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President's Message

Greetings,

In a recap of the 2023 year, it was a year of sorrows and joy for the German American Police Association. Several of our families personally experienced loss of loved ones, or endured medical or financial difficulties. Our Association was no different with the loss of Director Robert Baikie (January); Director William Grieb (October); President Timothy Schaefer (November); Emma Wolf, mother of Director Sharon Terry (January); and Esther Hartwig, mother of Sergeant-at-arms Tom Hartwig (February). Our condolences go out to their family and friends for their loss. It is up to all of us to continue in their memory and move forward for the betterment of our Association.

In September several of our members, family and friends along with representatives from the German American Police Association of Greater Milwaukee gathered at Lachet's Inn (2119 W Irving Park Chicago) where we had a great brunch and thirst quenching drinks in preparation for the annual German Day Parade. This was the first year we also had shuttle service from the DANK Haus to Lachet's, courtesy of Director Dave Smart and Secretary Sharon Terry, as it eliminated the long return walk to our parked vehicles. Special thanks also

goes to those who donated for the cost of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police float rental, as well as to Director Gerhard Stadler and the Rheinischer Verein Fanfaren Corps for the after parade music, food and beverages.

In October, we returned north to Wisconsin for the annual Cubs-Brewers game, coordinated by Director Tom Moritz and his wife Dotty. President Peter Graber and members of the German American Police Association of Greater Milwaukee, welcomed us with food and refreshments before we went inside American Family Field. Our members and Cubs fan expectations were high and the sun was out at the beginning of the game, the weather changed and the Brewers won, resulting in the Nobert Holzinger Traveling Picklehaube Trophy remaining again, close but yet out of reach across the state line.

Our Oktoberfest returned this year to the Elmcrest Banquets (7370 W Grand Elmwood Park) arraigned by our Master of Ceremonies and Director Roger Haas. Participants received a commemorative wine glass, and after several long years a Sponsorship/Well Wisher Book. Thank you to our committee Director Cora Hudik, Director Dave Smart, Secretary Sharon Terry, and

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*Mark your calendars
and join us
for the following events:*

GAPA Memorial Police Mass

Mercy Home
1140 W Jackson Chicago
April 14

Taste of the FOP

Chicago Fraternal Order of Police
Ethnic Meeting
May 22

Maifest Chicago

June 6-9

Tim Schaefer Memorial Golf Outing

June 10th

GAPA Tailgate Cubs/Brewers Game

June 29

GAPA Annual Family Picnic

Bunker Hill Woods
July 12

Germanfest Milwaukee

July 27-28

German Day Parade

September 7

GAPA-PAPA-EMERALD Combined Meeting

September 10

German American Commemorative Service

St. Benedicts
October 6

Oktoberfest

Elmcrest
November 8th



GERMAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

Tim Schaefer Memorial

GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIP



Dear Friends:

On Monday June 10th, 2024 our organization will be holding its **27th** annual golf outing. This year we will be honoring our membership President Tim Schaefer, who suddenly lost his long fight with cancer to the sadness of us all. Tim was also dedicated and instrumental in running the GAPA scholarship program for many years. So please come out not only to pay honor to Tim but also have a good time while playing a round of golf with your fellow kamerads and friends at the Renwood Golf Course in Round Lake Beach, Illinois. As always, the purpose of this outing, aside from the spirit of “gemuetlichkeit”, is also to raise money for our organization’s favorite charities through your financial support as a **Hole Sponsor**. Listed below are several options of sponsorship, which is a fun and great way to promote your family name, business, or both and will be prominently displayed at one of the 18 golf tee off sites.

Among the charities GAPA contributes to are: The Gold Star Families (families of those Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty), DANK Schule North (the North Side German language school of the German American National Congress), Police Chaplin’s Ministries, Chicago Police Memorial Fund, and the 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, Casper Lauer (a German immigrant), 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 association and are proud to be called our own.

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 you’d like to see:

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ GAPA Contact: _____

****Please enclose this form and a check payable to GAPA Golf Outing in c/o of Jeff Schuck at 246 Anderson Terrace, Des Plaines, IL. 60016. ** Please return forms no later than May 15th, 2024 to provide ample time for ordering your selection.**

Questions? Call Jeff Schuck at 847-257-5888 or email me at gapamembership@gmail.com

GERMAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION



TIM SCHÆFER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Renwood Golf Course

701 East Shorewood

Round Lake Beach IL 60073

Monday June 10th, 2024

The German American Police Association 27th Annual Gold Outing, will be held on Monday June 10, 2024 in the memory of President Tim Schaefer. The outing begins with an 8:30 AM shotgun start at Renwood Golf Course. The cost this year remains at \$110.00 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, two hot dogs and two drinks while on the course, plus german home cooking afterwards at the American Aid Society of German Descendants-Lake Villa, located a short drive away at 259 W Grand Ave, Lake Villa IL 60046 to be served at approximately 3:00 PM.

Registration is limited to 144 golfers and tickets are sold on a "First Come-First Served" basis. No reservations will be made without payment.

For Further Information contact Joe Kirchens at 815-756-3291



GOLF REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

_____ Single \$110.00; _____ Double \$220.00;

_____ Triple \$330.00; _____ FORE SOME \$440.00

Name of persons in your group: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

If you would like to take part in dinner only, the cost is \$40.00 per person

Number of People for DINNER ONLY: _____ TOTAL DINNER COST: _____

Mail registration form with check payable to the German American Police Association (GAPA) to: Joe Kirchens
328 N. Cardinal St, Courtland IL 60112



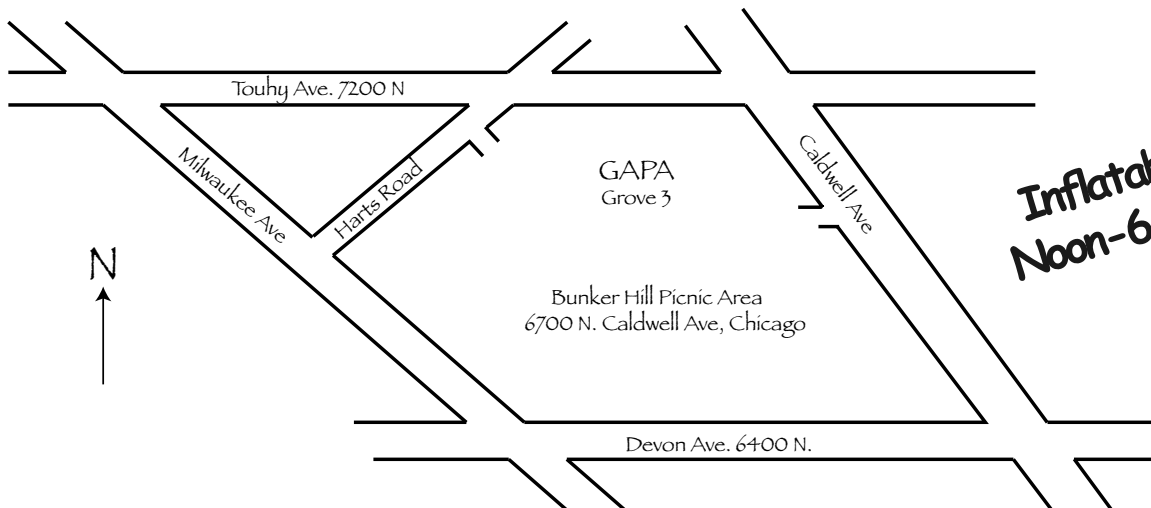
The German American Police Association's 47th Annual Picnic!

Friday, July 12, 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

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 _____

GAPA Oktoberfest 2023



And now a word from our sponsors...



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

Thank you!



Message

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those that obtained these advertisements and well wishes. We still have a small supply of these books, which are available at our meetings, so please support those who support us.

President Tim Schaefer was a strong supporter of our Scholarship work. At our January meeting we welcomed the Schaefer family, who assisted in the presentation of our 2024 Scholarship Recipients. These four students each received \$1,000.00 to assist in their academic endeavors:

Casper Lauer Memorial:

Alexander Grogman

Larry Vincent Memorial:

Molly McDonagh

Paul Bauer:

ValerieWatts

Louis Glunz Beer Inc/HofBrau:

Abigail Graber

As a reminder, these awards are made possible by our fundraising activities and raffles so please participate.

Our Officers for the 2024 and 2025

GAPA

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Charlotte Gonzalez, daughter of GAPA founder Norbert Holzinger, was promoted to CPD Lieutenant.

term were also sworn in at our January meeting . These new or returning Officers are: John Huinker-Vice President, Cora Hudik-Secretary, John Meindl-Treasurer with Tom Hartwig and Dave Smart as our two Sergeant at Arms. With the passing of Tim Schaefer, Roger Haas volunteered, and with board approval, has stepped in as President of GAPA.

If you missed it, we begin our membership year in October so it is time to renew for 2024. Those not renewed



Congrats to Hans and Kris Hunger, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

will be deleted from our roles, so don't delay... mail today.

Reminder that our monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (no meeting July and August) at the DANK Haus 4740 N Western Ave Chicago with doors opening at 6:30pm. Meeting cost is \$20.00 which includes dinner and refreshments.

Respectfully,

Paul Kurtzner
Chairman-Board of Directors

Kameradschaft, Freundschaft und Gemuetlichkeit!

