



# AlumNews

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## President's Message...

Greetings CPAAA! Fall is upon us...I hope everyone is enjoying the last bit of nice weather while watching the leaves turn! I hope everyone can also enjoy the last two CPAAA outings of the year coming up this month! Your CPAAA Board has successfully hosted several outings this year, including the RKA Fun Shoot, Feed My Starving Children event, Summer Gala, and outdoor bowling. It has been our pleasure to spend time with you and get to know each and every one of you more intimately!

We hope you can join us at one or both of the final two outings of the year – the RTA Rebuild Project and the Kane County Coroner's Office visit. Email [eventcoord@cpaaa.net](mailto:eventcoord@cpaaa.net) with questions or to sign up!

Also, on the horizon, is the BEST holiday party in town – the CPAAA Annual Christmas Party! Although the "theme" is still under wraps, we can share that the Committee has locked in a \*new\* venue. We're looking forward to welcoming all of our new members and celebrating with everyone! Watch for details on how to purchase your tickets.

## October Speaker...

Our speaker for October will be a representative from AID (Association for Individual Development). Since 1961, AID Mission has been to empower people with physical, developmental, intellectual, and mental health challenges to enjoy lives of dignity and purpose. Those who have suffered a trauma and those at risk. Providing vital, life-enriching services that promote the highest level of independence and community participation include autism programs; permanent supportive housing; in-home support; developmental and vocational training; job placement and on-the-job coaching services; crisis intervention; victims services; mental health treatment; behavioral intervention; health and wellness; community education; and advocacy.

AID is a leading provider of services that address the unique needs of individuals throughout every stage of their lives. For more information you can go to: <https://www.aidcares.org/>

## September Meeting Recap...

Our guest speaker was Mike McTighe from C.O.P.S. He along with his coworker gave a brief overview of C.O.P.S. Explaining that each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss. C.O.P.S. provides resources to help them rebuild their shattered lives.

C.O.P.S. organized in 1984 have programs for survivors which include the National Police Survivors' which includes but not limited to: "C.O.P.S. Kids" counseling reimbursement program, the "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp, "C.O.P.S. Teens" Outward C.O.P.S. also offers training and assistance to law enforcement agencies nationwide on how to respond to the tragic loss of a member of the law enforcement profession.

For more information go to: <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org>



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SPECIAL POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

OUR NEXT  
MEETING IS

TUESDAY  
October 11, 2022  
At: 7:00 pm

Kristen Ziman  
Community Room

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# Thank You To Our Volunteers...



## Spanish - Traffic Stops 9/13

Lilian Garesche  
 Yovani Gonzalez-Alcantara  
 Sharissa McQueen

## English - Traffic Stops 9/15

Gretchen Ashley  
 Mary Ellen Bender  
 Mike Buchenauer  
 Amy Dermott  
 Robert Gil  
 Sharissa McQueen  
 Dawn Mowka  
 Brenda Roysdon  
 Nicholas Schraufnagel  
 Sharon Slaughter  
 Gail Strzelczyk

## City Fiestas Patrias 9/17 & 9/18

(Alyssa) Rae Andrews  
 Deb Bell  
 Stacy Bellack  
 Mike Buchenauer  
 Courtney Duran  
 John Jerrard  
 Sabrina Peyton  
 Sanjay Vimawala  
 Stacy Bellack  
 Mike Buchenauer  
 Lilian Garesche  
 Sharissa McQueen  
 Sabrina Peyton  
 Jay Short  
 Christina Smith

## APD Employee Recognition Ceremony 9/28

Veronica Adame  
 Mary-Alice Bier  
 Mike Buchenauer  
 Amy Dermott  
 Sabrina Peyton  
 Ken VanAndel  
 Louise VanAndel

## Kane County Chiefs Golf Outing 9/30

Mike Buchenauer  
 Amy Dermott  
 Sharissa McQueen  
 David Suydam

# 2023 Membership Renewal...

It's that time again, annual membership fees are now due and payments are now being accepted. Invoices for membership fees have been sent. If you did not receive one please email Janice at: [communications@cpaaa.net](mailto:communications@cpaaa.net)

2023 fees remain at \$20.00 and are due by the end of January. You can pay online, at the meetings or by mailing a check or money order. Mail your payment directly to Amy Dermott at the address listed below.

**PLEASE DO NOT** drop off or mail any payments to the APD.

**Amy Dermott (CPAAA)**  
 2379 Avalon Court  
 Aurora, IL 60503

# RTA Outing Date Changed—Save the Date...

Unfortunately the last schedule RTA outing had to be cancelled. It has been reschedule to **October 15, 2022** from 8:00 am—4:00 pm . Join us as we join RTAurora.org (Rebuild Together Aurora) for a day of service on Aurora's far east side! Tasks will include outdoor repairs, light carpentry, painting, landscaping and other tasks to help a disabled senior in need. No experience is needed.

Brief overview Rebuilding Together Aurora is a safe and healthy housing organization that provides homeowners in need with critical home repairs, home safety modifications, and energy efficiency upgrades. Rebuilding Together Aurora's work helps to preserve homes and rebuild communities by arming volunteers with hammers, paint brushes, and connecting them with qualified homeowners in need. So if you are able to volunteer please email Laurie at: [eventcoord@cpaaa.net](mailto:eventcoord@cpaaa.net)

# Other Information...

## Board Elections...

Don't forget, the following positions are up for nominations for 2023-2024.  
(January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2024)



- ◆ First Vice President
- ◆ Communications Coordinator
- ◆ Secretary

You must meet the criteria set forth by the bylaws in order to be eligible for nomination. For more information on eligibility requirements and a brief description of the position you can go to our website at: <http://www.cpaaa.net/cpaaa-bylaws/>

If you are interested in any position and you have not already done so please contact Veronica Adame via email at: [president@cpaaa.net](mailto:president@cpaaa.net)

## Annual Holiday Party...

The committee has been secretly busy at Santa's *Rustic* workshop working on this year's Christmas/Holiday Party.

While details are still being finalized the elves are excited and said we could tell you a few things but don't tell Santa! In the details are a few hints to the theme.

- ◆ Date: TUESDAY December 13th
- ◆ Place: **New Venue:** [Two Brothers Roundhouse 205 N. Broadway Aurora, IL](#)
- ◆ Doors open at 6PM
- ◆ Cost is \$25.00 per person (yes you can bring a plus one).
- ◆ Cash bar is back!
- ◆ 50/50 raffle
- ◆ Lottery and Money Trees.
- ◆ Entertainment: Base DJ's
- ◆ RESERVATION ONLY event. Must be paid upfront



If you would like to attend you can sign up at the meetings or by emailing Janice at: [communications@cpaaa.net](mailto:communications@cpaaa.net). You can pay at the October and November Meetings or pay online by requesting an invoice be sent to you. Payments accepted cash, check, money order or by debit/credit card. Please keep in mind that once you pay there will be no refunds.

More details will follow as it gets closer to the date. If you have any questions feel free to email Janice at the email listed above.

The committee and board would like to see as many of you as possible. The Gala was awesome lets make this the best year end event.

So don't miss out make your reservation today. Remember don't tell Santa!



# Other Information ....

## Upcoming Outings...

RTA	10/15/22
Kane County Morgue	10/18/22
Kane County Morgue	10/25/22

If you have not already signed up for one of these outings, you can still do so by emailing Laurie at: [eventcoord@cpaaa.net](mailto:eventcoord@cpaaa.net).



Thanks Mary-Alice for bringing snacks for our September Meeting.

## October Birthdays...



**Happy Birthday to those who have a birthday in October.**

- Veronica Adame
- Janine Arriola
- Mary-Alice Bier
- Tirso Boada
- Laurie Cellini
- Gina Garapolo-Ciaccio
- Lilian Garesche
- Cheryl Gerstrung
- Walter Koseck
- Robert Kowalski
- Bruce Langele
- Sharon Nelson
- Erika Rosas-Lopez
- Richelle Rowe
- Griselda Salmeron
- Elizabeth Vazquez
- Melissa Wallace

**CONDOLENCES/GET WELL**—*Our heartfelt condolences go out to Sherry McKirgan on the loss of her husband Duane McKirgan.* If you or anyone in the Alumni has suffered an illness or loss of someone in their life, please let Janice Lindley know so we can acknowledge them in our newsletter.

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## CPAAA Calendar

Dates are approximate and are subject to change as information becomes available

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
<b>2022</b>	<b>ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (IF ANY)</b>		
APD Employee of Year Ceremony		Members asked to assist at the event	DONE
CPA Spring Practicals	Traffic Stops—4/28 Decision Door— 5/26	Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	DONE
CPA Spring Graduation	6/2	Members help serve pizza at graduation & encourage graduates to join our organization	DONE
NCPAA Conference	<b>CANCELLED TILL 2023</b>	CPAAA pays registration for two Board members, one at large member as well as two Officers	
Police Week			DONE
Breakfast with Champions (formerly Cop on Top)		Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at various Dunkin Donut locations	DONE
Police Week Memorial	5/10	Mooseheart—Members assist where needed at memorial service.	DONE
SRT Training	5/11 & 7/13		DONE
Feed My Starving Children	5/18		DONE
Memorial Day Parade	5/30	Members help assist in traffic control	DONE
CPAAA Fundraising BBQ	<b>CANCELLED</b>		
Summer Gala	June 9	1 E. Benton Bottom Floor—start 6:00 pm	DONE
4th of July Parade/Fireworks	July 4	Members assist in traffic control.	DONE
APPO Golf Outing	July 14	Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing, also teams of four will be formed	DONE
RiverEdge	Various dates	Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing at various functions	DONE
Faith in Blue	October 8, 2022	Members help as needed.	DONE
CPA Fall Practicals		Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Fall Graduation		Members help serve pizza at graduation and encourage graduates to join our organization	
Winter Lights Celebration	11/18		
General Member Meetings	<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>	November 8	
Annual Holiday Party	<b>December 13th</b>	Two Brothers Roundhouse	
APD Tree Setup & Takedown		APD Tree Setup December 4, 2022; APD Tree Take Down January 7, 2023	