

President's Message

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Next two meetings: 12 May 09 June 2015

Hello everyone!

The nice weather is finally upon us. We withstood another infamous Chicago winter. Jeff Schuck retired on 13 March 2015 as Chief Arson Investigator for the Des Plaines Fire Department. Jeff is also one of our directors. Enjoy your retirement! Our member Dave Dezonno has been promoted to detective in the CPD; Good luck, Dave! Kris and I were in Hawaii again this year, and we saw Rory and Linda Trausch. They are doing fine, and they send greetings. They also bought a new home there which is very nice, and their dog Coco really enjoys the yard.

Golf Outing

The GAPA Golf Outing, which Rory Trausch founded 18 years ago, is 15 June 2015 this year at Renwood Golf Course. Get your foursomes in and also see if you can obtain a golf hole sponsorship. See our GO Outing ads in the back pages of this issue of the Brennpunkt.

Mayfest

Maifest is 28/31 May at Lincoln and Lawrence Aves. Yes, we will

be participating this year, but we will not have a beer tent. We will be doing light security at the fest by checking IDs at the gates. So, we will need volunteers to work the gates. Remember, the money we earn helps to fund our GAPA Scholarship Fund as well as all our other charitable donations throughout the year. As always, we will provide food and drink to those that volunteer a shift which is approximately 4 hours long. Please give us a hand! If you haven't made a meeting recently to sign up on our Maifest sheets, call me at 773-914-5279. This has proven to be one Chicagoland's finest annual rites of Chicago. Come on down and fest up!

GAPA Picnic

Our annual picnic will be Friday, 10 July 2015 at Bunker Hill forest preserves mark it down and soon you will be getting raffle tickets for the GAPA 1000 this is an opportunity for our members to buy and sell some tickets which help pay for the picnic and also a chance to win some cash we encourage everyone to buy or sell at least two tickets it is for a worthy cause thank you in advance.

GAPA Road Trips

The Annual GAPA Chicago/GAPA Milwaukee Tailgater for the Norbert Holzinger Cup is on

for 9 May 2015. There still may be a few spots open. Contact Tom Moritz (815-464-4665) for info. Total cost is sno per person which includes round trip bus, bbq and Hofbraeu on tap at the tailgate which is situated right under the German flag in the parking lot of Miller Park.

This year, German Fest Milwaukee will be held 25-26 July 2015 at Henry Meier Park on Milwaukees lakefront. We are reserving hotel rooms for the weekend. For more information come to a meeting or call Tom Moritz 708-774-6221. As always, we march with

GAPA Milwaukee in the fests very own parade which loops around the main drag of the festival grounds. Milwaukees fest is the largest German fest in the Midwest and does not disappoint. Its not only fun but a good way to show our colors and support our Milwaukee brothers and sisters. It you've never been there before, give it a whir!!

I thank Mike Haas for running the April meeting for me since myself and VP John Huinker were unable to attend.

Hope to see one and all at a meeting or one of our events this summer. Prosit! Hans

