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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

Summer 2010

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## 100 Club Awards \$16,000 in Scholarships

It pays to study hard.

Just ask the eight area high school seniors who received 100 Club of Buffalo Scholarship of Excellence Awards.

The award presentation was held at The Buffalo Club on July 8, 2010. Money for the scholarships is raised through the annual 100 Club Golf Tournament.

High school seniors who are children of active law enforcement, fire and/or emergency medical service personnel, who will continue their education at either a two or four-year college, were eligible candidates. The scholarship is designed to recognize and honor high school seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in



Scholarship winners (from left): 100 Club President Bob Wutz, Jr., Kimberly Bartoszewicz, Cody Catalano, Ariel Centinello, Casey Dudziak, 100 Club Executive Director Frank Broderick, Matthew Gura, Mary LaMacchia, Barbara Howe, Ian Moskal. Scholarship winner Stephanie Griebner was unable to attend.

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## Bison Bash



Festivities abounded at the annual Buffalo Bisons' First Responders Night at Coca-Cola Field on June 17, 2010.

Pre-game activities ranged from a picnic style meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and drinks to firefighters taking visitors up on the aerial life for a bird's eye view of the park to K9 demonstrations. The parade just prior to the game against

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## FORE!



Actually more like \$32,000!

The 100 Club was two for two in outdoor events this year. The cooperative weather continued for the annual scholarship golf tournament. Another capacity field of golfers took to the links again this year under sunny skies at Fox Valley Country Club on July 13, 2010.

Competition was fierce with the winning team (l to r above) of Dr. David Stasiak, his son Matt, Tim Seel and Steve Andzel, with Exec Director Frank Broderick (second from left) in the shamble format.

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## Trooper Receives Generator

A car accident in January 2008 critically injured 30-year-old Western New York native, Trooper Scott Rankus. He was injured in an off duty motor vehicle accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. He is now home in Western New York with his parents.

Trooper Rankus' on-going medical needs required a self-starting, natural gas generator to maintain medical equipment in the event of a power outage. Board Member, Rich Qualey was instrumental in securing a generator at a reduced cost and 100 Club President Bob Wutz Jr. as well as Executive Committee Members, Tom and Jack O'Neill and Arthur Musarra contributed \$1,500 toward this project.

Others stepping forward, matching these monetary gifts, include Frank Broderick, John Carney, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Nancy Fredrickson, Ralph Lorigo, Reg Newman, Rich Qualey, Ed Qualey, Bob Zak and NYSPIA (New York State Police Investigators Association.)

Rich and the State Police family secured and installed the generator ensuring that Trooper Rankus and his family can be as comfortable as possible in knowing they will never lose power to his medical equipment. Bo Tucker, owner of Creative Concrete Inc. of Elma, NY was instrumental in the installation of the generator.

Many thanks to all who contributed and to Trooper Rankus for his time with the New York State Police.

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A record number of sponsors and the generosity of players who bid on an amazing number of valuable auction items and purchased drawing tickets resulted in more than \$32,000 net being raised. The money goes into The 100 Club Scholarship Fund. (See Scholarship article in this newsletter.)

A plaque was presented to Fox Valley in recognition of their contributions to the 100 Club over the years.

Congratulations to the golf committee for this record breaking year. Committee included Chair Dan Penberthy, Frank Broderick, Bob Wutz, Jr, Bill Lunney, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Nancy Fredrickson, Mike Minigel, Rose Burkowski and Don Dinola.

Many thanks to our sponsors including Gold sponsors: Capital Management, Equity Search, Erie County Medical Center, Lancaster Medical, Padian Health, and Rural Metro; Silver sponsors ACI, AXA Advisors, Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home, Buffalo Professional Firefighters – Local #282, Chaintreuil/Jensen/Stark Architects, LP Ciminelli Construction Co., Com Doc, DeLacy Ford, Joe Eagle Fabricating, Hillview Family Dental, Independent Health, Lakeshore Capital, Mandon Building Systems, Mark IV Industries,

Martin Services, Inc., Mentholatum, Mount Calvary Cemetery Group, New York State Troopers PBA, Rodems Construction, Samuel's Grande Manor, Sanderson & Company, UBS financial and UPS.



Rich Qualey presents Scott Rankus with an honorary Investigator's badge.

## Over the Edge



Ray Nowicki takes off from Seneca Niagara Casino Hotel.

The 100 Club participated in another event for Special Olympics. "Over the Edge" took place at the Seneca Niagara Hotel Casino roof on July 28, 2010.

Participants were invited to rappel from the top of Hotel's 27 story roof.. To participate each person was challenged to raise a minimum of \$1,000. The 100 Club raised approximately \$1,500 for the Special Olympics of New York. One Hundred Club accountant Ray Nowicki went "over the edge" representing the 100 Club of Buffalo by rappelling the 27 stories. No word on whether he felt lucky and visited the casino floor.

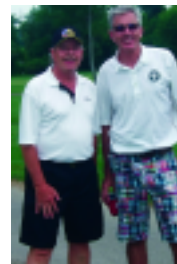
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Indianapolis included rappelling demonstrations from the fire truck bucket, helicopter landings from the Erie County Sheriff's Department and Mercy Flight, more than a dozen first responder vehicles and the New York State Police color guard ceremony.

The event is designed primarily to recognize and thank first responders. The 100 Club of Buffalo sold 474 tickets which raised more than \$2,400 that will go in the organization's general fund.

The only down-side to the evening was that the Bisons lost to Indianapolis by a score of 2-0.

Many thanks to the Buffalo Bisons for their work and generosity in helping with this event.



100 Club President Robert A. Wutz, Jr. and Golf Chairman Dan Penberthy.

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academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement.

The Scholarship of Excellence Committee was co-chaired by Barbara Howe and Arthur Musarra and consisted of Tom O'Neill, Jack O'Neill, Gary Brost, Ross Kenzie and Ken Richmond.

2010 scholarship recipients are:

**Kimberly M. Bartoszewicz** of Lancaster. Kimberly is a graduate of Lancaster High School where she was involved with their Academy of Finance and participated as an intern at M&T Bank. She will attend the University at Buffalo where she plans to major in Communications.

**Cody A. Catalano** of Derby. This scholarship presentation is unique in that neither of Cody's parents are first responders but he himself is a member of the Lake Erie Beach Volunteer Fire Department. He is a Lake Shore Central High School graduate where he was a member of the National Honor Society, National Music Honor Society and Lambda Sigma Math and Science Honor Society. Cody also participated in football, track and field and indoor track, receiving the 2010 WNY Scholar Athlete Award. He will major in Computer Engineering at the University at Buffalo this fall.

**Ariel A. Centinello** from Lancaster. A Lancaster High School graduate, Ariel has been a volunteer as a peer facilitator for the Lancaster Youth Board and is a member of the Lancaster Youth Court. She plans to study early childhood education from either the University at Buffalo or Buffalo State College.

**Casey S. Dudziak** of Lancaster. Casey graduated from Lancaster High School where she was a member of the Science, Math, Spanish and National Honor



Casey Dudziak, and her father, Kevin Dudziak.

Societies. She works at Wegman's and volunteers at the Lancaster Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity and organized a Red for Remembrance event in honor of the Flight 3407 victims. Casey will attend Nazareth College's six-year Physical Therapy doctorate program.

**Stephanie Griebner** from Snyder. Stephanie graduated from Holy Angels Academy where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She was recognized for her sports involvement

in basketball and as captain of the lacrosse team earning the Buffalo News All-Catholic Scholar Athlete First Team. Stephanie volunteers with the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department. She will be attending the University of Buffalo's nursing program.

**Matthew R. Gura** from Orchard Park. A Canisius High School graduate, Matthew was a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar, received the Presidential Scholar Award for Excellence and participated in the University at Buffalo Center for Computational Research. He was a member of the Canisius crew, squash and tennis teams and volunteers as a tennis teacher at the Orchard Park Recreation Department. Matthew is planning a career in agricultural research and development after graduating from Cornell University.

**Mary E. LaMacchia** of Orchard Park. Mary graduated from Orchard Park High School where she was a member of the Latin, French and National Honor Societies. She was captain of the Orchard Park swimming and rugby teams and worked with the Buffalo Fire Department on their zoo day. She will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology where she will study packaging science.



Mary LaMacchia with Executive Director Frank Broderick.

**Ian S. Moskal** from Williamsville. A graduate of Williamsville North High School, Ian was a member of the National Honor Society, NY State Mathematics Honor Society and was named Latin Student of the Year. He played varsity hockey and was named as an all WNY Scholar Athlete. Ian volunteers at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and is a math tutor. He will attend Cornell University majoring in physics.

## Facing The 100 Club

[www.facebook.com/100clubofbuffalo](http://www.facebook.com/100clubofbuffalo)

The 100 Club of Buffalo's new Facebook page is available to view at the above address. It's updated whenever there is a 100 Club event.



Click on the wall tab at the top left of the page, view the Hero Awards Dinner video, event photos and past newsletters. If you like it, please click on the "like" button at the top of that page. The more people who visit and "like" our site the more we can accomplish with it. We're already moving up in viewership.

## Last Chance for Suite Deal

The regular season for the Buffalo Bisons is nearing the end but you still have an opportunity for a sweet suite deal.

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 2010 Bisons' games.

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

- Σ ■ Corporate suite \$400 (including 12 tickets)
- Σ ■ Themed Suite \$500 (including 24 tickets)
- Σ ■ 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 Anthony Sprague (716) 846-2256 or [ASprague@bisons.com](mailto:ASprague@bisons.com) and tell him you're purchasing your suite in conjunction with The 100 Club of Buffalo.

## New Board Member

Michael L. D'Orazio with Rural/Metro Medical Services has been elected to The 100 Club Board. D'Orazio had a 25-year career in firefighting and emergency medical services prior to joining Rural/Metro. He was a Buffalo Fire Department Commissioner and member of the Buffalo Emergency Medical Services Board.

He lives in Buffalo with his family and is an avid golfer.