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## President's Message...

Greetings CPAAA!

The month of April 2023 is National Volunteer Month, so this month I dedicate my message to the most awesome, fantastic, and best volunteers out there...the CPAAA VOLUNTEERS!

Through our active volunteerism, our group makes a lasting, huge impact on our city, on our community, for our police department and our officers!

Past and present, CPAAA members are truly an inspiration – giving countless hours, energy, enthusiasm, concern, effort, ideas, and love for the betterment of our community and to support our men and women in blue! Cheers to all of you!

## April Speaker...

**MISSION** To help end local hunger by ensuring everyone has access to enough nourishing food, thereby helping our overall community stay healthy and productive.

Our guest speaker for April will be Shannon Cameron from the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry.

She will discuss their mission and what services they offer.

## March Speaker Recap...

Our guest speaker was Joe Jackson, Executive Director at Hesed House. He discussed what the Hesed House is about. Also mentioned is that the Hesed House is the 2nd homeless shelter in the State of Illinois. Currently, there are 250 guests at the shelter and 100-110 in family shelter.

Joe expressed the goal of the shelter is to "Feed the hungry, Clothe the naked and give people a chance to hope again." The number of chronic homeless is about 10%, 50% leave after 2 weeks, and 40% leave after 2-12 months.

A coalition of resources (APD, AFD, AID, Mercy and Copley Hospitals, Hesed House) has formed F.U.S.E. (Frequent Utilizers of Service Engagement) to get match guests to needed services. They provide job training, financial guidance, safety, clothing and toiletries, help with getting IDs, VA and Medicare assistance.

Onsite at the shelter is also a legal clinic, medical clinic and Mutual Ground. APD has been instrumental in assisting Hesed House with Point in Time counts, building walk throughs and ALICE training for staff. Hesed House is funded through local, state and federal grants (50%) and donations.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

**OUR NEXT  
MEETING IS  
TUESDAY  
APRIL 11, 2023  
At: 7:00 pm**

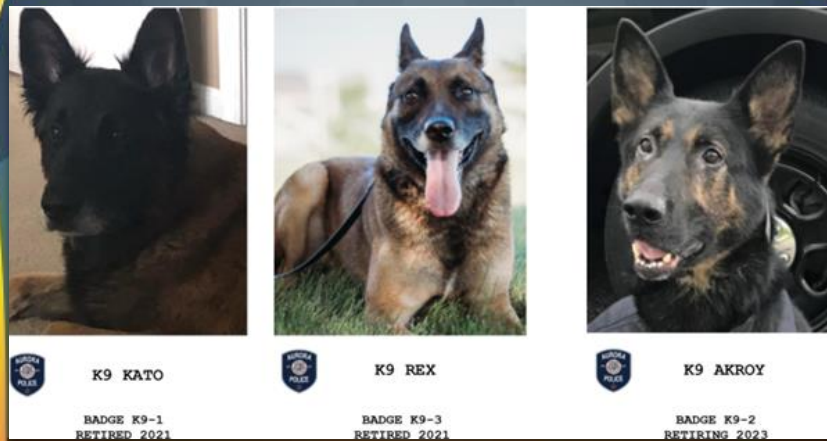
**Kristen Ziman  
Community Room**

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# SUMMER GALA—SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 9

And the awards go to: **KATO, REX AND AKROY**



The stars continue to align as the committee continues to work hard on our 2nd Annual Summer Gala Fundraiser for the APD Retired K9's. There are still spots available. Reserve your spot now if you have not already done so. We won't be billing you until May.

Previously we stated that you could only bring one guest, but we are opening it up that if you would like to bring more than one guest you may do so. So please join us in this worthwhile fundraiser to continue our support of the Retired K9s while enjoying a nice evening out.

Date: **Friday, June 9, 2023.**  
 Location: **1 E. Benton—3rd floor with roof access**  
 Tentative start time: **6:00 pm**  
 Cost: **\$25.00 per person**

To reserve a spot email Janice at: [communications@cpaaa.net](mailto:communications@cpaaa.net)

More details as they become available. We hope you will join us!

# Volunteers/Other Information:

Thank you to our volunteers.

# April Birthdays

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



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|----------|--------------|
| Amanda   | Sidhu        |
| Amy      | Dermott      |
| Craig    | Wheatley     |
| Duane    | Reigle       |
| Gerardo  | Torres       |
| James P. | Durkin       |
| Jim      | Rieser       |
| Kay      | Murphy       |
| Kim      | Mundt        |
| Lilia    | Sanchez-Nava |
| Maureen  | Shafer       |

### City St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12, 2023

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| Mary Ellen | Bender     |
| Mike       | Buchenauer |
| Patricia   | Demerath   |
| Jaclyn     | Janor      |
| David      | Suydam     |
| Penny      | Suydam     |

### Special Olympics Powerlifting Awards/Table Volunteers March 26, 2023

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| Mike       | Buchenauer |
| Jose Jesus | Cervantes  |
| Sharissa   | McQueen    |
| Patricia   | Morales    |

### Special Olympics Powerlifting Setup March 24, 2023

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|------------|-----------------|
| Veronica   | Adame           |
| Gretchen   | Ashley          |
| Mary Ellen | Bender          |
| Mike       | Buchenauer      |
| Adriana    | Salas-Dominguez |
| Carolyn    | Schur           |



Thanks to for bringing treats to our March meeting.  
Gretchen Ashley, Pat Demerath, Jaclyn Janor and Sabrina Peyton

### CONDOLENCES/GET WELL— Our condolences goes out to Leticia Ruiz on the loss of her brother Joe Gonzalez.

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.

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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
<b>General Member Meetings</b>	Wednesday March 15th	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	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	May 19	Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at various Dunkin Donut locations	
CPA Spring Practicals (English 4/11 & 5/15) (Spanish 4/13 & 5/18)	Traffic Stops 4/11 & 4/13 Decision Door 5/15 & 5/18	Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
Coffee with a Cop	May 10	Java Plus 1677 Montgomery Road 5-8pm	
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 Graduation		Members help serve pizza at graduation & encourage graduates to join our organization	
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	
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	1 E. Benton Aurora, IL	
Winter Lights Celebration	November 17		



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS,  
ONE CUP AT A TIME

**Join your neighbors  
and police officers  
for coffee and  
conversation**



**Wednesday, May 10**



**5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**



**1677 Montgomery Road, Aurora, IL**

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

**FREE COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATIONS**