

CPAAA NEWS -APRIL 2024



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CPA class 1-2024 graduates March 27th. HCPA class 1-2024 graduates on April 17th.

Winners of experiences and lunches have been enjoying their events. See pictures in this issue.

We will show videos of the experiences at our meetings. Don't miss it.

The 7th annual Dick Bennett Memorial Community Service awardee Elane Burleson was honored by Deputy Chief Reggie Rader on February 15th. See pictures.

The "State of the Association" was given at our February meeting. Read the context in this issue.

Meet Board Director At Large Adriana Saenz. Her bio is in this issue. She has already stepped up to be a contributing member and we are glad to have her.

We welcomed our first City of Las Vegas CPA graduates to the CPAAA.

Please do not forget to pay your 2024 dues; still \$25.

This is a big issue with all the good news of our CPAAA. Enjoy.

WE ARE: #AMAZING TOGETHER #VEGAS STRONG

Meet Director At - Large: Adriana Saenz



I have been involved with LVMPD since 2014 in community events.

In 2018, I completed the Civil Hispanic Academy with officer Dave Cienega.

I completed the academy again in 2020 with officer Sam Diaz.

I am also part of Nevada Child Seekers and I have been involved in many searches for missing children.

I have been a CPAAA alumni since 2020.

Being a member of CPAAA, I feel for the passing of every officer and make sure to be present at their funerals.

I call usually 4-5 times a month to report drivers who are driving dangerously.

I am a Fitness Director with Propta Academy, and I have been a personal trainer and nutrition tech for 20 years.

In August 2022, I opened the first gym in Las Vegas, Healthy Kids Gym, dedicated to helping youth with overweight and health problems.

Now, Healthy Kids Gym is a provider of Medicaid, NV Check-up, Anthem, Palco and Respite foundation as I help kids with Down-syndrome and Autism.

I believe that everyone should be a responsible citizen and we all need to do our part in creating a safe society.

GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR LVMPD AND COMMUNITY WORK

February 15, 2024

LVMPD Deputy Chief Reggie Rader



One of our favorite speakers and a true CPAAA supporter; D/C Reggie Rader spent the evening telling us great personal stories of his years with Metro along with sharing the news of Sheriff McMahill's 2024 goals and plans. He gave us up to date statistics on the department's achievements in crime, 911 call center, training and wellness. We were so glad that he was able to help us fill lunch vacancies and even auctioned off some great items. Looking forward to having him at our next Christmas fundraiser. Those who were high bidders on lunch with him are in for a wonderful time.

MARCH 21, 2024

SALINDA STRANDBERG – SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR

SOUTHERN NEVADA RECYCLING CENTER



Salinda gave us an updated overview of the items we should be putting in the recycle bin and how those items are to be prepared. We were amazed at the scope of how the Las Vegas valley uses the recycled materials and trash to generate power and sustainability. She was our tour guide at the recycling facility.

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.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS: TO BE ANNOUNCED ON FACEBOOK

MEMBERS ENJOYING THEIR AUCTION EXPERIENCES

VIRTUAL REALITY BASED TRAINING

**TAC Sgt. Harries, Mike Keeler,
Jackie Lyke, Sandy King, TAC
Officer Smith, TAC Officer Serrano**



Sandy sees her suspect as shown on the monitor.



Jackie is giving commands.



Mike is reacting to a noncompliant suspect.



Nate Reeder repeats to the suspect "Drop the weapon"

**VIRTUAL
REALITY
BASED
TRAINING IS
HELD AT THE
TRAINING
ACADEMY ON
CHEYENNE IN
THE MAT
ROOM. ALL
THE MATS
WERE FULLY
FUNDED BY
THE CPAAA.
LT. MEYERS
AND HIS STAFF
THANK THE
CPAAA FOR
THEIR
GENEROUS
RESPONSE IN
FUNDING THIS
IMPORTANT
AREA.**

MARCH 9, 2024

AUCTION WINNERS AT THE RANGE

MIKE TAKES AIM – BULLSEYE!



WHAT A GREAT TIME. WE WERE THERE FROM 2-6 PM ON SEVERAL OF THE RANGES WHERE HANDGUNS, RIFLES AND SCENARIOS WERE PRESENTED INCLUDING A NEW AREA ESTABLISHED FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF OFFICERS AMBUSHED IN THEIR VEHICLES IS PRACTICED. WE HAD A CHANCE TO BE IN THAT EXERCISE ALONG WITH SO MANY OTHERS. THANKS TO FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS OFFICER JASON BRESLIN & OFFICER ADRIANNE NEITZKE FOR SPENDING THEIR AFTERNOON WITH THE CPAAA PARTICIPANTS.

DAVE TAKES A LOOK AT 350 YARDS THROUGH THE SCOPE



KATY USES A CAR TO SHIELD HER WHILE PURSUING THE SUSPECT



PARTICIPANTS:

MIKE KEELER, DAVE PEIGHTAL, KHANH PHAM, NATHAN REEDER, KATY REEDER, LAURIE BUCHMAN, MIRIAM GUTIERREZ

KHANH SIGHTS HER TARGET WITH A HEAVY LONG GUN



AUCTION WINNERS ATTEND RBT MARCH 8 & 22, 2024 AT THE JETI

MARCH 8TH SESSION

L TO R:

**FRONT ROW: OFFICER
DAVE SALGADO,
SERGEANT ADAM STUBBS,
OFFICER JONATHON
ADKISSON**

**BACK ROW: OFFICER ERIC
SOKOLOWSKI, OFFICER
BRIAN FORTNER, SANDY
KING, MIKE KEELER,
OFFICER MIKE MENDEZ,
RANDY CAMPANALE,
OFFICER JOSUE ESPARZA**



MARCH 22ND SESSION

**JANET HATHAWAY,
KIMBERLY HANSON,
NATHAN REEDER, AND
STEPHANIE ROOSE
ENJOYED THEIR
EXPERIENCE IN MANY
DIFFERENT SCENARIOS.**



FEBRUARY 15, 2024

PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY CHIEF REGGIE RADER

**DICK BENNETT
MEMORIAL SERVICE
AWARDEE
ELANE BURLESON**



**ELANE IS THE 7TH RECIPIENT OF THIS
PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. HER NAME IS ON THE
PLAQUE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY.**

D/C Rader shared the following: Elane graduated the CPA in class 2-2001. She has been an alumni member since then and has been dedicated to helping with the Christmas Fundraiser, served on the Board of Directors, volunteers as an MVP and is always willing to fill in where needed. Each month she is selling 50/50 raffle tickets, collecting spare change in the donation jar and assisting members as they enter the meeting. We appreciate and recognize this contribution to the betterment of the CPAAA and the community at large. Congratulations. We are happy that your family came to share in this special evening.

**ELANE'S FAMILY CELEBRATES WITH
CAPTAIN MCKENZIE AND D/C RADER**



**I wonder what
the President and
Vice President
are doing with
the Las Vegas
Raiders Mascot
Rusher?**

**Oh yeah, getting
some swag for
the Christmas
Fundraiser.**

WE ARE #1



STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS FEBRUARY 15, 2024

As your President this is my 2023/2024 report to our membership on the state of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Let me introduce your Board of Directors:

- **President – Laurie Buchman**
- **Vice President – Katy Reeder; 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; Fundraising**
- **Director – Miriam Gutierrez; Store Chairperson; Fundraising**
- **Director – Jorge Soto – Store Assistant; Fundraising**
- **Dave Peightal – Field Trips; Fundraising**
- **Director at Large – Adriana Saenz - Fundraising**
- **LVMPD Advisor – Captain Kurt McKenzie**
- **LVMPD Advisor – Lt. Landon Reyes**
- **LVMPD Advisor - Officer Sam Diaz - Speakers**
- **MVP Liaison – Sharon Harding - Photography**

I was elected to the Board in January 2017 and 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 to continue to serve as your President.

I am both honored and humbled to lead our Association in that capacity as I give this address for the 7th year in a row.

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, and Lieutenant; 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 Board Director.

We must remember from where we came as an Alumni Association when I stepped into the leadership role to better understand how we are so very strong today. 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 dedicate 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 thrives. The Board shares that vision.

We offer interesting trips and informative monthly speakers.

We have grown the Christmas Fundraiser into a premier event. The chance to be together with food, fun, photos, festivities and friends are celebrated and enjoyed. In 2017, 7 years ago, the Christmas Fundraiser grossed just over \$6000. After a 2020 off year for COVID, in December 2021 we thought we set the bar high earning \$9,500. When December 1st 2022 arrived, we thought we hit it out of the park raising more than \$12,000. On December 7, 2023 we bettered that by \$5000 grossing \$17,000 with the largest attendance to date and several RBT and MACTAC officers in attendance to see how we raise money for their requested training items.

I initiated and have regular communication with our major donor to continue the \$1000 match drive each June. We once again met the goal and they have promised to continue in 2024. In 2023 we earned \$2100 for a grand total of \$16,651 since 2016.

The 50/50 raffle, store items sold, donations, rewards granted, dues, and the Christmas fundraiser totaled \$28,165.89 in 2023. We ended 2023 with 285 alumni; the highest ever.

We funded RBT, Violent Crimes and Narcotics, Fusion Center and donations to the Injured Police Officers Fund in remembrances during 2023 in the amount of \$36,818.48; bringing CPAAA to a new high of \$199,900.84 donated since 2003. \$107,215 from 2003 thru 2016 and \$87,225 in the last 7 years. We are prudent, mindful and earn your trust everyday knowing your generosity in funding this CPAAA. We do not have any mega corporate donors; each of us collectively do our part. 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 1-2024 began in January. We averaged 41% of graduates joining in 2023.

The last 4 years I reported on the results of inclusion of the Hispanic CPA graduates to offer their bilingual graduates the chance to continue their affiliation with LVMPD by having them join as Alumni. Their 12- week class schedule is entirely in Spanish. They are joining at a steady pace. 83 or 29% of our membership are HCPA graduates, up from 21% in 2022. HCPA graduates Miriam Gutierrez, Jorge Soto and Adriana Saenz are serving as Board members. 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 CPAAA 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 in 2023 to honor those who have been members for 10 years or more to show you how much we

appreciate your sustained participation. 128 or 45% of our members have been alumni for 10+ years. That speaks to the value we see of becoming and remaining a member.

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

What about 2024?

- We will have the Christmas Holiday Fundraiser Potluck on December 5th at HQ. Our efforts are already underway to bring you the best LVMPD experiences and auction items never before offered.
- 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.
- I am extremely pleased to announce tonight the welcoming of our first City of Las Vegas CPA graduates to our alumni association as you all voted on at our last meeting. Their inaugural class graduated late last year. This is another step of expanding the opportunities for folks who have the desire to continue and support those who protect and serve - to be a part of something special. I will be speaking at their next class graduation in May.
- We are working on video documentation of the LVMPD experiences so you have an idea of what each one is and how much the participants experience and enjoy.
- As Alumni you are key to our mission by being ambassadors for CPAAA, Metro and all who keep us safe.
- We are #AmazingTogether and #VegasStrong

I owe a great deal of gratitude to our Board of Directors, Metro Advisors Lt. Landon Reyes, Officer Sam Diaz and Cpt. Kurt McKenzie, MVP Liaison, Sharon Harding for the continuous support, and you, the members who have given me the chance to continue the CPAAA's work – support training to keep us on the cutting edge of best police practices.

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.

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO OUR MEETINGS & DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION JAR. Proceeds Will Be Donated to THE VOLUNTEERS in Appreciation for their help each FUNDRAISER 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.



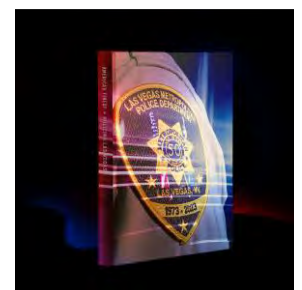
CONTACT JANET DELANEY at Janetd@lvcoxmail.com

CPAAA has several 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

MAY IS LAW ENFORCEMENT REMEMBRANCE MONTH. SPECIAL CEREMONY AT POLICE MEMORIAL PARK LOCATED BEHIND THE ACADEMY WILL BE HELD. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND WEAR YOUR CPAAA SHIRT. DATE TBA ON OUR FB.

As we approach Police Week, the LVMPD Foundation would like to offer LVCPAAA members a special discount on the book, "America's Finest—Policing Las Vegas." Use code POLICE79 and select Free Shipping at checkout to receive the new hardcover book at \$79.99. Shop Now at: <https://lvmpdfoundation.org/product/americas-finest/>

**BOOK
COVER**



YOUR 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**ADRIANA, GERRIE, JANET, DONNA, JORGE, DAVE,
COOKIE, KATY, LAURIE Not Pictured: MIRIAM**



AUCTION WINNERS DINNER/BINGO WITH ASSISTANT SHERIFF YASENIA YATOMI - RAMPART FEBRUARY 22, 2024

**SEATED L to R: LEILANI KIMMEL-DAGOSTINO, JOHN WILLIAMS, CYNTHIA VIZZO, KATY
REEDER, LT. LANDON REYES, ELLA BREWER, A/S YATOMI, MARIA YATOMI**



**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL
SALE**

SHIRTS \$10 EACH

OR 2 FOR \$15

AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

FOR 15 MINUTES ONLY AT 7:00 PM

**WE HAVE SEVERAL SHIRTS THAT CAME IN WITH THE
WRONG LOGO COLOR AND WANT TO GIVE YOU THE
CHANCE TO PURCHASE THEM AT A REDUCED PRICE**

**ONLY MEMBERS MAY WEAR THE
OFFICIAL APPAREL AND YOU MUST BE
PRESENT TO PURCHASE**

SIZES AND STYLES VARY

WHEN THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE



**CPAAA MEMBER AND
RETIRED ST. LOUIS
OFFICER ED TURNER HAD
A SPECIAL MOMENT AS HIS
GRANDSON LVMPD
OFFICER DERRICK TURNER
WAS RECOGNIZED BY
SHERIFF McMAHILL ON
FEBRUARY 21ST FOR HIS
AWARD WINNING ACTIONS
IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

**AUCTION WINNERS HAVE LUNCH WITH
U.S. MARSHAL GARY SCHOFIELD AT
THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE**

FEBRUARY 21, 2024



L to R

CAPTAIN KURT
McKENZIE

BARBARA
WILLIAMS

JOHN WILLIAMS

US MARSHAL
SCHOFIELD

TAMMY LEE

LEILANI KIMMEL-
DAGOSTINO

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



[CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PUT THIS IN YOUR FB SEARCH:

LAS VEGAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GET THE LATEST INFORMATION & PHOTOS

NEEDED:

40 volunteers to be balloon handlers at the Summerlin Patriotic Parade on July 4th. We will meet at 6:30 am at Smith's at Lake Mead & Rampart (2211 N. Rampart Blvd.) and carpool to the Trails Community Center located at 1910 Spring Gate Lane. We will be done by noon. We must have our parade line up by May 1.

I am happy to have you bring your family members or friends (16 and older). Please help if you can because this is a BIG fundraiser for the MVP program. E-mail me at s5068h@lvmpd.com if you can help.

Thank you! Sharon

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS:

**Your fieldtrip coordinator is Board member Dave Peightal.
Announcements coming soon**

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE - HELD AT ACADEMY:

April 18 May-no meeting June 20 July 18 August 15
September 19 October 17 November 21

SAVE THE DATE:

DECEMBER 5th Christmas Fundraiser

2024 DUES – LAST CALL

**WE ARE COLLECTING DUES. PLEASE USE ELECTRONIC,
CASH OR CHECK.**

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP

**RENEWAL NOTICES WERE MAILED TO EACH
CURRENT MEMBER WITH ALL INFORMATION
FOR SENDING IT BY MAIL**

**YOU MAY ALSO PAY AT THE FEBRUARY
MEETING**

**\$25.00 CASH; OTHER METHODS MENTIONED
IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:**

CPAAA





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

Long Sleeve Crew Shirts (All Sizes) \$17.00 *****New Item*****

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 Pendants: \$5.00 Tote Bag: \$18.00

Bottle Opener/Challenge Coin: \$10.00

Drinkware: Handcuff Mug: \$15.00 Ceramic Mug: \$17.00

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00 Coaster: \$5.00

Patches - LVMPD: \$10.00 Car Magnet: \$5.00

CPAAA Logo Patch \$5.00 **(not to be put on jackets or outer garments)**

Mouse Pad: \$8.00 Logo Window Decal: \$1.00 Blue Line Face 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

Venmo: [@Vegas_Donna_Klein60](#)

Zelle: Biovifan1@gmail.com