

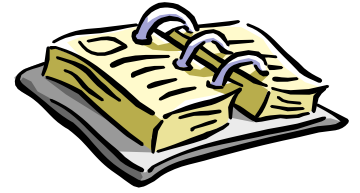


President's Message

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Next two meetings: 13 Jan & 10 Feb 2015

Hopefully, we will all have a healthy and happy New Year ahead. I do have a little bad news. **Mary Hatcher**, grandmother of **Julie Meindl**, passed away. Also one of our former chaplains, **Fr. Ted Schmitt**, passed away. We observed a moment of silence at the December meeting. It was a pleasure to see **Rita Geoghan** visit with us from Florida at both the November and December meetings. At our November meeting we had the **Emerald Society Pipes and Drums** play a few tunes in honor of Veterans Day. On 6 December a group of us had a swell time at **GAPA**

Milwaukee's annual Christmas Party at **Maders Restaurant**.

2014 Oktoberfest

We had another successful fest on 24 October at **Elmcrest Banquets**. **Erika Neumayer** of **Rare Dirndls** showcased some very hot dirndls. **Connie Schweitzer**, widow of our past Honorary Member **Siggy Schweitzer**, was on hand and donated some of Siggy's memorabilia to the GAPA which is now on display in our trophy case. Our member **Roy Handler** had another huge contingent on hand as did our friends from **GAPA Milwaukee**. Thanks to all who came. Special thanks to those who helped my wife **Kris** sell raffle tickets. Also to **Roger Haas**, **Brian Pyferoen** and **John Schuld** of the O Fest committee and **Tim Schaefer** for running the GAPA Scholarship.

GAPA Scholarship Recipients

\$1,000 Danielle Marie Pisterzi Award: **Catherine Oswald**; \$1,000 Casper Lauer Award: **Lucas Kratz**; \$1,000 Larry Vincent Award: **Doug Behles**; \$500 Glunz Family Award: **Adam Biewer**; \$500 Hof Brau Award: **Adam Regal**; HS Awards: **Sarah Laskowski**, **Dylan Markham**, **Dylan Snow**, **Paul Kurtzner, Jr.**, **Danielle Koch**, **Emily Heerdt**, **Jacob Schmitz**, **Caitlyn Schenatzki**, **Elis Volkl**, **Elizabeth Laskowski**, Grammar School Awards: **Samantha Schwarck**, **Grace Grobner**, **Lilian Plywacz**, **Jillian Beilke**, **Bret Schwarck**, **Kacob Brumley**, **Samuel**

Beilke, Peter Stefanec, Drake Markham, JP Sullivan.

GAPA Board Elections

Thank you to all who ran for the **GAPA Board**. Most directors were reelected, but we do have two new directors **Bob Baike** who stepped down from Sgt at Arms, and **Roman Hrynewcz** who was elected back to the board. Stepping down were **Rory Trausch**, **Frank Pisterzi** and **Geroge Mikell**. Thank you for your many years of service. To those who ran but were not elected, we will come back to you at a later time we always need fresh faces.

Remember: If your 2015 dues are paid by the January 2015 meeting, beer & chow are free for you and a guest!

Super Bowl Party 15

Our annual **Super Bowl party** will be held on 1 **February 2015** at the **DANK Haus**, 4740 N Western, on the 2nd floor. Doors open at 4:30. Plenty of free parking in MB bank's parking lot at 4800 N Western. Remember, this fundraiser benefits our scholarship fund, so please support us by purchasing our raffle tickets. Grand prize is a trip for two to the Florida Keys at the **Glunz Ocean Beach Hotel & Resort**, flight and lodging included. Raffle tickets will be available at the January meeting or call **Tim Shaefer** (708 935-9117). **Super Bowl Squares** will also be available at the January meeting or call **Kevin Brumley** (847 980-3368). Buying a square also gives you free entry. Otherwise, tickets at the door are \$25 per person and includes food and drink.

GAPA's Christmas Party

We had a nice party for our GAPA kids at the **DANK Haus** on 20 December 2014. We also received many clothing donations for **Fr. Dan Brandt's** sister's **House of the Good Shepherd**. I want to thank **Joe** and **Elaine Stefanec** for a great event. See pix inside.

Ein Prosit! Hans