

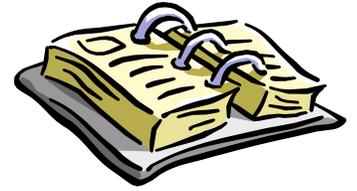


# President's Message

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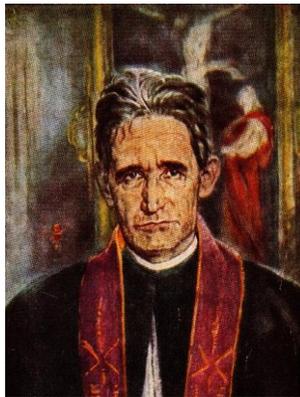
Next two meetings: 10 March 14 April 2015

Welcome everyone! **Brian Righeimer** is now one of our Sgt. At Arms replacing **Bob Baike** who became a director. Brian also recently retired from the **Lincolnwood Police Dept.** Congratulations, Brian! **Al Krueger** donated prizes for our raffle. We thank you, Al. **Dottie Moritz** was at our January meeting. Always nice to see her as it has been to see **Connie Schweitzer**.

At our January meeting we distributed our annual scholarship awards. This year we gave out **\$7,500**. Congratulations to all the winners. Also our gratitude goes to **Tim Schaefer** for doing another excellent job as GAPA Scholarship Meister.

## Super Bowl Party

The game was the best in a long time, the weather terrible, but we still had a good turnout. Thank you to all who ventured out during the **Blizzard of 15** that day. The winner of the **Super 1000** at the **Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel** in the Florida Keys was **Judy Brumley**. I want to thank **Tim Schaefer** and **Kevin Brumley** for all the work and effort that they put into this event; also to Kevin and the **Glunz** family for donating prizes for our raffle. It is only through the generosity—the time, efforts and financial contributions of our members and friends that GAPA can continue to thrive. See **Art Oswald's** super pix!



## GAPA Road Trips

The **Trip to Berlin** in late summer 2015 has been canceled due to lack of commitment, but that doesn't mean it can't happen in the future. The **GAPA Milwaukee/GAPA Chicago Tailgater** at **Miller Park** in Milwaukee for the Cubs/Brewers

game is on for **9 May 2015**. There still may be a few spots open. Contact **Tom Moritz** (815- 464- 4665) for info. A down payment is due by the March meeting to reserve your ticket(s). It is \$110 per person.

## Golf Outing

GAPA Golf Meister **Joe Kirchens** has set us up for **15 June 2015** at **Rennwood Golf Course** in Antioch. Try to get a 4 some and a hole sponsor as well. See our ads in the back pages of this issue of the **Brennpunkt**.

## GAPA/Rupert Mayer DANK German Language School Scholarship

The GAPA Board of Directors will granting a special, one semester scholarship (\$300) to a **DANK North German language student**. This scholarship will be awarded and based on an essay on **Rupert Mayer**, a Catholic priest who was an outspoken opponent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich before and during World War II. Mayer, as a frontline chaplain, lost a leg during WWI but was also awarded the Iron Cross for his services. Throughout this time he was arrested, beaten and imprisoned in **Sachsenhausen** concentration camp for his refusal to stop preaching against the Nazi regime. GAPA editor **Mike Haas** wrote a two part essay on Rupert Mayer in the **Nov/Dec 2012** & **Jan/Feb 2013** issues of the **Brennpunkt** (archived on our website) and proposed the scholarship to the GAPA Board. The

Board considers this is a worthwhile endeavor to demonstrate to our young people that despite all the anti-German sentiment since that time, there were people in Germany who courageously spoke truth to power in an incredibly treacherous time.

Hope to see you all at our March & April meetings!  
Ein Prosit! **Hans**