



AlumNews

VOLUME 14 ISSUE 2

FEBRUARY 2023

President's Message...

Greetings CPAAA!

Thank you for making our first meeting of 2023 a HUGE success – with standing room only, we welcomed Chief Cross with our smiling, attentive faces, and fantastic questions! I hope you'll help us keep up this momentum as the year progresses!

Last month, your CPAAA board had an incredibly productive Board Retreat. We are excited for the year ahead and we've planned some fun social outings (the first is next month!), intriguing programs and presenters to help facilitate our ever-so-important continued education at our monthly general meetings, and some other "cool stuff" we'll roll out soon! I want to thank each board member for their time, input, and valuable contributions!

February Speaker...

Our guest speaker will be Kelly Krauchun from the Bank the Blue Organization. Kelly will give an overview of the organization and its mission.

Bank the Blue is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was launched in March 2020 by a group of Chicago business professionals with close ties to the law enforcement community.

Their mission is to provide funding and access for mental health services to Illinois law enforcement officers dealing with multiple psychosocial stressors both on and off the job.

For more information please visit their website at: <https://banktheblue.com/>

We hope you will join us!

January Speaker Recap...

Chief Cross welcomed the very large membership in attendance. He thanked the CPAAA for "what we do for them." He appreciates that "we are a voice to dispel rumors" and we support the APD.

Chief Cross highlighted 2022: APD has modernized technology. Also discussed was overall, crime statistics (homicides, criminal sexual assault, assault, arson), reports of gunshots has increased but may be due to the implementation of Shot Spotter.

Other goals for 2023 are to continue to modernize.



Established 1994

A PUBLICATION OF
THE CITIZEN
POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI OF AURORA

SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

**OUR NEXT
MEETING IS**

**WEDNESDAY
February 15, 2023
At: 7:00 pm**

**Kristen Ziman
Community Room**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Presidents Message	1
February Speaker	1
January Meeting Recap	1
Dues/ID's	2
Summer Gala Volunteers	2
February Birthdays	2
Volunteers/Other Info	3
..Volunteers	3
...Fun Shoot	3
...Snacks	3
Condolences/Get Well	3
Board Contact	4
2023 Calendar	5

2023 Membership Dues/ID's..

We are extending our cut off for late fees for 2023 Membership Dues. If you have not already done so make sure to pay your 2023 Membership Dues by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 10th.

2023 fees paid after this time will be excluded from correspondence and access to our Facebook Page. A reminder email was sent to those who have not yet paid. You can pay online, at the meeting or by mailing a check or money order. Mail your payment directly to our treasurer 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

ID'S—Starting with the February meeting we will start scanning your ID for attendance. So make sure to bring your ID to the meeting.

Summer Gala—Volunteers

The 2nd Annual Summer Gala is just around the corner on Friday June 9th. We need two (2) volunteers to join our committee. If you are interested in helping out, please email Janice directly at: communications@cpaaa.net.

February Birthdays...



Allan Benson
 Araceli Hernandez
 Chad Reese
 Craig F. Bonifas
 David Suydam
 Delma Navar
 Earnestine West
 Jim Schweizer
 Ken Van Andel
 Kevin McAlpin
 Mary Grimes

Mary Rathunde
 Ofelia Hinojosa-Hernandez
 Randy Brown
 Renee Williams
 Roshell Singleton
 Saúl Olivas
 Shweta Baid
 Steven Norman
 Tiffany Merrill
 Tom Grunhard
 Tricia Rodgers

Happy Birthday/Belated to our members who have or had a birthday this month. We hope you have or had a great day!

Volunteers/Other Information:

Thank you to our volunteers.

APD Christmas Trees Takedown		APD Practice POWER Test	
1/6/2023		1/22/2023	
Amanda	Sidhu	Julie	Chandler
Carol	Benjamin	Mike	Buchenauer
Deborah	Bell	Robert	Gil
Gretchen	Ashley	Shalyn	Walker
Ken	VanAndel	Sharissa	McQueen
Louise	VanAndel	Tricia	Rodgers
Lynn	Flynn		
Mary Ellen	Bender		
Randall	Brown		
Sharon	Slaughter		
Tricia	Rodgers		



CPAAA OUTING Fun Shoot

The fun shoot has been such a popular event that we are bringing it back this year.

Scheduled for : March 11th
Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Watch your email for more information.



Many thanks to Dick Housh, Gretchen Ashley, Jacqueline Beatty-Hobbs, Julie Chandler and Saul Olivas for bringing treats to our January meeting.

CONDOLENCES/GET WELL— 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.

The Citizen Police Academy Alumni of Aurora is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to promote and enhance the relationship between the community and the Aurora Police Department through continuing law enforcement education of our members and the community, supporting and promoting special projects that strengthen the services provided by the Aurora Police Department, and assisting the Aurora Police Department in specific projects.

This newsletter is published monthly. Opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the opinion and/or objectives of the membership or the board of directors. All articles submitted are subject to editing for style, allotted space, and good taste. Authors submitting articles for publication are responsible for their contribution. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni of Aurora assumes no responsibility or liability for missing or inaccurate attribution.

Veronica Adame President president@cpaaa.net	Deb Bell First Vice President firstvicepresident@cpaaa.net	Saul Olivas Interim Second Vice President secondvicepresident@cpaaa.net	Josie Gehler Secretary secretary@cpaaa.net
Amy Dermott Treasurer treasurer@cpaaa.net	Dawn Pellegrini Membership Coordinator membership@cpaaa.net	Janice Lindley Communications Coordinator communications@cpaaa.net	Denny Wowra Past President pastpresident@cpaaa.net
Laurie Cellini Event Coordinator eventcoord@cpaaa.net			Beth Carter APD Liaison carterb@apd.aurora.il.us

2023 CPAAA Calendar

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

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
General Member Meetings	Wednesday February 15th	2/15, 3/15, 4/11, 5/9, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 2023 (no Jun, Jul or Dec meetings). Time remains 7:00pm	
Annual Holiday Party	Tuesday December 12	Two Brothers Roundhouse	
APD Tree Takedown	January 6, 2023	Members assist in taking down APD Tree	Done
APD Employee Recognition	Tuesday, February 21	Members asked to assist at the event	
APD Employee of Year Ceremony		Members asked to assist at the event	
APPO Golf Outing		Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing.	
Breakfast with Champions		Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at various Dunkin Donut locations	
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 Spring Practicals		Members help serve pizza at graduation & encourage graduates to join our organization	
CPA Graduation		Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
4th of July Fireworks	Monday, July 3	Members assist in traffic control.	
4th of July Parade	Tuesday, July 4	Members assist in traffic control.	
Faith in Blue		Members help as needed.	
Memorial Day Parade	Monday, May 29	Members help assist in traffic control	
NCPAA Conference	Sept 26-28	CPAAA pays registration for two Board members, one at large member as well as two Officers	
Party on the Promenade	Thursday, June 15	Members assist in traffic control.	
Police Week			
Police Week Memorial		Mooseheart—Members assist where needed at memorial service	
RiverEdge		Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing at various locations and functions	
SRT Training			
Summer Gala	Friday, June 9	TBD	
Winter Lights Celebration			