, whose term begins Jan. 1, 2008, is an executive with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). He and his wife, Carol, live in Glastonbury. They have one son, Christian, who is five years old.

The elder Mr. Guerra, a partner in Purcell Associates, a leading engineering firm in New England, is retired. Following his presidency in The Hundred Club he has remained active as a member of the Board of Directors. He chairs the committee which arranges the annual meeting and serves as master of ceremonies during the session.

In 2005 the meeting was held at the \$271 million Convention Center. Club officials were pleased by the reaction of members and their guests. During the social hour many enjoyed the opportunity to view the Connecticut River from high above the streets of Hartford

Since the center opened in 2005 it has been the site of numerous national and regional conventions and trade shows. Also, many Connecticut-based organizations have held meetings in the center's 14 meeting rooms.

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## Founding Member

Angelo Tomasso, Jr. was told about the Hundred Club in 1967 by its founder, Anthony Ustjanauskas. Mr. Tomasso immediately joined and through the years has been an active member, serving in various offices, including the presidency in 1979.

As a past president he has been active on the Board of Directors. ■

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The center is a key element in Adriaen's Landing, a renewal program designed to revitalize the economy in Hartford. The impressive structure is located on Columbus Blvd. It is bordered on the east by Rte. I-91 which parallels the Connecticut River in the Capitol City and is a short distance from Rte. I-84. Sheltered parking is available.

The Hundred Club of Connecticut was founded in 1967 by Anthony Ustjanauskas. Since that time it has distributed more than \$8 million to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. ■

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of the State Police. You are expected to uphold the law with fairness and justice."

Mrs. Rell noted that in this class, the 118th training group, 10 members are current or former members of the military. She praised their service to the state and country.



The governor also called attention to the fact that 18 are former police officers with a total of 89 years of law enforcement experience. To one and all she said, "You have chosen an honorable path in life."

The class includes twin brothers Carson and Collin Konow and brothers Christopher and Mark Barone.

Two of the new troopers, Ronald Bastore and Ryan Sawicki, received their badges from their fathers, members of the State Police. ■

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recorded by four players, Mark Piatkowski, Jim Garrow, Dave Ferris and Bob Dunn.

Piatkowski also won a prize for the tee shot closest to the pin on a par 3 hole. Piatkowski's ball was 62 inches from the hole.

In the "Three Ball" competition, the foursome of Jim Garrow, Joe Savino, Bob Tolomeo and Len Samatulski, with a 226, took the top honors.

Tunxis Plantation General Manager Lou Pandolfi, PGA, and Angelo Fiducia, PGA, the resident golf professionals, compiled the scores. The prizes, gift certificates in the Pro Shop, were awarded by Hundred Club President Chris Cobb and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr.

The day concluded with a steak dinner in Table Green, the dining facility a short distance from the Tunxis club house. ■

### 31 Sponsors Aided Club's Golf Event

The Hundred Club's annual golf tournament was supported by 31 hole sponsors. The event, which took place July 31 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington, attracted a field of 35 foursomes.

The red and white banners bearing the emblem of The Hundred Club and the name of the sponsor were displayed during the tournament. The nylon flags have been given to the sponsors as mementos. As has been the case in past years, individuals as well as businesses and organizations participated in the program. The list of sponsors follows:

The Tomasso Group; Black Hall Club; Hollander Foundation (2 holes); O&G Industries, Inc., Torrington; Lt. Bernard H. Allen (Ret.), Groton; National Property Inspections; Lawrence F. Fiano, Builder-Developer; Young Laboratories, Inc.; Dr. Michael Lantiere, D.D.S., Plainville; In Memory of Lt. "Butch" Melody; Savings Bank Life Insurance; LVA Corporate Communications; Parrotta Management Company, LLC.; Chester Marina, LLC.

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Mike Meany



Bob Dunn, Chris Cobb, Larry Shipman, Dave Gaetano



Gino Giansanti, Ryan Bengston, Eric Giansanti, Jim Giansanti



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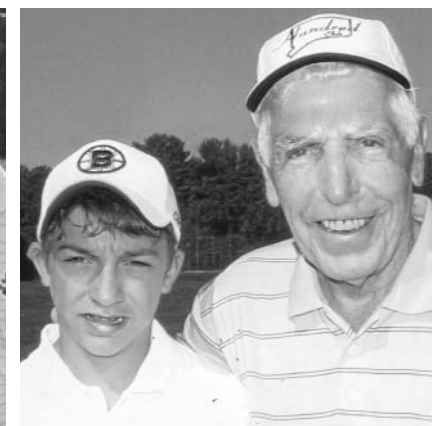
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