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President's Message...

Greetings CPAAA! I hope everyone had a fun-filled holiday season and I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2023!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning board members and to our returning and NEW alumni members!

I would also like to thank all of those that volunteered in 2022 – we had almost double the opportunities when compared to last year and not surprisingly...our fantastic membership stepped up in a HUGE way to fill those spots!

Thank you also to everyone for your feedback, comments, and suggestions throughout the year – they are welcome and appreciated and do not fall on deaf ears!

Your CPAAA Board looks forward to a new year with you! We are ready to work hard, to renew our goals and remind ourselves of our shared purpose to engage and grow our membership while supporting the Aurora Police Department and the City of Aurora the best possible way we can!

Cheers to an exciting year ahead!

January Speaker...

To start the year, our leader in charge, Chief Cross, will be present at our January General meeting to speak to our group. Chief will give APD highlights of 2022 and anticipated goals for 2023.

We hope you'll join us!

November Speaker Recap..

Our guest speaker was Sgt. Hahn from the Gang unit.

Sgt. Hahn gave an overview of the gang unit and what is going on in Aurora.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

**OUR NEXT
MEETING IS**

**TUESDAY
January 10, 2023
At: 7:00 pm**

**Kristen Ziman
Community Room**

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2022 Award Recipients...

Congratulations to our 2022 Volunteer Award Recipients. Job well done!



- ◆ 2022 CPAAA Honorable Mention Certificate – Melinda Kruder
- ◆ 2022 CPAAA Member Recognition Award – Dave Suydam & Mary Ellen Bender
- ◆ 2022 CPAAA Outstanding Members of the Year – Sharissa McQueen & Mike Buchenauer

2023 Membership Dues/ID's..

If you have not already done so make sure to pay your 2023 Membership Dues. Those who graduated from Class# 52 and Spanish Class #01 you are paid through 2023.

2023 fees are \$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

ID'S— Will be at the January meeting for those paid their dues by January 3rd. The format has changed so please bring your old id and turn it in. Any questions email Dawn at: membership@cpaaa.net

December/January Birthdays...



Happy Birthday/Belated to our members who have or had a birthday this month or last month.

We hope you have or had a great day!

December Birthdays

Bill Andrae	Kris Mendoza
Diana Wilkie	Maria Salgado
Elana Newkirk	Mary Ellen Bender
Elsa Landolina	Patricia Milroy
Geoffrey Adler	Penny Suydam
Gretchen Ashley	Ralph Grimes
Jaime Brendle	Sharon Slaughter

January Birthdays

Alice Taylor	Rosalinda Sosa
Anallely Guerrero	Sanjay Vimawala
Angelica Ramos	Sue Marks
Anthony Alonso	Susan Koepke
Bernard Hightower	Vanessa Aguila
Brent Wilson	Yesenia Cervantes
Carlynn Lamas	Yovani Alcantara

Annual Holiday Party..



Our fearless leader.

What an awesome all those who attended our 2022 Holiday Party at our new event location. Great food, awesome venue, company and entertainment. I forgot to mention lots dancing. Cant wait till next year.

Thanks to the Holiday Committee: Janice Lindley (Chair), Amy Dermott, Sharissa McQueen and Gail Strzelczyk. Also thanks for the help at the party with setup and selling of tickets: Josie Gehler, Laurie Cellini and Mike Buchenauer.



APD Gift Wrapping..



Volunteers/Other Information:

City Winter Lights Parade		APD Christmas Trees Setup		APD Operation Santa Toy Distribution	
Brent	Wilson	Deb	Bell	Carolyn	Schur
Carolyn	Schur	Ken	VanAndel	David	Suydam
Craig	Bonifas	Louise	VanAndel	Jose Jesus	Cervan-
David	Suydam	Mary Ellen	Bender	Josephine	Gehler
Dennis	Wowra	Mary-Alice	Bier	Laurie	Cellini
Earnestine	West	Sharon	Slaughter	Penny	Suydam
Gretchen	Ashley	APD Shop with a Cop		Saul	Olivas
Janet	Dellorto				
Jay	Short	Adriana	Salas		
Jose Jesus	Cervantes	Dawn	Pellegrini		
Laurie	Cellini	Dianne	Willard		
Mike	Buchenauer	Mike	Buchenauer		
Penny	Suydam	Sabrina	Peyton		
Randy	Brown	Saul	Olivas		
Rosa	Cruz	Terra	Barnes		
Sharissa	McQueen				



Thank you Josie Gehler for bringing snacks to our November 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.

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2023 CPAAA Calendar

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

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
General Member Meetings		1/10, 2/15, 3/14, 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			
APD Tree Takedown	January 6, 2023	Members assist in taking down APD Tree	Done
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	TBD	TBD	
Winter Lights Celebration			