

September 2018

Centurions Sentinel

Greetings! Welcome to your new Centurions Newsletter!

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The Centurions' Event Nominated in Top 3 for 'Best of Tucson'!

The Centurions made the top 3 in the 'Best Charity Event' of Tucson, along with 21 Centurions members' businesses. The final results for the top winner will be announced on October 25. Stay tuned...

From the President

Dear Fellow Centurions,

I have been asked this special question: ***Why did you become a Centurion?***

My simple answer:



1.) To Serve the Community

Giving back to those that need it the most. Gentlemen, we do a great job giving back to our Community. The efforts by all and the money we raise each year rivals no one here in town. We have-- and will continue to have--a strong impact on those that need us the most. When a kid from a non-profit organization that we support comes to you and says, "Thank you for what you do for our Community and for me," we know the impact is present.

2.) Brotherhood

The relationships and long lasting friendships I have developed as a Centurion are far beyond my imagination. I have connected with members from generations far and near. These relationships have enriched my life and given me the energy and passion to keep giving and to make a difference in our Community. I have always held the belief that before you can move forward, you must understand what's behind you. So I thank each and every Centurion member that has come before me.

So, I simply would like to punt this same question to each member: ***Why did YOU become a Centurion?***

If you have that answer and believe it with all your soul, Gentlemen we are heading towards great things.

LaMonte Hunley (President 2018)

2018 Event Recap

Dear Fellow Centurions,

Thank You! Thank You for all of your support, hard work and effort in making our 2018 Event a huge success! I am truly proud of being a Centurion and all that we have accomplished in serving our community--and what is yet to come.



I'm very pleased to announce that our 2018 Event earned a gross revenue of \$997,000, which includes \$121,000 from raffles.

We recently provided our selected charities with their share of the proceeds: \$50,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Tucson, \$25,000 to Boys to Men Mentoring, and \$25,000 to Youth on Their Own. We will be providing the Tucson Medical Center Foundation with its grant award very shortly.

Thank you again for all of your hard work, well done!

Steve Shepherd (Vice President/Event Chair 2018)

[Please thank our many sponsors](#)

2019 Event Saturday April 27 Location & Theme: Stay Tuned...

Board Alignment: Three Boards = One Organization

We are indeed one organization: The Centurions. We just happen to have three governance Boards to help us better manage our interests. Over the past few years, our leadership group has been working to closely align our Boards to deliver maximum value to The Centurions. Today, we have three boards that are working collaboratively to enhance our mission:

- Centurions of Southern Arizona Foundation (Event)
- The New Centurions (Membership)
- The Centurion Foundation

Our Bylaws Committee is now hard at work to further align and streamline our governance structure and implement the recommendations of our recent legal audit. You'll receive more information as this work continues.

Incoming 2019 New Centurions (Membership) Board of Directors

Congratulations to the The New Centurions Board Members!

The 2019 New Centurions Board of Directors slate was unanimously approved by the Membership. Ballots were returned from 82% of all Active Members.

Let's congratulate the new slate of Directors as they begin their term on October 1.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members!

- Joe Dhuey
- Dan Hochuli
- Allen Moore

President
VP/Event Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Social Chair
Immediate Past President
At-large / FEC
At-large
At-large
Sr./Life Representative
Sr./Life Representative
Ex-Officio (non-voting):
Membership Chair
Rookie Chair
Executive Director

Steve Shepherd
Don Coleman
Greg Amado
Jeff Ronstadt
Donald Davis
LaMonte Hunley
Tom Miller
Jay Hanson
Bryan Hannley
Toby Allen
Jack Harris

Dave Couture
Rich Rodriguez
Chris Hanson

Incoming 2019 Centurions of Southern AZ Foundation (Event)

Board of Directors

Congratulations to the new Event Board Members!

The 2019 slate of Board officers and members were approved on August 16. Let's congratulate the new slate of Directors as they begin their term on October 1.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members

- Joe Dhuey
- Peter Gavin
- Michael Bracht, MD
- Dave Couture

President	Steve Shepherd
Vice President	Don Coleman
Treasurer	Greg Amado
Secretary	Steve Vorholzer
Immediate Past President	LaMonte Hunley
At-large / FEC	Tom Miller
At-large	Leamon Crooms
At-large	Eric Jacobson
At-large	Andy Brown
At-large	Mike Grimes
At-large	Marc Kinseth
<i>Ex-Officio (non-voting):</i>	
Foundation Representative	Johnny Helenbolt
Executive Director	Chris Hanson

Centurions Foundation Updates

Incoming 2019 Foundation Board Members

The new slate of officers and members of The Centurions Foundation Board of Directors for the 2019 term has been approved.

They will take office on October 1.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members!

- Bill Assenmacher
- Bob Kline
- Chris Maloney
- Lynn Marvel

President	Michael Osborne
Vice President	Stan Spackeen
Treasurer	Kip Volpe
Secretary	Johnny Helenbolt
At-large	Peter Backus
At-large	Kevin Bedient
At-large	Michael Bracht
At-large	Walter Brewer
At-large	A.J. Emami
At-large	Bill Hussey
At-large	John Lewis
At-large	Bill Lloyd
At-large	Rob Purvis
At-large	Jim Zarling

Information Packet Coming Soon!

The Foundation Board is preparing an information packet that you will receive in your email inbox soon. It will cover the Foundation's mission, operations, programs, and goals.

Meet Our New 2019 Rookies!

The Membership Committee did a tremendous job vetting all nominees, with Dan Hoculi's outstanding leadership. The recommended 2019 Rookie Class was approved by The New Centurions Board and by ballot of Active Members.

Ballots were returned from 83% of all Active Members. Well done!

Come out & meet our new Rookies at the October 18 Membership Meeting at Contigo Latin Kitchen!

2019 Rookies

Bryan Crowley
Eric M. Schroeder
Isaac Figueroa
Patrick Burnham
Reggie Geary
Rudy Garcia, Jr.
Tyler Eade
Victor Thompson
Zachary Levin

Employer

TBI
Fidelity National Title Agency
Cushman & Wakefield/PICOR
RDO Equipment
Self Employed
RG & Sons Plumbing
Merit Foods of Arizona
Greentoes Day Spa
Modern Studios/Modern Rentals

Sponsor

Bryan Hannley
Paul Roughton
Adam Dellos
Nelson Miller
Andy Brown
Eric Jacobson
Jeff Ronstadt
LaMonte Hunley
Michael Grimes

Name the Newsletter Results

Congratulations to Neal Preimesberger and Loring Green for being co-winners, having both submitted the winning name! They both received a \$100 gift certificate at Fleming's Steakhouse for their efforts. Rumor has it that Loring's wife, Susan, gets the credit for his entry. But he does deserve a pat on the back for recognizing a good idea when he sees one!

Executive Director's Update

Website & member portal. Work is well underway in developing a new and redesigned Centurions website and Member portal. Partnering with Anchor Wave, we kicked off the project in mid-July and have entered the build phase. We're targeting to launch the new site and portal in October.

Thank you to Leamon Crooms and his team at Strategic Growth Advisors for managing the website over the past several years!

Governing documents & structure audit. The Bylaws Committee has been hard at work on revising the governance documents for the three Centurions 'arms:' Event, Membership and Foundation. We're working with local law firm Farhang & Medcoff in follow up to their legal audit recommendations.

Member invoice online payments & recurring auto-payment. We now have an online dues and Member payment system. Look for a link in your membership invoices to make your payments directly online. Please also sign up for recurring quarterly auto-payments, so you'll never miss a beat!

Best regards,

Chris Hanson

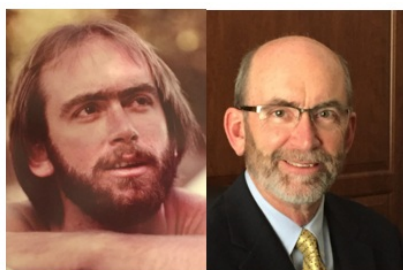
Member Profiles *Submitted by Don Ledbetter*

Britt Simmons. I was allowed into the Centurions around 1993, my sponsor was Ron Prudence who passed away last spring, my co-sponsor was Raul "el crudo" Garcia. My rookie event was *The Great Outer Space Disgrace* at the Lear Jet hanger. The food that year was grilled bratwurst. I remember because as a hung-over rookie on Sunday morning I picked up a trash can to find vomit with chunks of bratwurst that were being cooked in the morning sun. I am sure I added to the pile.



For the first several years The Centurions only supported St Mary's Hospital, with which I have a long history, as I was born there in 1957. I also sat on the Second Century Foundation that supported St. Mary's. Later, I sat on the finance committee and corporate board for Carondelet Health Network that oversaw St Mary's, St Joseph's, Holy Cross and the Heart Hospital. I think I have been the Centurions treasurer more years than not. The governance stuff was not much fun.

Being a Centurion was—and is—the fun part. I have skied, hiked, sailed, rafted, rode horses, and drank with fellow Centurions across the country and in many parts of the globe on land and at sea. What an incredible group of friends. I always hear the question, are we a social group that raises money or are we a fundraising group that has social events? Frankly I don't care. I have a blast with all of it! Thanks Ron and Raul.



Peter Gavin. I was sponsored by my good friend Chip Yetzer and joined the Centurions in 2006. Chip and Stan Spackeen convinced me (easily) that the Centurions is a great group. My rookie joke night at the Mountain Oyster Club convinced me it was. Chip introduced me as a 'City of Tucson employee.' Not surprisingly, the room jeered and booed! I slowly took the mic and shouted "F U"! The group roared its approval!

I was born and raised in New York City, the youngest of five. My father was a NYC policeman and a firefighter. He died when I was seven and with mom working and raising five kids, I was left to explore the City starting at the age of eight, launching my career in city planning. After 22 years as city zoning examiner/hearing officer, I left in '11 to start my consulting firm,

Peter M. Gavin, LLC. I've been fortunate to work with many Centurions.

I've volunteered with United Way, basketball coach, soccer coach, and a board member of the Tucson Nursery Schools, Tucson Boys Chorus, Pima County Community Land Trust, Pima County Planning & Zoning Commission, COT Planning Commission, and the COT Park Tucson Commission. (I even helped Kip Volpe successfully beat an expensive parking ticket!)

During our annual Event I've worked in Garbology, special events (tattoos of course), gambling, and raffle. I've been a Board member for two years and serve as secretary. I've been married for 14 years to Nicole and have a 13-year old son, Zach. I like to travel, cycle, hike, play golf, snow tube, snowshoe, ("win" at) blackjack, dabble with financial planning, and socialize. As a Centurion I find it most rewarding to be able to help the less fortunate in our community, have fun and make life-long friendships!

Upcoming Membership Events

September

Membership Meeting & Cocktails

September 20, 6:00 PM | [Vivace Restaurant](#)

October

Lobster Party

October 13, 6:00 PM | [St. Ann's Chapel & Ranch](#) | Chairs: Kevin Bedient & Andy Brown

Membership Meeting & Rookie Introductions

October 18, 6:00 PM | [Contigo Latin Kitchen at Westin La Paloma](#)

Wine Tasting

October 26, 5:00PM | Walter Brewer's Home | Chair: Donald Davis & Chris Cohen

November

Membership Meeting & Awards

November 15, 6:00 PM | [Culinary Dropout](#)

Memorial Golf Tournament

November 17 | [Tucson Country Club](#) | Chair: Ben Korn

December

Annual Dinner Dance

December 1, 6:00 PM | [Loews Ventana Resort](#)

Gaslight Family Holiday Matinee

December 16, 12:00 noon | [Gaslight Theatre](#)

January

[non-official] Ski Trip to Park City, UT

January 12-16 | Chair: Mike Bracht

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