

# CPAAA NEWS - APRIL 2023



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Meet our newest Board of Directors At Large member – Jorge Soto - in this issue.

CPA class 1-2023 graduated March 30<sup>th</sup> and HCPA class 1-2023 graduates April 12<sup>th</sup>. Welcome new Alumni.

CPAAA now has 2 additional methods to pay for purchases at the store or when paying your dues: Venmo [@Vegas\\_Donna\\_Klein60](#) and Zelle [Bjovifan1@gmail.com](#). You may also use a Visa, Mastercard or Discover credit card, check or cash as before.

A giant check – in more ways than one – was presented to the Sheriff at our February meeting.

A field trip to the newly built canine facility is Friday April 14 @ 4PM. See flyer.

There was laughing and clapping during the debut of our new CPAAA video which featured highlights from the December 2022 Christmas Fundraiser along with information on how we spend our monies and the opportunity each CPA and HCPA graduate has to be a part of this. If you missed seeing it; go to our website home page and spend 10 minutes viewing it. Many thanks for the tremendous effort and time member Patrick Butkus gave doing the work.

And speaking of our website – many thanks to member Pat Goodwin for her webmaster skills in setting it up, keeping it up to date and user friendly. Many wonderful comments have been expressed throughout the last year.

Several of the auction experiences and lunches have been scheduled. As they occur; we will feature pictures and comments in upcoming newsletters. BONUS: some of these may be filmed for future use and to be shown at our next Christmas Fundraiser on December 7th.

**NO MEETING IN MAY – LAW ENFORCEMENT MONTH** – we honor and pay tribute to those officers and agents who have made the ultimate sacrifice to make our nation and all her citizens safer and more secure.

**WE ARE: #VegasStrong #AmazingTogether**

**GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR LVMPD AND COMMUNITY WORK**

**February 16, 2023**

**Sheriff Kevin McMahonill**



WE HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING WITH SHERIFF McMAHILL. HE SHARED HIS VISION FOR THIS COMMUNITY; ANSWERED QUESTIONS; AND SELECTED THE WINNING TICKETS FOR THE 50/50 RAFFLE AND A FLAT SCREEN TV.

INJECT HUMANITY IS A PLATFORM TO HELP BUILD BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AND TAKE POLICING INTO THE NEXT FOUR YEARS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

WELLNESS FOR LVMPD COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND STAFF IS HIS FOCUS FOR ALL WHO SERVE.

**March 16, 2023**

**CAPTAIN KYLE LAFFERTY -NELLIS AFB 99<sup>TH</sup> SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON**



THANKS TO OFFICER DIAZ FOR INVITING CAPTAIN LAFFERTY TO GIVE US AN IN DEPTH LOOK AT THE SECURITY FORCES WORK THE AIR FORCE IS CHARGED WITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NORTHEAST AREA COMMAND WORKS WITH NELLIS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTSIDE THE BASE.



**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 CAAA MEETINGS ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.**

## **UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**US MARSHAL GARY SCHOFIELD**



**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**LAS VEGAS BRANCH OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE**

**ADL fights all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens, ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE WARD

## 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE DICK BENNETT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED BY SHERIFF KEVIN McMAHILL



**As submitted by Bob Penton:** Mike has been involved in the CPAAA since 2000 serving on the Board of Directors and as Vice President. His work with the MVP Program is also comprised of more than 4000 hours as of this writing. He is in the Knights of Columbus and a NASCAR organization volunteer. Mike is one of those people that is always there when needed and has been one that always got things done. He is someone you can count on. When I think of one person who deserves to have his involvement honored and appreciated for his time given back to our community, it is Mike Ward.

# MEET OUR AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

## Jorge Soto



Born in Mexico City, Jorge attended part of elementary school in his country. He came to this country with his immigrant parents to start a new life and to seek “The American Dream” in 2004. Growing up with immigrant parents came with many challenges such as language barriers, economic struggles, and housing. In 2008 Jorge received refuge from his Church Eagles CFC, through this aid He was able to overcome many of the challenges. He soon thereafter learned English and went to school where hse graduated from Las Vegas High School in 2019 with the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, awarded to less than 5% of the graduation class. During high school, Jorge was involved in the P.A.L. Program (Partnership At Las Vegas Highschool) a nationally recognized Career and Technical Education Program where he assisted a Hispanic Leadership summit and was chosen as the President of SOL (Student Organization of Latinos). He later became a 3-year member of the Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AJROTC) where he was appointed as a cadet First Lieutenant. Upon Graduating High School Enrolled at Nevada state college where he is currently double majoring in Psychology and Business. He later ran and was elected to serve as Senator for N.S.S.A (Nevada State Student Alliance) where he represented students’ needs and was the voice for the sophomore class. Jorge Soto is currently a DACA recipient (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) this gave him the opportunity to work in the U.S. and the opportunity to seek higher education. In 2019 he received the Dream.US award a full-ride scholarship given to Dreamers who seek higher education and make a difference in their community. Jorge got involved with CPAAA after graduating from HCPA in 2022 when his church told him to participate because of all of the involvement the organization did with the Metro and with the community. Beginning as only a Member Jorge is a Board Member currently being trained to grow and understand the responsibilities of a Board Member. Today Jorge is working at the Latin Chamber of Commerce where he helps his community in small business administration and studying Business and Psychology where he plans to keep serving his community through his Church, LVMPD, and the LCC.



L TO R: OFFICER SAM DIAZ, MONICA, MIRIAM, DAVE, LT. JIMMY LORSON, CAPTAIN KURT McKENZIE, LAURIE, DONNA, JANET, JOHANNA, COOKIE AND JORGE (kneeling).

**YOUR CPAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS GETS READY TO PRESENT A MILESTONE CHECK TO SHERIFF McMAHILL AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MEETING REPRESENTING THE TOTAL DONATIONS OF TRAINING AND OTHER UNBUDGETED REQUESTS SINCE 2003 - \$155,000.**



**SHERIFF McMAHILL  
ACCEPTS!!!  
WITH HIS SINCERE  
THANKS FOR THE  
CPAAA SUPPORT  
FOR LVMPD**



## FIELD TRIP!!!

WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00 PM

WHERE: LVMPD William R. H. Fortye K9 Operations Center

Southpoint Hotel Grounds

Please RSVP by April 7<sup>th</sup> No Exceptions

We are limited to 15 people

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Put in the Subject Line - CPAAA



FEBRUARY 16, 2023

## STATE OF THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This is my 2022/2023 report to you, our membership, as President.

Let me introduce your Board of Directors:

- Vice President – Johanna Walter; Fundraising
- Secretary – Gerrie Holmes – Meeting Notices, Metro Purchasing, Badging, Membership, 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 – Miriam Guteirrez; Store Chairperson; Fundraising
- Director – Monica Casillas – Field Trips, Fundraising
- Dave Peightal - Fundraising
- Member at Large – Jorge Soto - Fundraising
- LVMPD Advisor – Captain Kurt McKenzie
- LVMPD Advisor – Lt. Jimmy Lorson
- LVMPD Advisor - Officer Sam Diaz - Speakers
- MVP Liaison – Sharon Harding - Photography

I was elected President at the Board of Directors meeting held on July 31, 2017. I was re-elected January 2020 and January 2023 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: The annual Christmas Holiday Fundraising Event held in December; the way we communicate our information to the membership via a newsletter, meeting notices and our continuously updated Facebook page; an informative overview on our 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; 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; 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 as we survived 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 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 an optimistic gal who keeps my eye on the mission so that the CPAAA is able to thrive. 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 in December 2021 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 earning \$9,500. When December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 arrived we hit it out of the park raising more than \$12,000.

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 2023.



The 50/50 raffle and store items sold totaled \$3323 in 2022. Our yearly dues renewals are picking up. The June Match brought in \$2026 for a grand total of \$14,551 over the past 7 years; and approximately \$5000 from 2022 dues.

We funded \$10,000 for RBT and \$1200 for the CPA and HCPA Academies. \$200 in donations was made to the International Police Officers Fund in remembrances during 2022; bringing CPAAA to a new high of \$155,049 donated since 2003. \$55,049 in the last 7 years. 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 and HCPA classes 1-2023 began in January. We averaged 41% of graduates joining in 2022.

The last 3 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. They are joining the Alumni association at a steady pace. HCPA graduates Monica Casillas, Miriam Gutierrez and Jorge Soto are serving 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.

We started a tenure recognition pin ceremony last month to honor those who have been members for 10 years or more to show you how much we appreciate your sustained participation.

The CPAAA store has numerous new items to offer you the best apparel and accessories.

What about 2023?

- We will again have the Christmas Holiday Fundraiser Potluck on December 7<sup>th</sup> at HQ.
- I have brought to the BOD several new fundraising avenues for us to pursue.
- 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.
- Tonight we debuted our CPAAA promo video.
- 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. Jimmy Lorson and Officer Sam Diaz, Cpt. Kurt McKenzie, MVP Liaison, Sharon Harding, Kristi 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.

In conclusion, tonight we present Sheriff McMahill a ceremonial check in the amount of \$155,000 representing our contributions since 2003 in support for LVMPD.

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



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**LAS VEGAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**GET THE LATEST INFORMATION & PHOTOS**

**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**

# AUCTION WINNERS ENJOY EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES



MARCH 1, 2023

## LUNCH AND TOUR WITH

**US MARSHAL**

**GARY SCHOFIELD**

LAURIE BUCHMAN

GARY SCHOFIELD

LEILANI KIMMEL-  
D'AGOSTINO

DONNA KLEIN

MIKE WARD

We had a chance to attend a portion of a federal trial in session. Gary shared his wealth of knowledge on Las Vegas and Metro history for a better understanding of how the jurisdictions evolved.

**MARCH 8, 2023**

## SWAT EXPERIENCE



**"What a blast, literally and figuratively!" said Randy Campanale**

John Williams, Khanh Pham, Dave Peightal, Patrick Bartkus, Randy Campanale

# DAY AT THE RANGE – MARCH 11, 2023



Travis Weimer  
Ewa Porebska  
Range Officer  
Guest of Range  
Doreen Norwood  
Khanh Pham  
Dave Peightal  
Teresa Falls  
John Perdichizzi  
Not shown:  
Randy Campanale

**“WE HAD A GREAT TIME”, SAID TERESA FALLS**



**MARCH 23, 2023**

**LUNCH WITH DEPUTY CHIEF REGGIE RADER**

**AT PIZZA ROCK IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS**

**ELLA BREWER, LEILANI KIMMEL-D'AGOSTINO, LT. JIMMY LORSON,**

**SANDY KING, D/C RADER, KATY REEDER.**

## PLANNED FOR 2023

### FIELD TRIPS:

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

**\*THE NEWLY OPENED CANINE FACILITY \*FBI \*SWAT**

**\*NELLIS AF BASE and more**

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### OUR 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT ACADEMY:

April 20    May – No Meeting    June 15    July 20    August 17  
September 21    October 19    – November 16

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE – 2023 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
FUNDRAISER/POTLUCK/AUCTION EVENT**



**BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO OUR MEETINGS  
& DROP IT IN OUR COLLECTION JAR. All Proceeds Will Be  
Donated to THE VOLUNTEERS in Appreciation for their  
continuous help each FUNRAISER POTLUCK PARTY**

## GOOD AND WELFARE



DO YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO IS ILL OR HAD SURGERY?

MAYBE A CARD WOULD CHEER THEM UP.

THE CPAAA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.



CONTACT JANET DELANEY at [Janetd@lvcoxmail.com](mailto:Janetd@lvcoxmail.com)

## NEWEST ITEMS IN THE STORE

NEW STOCK ON ALL SHIRT SIZES. GET THEM NOW

**CAR  
MAGNET**



**\$5.00**

VERY LIMITED QUANTITY/SIZES OF THE LATEST SWAT T-SHIRTS AND HATS

## Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

In recognition of National Police Week each May, there is a Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at Police Memorial Park, 3250 Metro Academy Way. The date Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Guests arrive at 6:00 p.m. with the program to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This multi-agency event pays tribute to local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, 1905 – present. There are 55 officers memorialized on the wall, from agencies such as the FBI, Henderson PD, NLVPD, Union Pacific Railroad, LVMPD, United States Marshal Service, and the Nye County Sheriff's office. The ceremony will include the reading of names, a 21-gun salute, and an LVMPD flyover. Sheriff Kevin McMahill will be a featured speaker. We encourage our community to attend this free event and help honor our law enforcement heroes

**CPAAA HOPES YOU WILL ATTEND AND WEAR YOUR SHIRT**



# 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 / Silk Screen (All Sizes) \$12.00

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

Tank Tops (Silk Screen- All Sizes): 10.00

Ball Caps – CPAAA / Swat: \$15.00

Pins - CPAAA: Lg: \$11.00 / Sm: \$5.00      Blue Line Flag Pin: \$6.00

Earrings: \$10.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***

Pendants: \$5.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***      Tote Bag: \$16.00

Bottle Opener/Challenge Coin: \$10.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***

Drinkware: **\*\*\*NEW ITEMS\*\*\*** Handcuff Mug: \$15.00      Ceramic Mug: \$17.00

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00      Coaster: \$5.00

Patches - LVMPD: \$10.00      CPAAA Logo Patch or Car Magnet: \$5.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEMS\*\*\***

Mouse Pad: \$5.00      Logo Decal: \$1.00      Blue Line Mask: \$8.00

Christmas Ornaments: Blingy Pewter Bell \$8.00 / Green Christmas Bulb \$6.00

STORE IS  
OPEN  
FROM 6:15 –  
7:00 AT  
EACH  
MEETING

**CPAAA ACCEPTS PAYMENTS BY VISA, MASTERCARD AND DISCOVER**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: CPAAA**

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