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"The Club with a Heart"

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## Officers and Directors for 2012 are Presented at Rescheduled Annual Meeting



12 year old Gabrielle Maine sings the National Anthem.

Despite the necessity to cancel the Annual Meeting originally scheduled for October 31, 2011, due to winter storm Alfred, the rescheduled event took place on December 5, 2011 at The

Rocky Hill Marriot.

With one of the largest group of attendees in recent memory, incoming President Bernie Sullivan accepted his gavel from Past President Peter Guerra, filling in for outgoing President Mike Lambert who was unable to attend due to prior commitments. The opening procession was led by Piper Pat Whelan of the State Police Emerald Society followed by honor guards from the State Police and Hartford Police Departments. A moment of

silence was held in memory of long time club member, Past President and Director David Thornton who passed away earlier in the year.

Following opening remarks and the introduction of incoming President Sullivan, Carol Bagshaw, widow of slain Trooper Russell Bagshaw gave a moving presentation entitled "Imagine" in which she asked those present to consider how of the death of a husband, son, brother and friend lost in the line of duty might impact various aspects of their lives.

With 2011 being the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States, several events were held to honor the memory of those who gave their lives on that fateful day. Among those were tributes conducted by two Connecticut based organizations. As a result of those commemorative events the Hundred Club became the recipient of two very generous donations. Representatives of those organizations were present and were recognized by the club.

## Veteran New Haven Detective Succumbs to Injuries Caused by On-duty Traffic Accident



A New Haven police detective who suffered serious head injuries while driving to a stakeout in 2003 passed away on January 11, 2012.

Detective Andrew Faggio, a 14-year veteran at the time of the crash, was assigned to the robbery-burglary squad under Sgt. Joanne Schaller. He was married with two children.

Faggio, 46, was driving to work at 4 a.m. on Jan. 31, 2003, when the crash occurred on Durham Road in Madison.

According to police in New Haven, Faggio was coming into work early to conduct a stakeout. He crested a hill in the southbound lane when he saw headlights in his path, police said. He

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swerved to avoid a newspaper delivery vehicle and lost control before going off the road and hitting a tree.

"The Faggios are a great New Haven family who have been part of New Haven for a long, long time," Mayor John DeStefano Jr. said in a statement.

"Andy was a terrific cop who cared about his work, his family, and his community," DeStefano said. "His sacrifice, and the sacrifice of his family remind us of the risk that public safety officers face and how their world can be changed in a moment. I extend the city's deepest sympathies for a life well lived."

You don't get any better than Andy," Schaller said at the time. "They don't make people better than Andy. They don't make cops better than Andy. He's just one of the finest guys I know."

Faggio never recovered from his injuries and last month his medical condition started to decline.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Andrews Faggio and their two sons, Andrew Jr. and Nicholas; his brother Peter Faggio, his wife Michele and their daughters Jaclyn and Julianna of Durham; his nieces and nephews, Aaron and Leah from Maine and Joel and Avery from Colorado. Andrew was born in New Haven August 13, 1965, a son of Anne DiGiuseppe Faggio of New Haven and the late Frank Faggio. He went to St. Bernadette's Grammar School and was a graduate of Notre Dame High School. Andrew graduated from the Police Academy on October 25, 1988 and was assigned to the patrol division. In 1999 he was promoted to Detective and worked the Robbery and Burglary Unit up until the time of his accident. He was a member of the New Haven Police Centurions Club and also completed a Yale Child Study Class in 1996. Andy, as he was

known to his police department friends, was a well liked, popular Detective. He loved his job and the men and women he worked with. His devotion to his job and the way he did it is reflected in the recipients of "The Detective Andrew Faggio Award" which is given annually to a New Haven Police officer that best exemplifies Andrew's characteristics of compassion and integrity in policing.

The funeral for Andrew was held on January 14, 2011. He was buried with full departmental honors.

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### **Police, Corrections Deaths Up 13 % in 2011. Firefighter Deaths Decline**

Recently released figures reveal that 162 Police Officers and 9 Corrections Officers died in the line of duty during 2011. The figures for police and corrections represents an increase of 13 percent over the previous year. 38% of all law enforcement deaths were the result of gunfire related incidents followed by traffic accidents which accounted for another 21%. Heart attacks, vehicular assaults and other vehicle related incidents followed.

81 Firefighter line of duty deaths were reported in 2011 Those figures represent a decrease of 7%. From 2010. Of those fallen, 60.4 % or 49 were unpaid volunteer firefighters.

Most deaths occurred at on-scene fires followed by after scene resulting from injuries or cardiac failure. Included in those figures were two Connecticut Firefighters. On April 18, Windsor firefighter Robert Watts, 50, died performing duties while on an emergency call at the Windsor Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. On October 25, Waterbury Lt. Bruce Bachinsky, age 47, died shortly after returning from fighting a structure fire in that city.

### **9-11 Events Are The Source of Two Very Generous Donations to "The Club With A Heart"**

With September 11, 2011 being the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and the skies over Pennsylvania resulting in the deaths of nearly 3,000 individuals, numerous events were held nationwide to remember those lost. Two Connecticut based non-profit groups organized events to commemorate that tragic event. As a result of those activities the Hundred Club has received two very sizable donations in memory of law enforcement officers and firefighters lost in the line of Duty.

One group, The Middlesex Hospital "Vocal Chords", a chorus made up of over 100 Middlesex Hospital employees established in 1990, organized and conducted a "9-11 Tribute" which was held at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford. The event was well supported with donations of goods and services coming from groups and companies eager to lend their support. The event was a huge success. As a result, Vocal Chords Director, Joyce Ghent presented The Club with a check totaling \$13,738.

Shortly after the events of 9/11, a group of individuals in southwestern Connecticut wanted to do something to preserve the memory of those who lost their lives on that tragic day and, in some way, offer support to the families who suffered those immeasurable losses. In addition they wanted to show support for those in public service who put their lives on the line every day to provide public peace and safety. One such group was organized by Mr. Fred Garrity. The group, became known as the Connecticut Ride United. They decided to organize a motorcycle ride to commemorate that day. The ride mapped out a sixty mile route through the region. It has been an ongoing event for several years. The first ride consisted of about 500 riders. It has steadily grown in ensuing years with 3,200 riders participating in 2011. The parade route is lined with supporters including local fire departments and citizens. Funds raised from the ride have been donated to the Connecticut Firefighters Association and The United Way. A few years ago Club Managing



Director Bill Sydenham was contacted by Fred who informed him of the existence of the event and that the group wanted to make a donation to the Hundred Club. Initially the club received a donation of \$3,500 from the ride. In 2011 Fred presented the club with a check in the amount of \$10,500. Fred has informed the club that the "Ride" hopes to continue with additional donations in the future.

These substantial donations are greatly appreciated by the Club and will certainly aid us in continuing the work we do.

### English Firefighters Traveling To USA For 9/11 Tribute are Hosted By Club Member



Club member Tony Skut, himself a volunteer firefighter in Colchester, was involved in recovery operations at the Twin Towers. Every year Tony goes to NY to pay his respects to those lost on that day. For the past eight years Tony has invited firefighters from Colchester England to visit Colchester. Tony hosts the group at his home and with others in the Colchester area. Part of the trip includes travel to New York to pay respects to firefighters killed trying to save those trapped in the buildings. Tony explains that the firefighting "Brotherhood" has no boundaries. "They feel the same loss we do." This year 8 "brothers" came over including an English police officer. The above photo was taken in NY in front of the South Memorial on Sept. 11. Tony has traveled to New York for the 9-11 services for the past 9 years. He was there after the attacks and helped recover a New York firefighter. He has vowed never to forget. Thank you Tony for all you do for the Club and the citizens of Colchester.

### Bernie Sullivan Club President 2012 Continues A Life Dedicated to Public Service.



Incoming club President Bernie Sullivan began a life dedicated to public service when he joined the Hartford Police Department in 1964. He continued his career for some twenty-five years during which he rose through the ranks and in 1982 was appointed Chief. He continued in that capacity for the next seven years until his retirement in 1989. During that career he became a well known and respected law enforcement professional. After retiring from the Hartford PD, Bernie began working in the private sector. That retirement was short lived when in 1989 Governor William O'Neill asked him to assume command of the Connecticut Department of Public Safety. Bernie served as Commissioner for the next two years. In the ensuing years Bernie had continued a close connection within the law enforcement community.

Bernie first learned of the club's existence and purpose in helping surviving spouses and children when in 1967 a coworker, Hartford Patrolman Harvey Young, was killed in the line of duty. He witnessed more of the club's work over the years. Just two weeks after assuming command of the State Police Trooper Jorge Agosto was struck and killed by a car while performing traffic enforcement on I-95 in Greenwich. Bernie worked with the club to help the young trooper's family.

In his message to the membership Bernie stated, "I feel especially privileged to serve as president of The Hundred Club of CT. Having spent 27 years in the law enforcement profession I have had personal involvement with the good works performed by the Club. I have seen children of our fallen heroes attain their educational and professional goals thanks to the commitment of our members.

Families that were so severely harmed by their losses were able to carry on in life thanks in part to the support provided through this dedicated organization. I hope that in some small way my service to the Board of Directors and members will be equal to the dedication they have shown to all Public Safety personnel for so many years.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year and thank you for being the extended family to the survivors of our fallen heroes."

#### CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to **Kevin Cooney** on being named Fire Chief in South Windsor

... to **Christopher Brooks** on being named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University

#### *From the Mailbag:*

From time to time we receive cards and letters from surviving spouses and family members informing us of how they are doing and expressing appreciation for the club's generosity. Here are a couple of excerpts :

Anticipating the upcoming graduation of her son from college one woman writes: "I will smile and I will cry. I wish that his dad were alive to share our joy.....I will feel so grateful for the generosity of The Hundred Club. You keep your promises and make dreams come true"

Another writes, "You are a shining example of how America takes care of her own at the local level, at the family level. God bless your work"



## Scenes From The Annual Meeting



Incoming President Bernie Sullivan accepts his gavel from Past President Peter Guerra.



Guest speaker Carol Bagshaw delivers a very moving presentation.



Past President and Director Paul Young introduces Joyce Ghent of the Middlesex Vocal Chords.



Fred Garrity explains the mission of the Connecticut United Ride and it's plans for continued support of the Club.



Meeting attendees listen to opening remarks.



Past and current officers and directors are recognized for their contributions to the Club.

