

CPAAA NEWS – FEBRUARY 2025



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Welcome to 2025. We had a prosperous 2024 and look forward to another record setting year. The state of the Association Address will be given at the February 20th meeting.

CPA class 1-2025 began January 15th. HCPA Class 1-2025 begins March 5th and CLV-CPA 1-2025 begins February 19th.

The Christmas Fund-raiser held on December 5th was exciting. Our grand total raised: \$13,600, bringing our last 3 years to over \$42,500. See pictures in this issue and on our FB page. If you won a basket; we would appreciate you donating the basket back to us to fill for our next fundraiser. [Winners of experiences and dining will be contacted by a Board member to schedule beginning in February.](#)

Field trip to the 911/311 Call Center appointments will be scheduled at our March 20th meeting.

Board of Directors elections results: 3 yr. terms: Donna, Renn, Karen. 2 yr. terms: Eric, Stephanie. At-Large 1 yr. term appointments: Adrian, Jasmin. Congratulations.

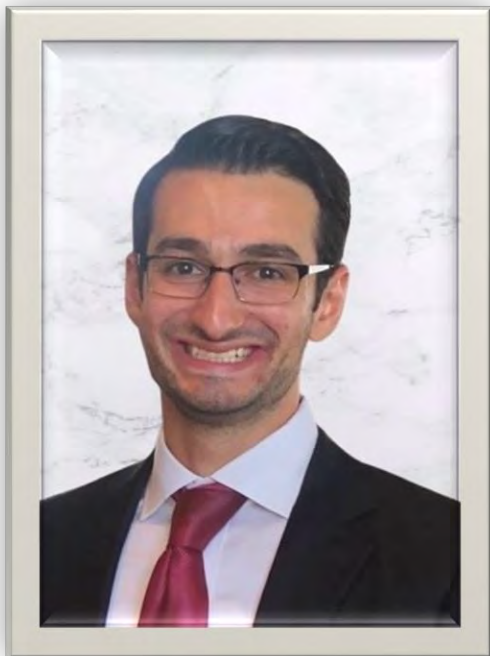
The annual Dick Bennett Memorial Community Service award recipient is Wanda Block. She will receive her award at the February 20th meeting from Sheriff Kevin McMahill.

Congratulations to all alumni who have been members for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years earning their tenure pins. 20+ members moved up. See picture of those attending.

WE ARE: #AMAZING TOGETHER #VEGAS STRONG

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

ELECTED JANUARY 21, 2025



ERIC GOODMAN - DIRECTOR

Eric is a dedicated professional with a diverse background in public safety, investigations and risk advisory, political campaign management and fundraising, and community outreach.

In addition to serving as a director of the Las Vegas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, following his graduation from the City of Las Vegas Citizens' Police Academy, Eric was appointed to the City of Las Vegas, Department of Public Safety, Chief's Advisory Board.

In this role, Eric helps formulate strategies that strengthen community policing, enhance public awareness, and provides valuable feedback toward the development of the department's policies and strategic plan.

Eric works as an associate in the Investigations, Diligence, and Compliance division of a risk advisory firm, where he manages complex investigative and risk management cases for major financial institutions and S&P 500 clients.

Previously, Eric played a key role in digital strategy and fundraising for the New York State Attorney General. As Digital Director and Deputy Finance Associate, he successfully contributed to raising over \$11 million in

campaign funds and assisted with managing donor compliance and communications.

Eric began his career as a Deputy Research Analyst at a plaintiff trial lawyers association, where he produced in-depth reports on civil justice issues crucial to medical malpractice and personal injury attorneys while also fostering key relationships for fundraising and lobbying efforts with legislators and the judiciary.

Additionally, Eric has been actively involved in volunteering within the Las Vegas community, including roles at animal sanctuaries and welfare groups, as well as military support organizations.



Stephanie is proud to serve on the board of the Las Vegas Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association, fostering strong relationships between the community, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, and the Las Vegas City Marshals.

Stephanie is a dedicated attorney specializing in mass tort law and class action lawsuits. She is deeply committed to her clients and relentlessly pursues justice on their behalf.

Previously, Stephanie had a distinguished career as an Assistant District Attorney in New York City, where she honed her litigation skills and developed a profound understanding of the legal system.

She has also worked at a prominent civil law firm representing educational institutions and corporations, refining her ability to navigate complex legal issues with precision and strategic insight.

In addition to her legal practice, Stephanie is an adjunct professor at a local college, where she teaches mediation.

She is also an active member of the legal and civic community and was appointed to the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees. In this role, she helps oversee the library's resources and ensures they are accessible to the public.

Additionally, she is a member of the City of Las Vegas Department of Public Safety Chief's Advisory Board, where she provides valuable insight on community policing strategies and public safety initiatives.

Coming from a long line of law enforcement professionals, she is proud to continue her family's legacy of public service.

She is a passionate advocate for animal rights and enjoys volunteering with both military and animal welfare organizations.

Outside of her professional and volunteer work, Stephanie likes to travel and is actively involved with the performing arts.



RENN HJELLUM-LIM VICE PRESIDENT

Renn was born in North Dakota. She grew up in Boise, ID and Anaheim, CA. While attending high school and college, Renn worked at Disneyland.

Renn was an officer manager for a hydraulic attachment manufacturer. Later, she was the office manager for a spring manufacturing company.

One of the joys of Renn's life was volunteering as a museum docent at the Sam Maloof Historic Home in Rancho Cucamonga. Through the years, Renn was able to go through the house with Sam leading her tour and sitting around the picnic area with him. It was sheer delight sitting in his chairs through the years. And telling her visitors about the artist's work displayed throughout the house with whom Sam had traded his furniture for.

Renn's passions are playing softball, reading and spending time with her fur babies. Renn served on the board of the Las Vegas Senior Softball Assn. for five years; one year as vice president and two as president.

Renn graduated the CPA class in November 2024. She worked on the Annual Holiday Party for 2024 and anticipates working on many more.

KAREN NICKELS - DIRECTOR



Karen graduated from the CPA class of 01-2022. She joined CPAAA about the same time she started in LMVPD in 05-2022. When Karen was asked to serve on the Christmas fundraiser committee (CPAAA) in 2023/2024; she jumped at the chance to learn more about the organization.

Karen also started a volunteer/permanent position at Metro Headquarters in 2023-present.

Her recognitions include: * Licensed, ordained, Board Certified Chaplain, Lead Chaplain at Centennial Hills Hospital, Past President of Hope Chaplains

*** Co-author of the book, “Love Is” (Memoirs from Las Vegas Chaplains), and the “Governor’s Award” from Nevada Volunteers for her time at the hospitals.**

*** Trauma Intervention Program (T.I.P.) and several community church programs prepared her for the many hours she would spend with people in need or crisis. Karen attended Indiana State University with a major in Art, minor in Social Work.**

*** She started with Delta Air Lines as a Ticket Agent graduating into In-Flight Service, and became an International In-flight Service Coordinator. She also instructed on-board leadership at Delta, ending her 34-year career after the 9/11 events.**

*** In retirement, Karen opened a home and décor shop, “Karen’s Kreations” in NW Las Vegas. The store front closed in 2009 but is still doing some business under that name.**

Karen enjoys free time with her son, Travis here in Las Vegas, and his extended family.

BC Chaplain Karen looks forward to serving on the “Board” at CPAAA, and reminds everyone she is always here for you too!

**JASMIN MILLBERG
AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**



Hello CPAAA family! I’m Jasmin. I’m honored to serve as your new At-Large Director. Born in Germany to a German mother and Greek Father, I moved to Greece at 18 before completing my education in Europe. Life and love eventually led me to the U.S.

I built a career in mortgage lending—now spanning 20 years. I’m especially passionate about helping veterans achieve homeownership, ensuring they receive the benefits they’ve earned. Beyond my work, I’m a devoted wife, mother of three, and proud grandmother to two beautiful granddaughters. I have a deep love for traveling, exploring new places and cultures and meeting new people along the way. When I’m not immersed in lending or community service, you’ll find me preparing old family recipes, both Greek and German as well as cheering on my favorite soccer teams or staying engaged with causes that make a difference. I’m excited to be part of CPAAA’s leadership and look forward to working alongside you all to support our community and law enforcement partners!



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEWLY
ELECTED BOARD
DIRECTORS:**

**DONNA, KAREN &
RENN 3 YEARS
ERIC & STEPHANIE
2 YEARS**

**ADRIANA & JASMIN
WERE APPOINTED
BY PRESIDENT
BUCHMAN TO
SERVE AS
AT-LARGE
DIRECTORS
1 YEAR**

**ERIC GOODMAN, STEPHANIE ITKIN,
KAREN NICKLES, JASMIN MILLBERG,
ADRIANA SAENZ, DONNA KLEIN &
RENN HJELLUM-LIM**

GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR LVMPD AND COMMUNITY WORK

November 21, 2024

DEPUTY CHIEF BRANDEN CLARKSON



Karen Nickles explains the auction item as D/C Clarkson shows it.

Tammy Lee is a winner



D/C CLARKSON GAVE AN UPDATED OVERVIEW OF THE COMMANDS HE OVERSEES TO A HUGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE. HE ANSWERED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND THANKED THE CPAAA FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAINING OVER THE YEARS. HE APPRECIATES HOW MANY CPAAA MEMBERS ARE ALSO MVPs AND VOLUNTEER COUNTLESS HOURS THROUGHOUT LVMPD. THEN WE LET HIM TRY OUT HIS AUCTIONEER SKILLS FOR THE UPCOMING DEC 5TH FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU FOR SPENDING YOUR EVENING WITH THE CPAAA

January 16, 2025

RISA PAGE - AARP NATIONAL FRAUD PREVENTION SPECIALIST



Risa did a comprehensive and engaging presentation with valuable information and resources. Her depth of knowledge, preparedness and flow of information along with the practical applications and examples had us shaking heads and realizing even the most educated and savvy among us are vulnerable to the trickery we constantly confront through many avenues. See the Resources below and keep as a guide for you and to share.

Resources for Staying Safe in the Fraud/Scam Landscape:

1. **Freeze Your Credit** – you can unfreeze as needed for any planned major purchase or credit application that YOU initiate, and then refreeze as soon as possible following the transaction
2. **Create Online Accounts for financial institutions, retirement accounts, credit cards and utilities.** Be sure to use strong AND unique passwords for each site and safely store them in a password manager – some better-known ones are 1Password, Dashlane, Bitwarden and LastPass.
3. **Be Cautious Using Public Wi-Fi** – consider obtaining a VPN (Virtual Private Network) – or switch to using your cellular data any time you on a financial website or anywhere you enter a password. (*Dashlane includes password management and a VPN for \$5/month*)
4. **Be an Ambassador to Change the Narrative** – refer to scammers as criminals and support targets as empathetically as you would for any victim of a crime

If you need more help, visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call 1-877-908-3360

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:

FEBRUARY 20TH - Sheriff Kevin McMahon - update on 2024 accomplishments and 2025 plans

MARCH 20TH - LVMPD 911/ 311 Call Center Supervisor Kelli Smith

APRIL 17TH - TSA - Canine Unit. Airport and other security they perform.

JUNE 12TH - Lt. Steven Riback - what tools do officers have with them; how and when are they used

LAST CALL FOR 2025 DUES RENEWALS - \$25

**CPA
GRADUATE
#3000 WAS IN
CLASS 3-2024**

**Jacob Christiansen
(who hopes to become
an officer) receiving
award from
President Buchman**

NOVEMBER 13, 2024



WE HAVE REACHED ANOTHER HIGHPOINT

2024 ENDED WITH 321 MEMBERS

**WE ARE GROWING AND PROSPERING
BECAUSE EACH OF YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO BE
A PART OF OUR LVMPD CPAAA**



**Sheriff Kevin McMahill will
spend the evening of
February 20th as he
presents the Dick Bennett
Award; shares his vision for
LVMPD; and a few other
surprises.**

**IF YOU WERE A WINNING BIDDER ON LVMPD EXPERIENCES AT
THE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER IN DECEMBER, YOU WILL BE
CONTACTED BY A BOARD DIRECTOR TO BEGIN THE
SCHEDULING OF THE EVENT. WE WORK AT THE AVAILABILITY
OF LVMPD OFFICERS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCE.**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE UPCOMING FIELD TRIP TO: LVMPD 911/311 CALL CENTER

IF YOU SIGNED UP AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING TO BE PART OF THIS FIELD TRIP, KELLI SMITH, COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR WILL BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER ON MARCH 20TH.

AFTER HER PRESENTATION, SHE WILL BE SIGNING YOU UP FOR A SCHEDULED TIME FOR YOUR SIT-A-LONG WITH AN OPERATOR.

PLEASE BE AT THAT MEETING TO GET THE EARLIEST TIME SLOTS. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SLOTS PER SHIFT.

CALL CENTER OPERATOR



**KELLI SMITH
LVMPD COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR**

BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO PUT IN OUR DONATION JAR. THIS YEAR MONIES WILL BE USED FOR SPECIAL NEEDS BY THE ACADEMY RECRUITS WHO MAY BE UNABLE TO PURCHASE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THEIR CLASSES.

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 janetdelaney76@gmail.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

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS:

Your fieldtrip coordinator is Board member:

[Eric Goodman](#) LVCPCAAA.RSVP@gmail.com

UPCOMING TOURS:

911/311 CALL CENTER & sit-along with operator

THIS TRIP IS FULL

TO BE ANNOUNCED: City of Las Vegas Jail Tour, Coroner's Office, Federal Court House, and more

SPECIAL INVITATION BY ALLEGIANT STADIUM

NOVEMBER 14, 2024



Laurie, Dave P, Khanh, Cookie, Karen, Donna, Ruth, Gerrie, Renn, Larry, Dave B and Jaime had the exclusive opportunity to meet with Lt. Kendall Bell at the stadium for a behind the scenes look at the operation and LVMPD areas in thanks for their service on the BOD and Christmas Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

WANDA BLOCK

2024 DICK BENNETT
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENT

PRESENTATION ON

FEBRUARY 20TH

BY SHERIFF KEVIN
McMAHILL



WANDA WAS SURPRISED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 5, 2024



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TOGETHER



UGLY SWEATER WINNER



WE ARE GOING
TO LUNCH WITH
D/C CLARKSON



VGK HERE I COME



IT IS GOOD TO HAVE HELP FROM MY FRIEND



WE ARE GOING TO LUNCH WITH D/C RADER



IT WAS DELICIOUS TOO!



JUST WHAT I WANTED



GRILLING IS MY GAME



FIRST RAFFLE WIN EVER

MANY NEW FACES THIS YEAR ATTEND THE FUNDRAISER



NEW STORE ITEM MUST PRE ORDER - \$55 CPAAA JACKETS

Treasurer

**Donna
Klein**

**models the
CPAAA
jacket**



Sport-Tek® Full-Zip Wind Jacket; lined; with pockets; water-repellent.

Order at the meeting. Samples sizes to try on.

***No LVMPD or other law enforcement agency patches are to be added. This is an LVMPD requirement.**

You may personalize it with your name (not an order option)

TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP:

2025 CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY CLASSES

LVMPD CPA

CLASS 1-2025 JANUARY 15 – APRIL 2 AT HQ

CLASS 2-2025 APRIL 30 – JULY 16 AT TBA

**CLASS 3-2025 AUGUST 20 – NOVEMBER 5 AT THE
ACADEMY**

LVMPD HISPANIC CPA

CLASS 1-2025 MARCH 5 – MAY 21 AT HQ

CITY OF LAS VEGAS CPA

CLASS 1-2025 FEBRUARY 19 – MAY 7 AT CITY HALL



**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

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE - HELD AT ACADEMY:

February 20, March 20, April 17, May - NO MEETING,
June 12 (June 19 holiday-closed), July 17, August 21,
September 18, October 16

SAVE THE DATE:

NOVEMBER 20th Thanksgiving Fundraiser at HQ on MLK.

2025 will be a change to November for this year – held the week before Thanksgiving (2 weeks earlier than our regular December date to accommodate scheduling needs).

**AT THE
JANUARY
MEETING
THESE 5
MEMBERS
WERE
PRESENT
TO
RECEIVE
THEIR
TENURE
PINS**



**JANET
DELANEY
& TRISH
ETHRIDGE
30 YEARS**

**WANDA BLOCK
BRUCE BLOCK
10 YEARS**

**COOKIE PANNO
PENTON
25 YEARS**

**WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING TO THE HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER, 2025 AT HQ**

**DO YOU HAVE A CONTACT WITH A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT
OR SERVICE PROVIDER? WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU
TAKING THE LEAD AND SECURING AN ITEM OR SERVICE.**

**LET RENN, OUR VP KNOW WHAT YOU OBTAIN AND WE WILL
GET A THANK YOU LETTER TO THAT BUSINESS TO USE FOR
THEIR DONATION TAX EXEMPTION IF ALLOWED BY THE LAW.**

**NEEDED: ITEMS FOR BASKET BUILDING, GIFT CARDS, GIFT
CERTIFICATES, ADULT BEVERAGES, MAJOR ITEMS OF VALUE
FOR OUR AUCTION, \$5 AND \$1 RAFFLES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AS WE STRIVE FOR THE BEST
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER EVER.**

***PLEASE HAVE EXPIRATION DATES GOOD THRU AT LEAST MARCH 2026**



CPAAA Store Price List

Polo Shirts (All Sizes): Men's/ Ladies \$26

Long Sleeve Crew or V-neck Shirts (All Sizes): \$17.00

T-Shirts - CPAAA Embroidered Logo (All Sizes) – \$17.00

Sweatshirts (All Sizes): \$33.00 Ball Caps: \$15.00

Jackets (All Sizes) \$55.00 – pre-ordered

Pins - CPAAA: Large: \$11.00 / Small: \$5.00

Earrings: \$10.00 Tote Bag: \$18.00

Bottle Opener/Challenge Coin: \$10.00 Car Magnet: \$5.00

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

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00 Coasters: \$5.00 1 October LVMPD Patch: \$10.00 (3 left)

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

Mouse Pad: \$8.00 Logo Window Decal: \$1.00

Green Christmas Bulb Ornament: \$6.00 (10 left) Blingy Pewter Bell \$8.00 (10 left)

STORE IS
OPEN
FROM
6:30 – 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