

CPAAA NEWS - APRIL 2022



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The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FUNDRAISER** will be on **December 1, 2022**, at Headquarters. Save the date.

Next field trip to be announced soon. Check out our guest speakers for April and June.

Our first ever CPAAA Video to help promote the Alumni Association will be viewed at a future meeting.

Meet New Board Member Miriam Gutierrez in this issue.

We expect 2 CPA and HCPA sessions in 2022 and are excited to welcome new graduates.

The State of the Association address given at the February 17, 2022 meeting is included in this issue.

The June-July Matching Fundraiser is once again being sponsored. See donation form to participate and make this the "Lucky 7th" year in a row CPAAA members have met or exceeded the \$1000 challenge.

This issue is full of great pictures: See all the Christmas Potluck Fundraiser winning bidders enjoying their LVMPD events held to date; recent speakers; our last field trip and purchases made for training.

DON'T FORGET – THERE IS NO MEETING IN MAY

WE ARE: #VegasStrong #AmazingTogether

GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR LVMPD AND COMMUNITY WORK

February 17, 2022

LVMPD SHERIFF JOSEPH LOMBARDO



ANOTHER WONDERFUL EVENING WITH SHERIFF LOMBARDO.

HIS SKILLS AS AN AUCTIONEER BROUGHT A SPARK OF EXCITEMENT AS HE AWARDED THE HIGH BIDDERS THEIR WINNINGS

March 17, 2022

KRISTI REPP – LVMPD Health and Safety Detail and Risk Management



THANKS TO CPAAA GRADUATE KRISTI FOR UPDATING US ON THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT SAFETY AND PROTOCOLS SHE OVERSEES FOR LVMPD

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SOME OF THE GUEST PRESENTATIONS; IT IS THE CPA REQUIREMENT THAT ALL WHO APPLY MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE. WE FOLLOW THAT GUIDELINE AND ASK THAT GUESTS YOU INVITE TO CPAAA MEETINGS ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

APRIL 21st – Melanie Rouse Clark County Coroner

JUNE 16th – Beth Fisher Former TV News Anchor

LVMPD Community Relations & Information

THE 5TH ANNUAL DICK BENNETT AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO BOB PENTON'S FAMILY BY SHERIFF LOMBARDO ON FEBRUARY 17, 2022



DAUGHTER IN LAW JUDY GRECCO, GRANDSON LVMPD OFFICER ANTHONY GRECCO, SHERIFF LOMBARDO, BOB'S WIFE COOKIE PENTON, COOKIE'S SON TOM GRECCO



LIMITED EDITION LAPEL PIN \$6.00

THIN BLUE LINE & AMERICAN FLAG

Only a few left - don't miss out

REMEMBER THE FALLEN



**PATCHES
STILL
AVAILABLE**

\$10

**REMEMBER 1 OCTOBER
AVAILABLE AT THE
CPAAA STORE**

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT YOUR OLD CELL PHONES AND CHARGERS
THEY ARE CLEANED AND PROGRAMMED TO DIAL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
GIVEN TO THE LVMPD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUREAU
THANKS FOR HELPING**

**DON'T FORGET TO
BUY YOUR RAFFLE
TICKETS AT OUR
MEETINGS FOR THE
50/50 DRAWING
YOU COULD BE THE
WINNER!!!**



**THE LVMPD POLICE ACADEMY THANKS THE CPAAA FOR PURCHASE OF A TABLE
COVERING TO BE USED FOR PLACEMENT OF ITEMS EACH RECRUIT IS AWARDED
DURING THE FORMAL GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THEIR CLASS.**

MEET OUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER



Miriam Gutierrez has been in Las Vegas for over twenty-five years. This city, having introduced her to her husband and to the multitude of experiences of self-development, is a place she is deeply grateful to. Now 41 years old, with two daughters, one in UNLV currently and the other recently graduated, Miriam has been deeply involved in the education institutions and community systems that the valley offers. Some years after arriving to Las Vegas, Miriam became a housewife, which gave her the opportunity to engage with the city in a unique way, through which she became familiar with organizations such as the Clark County School District, North Las Vegas Police Department, American Red Cross, Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, Nevada Ballet Theater, LVMPD Foundation and the City of North Las Vegas.

After graduating from the HCPA course in 2020, her interactions with Officer Sam Diaz and Monica Casillas she felt encouraged to contribute to their efforts to engage with the diverse communities of Las Vegas. When not actively involved with the CPAAA or volunteering in our community Miriam really enjoys spending time with her family and friends and practicing her own hobbies with textile work, puzzles and more.

Miriam is serving as the Board of Directors Secretary

FIELD TRIP FEBRUARY 25, 2022 FUSION CENTER



15 CPAAA members enjoyed a comprehensive presentation and viewing of the LVMPD Technical Operations Section located in HQ. It was a chance to see the way our Officers and Civilian employees monitor the valley 24-7.

PLANNED FOR 2022

FIELD TRIPS:

Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities.....

CORONER'S OFFICE FBI SWAT NELLIS AF BASE

Email MONICA CASILLAS @ monicacasillas55@gmail.com

OUR 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT ACADEMY:

**April 21 – *No Meeting in May* – June 16 – July 21 - August 18 –
September 15 – October 20 – November 17**

**SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
FUNDRAISER/POTLUCK/AUCTION EVENT**



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2022 6:00 PM AT
HEADQUARTERS ON MLK BLVD**

CPAAA STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 2021

FEBRUARY 2022

This is my 2021/2022 report to you, our membership, on the state of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association as President.

Let me introduce your Board of Directors:

- President – Laurie Buchman
- Vice President – Johanna Walter; Web Page liaison; Articles for NL and MVP NL; Fundraising
- Secretary – Miriam Guteirrez; store assistant; Fundraising
- Treasurer- Donna Klein; Chairperson of Christmas Fundraiser and Auction Event
- Director – Cookie Penton – Facebook; Fundraising
- Director – Janet Delaney – Good and Welfare; Raffle Tickets; Fundraising
- Director – Chastity Koschnick – Store Chairperson; Fundraising
- Director – Monica Casillas – Field Trips, Fundraising
- Member at Large –Gerrie Holmes – Meeting Notices, Metro Purchasing, Badging, Membership, Fundraising
- LVMPD Advisor – Lt. Andy Henricksen
- LVMPD Advisor - Officer Sam Diaz
- MVP Liaison – Sharon Harding
- Captain Reggie Rader

I was elected President at the Board of Directors meeting held on July 31, 2017. I was re-elected January 2020 to the Board of Directors for another 3-year term and have been asked by the BOD to continue to serve as your President. I am both honored and humbled to lead our Association in that capacity.

With the cooperation of all those serving, each member has an assignment or committee chairmanship as we continue to work on the following issues: The annual Christmas Holiday Fundraising Event held in December; the way we communicate our information to the membership via a quarterly newsletter, meeting notices and our continuously updated Facebook page; an informative overview with our new Website; the focus on growing our membership from CPA and HCPA graduates; the Annual Dick Bennett Memorial Service Award;

seeking more ways of fundraising without losing the momentum of our current efforts; spending extra time with the CPA and HCPA classes to give them a welcome feeling to become Alumni during and after their graduation; continuing to build relationships with LVMPD through our advisors, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenants, and Sergeants; keeping the BOD updated at all times; encouraging our members to become more involved through committees, writing articles; and urging members to run and serve as a BOD.

We must remember from where we came as an Alumni Association to better understand how we are so very strong today and continued to build during COVID. I spend significant time preparing for the BOD and general meetings along with CPA and HCPA presentations; correspondence; acknowledgement for our speakers and donors; our quarterly newsletter and researching information germane to the association. I track more than 100 hours devoted to Alumni business each month. Add each Board member's hours and you can imagine the time we devote to the CPAAA as volunteers who believe in LVMPD and our community.

I am a realistic kind of gal and don't sugarcoat the struggle we have experienced as an organization throughout 2020 and 2021 during this pandemic. But I am an optimistic gal who will keep my eye on the mission so that the CPAAA is able to pick up, dust off and see the future together. The Board shares that vision.

We offer interesting trips and informative monthly speakers.

We suspended the Christmas Fundraiser in 2020 but came back stronger and more determined this past December to a bigger event with more money raised than ever before. The chance to be together with food, fun, photos, festivities and friends were celebrated and enjoyed. We set the bar high and look toward December 1st for our next event of more than \$9,500.

I have regular communication with our major donor to continue the match drive each June. We once again met the goal and they have promised to continue in 2022.

The 50/50 raffle and store items sold increased in 2021 for a total raised of \$2197. Our yearly dues renewals are still lagging 15% from the 2019 high; but we have hopes of people returning when they personally feel comfortable

enough to attend. The June Match brought in \$2100 for a grand total of \$12,525 over the past 6 years; and misc. donations of \$300 also were given.

With all of the challenges to continue our vision, we purchased \$1425 worth of strengthening equipment and \$400 in donations to the International Police Officers Fund in remembrances during 2021; bringing CPAAA to a new high of \$152,300 donated since 2003. Not bad for an association that charges \$25 dues.

To grow our membership, Board members are in attendance at the opening, during and at graduation of each CPA and HCPA class. CPA classes have resumed and Class 1-2021 graduated on January 26. 41% of graduates joined as of tonight.

The last 2 years I reported on the results of meetings of the Hispanic CPA lead instructor, Officer Sam Diaz with our BOD to offer their bilingual graduates the chance to continue their affiliation with LVMPD by having them join our CPAAA as they do not have an Alumni Association. We had strong support from Lt. Henricksen to get this accomplished. Their 12- week class schedule is entirely in Spanish. That is steadily growing with more than 31 graduates in the CPAAA and HCPA graduates Monica Casillas and Miriam Gutierrez are now seated as Board members. They will keep the HCPA classes abreast of the chance to join us. Officer Diaz serves as a Board advisor.

I also spend time before each meeting interacting with our members to give us that connection of mutual respect and appreciation for creating an atmosphere of Metro Family.

We are exploring ways to fundraise that can engage more members.

Our Board of Directors is identifiable by wearing nameplates so that you know who is serving your interests. I continue - Items "From the President" in each newsletter with my contact information so you have the opportunity to reach me throughout the year.

What about 2022?

- We will again have the Christmas Holiday Fundraiser Potluck on December 1st at HQ.
- We continue to strive for interesting speakers and fieldtrips.

- Our June Match donor has again said yes to challenge us to raise \$1000 to match theirs.
- We will be sharing our new CPAAA Promo Video soon.
- You as an Alumni are key to our mission by being ambassadors for CPAAA and Metro.
- We are #AmazingTogether and #VegasStrong

I owe a great deal of gratitude to our Board of Directors, Metro Advisors Lt. Andy Henricksen and Officer Sam Diaz, Cpt. Reggie Rader, MVP Liaison, Sharon Harding, Angela and Rochelle of the ODB and you, the members who have given me the chance to continue the CPAAA's work.

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association has a hardworking team; all volunteering hundreds of hours each month to keep us the best CPAAA in the country.

Thank you for trusting and allowing me to lead the LVMPD CPAAA.



**CHANGE
THE FUTURE
TOGETHER**



BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO OUR MEETINGS

**DROP IT IN OUR COLLECTION JAR. Proceeds Will Be Donated
to THE VOLUNTEERS in Appreciation for their continuous help
each FUNRAISER POTLUCK PARTY**

Look in future newsletters for upcoming pictures as the high bidders participate in their respective events.

The Fundraising Committee is planning for the first Thursday in December

December 1, 2022. Save the date.

**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK FUNDRAISER LUNCH PHOTOS**



MARCH 9, 2022

Another CPAAA luncheon big thank you to United States Marshal Gary Schofield and Captain Reggie Rader for their time with our high bidders, John Williams, Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino and Ella Brewer



MARCH 9, 2022

LUNCH WITH ASSISTANT SHERIFF ANDREW WALSH AT CHEESECAKE FACTORY
LEILANI KIMMEL-DAGOSTINO, CAPTAIN RADER, AS WALSH AND BARBARA WILLIAMS



FEBRUARY 10, 2022

**LUNCH WITH ASSISTANT
SHERIFF**

LAZARO "LAZ" CHAVEZ

**WITH JOHN AND
BARBARA WILLIAMS, AS
CHAVEZ, LEILANI
KIMMEL-DAGOSTINO AND
LT. ANDY HENRICKSEN**

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2022 JUNE-JULY MATCHING FUNDS DONATIONS PROGRAM

AS ANNOUNCED, WE HAVE A BENEFACTOR IN OUR ORGANIZATION WHO HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING: "ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2016, I WILL MATCH CPAAA MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS UP TO \$1,000.00" DONATED IN JUNE AND JULY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US BY TAKING PART IN THIS GENEROUS OFFER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND GIVE IT TO CPAAA TREASURER DONNA KLEIN.

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ _____ TO THE CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CPAAA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

THE CPAAA IS A 501 (c) 3 ORGANIZATION AND YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

WHILE WE APPRECIATE ANY AMOUNT, DONATIONS OVER \$100.00 WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR CPAAA DONATION PLAQUE LOCATED IN THE CHEYENNE TRAINING CENTER LOBBY.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "CPAAA".

CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL **JULY 31, 2022.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Mailing Address:

Donna Klein, CPAAA Treasurer

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Las Vegas, NV 89149

THANK YOU FOR MEETING THE CHALLENGE FOR 6 SUCCESSFUL YEARS – LUCKY #7 IN 2022



CPAAA Store Price List

Polo Shirts (All Sizes): Men's \$20 Ladies \$23

Sweatshirts (All Sizes): \$25.00

T-Shirts - CPAAA (All Sizes) – \$15.00 or Silk Screen \$12

T-Shirts – SWAT: L~XL: \$12.00 2X~3X: \$17.00

Ball Caps – CPAAA / Swat: \$15.00

Pins - CPAAA: Lg: \$11.00 Sm: \$5.00

Pins - Blue Line Flag: \$6.00 Tote Bag: \$16.00

Drinkware: Revolver Mug: \$15.00 Coffee Cup: \$5.00 Insulated Mug: \$7.00

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00 Coaster: \$5.00 Patches: \$10.00

Key Chain: \$5.00 Mouse Pad: \$6.00 Logo Decal: \$1.00

Christmas Ornaments: Bling Pewter Bell \$8.00 Green Christmas Bulb \$6.00

Blue Line Mask: \$8.00 **NEW ITEM: Silk Screen Tank Tops \$10.00**

CPAAA ACCEPTS PAYMENTS BY VISA, MASTERCARD AND DISCOVER FOR CPAAA STORE PURCHASES

CHECK OUT ALL THE ITEMS IN OUR STORE OPEN EACH MEETING FROM 6:30 ~ 7:15 PM

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: CPAAA