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Centurions Sentinel

Greetings! Welcome to your new Centurions Newsletter!

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The Centurions Receives Tucson Strong Award 2018

NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl proudly presented the 2018 Tucson Strong Award to The Centurions for their enduring positive impact on the Southern Arizona Community on October 26.

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From the President

Fellow Centurions,

It's that time of the year when we pause and celebrate all of our accomplishments from the past year. Our Holiday Dinner Dance on December 1st is upon us and I look forward to celebrating with all of you, your guests, and our honored guests. It's a guaranteed good time for all!



Looking forward to the coming year, The Centurions have a lot to accomplish in 2019. A few of the items that will require time to complete in the coming year are to:

- Decide whether to continue our relationship with TMC and what that structure will be.
- Evaluate if it's finally time to find our own home (office).
- Finalizing our Bylaws (hopefully for good) and revising our Membership Rules and policies.
- And of course, rolling up our sleeves for another successful Event!

One of the things that really came to light for me when putting on last year's Event is that we all come together when it really matters and get things done, while still enjoying the comradery that keeps us all together. Let's all roll up our sleeves, come together in the tradition of brotherhood, and put on another better-than-ever and highly successful Event to support our community!

I'm really looking forward to working with everyone next year to get through some of these controversial and time-consuming items.

Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved ~
Mattie Stepaneck

Thank you all for your support,

Steve

Steve Shepherd, President 2019

From the V.P & Event Chairman

Gentlemen,

The rumors are true! We will be having an Event this year. I am looking forward to working with you as we build upon the successes of our past and create a brighter future for our organization, our community and ourselves.



Peace Love Centurions, A Party 50 Years in The Making... April 27th 2019 at Kino Sports Park

This year we have a fantastic opportunity to make a real impact in our community. Bryan Hanley and the Charity Selection Committee have come up with a great slate of worthy charities. Our primary donation will go to TMC's Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU), making The Centurions the single largest donor to that campaign. We will also be supporting the fine work of Youth on Their Own and Boys to Men again this year, along with San Miguel High School.

A small group has brainstormed and met to lay the ground work so we can hit the ground running in January. This Event will be a success with the assistance and many talents we have in our great organization.

Tom Miller has been putting together the listings for Venue Leads and Assistants and will reach out to those individuals shortly. We're really excited about the enthusiasm displayed by Centurions asking to be a venue lead or assistant. Almost every venue will be led by someone who will be in their 1st or 2nd year as the venue lead.

Eric Jacobson and Kevin Bedient put together a list of sales captains and will be holding their draft soon. They have a nice mix of young guns and seasoned veterans who should help propel teams to success. The competition should be intense again this year. Please do what you can to help your team make the celebration dinner!

This year especially, we'll need the help and expertise of our Senior and Life Members. They have actually been there and done that. Anything that our Senior and Life Members can do to help us with sales and/or ideas would be appreciated. Thank You!

Please feel free to share any opinions, insights, or opportunities you may have. When called upon, please do what you can to help make this event GROOVY!

Carpe Diem

Don

Don Coleman, Vice President & Event Chair 2019

2019 Event Saturday April 27 | Kino Sports Complex Love Peace Centurions... *A Party 50 Years in the Making!*

Meet Our Beneficiaries for the 2019 Event

The Charity Selection Committee, with outstanding leadership from Bryan Hannley, delivered its recommendations for our 2019 charities to the Board. The Board approved the recommendations:

San Miguel High School. Recognizing the growing presence of teenage depression and suicide, following several recent incidents, the school is launching a health and wellness program that will include a full time social emotional counselor as well as fitness and art programs to bolster their mental health program. The Centurions are providing up to \$20,000 in matching funds for this program. San Miguel creates a learning community for students from families of limited financial

means.

Boys to Men Mentoring. Their School-Based Mentoring (SBM) Program currently provides weekly group mentoring services to around 150 mostly unfathered boys 11-17 years of age in eight urban-area middle and high schools in Tucson. They anticipate adding two additional high schools in 2018-19. The Centurions are providing \$40,000 for program and service support.

Youth on Their Own. Basic Human Needs for students are fulfilled through a "mini mall" to access food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene products at no cost. An Emergency Financial Assistance Program for rent, medical bills or utilities is provided for those students who maintain grades and school attendance (heavily monitored). These stipends ease students' burden of having to work part time while attending school. The Centurions are providing \$20,000 split between those two programs.

And, of course, **Tucson Medical Center** is once again serving as both our primary beneficiary and presenting sponsor. The greater of \$150,000 or 50% of the 2019 Event's net revenue will go towards funding TMC's Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Potential In-kind Support to Sunnyside H.S. Teenage Parenting Program

The Board also approved the Charity Selection Committee's recommendation to help put our members and their companies in touch with Sunnyside High School to provide in-kind help to expand its toddler child care center. The Centurions may also provide up to \$5,000 for materials and direct costs.

Although hard to imagine, when girls are becoming mothers in 8th or 9th grade, they lack the opportunity to have their child cared for in the current program when they are in 11th or 12th grade without support to care for their toddler. This effort is aimed at easing the burden to give those students an opportunity to succeed in their education.

If you and/or your company have an interest in participating in this effort, please let Bryan Hannley and Chris Hanson know (bryan.hannley@numotion.com, 520.323.4496; chris.hanson@thecenturions.com, 520.795.1071).

Centurions Honored by Inside Tucson Business: Executive Excellence Award 2018 Finalists

Three Centurions were named as finalists for the 2018 Executive Excellence Award, presented by Inside Tucson Business, including LaMonte Hunley who was a finalist for his leadership as The Centurions' President in 2018!

- LaMonte Hunley, 2018 President, The Centurions
- John Lewis, President & CEO, Commerce Bank of Southern Arizona
- Tony Terry, CEO & President, Gaslight Theatre

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Our New Centurions Website Has Launched!

If you haven't already visited our new website, please take a moment now and take a look around www.thecenturions.com.

There is also a new easy-to-use Member portal. To log in for the first time, simply enter your email address and then click on 'forgot password' to have a temporary code emailed to you.

To easily change your code: (1) hover over your name in upper right corner, (2) click on 'edit my profile,' then (3) scroll down and click on 'generate password.'

Please send all suggestions, input and comments on our website to Chris Hanson at chris.hanson@thecenturions.com or 520.795.1071.

Member Profiles *Submitted by Don Ledbetter*



Stan Spackeen. Having attended numerous Events in the late 80s and early 90s, I knew enough about The Centurions, a number of their members, the party they threw, and the community impact they presented to know that it was an organization that I wanted to be a part of.

I encouraged Don Ledbetter to advance my interests and was invited in in 1995. My Rookie Event was at Sportspar and had an Olympic theme. Rather than working with fellow Rookies in the infamous “garbology” duties, I beer-backed the entire night at a beer truck station that was undermanned.

I have been very involved over the past 20 years and was honored to Chair an Event, *The Great Prohibition Exposition*, in 2011. We shut down 5th and Broadway for four days—many merchants are still perplexed as to how we got away with that! It was great to challenge for the Membership to provide our patrons with such a unique venue. The entire Membership brought their 'A' game and it was a great Event.

The Centurions has been a fantastic experience for both me and my wife Donna. We have both been blessed with life-long friendships and many great experiences—while at the same time, raising significant resources for our community.

Jay Hanson. I joined the Centurions in 2009, thanks to my sponsor and Best Friend Matt Hodeaux, who I have known since our college days. In just nine years, I have made so many lifelong Friends in this group.

These great guy's sets the standard of what it means to be true community based fund raising club.

I was born at Mc Connell A.F.B., Wichita, Kansas. My father last assignment was here in Tucson at Davis Monthan Air Force Base as bomber pilot 1962. I grow up on the east side of town near 22nd and Kolb and moved to the northwest in 1970. Went to CDO high school (class 1977), and the U/A college of Architecture.



The early years I worked mainly on Educational Facilities, Government, and Military Projects. Now I find myself working on just about anything I like. I have been working in this community for over 30 years, and love being a part of the growth and change of this town. In 1983 I married my wife Debbie, and we had our daughter Stephanie in 1992. I like to Traveling, Scuba diving, going shooting, and playing in Golf Tournaments with buddies and my Blender.

Upcoming Membership Events

December

Annual Dinner Dance

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

Gaslight Family Holiday Matinee

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

January

Membership Meeting

January 16 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM | TBD

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

January 25-29 | Chair: A.J. Emami

February

Membership Meeting

February 20 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM | [Trident III](#)

March

Membership Meeting

March 20 (Wednesday), 6:00 PM | TBD

Steak Fry

STAY CONNECTED

