

CPAAA NEWS – FEBRUARY 2026



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 🌴 WELCOME TO 2026

CPA Class 3-2025 graduated November 5th. 15 became Alumni. HCPA Class 2-2025 graduated November 12th. 20 became Alumni. CLV-CPA Class 2-2025 graduated November 12th. 14 became Alumni. Welcome to 49 new members.

Our annual Holiday Potluck Fundraiser was on November 13th. Over 150 attended with \$27,210 totally earned. 8 RBT Officers helped with the set up and takedown along with the evening's activities. Our lead auctioneer, Officer Brian Fortner, was outstanding as he generated excitement and a frenzy of bidding. We thank Deputy Chief Clarkson who really charged up the crowd with bidding on his dining experience. Also, to Lt. Sarkis Jopalian and Jaclyn Archambault who stepped to the podium for the LV City auction experiences. With our members buying raffle tickets and bidding; this was a successful evening including great food and a super dessert table, photos, fun and friendship. To all our volunteers that came early and stayed late – you were tremendous. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.** See photos in this issue and on FB. **Auction experience winners will be contacted by a Board Director to schedule your event.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO: NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ON JANUARY 15TH: LAURIE, DENISSE AND ADRIANA.

The State of the Association will be given at the February 19th meeting with all that was accomplished in 2025 and goals for 2026.

SURPRISE COMING AT MARCH MEETING: SPIN TO WIN

YOUR CPAAA IS HAPPENING!

WE ARE: #AMAZING TOGETHER #VEGAS STRONG

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

January 15, 2026

OFFICER KELLY CANNON - TRAFFIC



**THANKS TO
OFFICER
CANNON AND
HER TEAM
FROM MOTOR
TRAFFIC FOR
SPENDING
YOUR
EVENING
WITH THE
CPAAA**

WITH 90 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE; OFFICER CANNON AND HER TEAM OF MOTOR TRAFFIC OFFICERS GAVE US A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION REGARDING THE LAWS THEY WORK UNDER AS MANDATED BY THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE FOR DUI CIVIL INFRACTIONS. WHAT IS CIVIL, IS SOMEWHAT PERPLEXING BUT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS IMPORTANT AS WE NEGOTIATE THE ROADS IN THE VALLEY.

MEMBERS POSED MANY SCENARIOS AND QUESTIONS WHICH OFFICERS GAVE DETAILED ANSWERS. WE ARE MUCH BETTER INFORMED.

**DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING.
GUEST SPEAKER: SHERIFF KEVIN McMAHILL**

**ON JANUARY 15TH, THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO RATIFY
THE CPAAA UPDATED BYLAWS**

**THANK YOU
COOKIE AND JANET
FOR OVER 50 YEARS COMBINED AS
CPAAA BOARD DIRECTORS**

THE CPAAA MEMBERSHIP IS GRATEFUL TO:

**COOKIE PENTON – 2001 – 2025 24 YRS
JANET DELANEY – 1998 – 2025 27 YRS**

**FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CPAAA.
YOU SET THE GROUNDWORK IN MOTION FOR
FUNDRAISING, FACEBOOK, THE NEWSLETTER AND SO
MUCH MORE.**

**COOKIE WILL REMAIN OUR FB ADMINISTRATOR AND
JANET ON OUR HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.**

**THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH SERVICE AWARDS AT
OUR NOVEMBER 13TH NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.**



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS :

Your speaker coordinator is Board Director Stephanie Itkin-Goodman

FEBRUARY 19TH - SHERIFF KEVIN McMAHILL

MARCH 19TH - MAYOR SHELLEY BERKLEY

APRIL 16TH - CATHOLIC CHARITIES PRESIDENT AND CEO SARA RAMIREZ

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.

2026 DUES – FINAL CALL

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

\$25.00 CASH; OTHER METHODS MENTIONED IN THIS NEWSLETTER, ON OUR WEBSITE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CPAAA

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE - HELD AT ACADEMY:

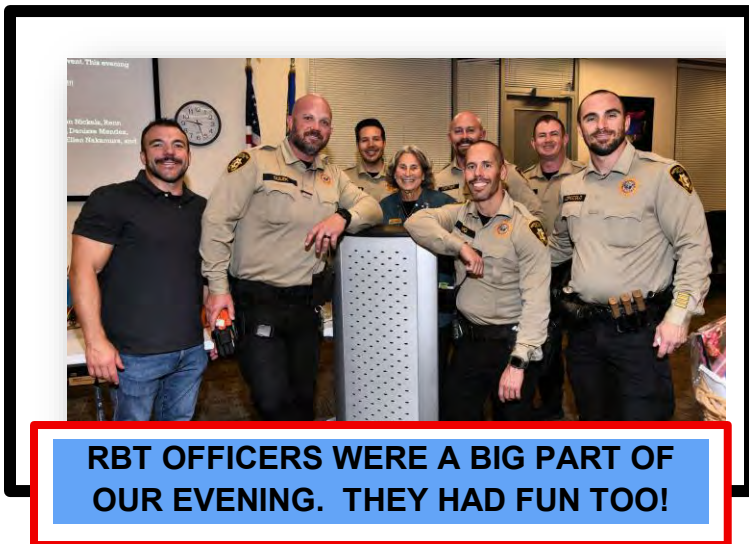
February 19, March 19, April 16, May-no meeting, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15,

November 12 - **SAVE THE DATE: Annual Fundraiser at HQ**

With the 2025 Annual Fundraiser being held in November, we have heard from so many that this was a welcome change. Our attendance of over 150, plus the availability of the room gave the Board a clear decision. We will hold our event the 2nd Thursday in November.

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

WHAT A NIGHT!!!!



THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MORE THAN 300 PHOTOS TAKEN. SEE OUR FB PAGE FOR MORE. A COMPLETE SHOWING OF ALL PHOTOS WILL BE AT AN UPCOMING MEETING. DON'T MISS IT.



**\$5
RAFFLES
WERE A
BIG HIT**

**HIGH BIDDERS
ON THE CORN
HOLE +
ACCESSORIES**



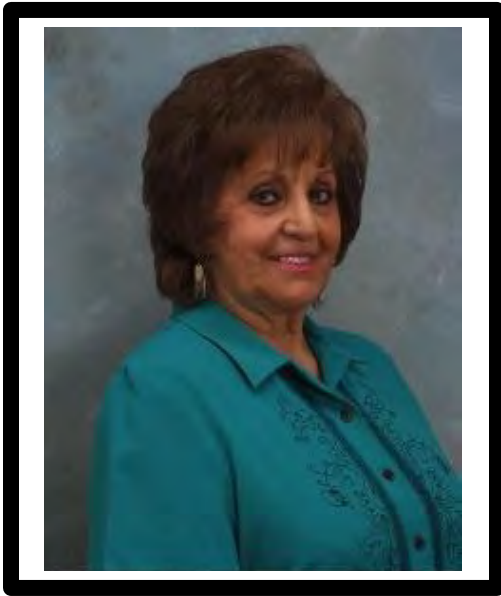
**WE'RE GOING TO
LUNCH WITH
DEPUTY CHIEF
BRANDON
CLARKSON**



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JANET DELANEY

**9TH ANNUAL DICK BENNETT
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARDEE**



**Sheriff Kevin McMahill will be
at our February 19th meeting
to present her award.**



**STORE CLOSEOUT
ITEM
HANDCUFF MUG
WHILE THEY LAST
\$11.00 EACH
2 FOR \$20**

FUND RAISER BASKET BUILDING

OCTOBER 29, 2025

IF YOU WON A BASKET. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THE BASKET BACK TO US



SUSAN AND DONNA



DENISSE AND TERESA



RENN AND KAREN

RENN, KAREN, DENISSE, TERESA, SUSAN AND DONNA SPENT THE EVENING TAKING ALL THE DONATED ITEMS AND MAKING BOUNTIFUL BASKETS FOR THE RAFFLES. LAURIE TOOK PHOTOS AND MOVED THE FINISHED BASKETS. A FUN EVENING.

GOOD AND WELFARE



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

MAYBE A CARD WOULD CHEER THEM UP.



CONTACT GERRIE HOLMES @ gholmes@lvmpd.com

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS:

Your fieldtrip coordinator is Board Director:

Eric Goodman LVCPAAA.RSVP@gmail.com

UPCOMING TOURS:

***ZOOX DRIVERLESS TAXIS**

***LVMPD-JETI *AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTER**

***LVMPD FUSION + MUCH MORE**

SIGN UPS ARE AT OUR MEETINGS. BE THERE!

**ON JANUARY 15TH; THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED
IN THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**LAURIE BUCHMAN DENISSE MENDEZ VEGA
ADRIANA SAENZ**

WELCOME HEIDI STRAIF - MVP LIAISON



**We are so
glad to have
an Alumni as
our Liaison**

In 2015, I was a part of the MVP team and a CPA graduate before being hired full time as a Crime Prevention Specialist, and I truly enjoyed every minute of it. I never dreamed that I would one day have the privilege to become the Program Coordinator and Liaison to the CPAAA. It's an absolute honor to be given this opportunity to work alongside such a great group of dedicated people.

I was born and raised in Southern CA, in the San Fernando Valley area and spent more than 15 years working for Universal Studios Hollywood. I also volunteered for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Pet Orphans of Southern CA. I would often visit Las Vegas with my parents and then once I was old enough, I would come here a few times a year to see a show or a concert, never thinking I might one day live here. Oh, how this city has grown!

I have lived in Las Vegas for 15 years and prior to working for LVMPD, I worked for Wynn Resorts for 5 years as a Uniform Operations Supervisor. While working at Wynn Resorts, I also got to work on the movie Paul Blart Mall Cop II, which was almost completely filmed in and around the property. That was a lot of fun to do!

I have spent the last 9 ½ years as a Crime Prevention Specialist, first at Southeast Area Command and then the last 5 years at Northwest Area Command. It has been an honor to serve these communities and help keep them safe.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you better.

IT'S JACKET AND SWEATSHIRT WEATHER – LIMITED STOCK IN OUR STORE

CPAAA JACKETS

\$55

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 on the front.**

TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP:

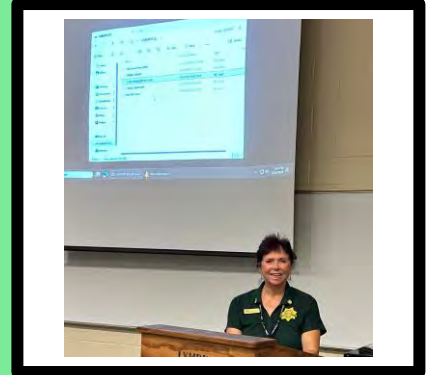
2026 CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY CLASSES

LVMPD CPA

Class #2 April 29 – July 22 at HQ

Class #3 August 19 – Nov. 4 at Academy

Sign up on LVMPD website



LVMPD HISPANIC CPA

CLASS #1 March 4- May 20

Sign up on LVMPD website



CITY OF LAS VEGAS CPA

CLASS #1 February 18 – May 6

AT CITY HALL

For Information Contact:

jarchambault@LasVegasNevada.GOV



**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

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD CELL PHONES AND
CHARGERS**

PLEASE BRING TO OUR MEETINGS

**WE GIVE THOSE TO LVMPD VICTIM SERVICES TO
BE CLEANED AND SET TO ONLY DIAL 911**

OUR HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS

2017 - \$6,400 2018 - \$6,500 2019 - \$6,000 = \$18,900

2020- COVID FUNDRAISER CANCELED

2021 - \$10,400 2022 - \$12,000 2023 - \$17,000 2024 - \$13,600 = \$53,000

2025 - \$27,200*

TOTAL \$99,100

***ALL TIME HIGH**

TOTALS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$100

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

SHARON HARDING

**MVP COORDINATOR, CPAAA ALUMNI AND
CPAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIAISON**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE AND DEDICATION**



**SHERIFF
MCMAHILL AND
UNDERSHERIFF
WALSH PRESENT
SHARON WITH A
PLAQUE FOR HER
30 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO LVMPD**

**THE CPAAA
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
THANKS
SHARON FOR
SERVING AS
MVP LIAISON
FOR 20 YEARS**



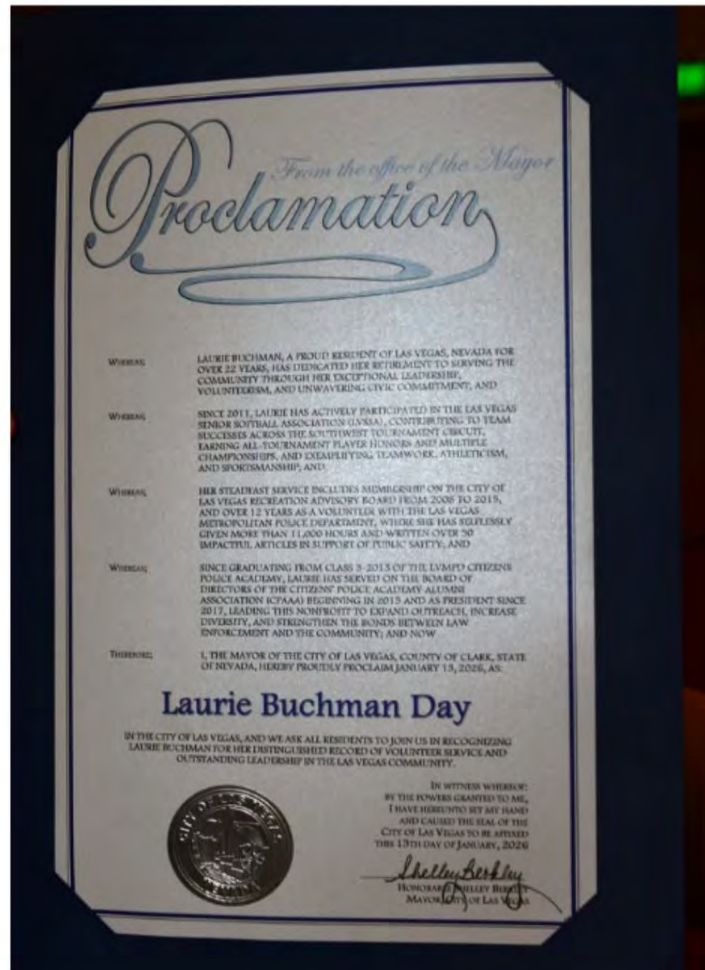
CPAAA PRESIDENT LAURIE BUCHMAN

RECEIVES PROCLAMATION HONORS

PRESENTED BY MAYOR SHELLEY BERKLEY

JANUARY 13, 2026

A MOVING CEREMONY AND BEAUTIFUL RECEPTION TO HONOR
PRESIDENT LAURIE BUCHMAN



FROM THE LVMPD FACEBOOK PAGE:

Recently, [City of Las Vegas](#) honored Laurie Buchman for her extraordinary dedication to service, leadership, and community involvement. The city proclaimed January 13, 2026, as Laurie Buchman Day!

A Las Vegas resident for more than 22 years, Laurie has devoted her retirement to making our community stronger through volunteerism and civic commitment. For more than 12 years, she has served as an LVMPD volunteer, contributing over 12,000 hours in support of public safety! Laurie's impact extends far beyond volunteer service. Since graduating from the LVMPD Citizens Police Academy Class 3-2013, she has been a driving force behind the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), serving on the Board since 2015 and as President since 2017. She has expanded outreach, increased diversity, and strengthened the bond between law enforcement and the community. The CPAAA is instrumental in raising funds to make sure we have the best equipment and training.

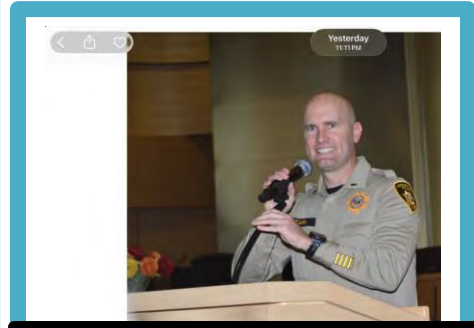
Laurie is also a dedicated athlete and teammate, competing since 2011 in the Las Vegas Senior Softball Association (LVSSA) and earning all-tournament honors and championship wins across the Southwest.

Thank you, Laurie, for your outstanding service and tremendous commitment to the Las Vegas community. ❤️

If you are interested in seeing how your police department serves our community, apply now to join the LVMPD Citizens' Police Academy right now: www.lvmpd.com/cpa



LAURIE RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR



LT. JOSHUA STARK SPEAKS AND THANKS LAURIE FOR HER DEDICATION TO LVMPD



BOARD DIRECTOR STEPHANIE ITKIN-GOODMAN GIVES REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE BOD



CITY CPA COORDINATOR JACQUELINE ARCHAMBAULT SHARES HER THANKS TO LAURIE FOR INCLUDING THE CLV CPA GRADUATES IN THE CPAAA



DONNA DID THE INTRODUCTIONS



LAURIE'S SISTER RISA PAGE SPEAKS ON THEIR FAMILY'S PERSPECTIVE OF VOLUNTEERISM



THE CPAAA AND MVP MEMBERS CAME TO SUPPORT LAURIE ON THIS WONDERFUL DAY DEDICATED TO OUR PRESIDENT



**RISA,
LAURIE AND
DONNA
THANK
MAYOR
SHELLEY
BERKLEY
FOR
HONORING
PRESIDENT
BUCHMAN
AND THE
CPAAA WITH
A
BEAUTIFUL
CEREMONY
IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

NEW ITEMS ARRIVING



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

K9 Lanyards \$5.00 K9 Wristbands \$2.00

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

Jackets (All Sizes) \$55.00

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: \$11.00 on sale Ceramic Mug: \$17.00

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00 Coasters: \$5.00 1 October LVMPD Patch: \$10.00

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 (6 left) Blingy Pewter Bell \$8.00 (6 left)

SEE OUR LIMITED
QUANTITIES AND
CLOSEOUTS

STORE IS
OPEN
FROM
6:30 – 7:00
AT EACH
MEETING

CPAAA ACCEPTS PAYMENTS BY VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER
APPLE PAY AND TAP TO PAY. **NO DEBIT CARDS**
3% TRANSACTION FEES APPLIED.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: CPAAA

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