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President's Message

Spring has sprung, and we are quickly moving into summer. In case you did not have the opportunity to join us, let me provide a brief summary.

In May a small contingent traveled north for a friendly competition between Chicago GAPA (Cubs) vs. Milwaukee GAPA (Brewers). While this was an early year game and the outside temperature was slightly chilly and windy, we received a warm welcome. Once inside the stadium, many were hoping that the Cubs would heat up; however such was not the case with the Cubs losing 0-4. This regrettably resulted in the traveling Norbert Holzinger Pickelhaube Trophy returning to Milwaukee. As we too frequently say in Chicago, wait until next year. Thank you Milwaukee GAPA, and Director Tom Moritz for the organization of this year-

ly event. In June we held our annual Golf Outing at Renwood Golf Course in Round Lake, followed by some authentic food at the American Aid Society of German Descendants in Lake Villa. Director Joe Kirchens and Jeff Schuck, did an amazing job of making this event run smoothly and to the ladies who served refreshment on the course. Perhaps this is why there we no hole in one's.

As we move into the summer, please remember there are no general membership meetings in July and August, but we will have our annual family picnic at Bunker Hill Woods on July 11th, beginning at 11am and going to dusk. Food, beverages and activities will be going on throughout the day. Special GAPA anniversary regalia will also be unveiled and available for purchase. We will also be conducting our

raffle, and if you have not already obtained tickets, it is not too late and they will be available until time of drawing. Germanfest Milwaukee will be taking place the weekend of July 25-27th, with a parade on the 26th, in which members of Milwaukee and Chicago participate in.

Looking forward to late summer and fall, the Von Steuben Day Parade will be held on Saturday September 6th, gathering at Laschet's Inn prior to step off. Then in October the event not to be missed, our **50th Anniversary Oktoberfest** set for Friday October 3rd at Elmcrest Banquets. Already attending will be members of Milwaukee, Philadelphia and New York Police Associations as well as some familiar faces from our founding.

See you soon

Paul Kurtzner-Chairman
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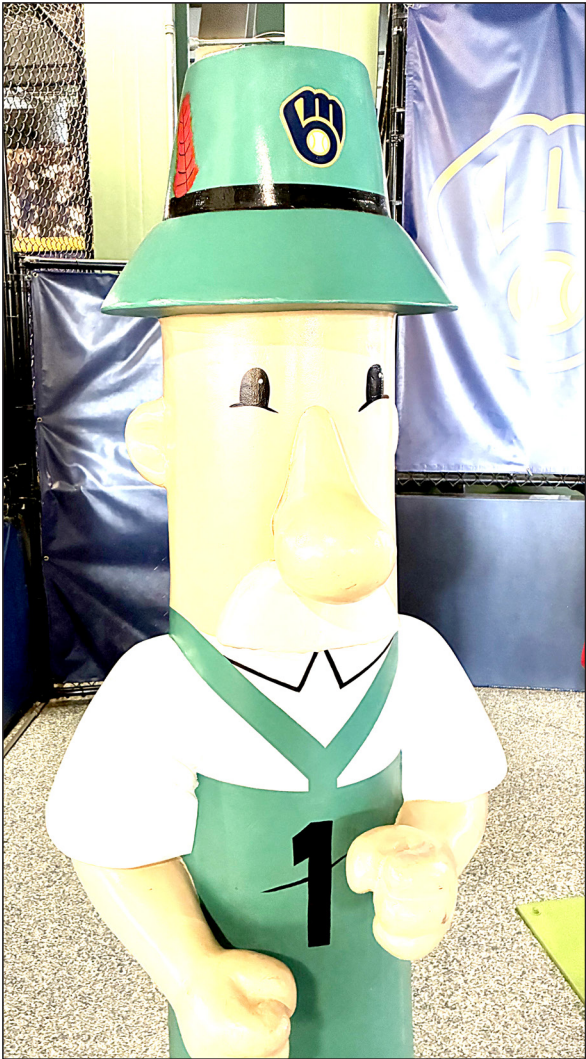
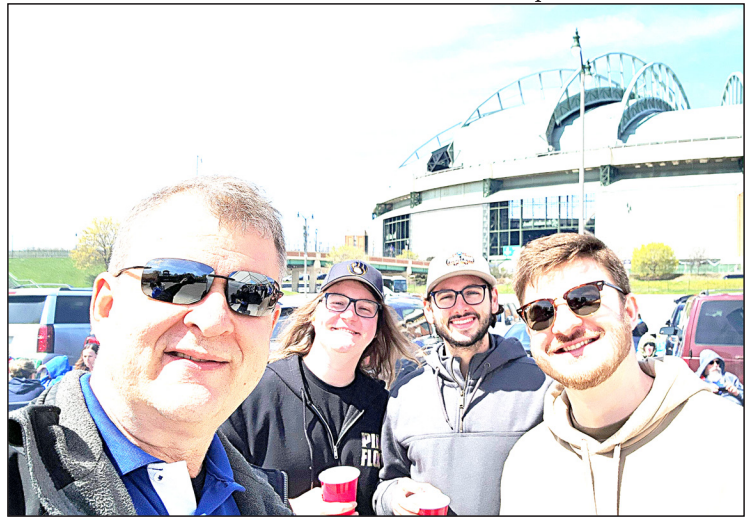
Our sympathies and prayers go to family members who recently passed: Arthur Hartwig, father of Tom Hartwig,

Charles Terry, husband of Sharon Terry and Martha Doporcyk, mother of Art Oswald.



photo on back cover: Linda Trausch, Judy Brumley and Audrey Van Stockum captured in a moment while

celebrating the 85th birthday of Audrey's mother in the spring.



Trophy
goes to
Milwaukee



The German American Police Association's Annual Picnic!

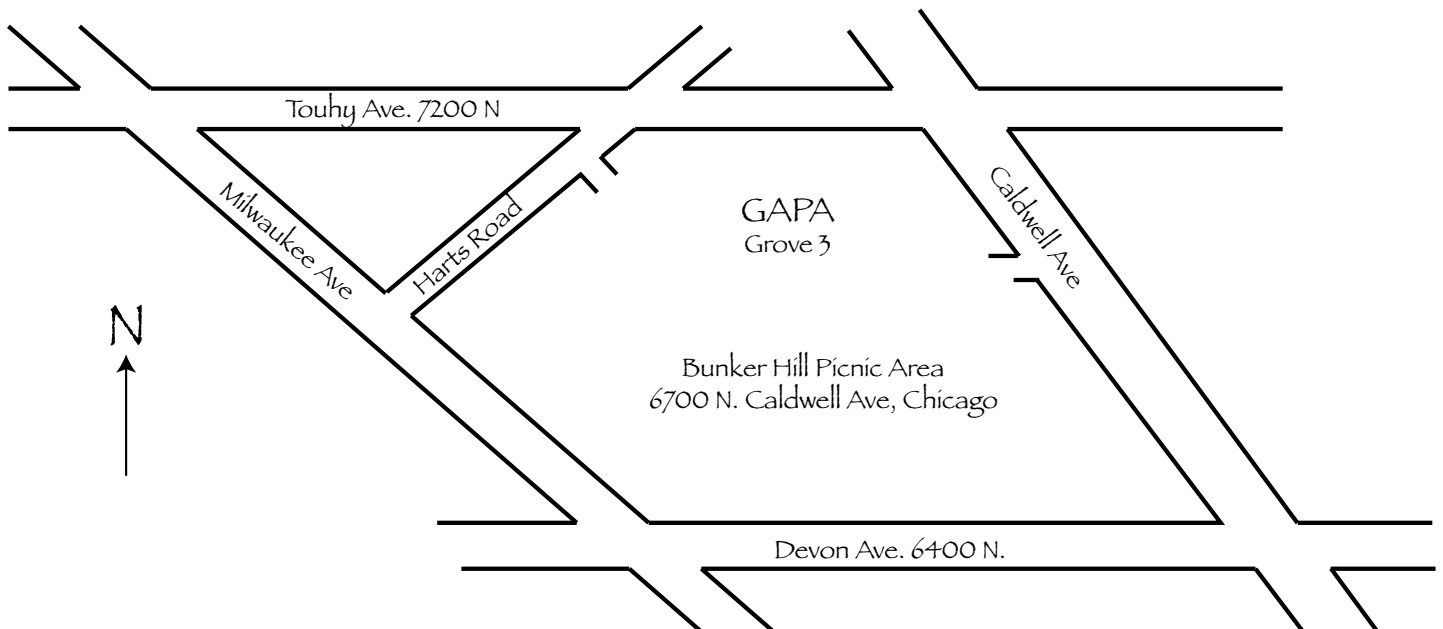
Pony Rides
Noon-4 p.m.!

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

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Noon-6 p.m.!

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Deadline to purchase tickets is September 29, 2025
Tickets will NOT be sold at the door on the day of the event



The German American Police Association
will host Oktoberfest

on Friday, October 3, 2025

Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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

\$120 includes Beer, Cocktails & Dinner, Music by Paloma; and Parking

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

New members welcome! GAPA meets the second Tuesday of the month at the DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave. Visit gapachicago.org for information.



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50th Anniversary Oktoberfest

October 3rd, 2025

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