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## President's Message



Guten Tag!

Wow, what year so far. To think we are in April already. 2023 is starting to fly by but we are trying to stay ahead of things: your officers and board members are all working hard to plan upcoming events.

The first item that GAPA will be participating in is the 2nd Annual Ethnic Event, on Wednesday, May 17, at noon, hosted by FOP Lodge #7, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago. We had a great time last year and I'm glad to see the lodge host it again. It is a great opportunity to show members of the Chicago Police Department that GAPA is there for them and hopefully get a few new members, too.

Moving on, our annual Golf outing will be held on Monday June 12, 2023.. This will be our 26th year of this event. Shotgun start time will be 8:30 a.m. Please see the forms in this newsletter for further information. I hope to see a lot of members, not only golf but maybe get a hole sponsor of two?

A new segment to write

about is "You've Got No GAPA Mail." Are some of you missing the GAPA all call and other group emails we send out? I get numerous returned/rejected as being undeliverable, so if you're not getting them, let Membership Chair Jeff Schuck know: gapamembership@gmail.com.

And please use your personal email — the most common rejects come from @chicagopolice.org.

GAPA on Facebook? That's right, GAPA is on Facebook. We actually have two Facebook pages. The first is unsecured and still active; the second is secure and administered by Board Member Clint Wagner. If you're interested in joining, send Clint Wagner an email at crashguy17@yahoo.com or use Facebook messenger to reach him at Clint Wagner.

And speaking of computers, make sure to check out our new website: gapachicago.org. The site is maintained by Digi Search, a small company that's doing an excellent job for our organization: It is up and running and

up to date. We're trying to add a calendar of events but it's a bit more time consuming than I thought. I hope to have it done in the not too distant future.

Like I said, your Board has been working diligently for this organization. During the February and March board meetings, the cost of meeting night expenses have come up because they've gone up considerably. To help defer the costs we tried a food donation jug, hoping those who choose to take food home would help offset the rise in our catering costs. And it's helped, but not enough, so with much reluctance, starting in September our door cost will go from \$15 to \$20. It's unfortunate, but GAPA can't keep absorbing the rising cost of food, refreshments and minor expenses for each meeting; this is supposed to be a break-even affair. But where else can you go and get a very good catered meal and excellent German Beer for \$20.00?

I hope to see you all at an upcoming meeting or one of our upcoming events.





## GERMAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING SPONSOR



Dear Friend:

On Monday, June 12, 2023 our organization will be holding its 26th Annual Golf Outing at Renwood Golf Course in Round Lake Beach, Illinois. The purpose of this event, aside from the spirit of “gemuetlichkeit” while playing a round of golf with fellow kamerads and friends, is to raise money for our organization’s favorite charities.

Among the charities to which GAPA contributes are: the Gold Star Families (families of those Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty), DANK Schule Nort (the North Side German language school of the German American National Congress), Police Chaplin’s Ministries, Chicago Police Memorial Fund, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial fund. We also award scholarships to sons and daughters of our membership in memory of the first Chicago Police Officer killed in the line of duty in 1854, a German immigrant by the name of Casper Lauer, Larry Vincent, our member killed in the line of duty in 1982, and Commander Paul Bauer, our member killed in the line of duty in 2018. GAPA also contributes to other worthy causes from time to time, not only in support of the German American Community of which we are a part of, but also those communities we are sworn to serve and protect.

The German American Police Association was incorporated in the State of Illinois in January 1975 and is a non-for profit organization comprised of over 300 Chicago, Suburban, County, State, out of state and International Police officers. In addition we have over 65 associate and honorary members consisting Business Owners, Firemen Judges and citizens whom are all dedicated to the principles of the our association and are proud to our own.

We are seeking your financial support as a **Hole Sponsor**. Listed below are options of sponsorship for this year’s golf outing -- a great way to promote your name, your business or both -- which will be prominently displayed at one of the 18 golf tee-off sites. Please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your continued support of our organization and feel free to check out our website at [gapachicago.org](http://gapachicago.org).

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### GAPA Sponsorship Registration Form

Please place a check mark in the appropriate box indicating the type of Sponsorship you are requesting.

**\$100.00** = Sign (Located at the tee Box with your name, company name, and / or Logo)

**\$150.00** = Golf Flag (Located on the pin on one of the greens. You will receive the flag after the outing)

Sponsor Name / Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ GAPA Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form along with a check payable to “**GAPA Golf Outing**” to:

GAPA Golf Outing • c/o of Jeff Schuck • 246 Anderson Terrace • Des Plaines, IL 60016

**\*\* Please return forms no later than May 22, 2023 to provide ample time for ordering you selection\*\***

Questions? Contact Jeff Schuck at 847-257-5888 or [gapamembership@gmail.com](mailto:gapamembership@gmail.com)

# The 26th Annual

## German American Police Association Golf Outing



**Monday, June 12, 2023  
0830 A.M. Shotgun Start  
Renwood Golf Course  
701 East Shorewood Rd  
Round Lake Beach, IL**

**Tickets \$110.00 per golfer  
Includes 18 holes of golf,  
Cart, 2- Hotdogs & 2 Drinks  
on the course Plus German  
Home cooking afterwards  
With Hofbrau beer on tap**

**Dinner will be served around 3:00 PM on the picnic grounds of the American Aid Society of German Descendants. Just a short drive from the golf course on Route 132 (one mile west of 83) and across from Lake Villa. There will also be plenty of raffle prizes. Register Early! The course can only hold a maximum of 144 golfers. Tickets will be sold on a “first come, first serve basis”,**

**\*No Reservations without payment\***

**Contact Joe Kirchens at (815) 756-3291 or by email [gapagolfer@gmail.com](mailto:gapagolfer@gmail.com)**

**Become a Hole Sponsor too and help keep our Golf Outing fees as low as possible**

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### Registration

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_ Single \$110.00; \_\_\_ Dbl \$220.00; \_\_\_ Triple \$330.00; \_\_\_ 4some \$440.00**

**Dinner Only \$40.00 per person #\_\_\_\_, \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Persons in your group:**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_ **4.** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form with payment to  
Joe Kirchens, 328 N. Cardinal St, Cortland, IL 60112



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

GAPA Meetings:  
May 9, June 13, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12th.

GAPA Golf Outing,  
Monday, June 12.

GAPA Picnic:  
Friday, July 14.

GAPA Baseball:  
Cubs vs Brewers,  
Sunday October, 1.  
It is a day game and it is the last game of the season.



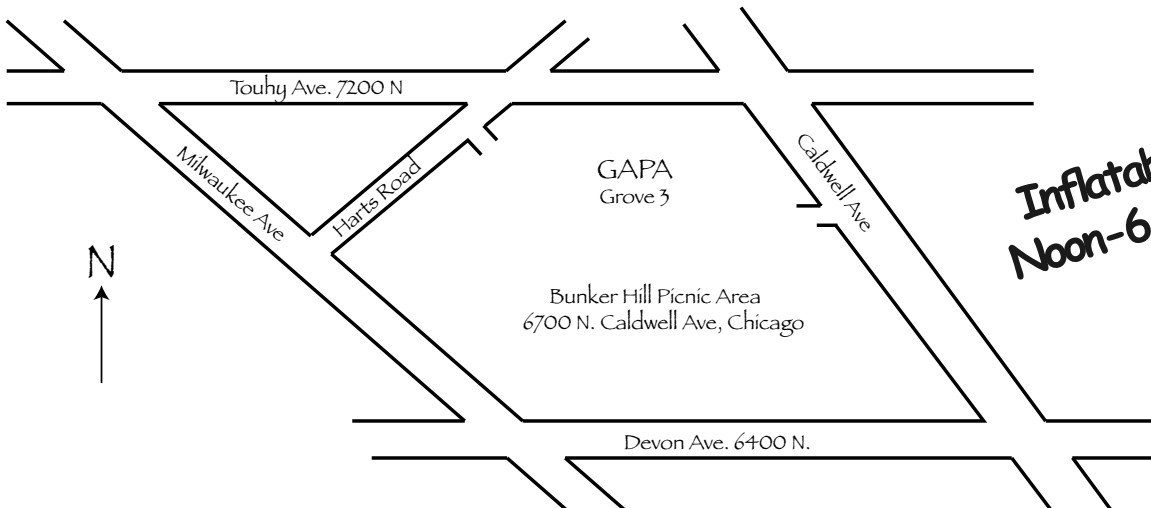
# The German American Police Association's 47th Annual Picnic!

Friday, July 14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Pony Rides  
1-5 p.m.!**

Hofbrau, Pabst and Rootbeer on tap;  
Burgers, Brats and Hotdogs on the grill;  
Pretzels, Pop and Ice Cream  
Mr.D's Magic Show, Pony Rides,  
Bouncy House and 22-ft Giant Inflatable Slide!

**Magic Show  
at  
12:30 p.m.!**



**Inflatables  
Noon-6 p.m.!**

# German–American Police Association of Chicago

[www.GAPAChicago.org](http://www.GAPAChicago.org)

## Membership & Renewal Application

(please print clearly)

### Please Check the Appropriate Box:

**New Membership**                       **Renewal Membership**

Active/Assoc. \$30.00;     Active/ Assoc. Gold \$20.00;     Founding Member – N.C.  
(New to 24 years)                      (25 years & more)                      (1975 & earlier)

Last Name		First Name		MI
Street Address		City	State	Zip
Home Telephone	Cell Phone	Work Phone		
Department/Agency				Badge/ID Number
Email address				
Father's Name:		Ethnic Origin:		
Mother's Name;		Ethnic Origin:		
Applicant's signature			Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Sponsor's Name		2nd Sponsor Name (Associate Member Only)		

**GAPA Newsletter** -  Receive by email;     Receive by U.S Postal Mail

Payment by check or money order to:

**G.A.P.A. Chicago**  
**4740 N. Western Ave.**  
**Chicago, IL 60625**

*(for mailed applications, please include copy of Department/Agency identification)*

Associate Member Application requires two (2) sponsors.

Applicants agree to abide by all Association Rules and By-Laws.

All applicants are subject to review by the Association Board of Directors.

Board Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  Treasurer received funds on \_\_\_\_\_  Membership info entered on \_\_\_\_\_

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# GAPA Golf Outing 2022



## Knights of Columbus Awards Banquet

GAPA members were given Lifetime Achievement Awards in Law Enforcement by the Knights of Columbus Police Council. Grand Knight Dennis Fitzgerald presented the awards to Ken Hauser (from left), Tom Sieja and Tim Schaefer.



## And now a word from our sponsors. . .



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THE ORIGINAL BREW OF BAVARIAN KINGS!

**Wishes All GAPA Members  
Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit**



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## Thank you!



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- Mexican Style meal
- GAPA Merch
- Raffle at the end of the meeting

# MEETING NOTICE

- Free parking at 5/3rd Bank parking lots,
- Lawrence & Artesian
  - Western & Gunnison

 Tuesday, 05/09/2023 

**Doors open at 6:30 P.M.**

**The Dank Haus**

4740 N. Western Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,



All members are encouraged to bring prospective members to any and all meetings and events  
We hope all members will support this endeavor

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Kameradschaft, Freundschaft und Gemuetlichkeit!

