



April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! As the warmer weather teases us with what's around the corner, I hope everyone has had a great month getting ready for summer. Over the past month, the Board has been very busy with several items and putting more fun events in place for the warmer weather to come.

The Board has recently approved the updating of the police department's fitness room that has been well-used over the years. The updating will include many new pieces of fitness equipment such as hanging mats, kettlebells, versa tubes, strength bands, EVA rollers and a 50 inch flat screen TV.

Recently, the NBPCAAA remodeled the kitchen in the police department, including new appliances. Proceeds from all of the NBPCAAA fundraising events go towards purchasing new equipment and items the officers need for their job, but may not be part of other budgets.

We are getting new NBPCAAA tri-fold flyers printed to update our outdated information and photos. With the appointment of our new chief, we have included his photo and a letter from him as well.

The Board has also placed an order for a new and more modern event hanging banner. Be sure to look for it at the May General Meeting. Its new eye-catching design is sure to please.

As we hold outside events, it will also help make the NBPCAAA more recognizable.

The Board has been out shopping for yards and yards of material so we can reface the police department's SWAT shield covers with new material, fitting them with sewn love.

Over the past month, the NBPCAAA has purchased around 370 hand warmers for our officers for use during the cold weather to keep them more comfortable while they are out protecting our community. Thank you to Karen Engeldinger for finding hand warmers for the Board to purchase at a great price.

During the May General Meeting, we will have a guest speaker along with our annual anniversary party. Be sure to come to the meeting and stay afterwards for cake and beverages.

Over the past two months, the Board has been working on updating our bylaws. These changes will also be presented during the General Meeting in May for open discussion.

April 27th is the "Got Drugs" take-back program at Froedtert Medical Center at 4805 S Moorland Road, New Berlin. Wisconsin ranks second in the nation (by weight) for the amount of drugs collected. New Berlin typically ranks second in the state (by weight) for the amount of drugs collected. We should all be proud, knowing that we are making a difference in the world.

By dropping off your old prescriptions, this event helps keep drugs away from someone using them in the wrong ways.

Last month was the “Boots & Badges” fundraiser basketball game. Waukesha and New Berlin Police and Fire Departments gave their all and played a great game with the outcome in the balance, right down to the last few seconds. New Berlin Police and Fire took home the traveling trophy with a 56 to 53 victory. We are proud of both cities, as the real winners were the boys and girls from Special Olympics for whom the proceeds were raised.



Chiefs Russ Jack from Waukesha and Jeff Hingiss from New Berlin were on hand to cheer on their players.



Recently, the Board has had a couple changes and additions to our team. The first is Kevin Weidner, who has moved into the Secretary role on the Board, taking over for Hope Hegmen. Thank you Hope, for all of your service over the years. Hope remains on the Board. As Hope's family gets more involved with sporting and family events, they fill up her calendar and she wanted to make sure that all of the members had 100% attention given to the Secretary role. A recent appointed position of Assistant Treasurer was put into place. Karen Weidner has taken on that role.

I feel that it is important that all of our members get to know your Board better. The names will be easier to put to faces during our General Meetings. With that said, I will be introducing each Board member through our monthly newsletters by spotlighting who we are, with a brief bio. I hope that you find this helpful.

This month I would like to introduce Kevin and Karen Weidner.



Both Kevin and Karen are graduates of the 2005 Citizens Academy and have been active with the Alumni Association since near its inception. They have also been active in the Membership Committee for several years.

Kevin has been on the NBPCAAA Board for several years. Kevin and Karen built their home and are residents of our great city of New Berlin for 25 years now. This June they will celebrate 35 wonderful years together.

Kevin and Karen enjoy hiking, gardening, movies, reading and swing dancing. Currently, Kevin and Karen are both retired. Karen was an Accounting Manager and Kevin was a Global Director of Six Sigma. During the Christmas season they love to decorate their home to the fullest, with several holiday trees, and lights that bring delight and joy to many.

Local spotlight:

I recently had the chance to stop in on an event that I had heard about through our police department liaison, Officer Tony Fus, during one of our Board meetings. Tony had mentioned the "Midnight Basketball" program that takes place each Friday night. I was invited to stop by and check it out.

After a long day at work and feeling exhausted, I decided to stop by to see what it was all about, and I was so amazed to see how impressive this program was and just how many lives it has impacted. I arrived at 9:00 p.m. on my way home from work. My feeling of being too tired quickly went away as I learned several of our officers spent just as long of a day. They are working their full shifts and still going for the kids in our community.

When I arrived, about 40 teenagers, boys and girls, were warming up for the 10:00 p.m. start time that runs until 1:00 a.m., depending on the amount of 3-on-3 teams. They play to the

winning position with dedication. What I found was a greater purpose of why we all should be proud to live in a community that gives back so much. By the time 10:00 p.m. came, I had done a quick head count of close to 70+ kids on the floor.



Sergeant Dan Hanlon, who has been part of the program for 25 years, said that at times 100 plus kids have participated during a single night. The main reason I share this is to provide the awareness of yet one more program the New Berlin Police Department takes part in to help keep kids in activities, giving them an avenue of team building and sportsmanship, and keeping them out of trouble during the weekend nights.

As the Midnight basketball program is coming to an end, another program takes over in June, the volleyball program. Thank you to all of the officers that give so much. Yet, one more reason NBPCAAA needs to help support our department and keep remembering that what we are doing as a whole should never be taken lightly or forgotten, for so many benefit from our partnership with the department directly and indirectly.



Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, April 27 – Drug Take-Back at Froedtert Medical Center**
- **Tuesday, May 7 – New Citizens Academy Graduation class**
- **Thursday, May 9 – Regency Spaghetti Dinner (4:30 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, May 18 – Safety Saturday**
- **Week of May 14 – 18 – Law Enforcement Appreciation Week**
- **Thursday, May 23 – NBPCAAA General Membership Meeting and 8th Anniversary Party**
- **Sunday, July 21 – NBPCAAA Summer Picnic (ProHealth Care Park)**

Board members, Stephanie Brown and Jeanne Sturm share a birthday. They celebrated during a recent event. Happy Birthday, Ladies!



**Now a Word From: Your Fun Events Planner AKA “Julie the Cruise Director”
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Hello from your Cruise Director, Stephanie. This coming Sunday, April 14th, 17 members/family will be going to The Fireside Theater for brunch and to see the play “Menopause The Musical”. That should be a funny play with a great group of people having a good time and enjoying being together. That’s what these outings and events are meant to be.

Refer to the Upcoming Events shown above to find out how to be more involved with the Association.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, July 21 – NBPCAAA Picnic at ProHealth Care Park on Sunnyslope between National and Cleveland. More information to be provided as the date gets closer.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Stephanie