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President's Message

Fellow members,
Since our last Brennpunkt, we have held our Oktoberfest Dinner to which I would like to send a huge thank you to all who assisted in planning as well as attended this event. For those of you who were unable to attend you missed a great event, and we hope you can attend our 50th Anniversary. To begin with upon arrival we were greeted by members of the Chicago Police Department Mounted Unit, who were posted outside. The Illinois State Police Honor Guard presented the colors, and after invocation dinner was served, with our favorite band Paloma playing. All present had a great time as illustrated in the enclosed photos.

In October and November nominations were held for the Board of Directors, and upon voice vote in November the following individuals assumed their responsibilities in January: Chad Grogman (Illinois State Police), Kenneth Hauser (Chicago), Ed Heerdt (Chicago), Roman Hrynewycz (Great Lakes), Gary Hudak (Chicago), Eric Hunger (Chicago), Joseph Kirchens (Chicago), Paul Kurtzner (Broadview), Fred Lowe (Chicago), Tom Moritz (Bedford Park), Artie Oswald (Chicago), Timothy Schoolmas-

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In December several members traveled across the Northern Border to attend the German American Police Association of Greater Milwaukee annual Christmas Celebration held at Kegel's Inn. For those who have not attended this event, I would strongly encourage you to attend in 2025 as GAPA-Milwaukee host a great event. Of course you don't have to wait for this specific event, for outstanding food visit Kegel's Inn anytime. It is located at 5901 W National Avenue Milwaukee WI, and has recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary, proving the fact that with great food, beverage and hospitality you cannot go wrong.

At our January meeting our 2024 Scholarships were awarded to the following individuals. Casper Lauer Scholarship Kristoff Giannoni attending North

Park University; Larry Vincent Scholarship Erin Graber attending Marquette University; Paul Bauer Scholarship Nicole Julia Gieres attending University of Illinois-Champaign; Schaefer Presidential Scholarship Maya Rice attending Michigan State University; Glunz Family Scholarship Giovanni Giannoni attending Loyola University-Chicago and lastly Michael Gieres attending University of Illinois-Chicago.

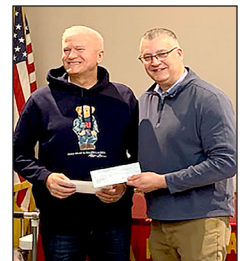
Looking forward to 2025, please mark the following dates on your calendars with more detailed information being posted online as they become available. Cubs vs Brewers May 4th; 50th Anniversary Golf Outing June 9th; Family Picnic July 11th; German Fest Milwaukee July 25-July 27; Von Steuben Day Parade September 6th; White Sox German Heritage Day September 21st; 50th Anniversary Oktoberfest October 3rd.

Lastly if you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so now or you will be dropped from our rolls. An application is available on line at our website www.gapachicago.org print several and pass along to family and friends.

Paul Kurtzner, Chairman-Board of Directors

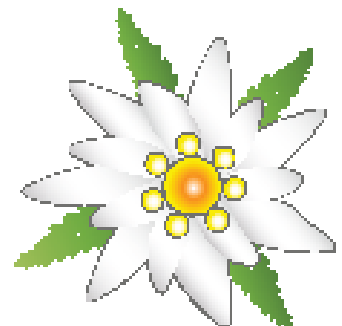


GAPA Oktoberfest 2025



2025 Scholarship Winners

GAPA vice president John Huinker presented checks to this year's scholarship winners.



And now a word from our sponsors...



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