



Health & Welfare

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Lord Hear Our Prayer

Several friends of GAPA are experiencing some health issues: **Don Bero**, **Jim Schwartz** (from the Philadelphia GAPA) and **Jeff Schuck** all have our best wishes for full and speedy recoveries.

The GAPA also congratulates former CPD **Leo Schmitz** (below with Tom Hartwig) on being appointed as head of the **Illinois State Police!**



On a personal note

I went and voted early. Although the ballot was rather short by Chicago standards it was a very easy process and the importance of this city election for all of us cannot be overestimated. That may sound somewhat dramatic but after weeks (months) of unending phone calls, TV ads, and enough campaign mail to wallpaper the Merchandise Mart, the various candidates must await our voice to be heard.
Wow ! Sounds legit, huh? Well this is, and always has been Chicago, so as was once said, "This city ain't ready for reform."

Just look at the ballot, two important city offices uncontested. Like there was absolutely

nobody in this entire town to run for those positions except, of course, the handpicked minions of city hall. In such circumstances we should be able to vote YES or NO with a result of 50% plus 1 vote to win office. No free ride. The initiatives were described in such vague and politically correct terms as to make a socialist political science professor at U of (XXX) blush with shame.

So the next time we hoist a drink and discuss politics and what's wrong with the world, today be able to first say that you VOTED and at least gave it an effort.

GAPA salutes Eagle Scout Lucas Kratz

Lucas Kratz achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Feb. 2010 with Troop 955 at the **Edison Park**



Lutheran Church Chicago. For his project Lucas repainted over 100 fire hydrants in the Norwood Park neighborhood. He graduated from **Notre Dame High School Niles** in 2011 and is attending the University of Iowa where he will graduate this spring.

Additionally, he has been in the ROTC program which will see him be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the **United States Army** and go on to serve his country.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, and to quote the Army's motto : **"This We'll Defend."**

Regards, Art