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President's Message

Time flies when you're having fun, and the past several months offered fun to those who attended our Association events so far this year.

In May we participated in the Chicago FOP Ethnic Meeting, bringing out several tasty food items for our Law Enforcement Ethnic Partners. It was an opportunity to spread the word on the German American Police Association and enlisting new members. We renewed friendships with other Associations, and welcomed the Romanian American Police Association to our circle.

In June we had another sell out year for the "Tim Schaefer Memorial Golf Outing", thanks to our Golf Meister Joe Kirchens, and Sponsor Meister Jeff Schuck. Also in June was our annual pilgrimage north to the German American Police Association of Greater Milwaukee to tailgate and watch the Cubs play the Brewers. After several disappointing years the Cubs finally won, returning the Norbert Holzinger Pickelhaube Trophy to Chicago. The trophy is currently being proudly displayed at the Louis

Glunz Beer Inc corporate headquarters, while the DANK Haus is under remodeling.

Numerous family and friends enjoyed the great weather for our Picnic in July. This event offered to our families entertainment items such as magicians, pony rides, bounce houses, fire trucks and of course food and beverages. An immense thank you goes out to our Picnic Meister John Meindl for the coordination of this event, as well as to all those who contributed their time or donated in sponsoring the entertainment.

September of course marked the German Day Festivities; however the location and parade route were slightly altered along Lincoln Avenue. This however did not stop our members from enjoying the great food at Laschet's Inn, nor the enthusiasm of those marching, riding or driving in our parade contingent. Special note should be given to our Parade Chauffeur's Sharon Terry, Dave Smart and Gerhard Stadler who transported participants from our parking area to Laschet's, as well as donating the Thin Blue

Line flags that were distributed along the parade route.

Renew your membership now so you do not miss the future fun, by using the form in our newsletter or on our website. www.gapachicago.org

On November 8th, we will be hosting our annual Oktoberfest at Elmcrest Banquets with the announcement of our Scholarship recipients. Information on how to attend, as well as eligibility requirements for the Scholarships are included in this newsletter as well as on our website www.gapachicago.org

While time flies when you're having fun, it also is true that time flies the older you become. In 2025 the German American Police Association will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Several commemorative items are being discussed and events have already been booked. Mark your calendars now for our Golf Outing June 9th, 2025, Picnic July 11th, 2025 and our Anniversary Banquet on October 3rd, 2025.

Respectfully,
Paul Kurtzner, Chairman
Board of Directors



German American Police Association 2024 Scholarship Application 2024

Please Print Applicant Name:			
Address:			
Home Phone:			
GAPA Member Name:			
Type of Membership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Active / Department name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Associate
Relationship to Applicant:	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian
School Attending:			
School Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> College / University /Trade School		
DEADLINE:	The last day to submit scholarship applications is Thursday, October 31, 2024. Applications post marked after this date will not be accepted.		

We are pleased to announce \$5,000 in Scholarships for the coming year.

A drawing will be held at our Oktoberfest Dinner Dance to determine the winners.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications will be Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Applications post-marked after that date will not be accepted.

\$1,000.00 "Casper Lauer Scholarship": Casper Lauer was the first Chicago Police Officer killed in the line of duty on 19 September 1854. This scholarship is donated by GAPA in his honor. (College / trade)

\$1,000.00 "Larry Vincent Scholarship": Larry Vincent was a Chicago Police Officer and GAPA member killed in the line of duty on 14 January 1983. This scholarship is donated by GAPA in his honor. (College / trade School)

\$1,000.00 "Paul Bauer Scholarship": Paul Bauer was a Chicago Police Officer and GAPA member killed in the line of duty on 13 February 2018. This scholarship is donated by GAPA in his honor.

\$1,000.00 "Schaefer Presidential Scholarship": Donated by the Schaefer Family. (College / Trade School)

\$500.00 "Glunz Family Scholarship": Donated by the Glunz Family. (College / Trade School)

\$500.00 "HofBrau Scholarship": Donated by the HofBrau Beer Corporation. (College / Trade School)

Eligibility

The scholarship application process is open to all **immediate family members** of current active (dues paid) members attending any accredited college, trade school. Immediate family is defined as; sons, daughters, step sons, step daughters and those who are members of a family by court decree (legal guardianship). Only one application and per eligible student will be accepted. Undergraduate **College** will be awarded one time to one person. All scholarship awards will be presented at GAPA'S **January** general membership meeting. Proof of enrollment / attendance is required for **all college** winners. Proof of attendance will be verified by the scholarship committee prior to the presentation of the scholarship awards.

GAPA Scholarship committee

Mail completed Applications to:

GAPA Scholarship

1201 Meadowcrest Road LaGrange Park IL 60526





FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT ELMCREST BANQUETS

Ticket donation \$100 PER PERSON

Please return this form with your payment to **German American Police Association**

c/o John Meindl, 10726 S. Trumbull Ave, Chicago, IL 60655

or call John to reserve tickets: 773-710-6246

Name: **GAPA Oktoberfest ticket order form**

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

Number of Tickets:

Amount Enclosed:

I would Like to sit with:

Deadline to purchase tickets is November 4, 2024
Tickets will NOT be sold at the door on the day of the event



Prost!

The German American Police Association
will host Oktoberfest
on Friday, November 8
Cocktails 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Elmcrest Banquets

7370 W. Grand Ave. • Elmwood Park, IL 60707

\$100 includes Beer, Cocktails & Soda; Music by Paloma; and Parking

For ticket reservation & information, contact:
John Meindl, 773-710-6246 or Roger Haas, 312-810-9107 or gapatix@gmail.com

German American Police Association New Membership Application Form

4740 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60625

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Employer	Rank	Unit	Star
Address			City	State	Zip Code	
Phone Number			Email Address			
Father: _____			Ethnic Origin: _____			
Mother: _____			Ethnic Origin: _____			
Next of Kin: _____			Relationship: _____			
I am applying as a (circle one): Police Member: \$30 Associate Member \$30 PPO: \$0 (1st year only) <u>*(Please pay via personnel check) *</u>						
Applicant's signature			1 st sponsor	2 nd sponsor (For A/M's only)		
Approved by: _____			Date: _____			

GAPA Renewal Form

Renewal period: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Name: _____	Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____	Assignment: _____
Membership Status (circle one):	Standard: \$30 <small>(24 or fewer years)</small> Gold: \$20 <small>(25 or more years)</small> <small>*must be concurrent*</small> Charter: \$0 <small>(Founding member)</small>
Date: _____	
Mail check to: The German American Police Association 4740 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60625	

And now a word from our sponsors...



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