



THE CENTURIONS

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Message from the President

Joe Dhuey

Much like Washington D. C., the Centurions rolled out a new administration in January of 2017. The good news is we have not signed any Executive Orders and we have not experienced any protests as of yet. Prior administrations have left us in good shape, so we are working on enhancing and updating what is already in place. One of the main areas we are working towards improving is our use of technology within the organization.

With our new found independence, our group has a tremendous opportunity to “brand” ourselves into the community and let everyone know the good works we do through our membership. Our membership is providing these good works both within the group and on their own. It’s quite impressive how much our membership gives back to the community. It’s time we start telling our story in this regard.

Two key areas that we can utilize to accomplish this is our website and social media. We recently updated our website to give it a fresh look. There are still a few tweaks to be made, but the basic platform is in place. Go to www.thecenturions.com to have a look. We’d appreciate your spending some time looking around and giving us feedback on what you think. Please channel your comments to Cindi. Moving forward, we will continue to strive providing updates and keeping our information current to give our visitors a fresh, up to date look at our group and what we are doing.

Late last year we formed a Social Media Committee headed up by Leamon Crooms. This committee is made up of both Centurion and Non-Centurion members. We have outreached into the community to folks that are well positioned in the social media world to help assist us in this process. This includes our friends at the TMC Foundation. They have a big jump on us in this arena and are more than willing to work with us to provide input. The committee is meeting and laying the groundwork currently. We’ll start seeing more of what our group does through various social media outlets, such as Facebook. Stay tuned more to come.

One last technology based initiative we have in the works is moving our administrative processes over to an integrated platform. Once again, I’ve asked Leamon to spearhead this effort. Thank you Leamon!! He has been working on this for over a year and we are in the process of rolling it out. Leamon has authored an article in this newsletter to give you more information about it.

Our Boards (Charity/Event and Membership) have laid out quite an agenda for the upcoming year. We will be sending out communications on what we are doing to keep everyone up to date. As always, I would welcome your input. Remember this is our group and we all need to participate. Call or email me at 907-0567 or jdhuey@lovitt-touche.com.

Project Aqueduct

Leamon Crooms



In April of 2016 through the leadership of Joe Dhuey, we launched a multipronged technology improvement project named “Aqueduct” that included the creation of a Centurion Member Portal, refresh of the Centurion public facing website, and a review and update of our technology infrastructure and disaster recovery procedures. At the highest level, the purpose of this effort was to bring our group into the 21st Century, but more specifically its purpose was twofold:

1. To ensure our member data had a central and secure place to reside
2. To build a technology platform that would ultimately decrease administrative effort (and cost) associated with managing member data, Centurion organizational data, event data, and our annual corporate and ticket sales activities

To date we have accomplished the following:

- Refreshed the public facing website - complete
- Implemented phase 1 of the Member Portal - complete
- Currently reaching out to Centurions and collecting historical information such as pictures and past event tickets/posters – in process
- Currently reviewing our tech infrastructure and technology recovery procedures – in process

The next steps in the Aqueduct Project are to complete the in-process items, and implement phase 2 of the Member Portal that will deliver additional functionality for managing Centurion sales. We anticipate completing in-process items by June, and implementing phase 2 of the member portal by year end. Stay tuned. More tech coming from project Aqueduct later in 2017. If you haven't already logged in to the portal, then please login and set up your profile. Going forward it will be up to you to manage your profile and any changes that might occur.

We've Moved

Kermit Miller

The Centurion office has finally moved to our new digs at the TMC Foundation. The address is 5301 E. Grant, Tucson, AZ 85712. We are in the Patio Building which is the old adobe building on your right as you come in the Beverly entrance. TMC is making a sign for our office but until

then you can find us at the east end of the building in between the Sedona Conference Room and the Volunteer Services office. There is a small parking lot on the eastside of the building but it is usually full. If you want to stop by just to drop off or pick up something you can park in the street with your emergency flashers on and Security will not normally bother you. If you need to stay longer than a couple of minutes it's best to park in one of the surface lots or in the garage at 2424 N. Wyatt (this garage almost always has plenty of available parking).

Our new phone number is 520-324-1709 but the old phone number, 520-209-1842, is still active and forwarded to the new number. The mailing address, P.O. Box 64545, 85728-4545 has not changed.

Member Profiles



David Henry by Don Ledbetter

David joined the Centurions in 1979 after working as a bartender at a couple of the annual Centurion events. He knew a few of the Centurion members and saw how much fun could be had raising money for Carondelet. At the time there were a total of 65 members in the group, and the concept of Senior or Life membership categories didn't exist. A year or two after joining, he suggested a couple of changes with the event raffle. One of which was to talk with a number of young women about having them sell raffle tickets and they'd get a cut of their gross sales. He had been the Chairman of the local Duck's Unlimited group and they had success with this approach. So, you know how it goes, he opened his mouth and all of a sudden he's the Raffle Chairman.

In 1988 Dave became the event Chairman. That year's event was New York, New York, A Bite of the Big Apple in the Core of the City and took place at the Williams Center Office complex which was very new at the time. The Property Manager for Williams Center was absolutely petrified that the Centurions and their guests would damage their tile floors which spawned the work day t-shirts, "Fuque Da Tyle", one of our all-time classic garments.

Dave's been a Realtor, selling homes in Tucson for nearly 41 years. He's married (Kim) with two adult children and three grandsons, two of whom are in Tucson which keep Kim and Dave acting immature.

Over the years, friends and clients have asked him about the Centurions group...what is it exactly? As the conversations evolve he's heard many times over the decades that Civic

organizations like ours are rarely found around the country. We all have much to be proud of as members of the group.

As for outside of work? Until he began contributing heavily to local Orthopedic and Neuro-Surgeons, he and Kim were active hiking, snow skiing, occasionally horseback riding, pub-crawling, etc. These days it's their grandsons and still a fair amount of hiking and regular use of their in-home gym that Lamonte pressured them into buying.



Mike Vasquez by Don Ledbetter

What made you want to join the Centurion group?

I am a rookie this year and look forward to upcoming opportunities to raise money for a great cause while collaborating with current and life members. My sponsor is Eric Jacobson who has been a lifelong friend, since grade school. It is a passion of mine to become more involved within the community by giving back to certain causes.

Business:

I am a native Tucsonan and a licensed general contractor in residential and commercial construction. Vasquez Construction is a full service contractor with over 35 years' experience in executing custom projects in such areas as custom home building, casitas, guest suites, room additions, renovations, outdoor kitchens, and framing in both small and large scale projects. I started my professional career swinging a hammer in the family business and eventually becoming a journeyman carpenter at a young age. Craftsmanship and work ethic has always been our foundation to build upon. At Vasquez Construction, we share an interest and passion to deliver the highest quality service in Tucson and the surrounding areas.

Family & Hobbies:

The Vasquez family is a family who supports each other in every endeavor. Growing up, I was taught core values and principles and I continue that mind set with my two sons, Ryan (20), and Tanner (23). Ryan is currently serving in the military and stationed in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. Tanner works and lives in Phoenix with his fiancé. My hobbies include: golf, bow hunting, cycling, hiking, and making pizza in my custom built pizza oven!

What Happened to Mike Gillooly?

As many of you know Mike retired from the Tucson Police Department this year after a long and distinguished career and switched to Life status. He and his wife Marie then promptly sold everything they owned and moved to Charleston, South Carolina. He claims that he is actively looking for work but based on the photo below, obviously taken by paparazzi, if he's looking for work, it must be as a USDA Mermaid Inspector.



Calendar of Events

Kermit Miller

- Wednesday, March 15, Membership Meeting at Wild Garlic Grill, 2530 N. 1st
- Sunday, March 26, Family Picnic at Reid Park
- Saturday, April 1, Steak Fry at the Girl Scout Camp, 3101 N. Sabino Canyon Road
- Thursday, April 20, Membership Meeting at Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo