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John J. King Dies; President In 1974

One of the earliest members and a past president of The Hundred Club has died. John J. King of Hartford passed away Aug. 15.

Mr. King joined The Hundred Club in 1967, shortly after it was founded by Anthony Ustjanauskas. At the close of the inaugural year, the club had 31 dues-paying members.

Immediately, Mr. King became involved in the club's activities and in the fall of 1973 he was asked to serve as the club's president the following year. Long after his presidency, Mr. King remained active as a past president with the privilege to vote at the meetings of the Board of Directors. Mr. King continued to serve on committees and chaired the Special Assistance Committee in recent years.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. King was educated in local schools. He earned a Bachelors



John J. King

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Annual Dinner Oct. 11

Memorial Honors Fallen Firefighters

Nearly 14 years after the idea was seriously discussed, the Memorial honoring firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty was dedicated Aug. 18. This tribute in stone is located at the front of the Fire Training Academy in Windsor Locks, not far from Bradley International Airport.

Under a hot summer sun Lt. Gov. M. Jodi Rell noted that on one day – Sept. 11, 2001 – 350 firefighters lost their lives. "Today," she said, "we are dedicating this memorial to about 400 Connecticut firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty since 1883. It does not matter if the lives were lost in one day or over the course of 120 years – the loss of a firefighter is a tragedy."

In brief remarks State Fire Administrator Jeffrey J. Morrissette said, "All in the fire service know that one day they may not return home. This is cold reality, whether it be a volunteer or a career firefighter."

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Janenda To Accept Presidency For '03

The gavel – the symbol of the club's presidency – will be passed from the outgoing leader, Richard J. "Dick" Hurley to Joel E. Janenda at the annual dinner meeting of The Hundred Club, Friday, Oct. 11 at La Renaissance in East Windsor. Mr. Janenda, currently vice president, will assume his new duties officially on Jan. 1, 2003.

The schedule calls for the cocktail hour to begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Assessing the condition of the club as officials prepared for the 35th annual dinner meeting, Mr. Hurley said, "The club is in excellent shape. Working with the board and my fellow officers has been a wonderful experience and, believe me, I intend to stay active."

Mr. Hurley and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. reminded members that tickets are available. Interested parties should contact the club's headquarters. The telephone number is (860) 633-8357. The fax number is (860) 633-8350.

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Giansanti Winner In Golf Events

For the first time since The Hundred Club's golf tournaments were started in 1975 a ranking officer in the club recorded the lowest gross score in one of the events. Ralph Giansanti, second vice president, shot a two under par 70 on the demanding White Course at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington, on July 31.

In the competition on the par 70 Green Course, Jim Burns was the winner in the Gross Division with a three over 73.

Giansanti, who carries a low handicap at the Country Club of Farmington, has posted low scores in the past, including a par 70 on the Green Course which was the second best on that layout in 2001.

For their first place finishes in the two

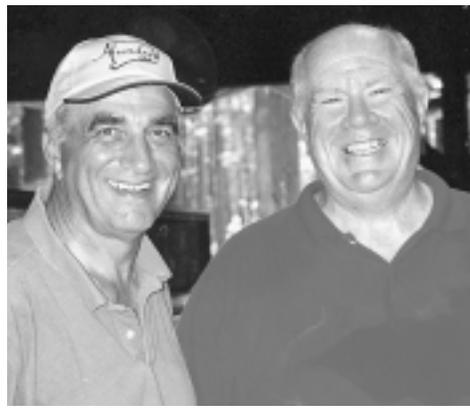
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Lt. Gov. M. Jodi Rell placed a wreath in front of the Firefighters' Memorial in Windsor Locks. Mrs. Rell dedicated the memorial which honors firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. (See story on Page 4.)



Patricia Grenier – Paul Young



John Franco – Bill McCue



Anthony Petruzzello – John McLeod



Msgr. Joseph Devine



Jimmy Attolino – Bob Hardiman



Mayor Steve Cassano



Scott O'Mara – Fran Foley



Cara Britton



Lou Pandolfi, PGA – Cmsr. Arthur Spada



Scott O'Donnell



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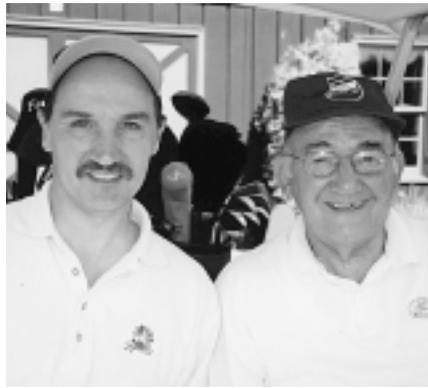
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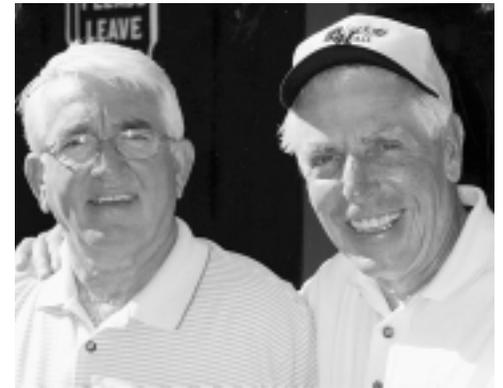
Chris Funk



Lt. Gov. (Ret.) Joe Fauliso – State Sen. Billy Ciotto



Gary & Justice Angelo Santaniello



Bill Ferris – Dick Hurley



Larry Gibeault



Ken Wilcox



Len Samapulski



Anthony Kargul



Ted Fleming



Frank Barrila – Peter Cummins – Dave Kimball – Al Foley



Rich Hart



Glen Dobkin



Bill Lee – Charles Lee – Bob Nessner – Doug Bousque



Bill Sydenham – Joel Janenda



Duke Avery



Jeff Butler



Jim Burns



J. Stewart Johnston (left) and John J. King shown at a recent club dinner. Both men joined the club in 1967 and later served as its president.

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Degree in Civil Engineering from Cooper Union in New York City and his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from New York University.

In 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, 77th Division in New York. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1941. During World War II he served with the 88th Infantry Division in Italy. He was wounded in action in 1944 and received the Purple Heart. That same year he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Following the end of the war, he returned to the 77th Division until 1958 when he transferred to the 76th Division in Connecticut. He held the rank of Brigadier General and was the assistant division commander when he retired in 1969.

Mr. King was employed by the George A. Fuller Co. of New York from 1946 to 1971. At the time of his retirement he was vice president. During his career in construction, Mr. King had the principal responsibility for several landmark projects in the Hartford area including the Cathedral of St. Joseph and the Hartford National Bank Building. From 1971 to 1978 he was vice president of Horn Construction.

Mr. King was a communicant at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, a member of the Hartford Club, Retired Officers Association, St. Vincent DePaul Society, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Newcomen Society.

In addition to his wife, the former Mary M. Curry of New York, Mr. King is survived by three sons, Robert, John, and Paul and their wives; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Joan.

A Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Joseph Aug. 19. The burial with full military honors was in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. ■

Tributes

Two men, who like John King, joined The Hundred Club in 1967 and later served as its president, Angelo Tomasso, Jr. and J. Stewart Johnston and the club's current president, Richard J. Hurley paid high tribute to Mr. King.

Mr. Tomasso said, "John was a solid and thoughtful man. He was a leader in the military and in civilian life. At our board and committee meetings his opinions were always held in high regard. Personally, I have lost a valued friend – a friend of many years."

Mr. Johnston declared, "John King was a great guy. It was a joy to work with him. He was devoted to The Hundred Club. We served together on many committees. I cannot recall John ever coming to a meeting without preparing for it. The club will miss John and I will miss him as a friend."

Mr. Hurley said, "I admired John King. He always had the interests of The Hundred Club at heart. He gave his time and talents to the club for 35 years.

"John brought a positive attitude to our meetings. He provided a good example for new members of the board. I certainly learned a great deal from him. Make no mistake about it, John King left an indelible mark on The Hundred Club." ■

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Other speakers were Chief (Ret.) Ernest Herrick of Storrs, chairman of the State Firefighters Memorial Committee; O'Neill Burrows, president, State Firefighters Association; and Peter Carozza, chairman, Commission on Fire Prevention & Control.

The focal point of the memorial setting is a large block of polished black granite on which are the images of four firefighters battling a blaze. The names of fallen firefighters will be inscribed on granite blocks set around the perimeter of a plaza that includes a brick patio shaped in the form of a Maltese Cross, the universal symbol of the firefighting service. ■

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Messrs. Hurley and Sydenham stressed that the speaking program will be brief. Once again there will be an informal format. A few years ago the policymakers decided to eliminate the headtable, a decision that has been lauded by attendees at the dinners. There will be dinner music and a variety of selections for dancing.

Mr. Sydenham noted that the dinner provides an opportunity for members to bring guests and acquaint them with the work of the club which since 1967 has distributed more than \$6 million to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. ■



Ralph Giansanti (left) and President Dick Hurley wore bright smiles when Hurley announced that his fellow club officer recorded the lowest score of the day in the club's two separate golf tournaments.

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separate tournaments Giansanti and Burns were given certificates worth \$300 each in the Tunxis Pro Shop by Dick Hurley, the club's president.

In the Net Divisions the winners were Jeff Butler with a 71 on the White Course and Duke Avery who turned in a 69 on the Green Course. Each received a \$300 pro shop certificate.

Other winners were: White Course, Gross Division, Glen Dobkin; Scott O'Donnell; Kevin Dyson; George Thompson; Net Division, Chris Funk; Gary Santaniello; Mike Raick; and Dave Dyson.

Green Course, Gross Division, George Cruickshank; Anthony Kargul; Jeff Scull; and Ted Fleming; Net Division, John Smith; Paul Hansen; Bob Haywood; and Mark Samapulski.

Winners for the shots closest to the pin on designated par 3 holes were Peter Young and Neal Wrananen.

The awards were presented by President Hurley and Managing Director William E. Sydenham, Jr. In brief remarks, Hurley extended thanks to the Tomasso Family for making the Tunxis facilities available and their long-time support of the tournaments.

Two past presidents, Dick Brown and Paul Young, assisted club staff members Patricia Grenier and Phyllis Carrier at the registration desk. ■

THE SHAW CUP

Back in the days when The Hundred Club's golf events were played at Banner Lodge, the golfers who competed for the low gross score sought to take home for one year the Carroll E. Shaw Cup. The award bore the name of the club's first managing director.

In 1982 when Gerry Bugg won the gross competition for the third time, Club President Bill Thornton told the winner that since he had recorded the lowest score for the third time he deserved to keep the cup. ■