



Membership News & Views

Remembering Ken Flower

It is with great sadness that we learned of Ken's passing last week. It's a tremendous loss for Lauren, Billy, Jeanne and the rest of his family, as well as our Centurions family. And a great loss for our entire community. Ken, you will be forever in our hearts.

Ken joined the Centurions in 2005 and immediately had an impact on the group and our annual Event. In fact, Ken was recognized in 2008 and 2009 for Exceptional Service. He was also elected to the Board of Directors and served from 2013 through 2016, including having served as Secretary in 2016.



However, it's Ken's character and wonderful sense of life that will be remembered and deeply missed by all of us.

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Annual Holiday Dinner Dance: December 14 (Saturday)

Mark your calendar for **December 14** for our annual Dinner Dance! Please note the date change--it is on the 2nd Saturday of December this year.

We will be at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. The music, dancing, food & beverages, and most importantly the fellowship, promises to be outstanding!

The new and improved event will be greatly streamlined with only the Exemplary Life Award being presented, along with unavailing the theme of our 2020 Annual Event!

Membership Committee: Rookie Candidates Meet & Greet

The Membership Committee, led by Dave Couture, is holding a meet & greet with the 12 candidates this week to get to know each one and to hear from their sponsors why they should be considered for Membership.

The Committee will soon narrow the nominees down and recommend eight Rookie candidates for the Board's and Membership's approval. Patrick Burnham, who started as a Rookie this year, has confirmed that he will return as 2020 Rookie.

Charity Selection Committee: Selection Process is Underway

Under Bryan Hannley's leadership, our Charity Selection Committee has begun evaluating the list of 17 nominated charities and is now conducting an in-depth review. Those charities that make it to the next stage will be asked to provide detailed financial and program information. Bryan is aiming to have the Committee provide its preliminary recommendations by Labor Day.

Charities' News & Updates



Youth On Their Own

from YOTO's CEO, Elizabeth Slater

Thanks to the support of The Centurions, Youth On Their Own served over 2,000 homeless students in the last school year – the highest number ever! Funding from The Centurions is used to provide basic needs for homeless students, like food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items. Students can also earn a stipend for consistent school attendance and maintaining A, B, and C grades in their classes. All of this helps homeless teens stay in school! Thank you, Centurions!

Current needs: YOTO's back-to-school drive is in full effect! We're collecting school supplies, full-sized shampoo and conditioner, spaghetti noodles, and pasta sauce to help our students start the school year clean, fed, and ready to learn! Donations can be dropped off at YOTO (1660 N Alvernon Way) Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

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Boys to Men Mentoring Save-the-Date: November 1, 2019

Boys to Men Mentoring is planning for a major community event on November 1 at UA Old Main (Silver & Sage Room). This will be a critical event for changing the conditions in our community for developing outstanding young men. This community forum will call together a variety of high-profile UA sports and academic leaders, as well as boys, mentors, and inspiring advocates about the urgency in our community to build and support social infrastructures aimed at supporting boys in their journey towards healthy manhood. All Centurions Members are encouraged to attend.

We will also have our check presentation to Boys Men Mentoring at this event. More info on the event and ticket sales will be posted as it becomes available.

With the high-profile speakers and guests, and critical focus it serves, it promises to be a very successful event.

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Board Updates

Centurions-TMC Foundation Agreement

A renewed collaborative agreement with the TMC Foundation (TMCF) is nearing completion. An agreement has been drafted and is in the final stages of review. The final agreement is expected to be executed shortly.

Office Space

The Board gave the green light to proceed with securing a draft lease agreement with the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for a 1,100 SF office space at its Broadway & Rosemont Campus. The draft lease is under review and planning efforts are underway for the build out.

Membership Rules Updates: Membership Dues, Benefits & Requirements

The Board of Directors of The New Centurions recently evaluated the trend in our recent budgets that reflect the challenges from increasing food and beverage costs, while our dues has stayed static for 12 years for Life and Senior Members and 9 years for Active Members.

A letter on behalf of the Board from Steve Shepherd, Toby Allen and Jack Harris that outlines a proposed dues increase and updated benefits for all Membership categories was recently distributed to all Members. The proposed changes to the Membership Rules are currently out to the Active Members for a vote. Balloting closes on August 30. If approved, the changes will go in to effect on

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures

The Policies & Procedures Committee's work is underway to revise the Membership Rules and other policies. This 12-member group is building on the work of the Bylaws Committee to allow for the revised Bylaws, Membership Rules, and the other policies & procedures to move forward together for approval.

Member & Office Postings



Need to Buy Back to School Supplies? Select 'The Centurions' for Amazon Donations

We all look to support fellow Centurions' businesses and other local vendors.

For those times when you need to purchase online, use the link below to select "The Centurions" in the Amazon Smiles program to have Amazon donate to us--at no cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-2131529>

Please also share the link widely so that others may help generate donations.

If you would like to set up a similar donation program through your local business, please let me know.

Reminder: Automatic Bylaws Provisions for Late Payments

- **ALL invoices are due in 1-30 days.** ALL financial obligations are due in full within 30 days of the invoice; this includes ALL dues, event fees, and Event ticket & sponsorship sales revenue.
- **60 days past due - Membership Suspended.** ALL members with an invoice 60 days past due will be ineligible to attend ANY social event; e.g., Membership meetings, social events, Dinner Dance, etc.
- **90 days past due - Membership Terminated.** If a member's invoice reaches 90 days past due their membership will be automatically terminated.

All invoices now include a reminder of these provisions. Payments for both Membership and Event invoices may now be made online.

Upcoming Membership Events

September Membership Meeting

September 19 (Thursday), 6PM | [Vivace Restaurant](#)

Lobster Party

October 5 (Saturday), 6PM | Pat Manly Ranch (tentative)

October Membership Meeting: New Rookie Introductions

October 17 (Thursday), 6PM | [Hi Speed Customs](#)

November Membership Meeting: Awards Night

November 21 (Thursday), 6PM | [Sands Club](#)

Annual Dinner Dance

December 14 (Saturday), 6PM | [Loews Ventana Canyon Resort](#)

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