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### **Summer Newsletter**

Thank you for your continuing support of the Hundred Club! With your support and membership we are able to care for the families of those who care for us.

### A Note from The President



Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Hundred Club, I hope your summer has been happy and healthy.

At the Club, we have been busy attending events from Cape Cod to Chicopee and everywhere in between. This May Chairman Joe Abely and I attended the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) Conference in Worcester. In May, Joe spoke at a meeting of the Campello Business Association in Brockton. In June, I attended a fundraising event at The Cape Cod Music Room, and in July Joe attended a kick-off to Police Week at the Westover

Airforce Base in Chicopee. Looking ahead, we will be presenting at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

In August, we embarked upon on a Boston Harbor Cruise with families of the Club, and some very special supporters of our mission. This multi-generational event with nearly 100 attendees was a fun family event with perfect weather. Throughout the summer our beneficiaries and their families enjoy attending Red Sox games.

As a reminder, please spread the word about the Hundred Club. We are happy to speak about the Club at association/club meetings, events, fundraisers, and other activities.

Please enjoy some photos from these events and a profile on our featured fundraiser Andrew Staruk.

Sincerely, Peter Smyth

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President The Hundred Club of Massachusetts

# August Harbor Cruise

On Saturday, August 5 nearly 100 families and supporters of The Hundred Club set sail for a 2 hour Boston Harbor cruise. The weather was perfect, and families had a fabulous time. We are incredibly grateful for all the families who spent the day with us, and for all

our contributors who make these events possible.



### **Events & Activities**



Pictured from left to right: Billy Cabral (PFFM Secretary Treasurer), Joe Abely (Club Chairman), Rich MacKinnon (PFFM President), and Peter Smyth (Club President).

#### **PFFM Membership Meeting**

President Peter Smyth and Club Chairman Joe Abely attended the PFFM (Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts) Membership meeting on May 19th at Florian Hall in Dorchester. In June, we attended the 3 day PFFM conference in Worcester to show our support and continue to gain awareness of the Club.

<u>Memberships for active duty firefighters,</u> police, and military are \$50.



#### **Cape Cod Music Room**

The Music Room hosted a special fundraiser to benefit The Hundred Club of Mass. This night was dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds for the Club. Former Senator, Ambassador and national touring artist Scott Brown and his band, The Diplomats were the featured entertainment.

### Westover Air Force Base Fundraiser

Chairman Joe Abely attended a ceremony to kick-off Police Week at the Westover Air Force Base. Kyle Bernard, a supporter of The Hundred Club of Texas from his time stationed there, reached out to The Hundred Club of Mass to participate in the weekend of events planned to recognize Police Week.

A golf tournament and raffle was held raising nearly \$2,000 for The Hundred Club.

We are incredibly grateful to our Service Members, and are looking forward to more events there.





Pictured left to right: Captain Dix, Joe Abely, Kyle Bernard

Pictured: Kyle Bernard, Laura Nolan, Emma Nolan, Michelle Bernard.



#### Happy Birthday!

One of the founding members of The Hundred Club of Mass.,, and long time driving force on the growth and success of the Club, Norman Knight turned 99 on July 15.

Mr. Knight was also a founding board member for the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighters Memorial. He has been a champion for firefighters, police officers and their families for decades.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Knight!

### **Fundraising In Action**





#### Andrew Staruk -- Thank You

For over 60 years The Hundred Club has been providing support to families of our fallen heroes. This continued support is made possible by fundraisers like B-Fit and individual supporters.

One such supporter, Andrew Staruk has been at the forefront of raising funds for the Club since 2018. Andrew is a full-time Worcester firefighter, husband, and father. His commitment to the Club is unmatched bringing in over \$20,000 in support at the 2023 BFit event.

Andrew goes above and beyond to raise awareness and funds for the Clubs. He holds fundraisers, sells raffle tickets, and wrangles sponsorships from multinational brands, breweries, mom and pop restaurants and everything in between.

We are very grateful for Andrew's involvement.

## **Membership Reminder**



Of money raised goes directly to families of fallen police officers and fire fighters to pay for essentials.

HELP TODAY

#### Membership

The Hundred Club relies on the continued support of our members. We are facing an ongoing challenge that many of our long-time supporters are no longer in the position to financially support the Club.

Our ask is simple: please tell your friends, families, and colleagues about the great work we do. The Club Board Members will attend fundraisers, events, and any opportunity to speak about the work we do for the families of our fallen heroes.

Over 90% of every dollar we raise through donations and membership goes directly back to the families we serve. We have one full-time staff person and everyone else volunteers their time.

Thank you for your continued support.

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