

# Centurions Sentinel

A Newsletter of The New Centurions 501(c)(7)

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## Membership President's Message

Centurions Brothers,

It's been much too long since we all got together. We all want to gather again as soon as possible. And that's our goal, and to do so as swiftly and safely as possible.

The Membership Board continues looking to pivot from the current pause to reconvening our activities. We determined that the best way forward is through implementing simple and clear criteria to guide us. See the Social Events update below.



The Board, our Committees, and our Office have continued to be hard at work keeping our operations going, ensuring our Membership processes are moving forward, and working on a number of projects.

Keep reading below for more details on our plans for moving forward with our social events, Rookie and Membership updates, governance plans, and more. Also, all of our Board minutes are posted in our online Member Portal.

Stay well and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Carpe Diem

Don  
President, The New Centurions

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The Membership Board unanimously adopted the following criteria in order to hold our next social event as soon and safely as possible:

- **General Criteria**—The decision to hold a social event will depend on Pima County reporting COVID-19 Disease Data as having “Criteria Met” (web site: <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=568644>), and/or reviewing CDC or State of Arizona guidance on large social gatherings to determine when it is safe and prudent to do so.
- **Release/Waiver**—Require that Members sign a release/waiver form before

attending any social event. This will be distributed to everyone within the next few days.

- **Holiday Party**—We'll base the decision on holding the Holiday Party if the above criteria are met, local restrictions on group size are lifted, and we're able to accommodate all Members and their guests in a safe and responsible manner. The Board will evaluate options and decide on the Holiday Party by October 15.

The September Membership meeting and Lobster Fest (scheduled for Oct. 3) are being canceled due to COVID. Future events, including Wives & Wine (Nov. 7) and the November Membership Meeting, will be determined using the Board's adopted criteria.

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## MEMBERSHIP

**Meet Our New Rookies!** The Membership process is now complete and the final four Rookie candidates were recently voted in by the Active Members. They'll begin their Rookie year on October 1.

The current 2020 Rookie class will repeat as Rookies through 2021, except for those events that they covered in 2020, such as Joke Night. Jim Tofel, Rookie Coordinator, is working to keep the group engaged in the meantime.



**Adam Begody** (Sponsor: Donny Cathey)  
**Arizona Sands Club; Director, Member Experience**

Adam is very active in our community and was born and raised in Tucson. He's ready and willing to jump in to serve with The Centurions. He had recently worked for the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce.



**Lukas Tvedt** (Sponsor, Andy Brown)  
**Athlon Physical Therapy; Director/Owner**

Lukas has supported numerous community events over the past 10 years and is looking forward to being a Centurion and further supporting our community. He has two children, Miles aged eight and Wyatt aged four.



**Ryan Thomas** (Sponsor, Chris Johnson)  
**Data Services Inc.; Owner/Executive VP**

Ryan is eager to put his business connections, and mechanical, computer and sales/marketing experience to good use with our Events. He and his wife Melinda have two children, Justin aged 18 and Dylan aged 15.



**Vince Gonzales** (Sponsor, Tony Terry)  
**Trump Victory 2020; Field Organizer (previously with Gaslight Theatre)**

Vince has a reputation as being a dedicated and hard worker, and has experience in stage production and sound engineering with the Gaslight Theater. He also has solid charity fundraising and leadership experience.

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## CHARITIES

Being that our 2020 Event was postponed to 2021, the Board determined to carry over our current charities to 2021.

Bryan Hannley and Chris Hanson met recently with our three charities—**Parent Aid**, **Literacy Connects**, and **Youth on Their Own**—to gauge their current and future needs. All three reported that they received PPP loans and have pivoted significantly to deliver their services and programs online. As a casualty of COVID, all three have lost contact with about 10 percent of the children they serve due to losing in-person programs.

Our long-term commitment to the TMC Foundation remains strong. Chris Hanson has been talking regularly with TMC Foundation's new VP/Chief Development Officer, Jeff Lamie, and discussing mutual needs and interests.

## GOVERNANCE

The current 2020 Membership Board and Event Board will be carried over through 2021 in light not being able to hold our 2020 Event and the bulk of this year's Membership events. The Board Selection Committee and both Boards all unanimously approved this approach.

## Opening Our Time Capsule...



### Are you up for a challenge?

Whoever identifies the most Centurions Members in this vintage photo (circa 1970-80s) will earn bragging rights—PLUS an autographed can of Ultra from our Membership President!



Just join the discussion in our private [Centurions Facebook group](#) to share your recollections--and tasteless jokes and tall tales.

More Time Capsule Challenges to come! Stayed tuned to our [Facebook group...](#)

## Help Preserve & Honor Our History

### Creating Our Online Library...

Our archiving project is underway!

If your memories go back a ways, please join **Mike Furrier**, **Mike Dehen**, and **Rod Freeman** in identifying, sorting, and organizing our archives.

I'll be setting up an online 'library' shortly for our treasure trove of memories in the form of photos, newspaper clippings, slides, videos, and you name it.

Please let me know if you're interested!  
[chris.hanson@thecenturions.com](mailto:chris.hanson@thecenturions.com) or



**A BIG THANK YOU** to **Mike Furrier** for taking on the daunting task of scanning in

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all of our 35mm slide inventory! All are now digitized and organized by year.

## Upcoming Membership Events

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Stay tuned for updates!

While we're getting through this time of COVID-19 let's stay in touch through [our private Facebook site!](#)

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