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"The Club with a Heart"

THE HUNDRED CALL

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Accident Claims Life Of Montville Officer

The first law enforcer in Connecticut to lose his life in the line of duty in three years was the victim of an accident Jan. 23 in Montville. Officer Joseph N. Sachatello of the Montville Police Dept. was enroute to an accident scene when he lost control of the police cruiser he was driving on Rte. 82 and struck a tree.

Officer Joseph N. Sachatello

The death of Mr. Sachatello occurred five days short of the third anniversary of the high-
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PHOTO CREDIT: State Police - Joe Weronik

Mrs. Lisa C. Sachatello, widow of the fallen officer, carries their 6-month old son, Anthony, to the funeral service. Her father, Anthony Cosentino, is also shown.

\$6.7 Million Distributed

Popular Firefighter Dies In West Hartford

One of the most popular members of the West Hartford Fire Dept., Patrick L. Brooks, became the first member of that department to lose his life in the line of duty. The 38-year-old firefighter suffered a heart seizure Nov. 12 while on assignment at Engine Co. #5.



Firefighter Patrick L. Brooks

The president of Firefighters Union Local #1241, Firefighter Brooks was credited with playing a major
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Ashford Fire Chief Succumbs On Duty

Volunteer and career firefighters from throughout the Northeast paid tribute to Chief Bruce S. Fletcher of the Ashford Volunteer Fire Dept. Mr. Fletcher was the victim of a coronary attack Nov. 18 while on duty at the town fire station. He had returned to the facility after responding to a call for an ambulance and was writing a report on the incident.



Chief Bruce S. Fletcher

A 30-year member of the department, Mr. Fletcher was named its chief in 1996. He was employed as engine inspector by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, for 20 years before his retirement about one month before his death.
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Club Has Assisted Families Since '67

The Hundred Club has given approximately \$6.7 million to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. With the recent death of Montville Police Officer Joseph N. Sachatello, the club's roster of "Fallen Heroes" rose to 213.

Of the \$6.7 million distributed by the club, \$3,818,975 has been expended through the scholarship program. This project was launched in 1974. The first recipients received between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per year to help defray the cost of their education. Currently, the club is providing up to \$25,000 per year per student. At present, there are 16 students attending colleges. Participants in the program can also further their education in vocational and technical schools. All students
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Cocktail Party Oct. 22

The committee chaired by past President Peter H. Guerra is continuing to develop the program for the annual meeting of The Hundred Club which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Cromwell.

The general format calls for a cocktail party from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres served. There will be a brief speaking program during which the incoming president will be introduced.

A special committee chaired by Mr. Guerra studied several possible sites and types of events and concluded that a cocktail party at a centrally located facility would best meet the wishes of the membership. The Radisson is easily reached from Route I-91 via Exit 21.

Additional details will appear in a future issue of *The Hundred Call*.

Memorial Ceremony In Meriden May 22

Chief (Ret.) Robert E. Kosienski of the Meriden Police Dept. announced that the ceremony to honor Connecticut law enforcers who lost their lives in the line of duty will be held Thursday, May 22 at the memorial located on the grounds of the Police Training Academy in Meriden.

He also said that the Memorial Committee dinner will be at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington May 7. The social hour will start at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7:15 p.m. The cost will be \$40.

During the ceremony at the memorial the name Joseph N. Sachatello will be added to the roll. This member of the Montville Police Dept. lost his life in the line of duty Jan. 23.

It is expected that the program will be similar to events in the past with various musical selections, remarks by dignitaries, tributes to the "Fallen Heroes" and the reading of the names engraved on the memorial.

The ceremonies will start at 11 a.m. ■

147 Law Enforcers Lost Lives In 2002

Last year 147 law enforcers in the United States lost their lives in the line of duty, according to figures compiled by the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This was a sharp decline from 2001 when 230 lost their lives. Included in that figure are the 72 law enforcers who died as a result of the attacks by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. In Connecticut no on-duty deaths were recorded in 2001 or 2002.

Nationally, deaths in this category have declined since the 1970s when an average of 220 officers died on duty each year. In the 1980s the average dropped to 185 per year and in the 1990s the per year average was 155.

Law enforcement officials believe the decrease in on-duty deaths can be attributed to better training and improvements in equipment and medical care. ■

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must maintain good academic standings.

The financial assistance to students was raised from \$15,000 per year to \$25,000 per year in 2001. At the same time, the Board of Directors increased the initial death benefit from \$7,500 to \$10,000. In 1967, the year the club was founded by the late Anthony Ustauskas, a Hartford businessman, the club gave the families of a "Fallen Hero" \$1,000.

During the past year the club continued its holiday remembrance programs: 128 spouses and 16 children received checks at Christmas with the club expending \$99,200; at Thanksgiving 129 food baskets costing \$11,589 were provided; widows also received gifts on Mother's Day and Valentine's Day; 16 children received a U.S. Government Bond on their birthday and three attended summer camp. The club has 30 computer systems with access to the Internet in place. The computer program was started in 2000 to assist students in elementary schools, high schools and colleges.

When Mr. Ustauskas founded the club 36 years ago the annual dues were set at \$250. The dues have remained the same throughout the history of the club. Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. said there are openings for new members. Interested parties should contact him at headquarters in Glastonbury. ■

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During the Vietnam War he served with the U.S. Army and was awarded the Bronze Star and on two occasions received the Purple Heart. Mr. Fletcher also served in the Connecticut National Guard for 20 years.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science and was a certified Connecticut Fire Officer. Mr. Fletcher was active in several organizations including the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs Association and the Tolland County Switchboard Association. He was also involved in the training program at the State Fire Training Academy, Windsor Locks. Since 1974 he served as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Mr. Fletcher was born Nov. 20, 1951 in Manchester, the son of the late Ralph H. Fletcher, Jr. and Helen Carmel Fletcher. He leaves his wife Jaye Waldron Fletcher of Ashford; four grown children, Steven C., James, and Melissa, all of Ashford; and Rachael Pelletier of New York; three brothers, Ralph and Wayne C. of Ashford, and Alan J. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Hundreds of people paid their respects to Mr. Fletcher at the funeral home and during the service at the Ashford Baptist Church. He was buried with full military honors in West Hill Cemetery.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Fletcher family. ■

PHOTO CREDIT: West Hartford LIFE - Mark Jahn



Firefighters walked alongside West Hartford Fire Department's Engine #5 as it transported the body of Firefighter Patrick L. Brooks to Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

POPULAR FIREFIGHTER BROOKS

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role in the resolution of several labor-related issues. His colleagues said he worked closely with them and town officials and had the ability to bring about agreements which both sides considered fair.

Members of the department, while praising Mr. Brooks' work as the leader of the union, were quick to note that he excelled at his fulltime profession and on one occasion was named "Firefighter of The Year."

Despite inclement weather, hundreds of firefighters and law enforcers paid their respects to Mr. Brooks by attending the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Gertrude's Church, Windsor. Following the service, they walked a mile in rain and sleet alongside Engine #5, which carried Mr. Brooks' casket to Mount St. Benedict's Cemetery, Bloomfield, where he was buried. Mr.

Brooks lived with his family in Windsor.

Mr. Brooks was eulogized as "a kind man, a skillful and dedicated firefighter and a devoted husband and father."

Born in Hartford, the future firefighter graduated from Northwest Catholic High School in 1981 and received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Connecticut. A member of the West Hartford Fire Dept. for 11 years, Firefighter Brooks was active with the Firefighters Benevolent Society, the International Association of Firefighters and the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Mr. Brooks leaves his wife, C. Rita Khargie Brooks; three sons, Patrick, Anthony and Christopher, all at home; his parents, Ira and Rosa Brooks of Windsor; a brother Neville Brooks of Hartford; two sisters Sandra M. Brooks and Sharon T. Brooks, both of Windsor; and several nieces and nephews.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Brooks family. ■

PHOTO CREDIT: State Police - Joe Weronik



The casket of Montville Police Officer Joseph N. Sachatello was escorted by law enforcers into Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Waterford.

Annual Golf Events At Tunxis July 30th

For the third consecutive year The Hundred Club will conduct two separate golf tournaments on the same day at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. The events will take place Wednesday, July 30. It is expected that the field on each course will be limited to 30 foursomes.

Acceptance into the tournaments will be strictly on a "first-come, first-served basis," said Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. The application form appears on Page 4 of this issue of *The Hundred Call*. The fee for golfers is \$125 per player. This amount covers the on-course lunch and the steak dinner at Table Green, the sheltered outdoor dining facility not far from the clubhouse. Non-golfers are invited to have lunch and dinner. The charge is \$40.

The tournaments will be played on the Par 72 White Course and the Par 70 Green Course. Both events will begin at 10 a.m. sharp with shotgun starts. President Joel E. Janenda and Mr. Sydenham emphasized that golfers should arrive at least 30 minutes early and go directly to the registration desk. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be available. The practice range and putting green will be open for early arrivals.

During the dinner, prizes will be awarded for the best gross and net scores on both courses. In addition there will be awards for the longest drives on designated fairways and tee shots closest to the pin on a Par 3 hole on each course. The popular free raffle will be held prior to the presentation of the golf prizes.

Tunxis General Manager Lou Pandolfi,

P.G.A., and Angelo Fiducia, P.G.A., the resident golf professionals, will oversee the tournaments and compile the official scores.

Messrs. Pandolfi and Fiducia believe that the White and Green courses present challenges to low handicap golfers, but can also be managed by middle and high handicappers provided they do not attempt risky shots, especially on the holes which feature water hazards. During the off-season work was done on several of the sand bunkers and it may be easier this year to recover from these traps, the pros noted.

Tunxis opened in 1962 with one 18-hole course. It now consists of two 18-hole championship layouts and a 9-hole course. Year after year Tunxis is the site of several highly competitive tournaments and charitable events.

A social hour at the Table Green will begin immediately after play is completed. The steak dinner will be served at approximately 4 p.m. ■

REMINDER



The annual membership meeting of The Hundred Club will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Cromwell. A cocktail party will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ■

MONTVILLE OFFICER

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way crash which took the life of Middletown Police Sgt. George R. Dingwall, who was pursuing burglars on Rte. 9 in Essex.

An estimated 1,200 law enforcers from as far away as Kentucky paid their respects to Mr. Sachatello at the funeral home and the Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Waterford. With Bishop Daniel Hart of Norwich present at the service, Msgr. Thomas McBride paid tribute to his parishioner. "What we had in Joe was a loving and caring man. Joe reached out to those he would meet, to those he would serve and he brought that gift to those whom he served as a police officer," declared Msgr. McBride.

During his two and one-half years with the department Mr. Sachatello was credited with helping to solve a murder in Salem and making several drug-related arrests. In 2002 he was named Montville's "Police Officer of The Year."

Mr. Sachatello was born in New London April 5, 1969. He graduated from Watertown High School and Western Connecticut State University where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice and Law Administration.

Mr. Sachatello is survived by his wife, Lisa Consentino Sachatello, an infant son, Anthony; his parents, Joseph and Elaine Geiger Sachatello of Waterford; two sisters, Mrs. Terri Williams of Newington and Mrs. Lisa Burton of Newington; his grandmother, Mrs. Rose Sachatello of New London; and several nieces and nephews.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Sachatello family. ■

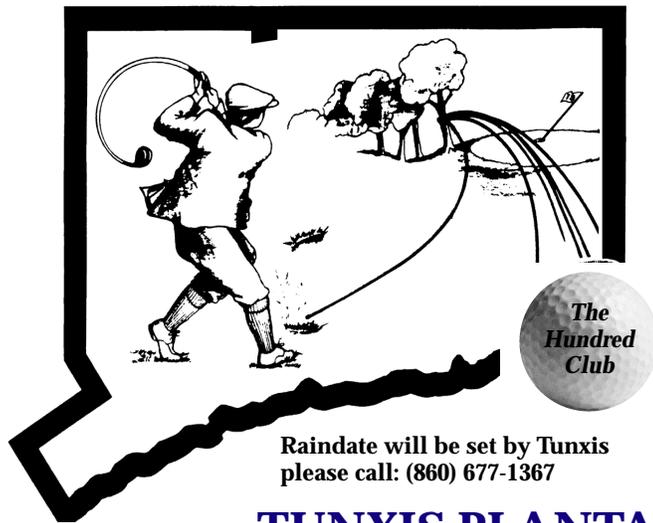
Sponsors Program Set For Golf Tournaments

The popular hole sponsorship program will again be part of The Hundred Club's two separate golf tournaments, according to Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. The tournaments will be played Wednesday, July 30 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington.

With one tourney being played on the White Course and the other on the Green Course, the committee is making available a total of 36 holes for sponsorship.

A blue and gold banner is displayed on each hole that is sponsored. It bears the emblem of The Hundred Club and the name of the sponsor. In the past, individuals as well as businesses and organizations have participated in the program. Following the tournaments the nylon flags are given to the sponsors as mementos.

Parties interested in becoming sponsors should contact Mr. Sydenham at headquarters. ■



Raindate will be set by Tunxis
please call: (860) 677-1367

THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S

2003 GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Two Separate Tournaments
On Two Separate Courses

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

TUNXIS PLANTATION COUNTRY CLUB

Directions: Route 84, east or west, Exit 39, Follow Route 4 West,
take 1st right after Farmington River – Town Farm Road.

\$125.00 per golfer ...

includes golf carts, greens fee, lunch & beverage (on course) steak dinner

\$40.00 per non-golfer ...

includes lunch & steak dinner



PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO STARTING TIME.

Starting Time ... Shotgun Start – 10:00 a.m.

These are two separate and individual tournaments with identical formats – lunch and beverage on course, cocktails at approximately 3:00; dinner at 4:00; awarding of prizes and the **free raffle** follows dinner. The cost is **\$125.00 per player – \$500.00 per foursome.**

Please send registration form and payment to:
The Hundred Club of Connecticut, Inc.

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***** HUNDRED CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT *****

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Please register this foursome:

Number of golfers (\$125.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

Number of Non-golfers (\$40.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

(A check must accompany this reservation slip) Grand Total: \$ _____

Contact name for this foursome: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #1: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #2: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #3: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #4: _____ Telephone: _____

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