

SERVING THOSE  
WHO SERVE



THE MISSION OF THE 100 CLUB OF BUFFALO IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL WHO ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY, AND TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO ENHANCE THEIR SAFETY AND WELFARE.

# First Responder

Spring 2011

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## 2011 Officers Elected

Daniel P. Penberthy, Chief Financial Officer of Rand Capital Corp. has been elected president of The 100 Club of Buffalo and Western New York. Penberthy has been a member of the organization for five years. He holds a BS from St. Bonaventure University and MBA from the University at Buffalo and is an Amherst resident.

Three vice presidents were elected to one-year terms. They are the Honorable Barbara Howe (Erie County Surrogate Judge), Kenneth A. Richmond (Sr. Vice President Operations for Erie County Medical Center) and Robert Zak (President and CEO of Merchants Group), all Buffalo residents.

Other officers include Secretary, Nancy A. Fredrickson (Owner, The Fredrickson Group) a Hamburg resident; Assistant Secretary Jane Kwiatkowski (Buffalo News and also an attorney) a Buffalo resident; Treasurer Ross Kenzie of Derby and Assistant Treasurer John J. O'Neill (President of Equity Search, Inc.) a Hamburg resident.

Frank Broderick continues as Executive Director. He lives in Williamsville.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each day as we scan the internet, or the daily news, for the most current updates on natural disasters, storms, fires, shootings, accidents or other emergencies we need to remember to look past the headlines, and remember the first responders that are working behind the scenes in these tense situations.

A First Responder is always there in a crisis, and we depend on them to be that way. But who is there for them? That is our role, the 100 Club of Buffalo. We will be there for the First Responders when they need us! That is simply our goal for 2011, to make sure that the Club will have strong financial support, to always be there for them!

Thank you for support, membership and involvement in our activities; and for allowing me to represent each of you as your 2011 President.

**Dan Penberthy**

## Searching for heroes

A hunter falling into the Zoar Valley Gorge and Cattaraugus Creek waters required a team effort for search and rescue that ended up including rescuing the rescuers.

This is just one example of the heroes who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They were honored at the annual 100 Club Heroes Awards Dinner in February at the Country Club of Buffalo. Those honored include:

- New York State Trooper William L. Persinger
- Town of Lewiston Police Officer Scott E. Stafford
- City of Buffalo Firefighter William Stanford
- East Aurora Teacher, Civilian Hero Christopher S. Koselny
- East Aurora Police Officer Joseph M. Ferrara
- The New York State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT)
- Erie County Sheriff's Department Tactical Flight Officer Arthur Litzinger



Honorees Sgt. Michael Wolniewicz (l), Tactical Flight Officer Arthur Litzinger (r) along with 100 Club Executive Director Frank Broderick and President Dan Penberthy (center l-r)

Nominations for the Hero Awards came from across the Western New York area.

Following is a synopsis of the events surrounding the award recipients:

**New York State Trooper William L. Persinger** and **Town of Lewiston Police Officer Scott E. Stafford** rescued a family of four who were being held hostage in their Town of Porter home by an unstable man threatening them with a knife. Trooper Persinger negotiated the release of one of the two children. The suspect still threatened to kill

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the remaining family members. The homeowner tried to take matters into his own hands, only to struggle with the suspect and was stabbed before Trooper and Officer Stafford could enter the home and disarm the knife-wielding suspect.

### **City of Buffalo Firefighter William Sanford** responded to

a fire call on Woeppel Street in Buffalo on January 1, 2010. The two-and-a-half story structure was fully engulfed in flames. Firefighter Sanford entered the burning and smoke-filled building conducting a search for any possible occupants. He found and removed an unconscious victim before flames could reach them both.

A child was in the water and unresponsive during normal swimming exercises at the East Aurora Middle School. Physical education teacher **Christopher S. Koselny** immediately began performing CPR as **East Aurora Police Officer Joseph M. Ferrara** (who also is a School Resource Officer) arrived and began to assist. Ferrara utilized the school's automated external defibrillator. The child regained a pulse but was still in cardiac arrest. **Rural Metro Medical Services Paramedic Michael P. Leuer** arrived and intubated the child. Leuer believed the boy was likely suffering a cardiac condition. On the way to the hospital the boy became unresponsive and Leuer continued protocols until reaching the hospital.

Gowanda Fire Company and NYS Forest Rangers were called to find a missing young hunter. The Erie County Sheriff's Department helicopter aided the search which eventually located the young hunter who had fallen into the gorge. The helicopter landed close enough to the victim allowing **Tactical Flight Officer Arthur Litzinger** to wade across the creek, carefully moving him out of the water. With weather deteriorating, quickly rising creek and swift currents, the helicopter had to take off, leaving Deputy Litzinger to care for the victim.

A team of six rescuers descended into the gorge by foot, found the victim but soon became stranded by the rapid waters and the loss of daylight.

**The New York State Police (SORT) Special Operations Response Team** was called in. Led by **Trooper Michael Wolniewicz**, the team was guided by State Police helicopters and made their way through the hazardous terrain at night positioning themselves above the gorge. They rappelled to reach the severely injured victim and stranded rescuers hauling them back to the top of the cliff over five hours.

Litzinger and New York State Police SORT are being honored representing all those in the search and rescue effort.



*Christopher Koselny, Dan Penberthy, Officer Joseph Ferrara, Frank Broderick and Paramedic Michael Leuer*

## Volunteer Firefighter Dies in the Line of Duty

Volunteer firefighter 26-year-old Jarrett Elean of the Big Tree Volunteer Fire Company, Hamburg died January 12 after he was stricken following a training exercise. Elean was a lieutenant in the fire company and headed up their fire prevention efforts.

A Pittsburgh native, he had relocated to Western New York to be closer to his girlfriend. Local memorial services were held before Elean was buried in Pittsburgh, PA.

As is the policy of The 100 Club, the organization provides financial assistance to those who died in the line of duty. Big Tree Volunteer Fire Co. Chief Ed Hughes and Tiger Schmittendorf of Erie County Emergency Services presented a check to the family on behalf of The 100 Club. John Dengler and Robert A. Wutz, Jr. coordinated transporting the remains for burial. Arthur Musarra is working on details for processing PSOB in-the-line-of-duty death benefits.

On a related note, Art is continuing work on FESP (Fallen Emergency Service Provider Program) and other benefits for Officers Croom and McCarthy who died last year while fighting a building fire.

## Hockey Night

The 100 Club of Buffalo, along with the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association, presented Hockey Night at HSBC Arena on January 13 against the Carolina Hurricanes. Everyone won—Sabres (with a 3-2 win), 100 Club (with more than \$300 raised) and attendees (who enjoyed a priceless networking opportunity.)

More than 175 tickets were purchased at various levels, most of which entitled attendees to a Harbour Club Party Package.

Former NYS Trooper Scott Rankus, who was injured in a car accident three years ago and is permanently disabled, was on hand for the game.



*NYS Police - SORT Team: Front Row: Sgt. Shad Crowe, Tpr. Brian Brass and Tpr. Ross Riley Middle Row: Tpr. Nathaniel Stobert and Tpr. Carmelo Cruz Back Row: Sgt. Michael Wolniewicz, Tpr Thomas Anticola, Tpr Daniel Brown and Tpr. Brian Stone*

## Bell Ringer

100 Club President Dan Penberthy recently visited New York City and participated in the famed Wall Street "Bell Ringing" ceremony which initiated the days trading markets on February 8, 2011. Dan is the EVP & CFO of Rand Capital, headquartered in Buffalo. Rand was one of the 40 founding Nasdaq members in 1971, and has maintained its listing over the last 40 years. Rand is a 100 Club

Corporate member.

"It was a thrill to participate in the market's opening ceremonies," Dan said. "It is increasingly difficult to remain a small public company in to today's highly regulated environment; Rand is proud to be included in a group of founding companies that included names such as Intel, Bob Evans Farms and Herman Miller."

## Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

The 100 Club provides Scholarships of Excellence of up to \$2,500 to high school seniors of Western New York emergency service providers who plan to continue their education at a two- or four-year college. Scholarships are given to seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular or employment activities and community involvement.

To be considered, the high school senior must meet numerous criteria, which can be found on the 100 Club website (100clubbuffalo.org.) Deadline for application is May 4, 2011.

## Impact of 100 Club Scholarship

The following is from Ian Moskal, a 2010 100 Club Scholarship recipient. It's gratifying to know that donations and fund raising events are making a difference.



I am most grateful for the assistance this scholarship has given me this year. The money eliminated my need to take on a work-study position on campus. In turn, this freed me from the added anxiety of having a job during my first semester here at Cornell. I think I had a much easier time acclimating to the workload and actually meeting new people here as a result. I was also able to become rather involved on campus as well. I was elected president of my dorm, Clara Dickson Hall, and earned the award of Cornell Executive Board Member of the Month for my leadership in that role.

I was also able to apply for a program for students interested in physics education. It's a program funded by the National Science Foundation and the American Physical Society which encourages physics, engineering and math majors to pursue any interest they have in teaching. The program provides a small stipend for my services as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for an introductory physics course, Physics: 1112 (Mechanics and Heat). For the program, I take a course called Teaching and Learning Physics, in addition to the continuation of my physics major. It's been a fascinating, rewarding opportunity that I do not believe I would have been able to participate in had it not been for the assistance of the 100 Club. Thank you all very much.

Ian Moskal  
Physics, Cornell University '14  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Physics 1112

## Upcoming Activities

### Thursday, May 12

Board meeting, noon, Chef's

### Thursday, May 26

First Responder Night with the Buffalo Bisons

### Thursday, July 7

Board meeting, noon, Chef's

### Monday, July 11

Golf Outing at Fox Valley Country Club

### Wednesday, July 27

Scholarship luncheon at the Buffalo Club

## Golf Tournament Teeing Up for Scholarships

The One Hundred Club of Buffalo, Inc. expects a sell-out for its annual scholarship golf outing on Monday, July 11 at Fox Valley Country Club in Lancaster. Past 100 Club President Robert A. Wutz, Jr. has been tapped as this year's chairman.

The event raises money for the 100 Club Scholarship of Excellence Fund that benefits college-bound children of active paid or volunteer fire and/or emergency medical service personnel or children of law enforcement officers who plan to continue their education at a two or four-year college. Last year the event raised more than \$20,000 proceeds from which were used to fund 2010 scholarship awards.

The event includes a lunch, afternoon golf, cocktails and dinner along with door prizes and a variety of auctions and awards.

If you are interested in playing, attending just the dinner and auction, or would like to be a sponsor, information is available on The 100 Club website at 100clubbuffalo.org or by calling (716) 932-6489 or email at 100clubofbuffalo@gmail.com.

## Networking via Business Club

Are you networking yet?

The organization has established its own proprietary membership networking system – The Business Club. Members who would like to share business information are invited to join. It is a good way to learn more about your colleagues and the services they may be able to offer fellow members and organizations.

Security is an increasing issue with many networking groups. The Business Club is proprietary and is only meant for 100 Clubmembers – another member benefit!

Anyone interested should contact Frank Broderick at (716) 932-6489 or 100clubofbuffalo@gmail.com.



## All Stressed Out and No Place to Go

The regular 100 Club Board Luncheon in February wasn't all work. After the business portion of the meeting was completed, Nancy Weil of The Laugh Academy put on a red clown nosed and talked with the group about ways to avoid stress, recognize the body's reaction to it and, best of all, how to get rid of stress the moment it occurs. Bubbles, clown noses, straws and chocolate were just some of the tools the attendees took home with them.

In an entertaining half hour, the program allowed board members to identify, in a unique way, personality traits and how each personality type reacts to stress and deadlines. Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore and Christopher Robin were used in Weil's *100 Hundred Acre Woods* theory of personalities in the workplace. The Honorable Judge

Barbara Howe was acknowledged as an example of a "Christopher Robin," the person everyone runs to when they need advice or a problem solved.



Laughter leader Nancy Weil

Nancy Weil has taught thousands of people how to stress less and laugh more through her speaking and consulting company, The Laugh Academy. She reaches out to businesses and organizations who want to harness the health benefits of laughter and humor. She also serves as Director of Bereavement Support for Mount Calvary Cemetery. If you want to learn more about her programs, visit [TheLaughAcademy.com](http://TheLaughAcademy.com)

## Batter Up for a Suite Deal

There may still be snow on the ground, but come April 7, the Buffalo Bisons are taking to Coca Cola Field opening the 2011 season. It's perfect timing to book a Bison Suite for a terrific experience at the park and assist The 100 Club too.

Again this season you can enjoy a Bisons' game in style from a luxurious suite while simultaneously making a donation to The 100 Club of Buffalo. In a generous arrangement with the Buffalo Bisons, The 100 Club will receive \$100 for every suite reserved at a 2011 Bisons' games.

Suites include \$100 toward food and beverages. Suite sizes available include:

- Corporate Suite \$400 (including 12 tickets)
- Themed Suite \$500 (including 24 tickets)
- Party Suite \$600 (including 30 tickets)

It's the perfect opportunity to entertain clients, thank employees, get together with family and friends or to celebrate Western New York while supporting our area's first responders.

For information and reservations contact Robert Kates (716) 846-2032 or [rkates@bisons.com](mailto:rkates@bisons.com) and tell him you're purchasing your suite in conjunction with The 100 Club of Buffalo. Visit [www.bisons.com](http://www.bisons.com) for the complete Bisons 2011 schedule.

## Past Presidents

- Commissioner  
 Frank N. Felicetta, Founder  
 2009-2010 Robert A. Wutz, Jr.  
 2008 Thomas H. O'Neill Jr  
 2007 Ralph J. Vanner, Jr.  
 2006 Ross B. Kenzie  
 2004-5 C. Anthony Rider  
 2002-3 Hon. Frank J. Clark  
 2000-1 Hon. Nancy A. Naples  
 1998-99 Thomas H. O'Neill, Jr.  
 1997 Ralph J. Vanner, Sr.  
 1996 Arthur F. DuC. Musarra, Jr.  
 1992-95 Louis J. Billittier\*  
 1991 Vern B. Anderson  
 1989-90 Donald J. Munch  
 1988 Frank J. Mohring  
 1987 William R. Brennan\*  
 1986 Phillip D. Smith  
 1985 Edward C. Gelia  
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 1981 Gregory Stamm  
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 1965 J. W. Condon, Jr.\*  
 1964 S. F. Cariola\*  
 1963 M. Covett\*  
 1962 W. J. Clark

\* Deceased

## First Responders Night Set for May 26

A parade of police vehicles, horses, fire trucks, ambulances, rescue helicopters and color/honor guards will take the field at the 100 Club of Buffalo's 22nd annual Police, Firefighters and EMS Appreciation Day at Coca Cola Field on Thursday, May 26, 7:05 p.m. Appreciation Day is an opportunity for the public to acknowledge and thank the dedicated men and women who risk their lives daily to protect and serve the community.

Pre-game festivities at a Tent Party adjacent to the field begin at 5:00 p.m. The party includes all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, soft drinks and a chance to meet with first responders from around the area and examine up close fire trucks and other rescue equipment.

Tickets for the game and party are \$25, and game-only tickets are \$10. They are available by contacting 100 Club Executive Director Frank E. Broderick at [100clubofbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:100clubofbuffalo@gmail.com) or call 716-932-6489 as well as from Robert Kates with the Bisons at 716-846-2032 or [rkates@bisons.com](mailto:rkates@bisons.com). You can also download an order form found on The100 Club website ([www.100clubbuffalo.org](http://www.100clubbuffalo.org).)