



# President's Message

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Unfortunately, we had some good people pass away. We lost **Gina (Haas) Bitz** daughter of **Roger Haas**. **Kevin Dillon**, nephew of **Joe Kirchens**. Long time members **John Marlovitz** and **Roy Handler**. Also, some of our members still have health issues **Rich Haack**, **Don Maas** and **Brigitte Lowe**, wife of **Fred Lowe**. **Bill Gorski** had knee surgery. Our condolences to those that lost loved ones and a speedy recovery to those that are ill. **Tom Butner** is going to be a grandfather later this year as his son **Jason** and his wife are expecting. **Michael Oswald**, son of **Art Oswald** is now an Ensign in the U.S Navy. **Lucas Kratz**, son of **Brian Kratz**, is now a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the U.S Army. Congratulations to one and all. **Irene Ruckholdt** brought snacks for everyone at the May meeting, and **Gerald Guest** donated money to our scholarship fund. Thank you for your generosity.

We had a retired policeman from Stuttgart, Germany visit us at our June meeting. His name is **Wolfgang Reutter** and he had a good time. Thank you **Jerry Glunz** for bringing him to the meeting. At the May meeting we had **Freddie** and **Paulie**, members of the *Fellows*, a band from Austria that was playing at the **Brauhaus** during their **Maifest** celebration.

## Cubs/Brewer Tailgater

We had a great turn out for this road trip and a good time in Milwaukee. Unfortunately, the **Cubs** lost and the **Norbert Holzinger Cup** went back to Milwaukee. As the Cub fans like to say, "Wait till next year!" We want to thank our Milwaukee brothers and sisters for their great hospitality ,and thanks to **Tom** and **Dottie Moritz** for planning a great outing. Some of us are going back to Milwaukee for Germanfest on 25 July. Come join us. Call **Tom Moritz** 815- 464- 4665 or 708- 774- 6221.

## Maifest

I want to thank all the members that came out and volunteered in providing security for the **Maifest**. The weather wasn't very nice, but our members did their job and came out despite the bad weather conditions. I am very proud and

happy to be the President of this great organization and its dedicated members. I want to thank the **Maifest** committee for giving us this opportunity and for the donation that we received in return for our services. Hopefully, we will have an



Visitors from Europe share a "Prosit" with GAPA.

Swiss(Suisse) Police Officer from Bern. Freddy Mierer.

Austrian Police Officer from Salzburg Paul Valerio

opportunity to do this again.

## Golf Outing

We had a full house but here again mother nature was not kind to us. It rained most of the day. There was an opportunity to get some golf in, but very few finished the entire course. Rain checks were given out to everyone so they can come back at their convenience. We still had dinner at the American Aid Society grounds, and the food was good and plentiful and the beer cold. I want to thank **Joe Kirchens** for doing a great job putting it all together and **Randy Jaeger** for working on the hole sponsors. I thank all the other volunteers and our gals out on the course and at the Aid Society grounds for serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets. I also want to thank all our hole sponsors who supported us. We were also fortunate again to have the great, former Cubs catcher **Randy Hundley** at the outing.  
**Ein Prosit! Hans**