



2023 Second Half Newsletter

President's Message



President's Thoughts

Reminder: The dues for membership are going to \$20 on January 1st, 2024. If you renew before the first of the year you can still pay \$15, anything paid after January 1st will be \$20.

I am happy to report we have filled two vacancies on the Board. David Hanson has volunteered to be a regional representative for the Southeast region. It has been several years since the southeast had someone to represent them. The other vacancy was filled by Ron John Wolfe for the Northeast Region. Welcome aboard David and Ron John.

There is still an opening for the northcentral regional representative and the membership coordinator. It would be nice if someone would volunteer for these positions so we could have a full board. How about you?

The alumni/retiree get together was held on September 8th at the Academy. We had a good showing, but we missed those that weren't there. I'm hoping next year we can double the attendance. The Board has discussed some different ideas that may bring more people in. Stay tuned for more information later on. Mark your calendar for September 6, 2024.

I came across some weird laws in Wisconsin. I'll share a few.

In Hudson, screens are required on all windows from May 1st to October 1st.

In Hudson, no one can sit on another person's parked car without their verbal consent.

It is a State Law in Wisconsin that apple pie cannot be served in public restaurants without cheese.

Margarine may not be used in place of real butter unless the customer requests it in a restaurant.

In Milwaukee, it is illegal for a car to be parked on the street for over two hours unless a horse is tied to the car.

I don't know for sure if these laws still exist but wouldn't it be fun to enforce them?

2023 Scholarship Winners

Sydney Judge – Daughter of Inspector Lewis Judge. Sydney attended Hortonville High School and she will be attending St. Norbert College. After that she hopes to attend Marquette University to obtain a law degree.



Northeast Regional Rep. – Joseph Jakubicz, Sydney Judge, Insp. Judge and Sgt. Diedrich

Katharine Vetuschi – granddaughter of retired Trooper Laurance Burzynski. Kate attended Whitnall High School and is currently attending UW- Milwaukee. She is seeking a criminal justice degree and hopes to become a victim’s advocate.



Southeast Representative Dave Hanson, Kate Vetuschi, and Trooper Biene

Haylee Zawislan – daughter of Trooper Christopher Zawislan. Haylee attended Pittsville High School. Haylee will be attending Mid-State Tech. School for an associates degree in criminal justice. While there she wants to get into the Wood Co. S.O. reserve program. After obtaining her associates she will attend the 720 academy, upon completion she will try to be hired by Wood Co. S.O.



Scholarship chairperson Kim Hurley, Haylee, Trooper Zawislan & President Sander

Here are the winner's words about the association's scholarship.

"I am so thankful to be receiving the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship will help me pay for my tuition for college this fall. With the help of this scholarship I am able to focus on my studies and not have to worry about the financial aspect of college, which is a huge weight off of my shoulders. I cannot thank the scholarship committee enough for selecting me as a recipient. I plan to attend Mid-State Technical College and get my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. While attending Mid-State I plan to apply for our local county's reserve program to get my foot in the door at the Wood County Sheriff's Department. After completing my degree I will attend the Law Enforcement 720 hour Academy which is also held at Mid-State. Once I complete the academy, it is my goal to apply and get a position working as a deputy at the Wood County Sheriff's Department." Haylee Zawislan

"I was super excited when my grandfather, Laurance Burzynski, who worked as a Wisconsin State Trooper for almost 30 years and has been a member of the State Patrol Alumni Association since, informed me of the Bruce Bishop and William Harvey Memorial Scholarship Program. Given that the scholarship is law enforcement and criminal justice specific and I am majoring in criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I was excited for the opportunity to apply for it. I am honored and thankful to have been awarded the scholarship. I will be applying the scholarship money toward my Fall 2023 tuition. I plan to graduate in May of 2026 with my bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and minors in Counseling and Women and Gender Studies. After I graduate college I intend to go into victim advocacy to help those who have been victims of crimes such as assault and abuse, navigate the criminal justice system. I am extremely grateful to the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association, Kim Hurley, the scholarship judges, my grandfather, and everyone who had a part in granting the opportunity for this scholarship and selecting me to receive the award." Kate Vetuschi

"I was honored to receive the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Scholarship. This scholarship benefits my life by financially helping me continue my education. I will be attending St. Norbert College to study Business and Pre- Law. The WSPAA scholarship will help me afford my tuition. This scholarship shows how much the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association cares about students furthering their education, I feel very blessed to receive this. My father has been a State Trooper for

twenty-seven years and it has shown me what dedication means. My future goal is to become an attorney, to achieve this I will need a great amount of dedication. At St. Norbert's I will be in the Honors Program and completing their 3 and 3 program. A goal I have while studying at St. Norbert's is to maintain a high GPA. The 3 and 3 program will allow me to become an attorney in six years. By becoming an attorney in six years versus seven years I will need dedication to complete course material quickly. I will complete my first three years at St. Norbert's then go to Law School at Marquette University for the next three years. I am undecided on what area of law I would like to study but eventually I would like to manage my own law practice." Sydney Judge

8-15-23 WSPAA Board meeting minutes

Meeting called to order: 9:58 am

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Attendance: Mary Sander (President), Phil Wenzel (Vice President), Linda Woldt (Treasurer), Kim Hurley (Secretary), Ruth Tiry (Merchandise), Joseph Jakubicz, Keith Young, and Dave Collins. Excused: Ray Sondelski and Paul Matl.

Motion to accept agenda made by Keith and 2nd by Joseph.

Secretary Report – We still have 8 snail mail members. Sent out membership materials to 2 new retirees in hopes that they will join the WSPAA.

Motion to accept secretary's report made by Linda and 2nd by Joseph.

Scholarship Report – There was a tie for second place, so Kim contacted her scholarship committee. The committee decided that the fair and proper thing to do was have three winners. Our winners are: Sydney Judge (daughter of Inspector Lewis Judge), Haylee Zawislan (daughter of Trooper Christopher Zawislan) and Kate Verduci (granddaughter of Larry Burzynski). The \$1,000 prize that each of the winners received was sent directly to their respective schools they were attending. We had several dummy checks made that we can present the winners when we are taking pictures. These pictures will be sent to the Superintendent.

Mary wanted to discuss that our scholarships are named after individuals that did a lot for the alumni association. Scholarships are not and will not be named after financial donors. There was unanimous agreement that the scholarship names will remain as they are.

Temporary time frame for 2024 is that announcement will go out in late January/early February, application packets will be due the second half of May and winners will be notified in early July.

We want to thank Superintendent Caranahan in helping us spread the word to current WSP staff.

Kim had arranged with Haylee for her to come to Wausau Post for her check presentation. Haylee and her father arrived around noon. Photos were taken by Keith Young. Then Haylee and her father joined us for lunch. It was nice to meet Haylee in person and hear her goals.

Motion to accept scholarship report made by Joseph, 2nd by Ruth.

Financial Report – Linda handed out her treasurer’s report and explained that she has to record some funds in one location and then transfer the funds into another location in her QuickBooks. Our expenses include paying the three scholarships and buying more CD’s.

Motion to accept financial report made by Phil, 2nd by Joseph.

Merchandise Report – Ruth went through what we have in inventory at this time. She stated that somehow she once again got dropped from Queensboro email list and that is why we had not been getting stuff. Ruth is back on their email list. Queensboro now has items that say Inspector on them. And even though there is still a 75th anniversary item on the website, that item cannot be purchased.

This summer Ruth & Mary decided to get 24 baseball caps that we will sell for \$25 each.

Mary brought up that we should increase the price of our t-shirts. After discussion it was agreed upon that we increase the price to \$20.

Motion to accept merchandise report was made by Mary and seconded by Phil.

President’s Items – Mary had a list of several small items she wanted to discuss. The board discussed the naming of our scholarships and it was decided that the naming of the scholarships is done by the scholarship committee. Mary explained that due to good returns on CD’s she had Linda purchase some more. Mary also discussed some changes in prices of merchandise and change to the order form. Board decided the prices and new form were good.

Mary asked if we should start planning outings again. The consensus is that the board already has enough on their plates and we should not try to organize a trip somewhere for members. Previous outings had low turnouts. That being said if a member wants to put together a trip, reserve the rooms, make an itinerary, etc. and present that to the board we could take a look at it and possibly put that out to the membership.

We briefly discussed naming bridges after our fallen Troopers. The board agreed to table this until 2024.

Kim made a motion for a \$500 donation to the WSP Honor Guard during retiree day. Motion was seconded by Joseph and the motion passed.

History Committee – Dave reported that the committee is currently working through all the stuff in the attic at the academy.

Retiree Day – Mary had a list of where we need board members to be to staff tables for the day.

*******2024 retiree day will be September 6th**

Only regional report was from Joseph. He tried to hold a local breakfast in the Northeast region, but was the only one who showed up.

At the next board meeting there will be discussion on the membership timelines.

Next meeting 10-10-23 10 AM at Wausau Post.

Motion to adjourn by Ruth, 2nd by Linda.

Retiree Day



Recruit classes 1 - 28



Civilian Members - Gary Brogan, Paul Schulz, Mary Albedyll, Xuong Tuong and John Gifford



Recruit classes 29 - current



\$500 Donation check presentation to the WSP Honor Guard



Interior of new cruisers



10-10-23 WSPAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM.

Attendance: Mary Sander, Kim Hurley Linda Woldt, Ruth Tiry, Ray Sondelski, Phil Wenzel, Dave Collins, Ron John Wolfe.

Excused: Keith Young, Joseph Jakubicz, and Paul Matl

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave and a 2nd by Phil. Motion passed.

Secretary & Scholarship Report

Kim announced Laurie Bauer as a new judge for the 2024 scholarships. Ron John will talk to his daughter about being another one of the scholarship judges in 2024.

The next newsletter is delayed due to Kim's mother passing away.

Phil made a motion to accept the secretary & scholarship report. A second of the motion was made by Ron John. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Linda reported the current checking account balance is \$3,750.82. Merchandise sales for alumni day was \$769.00. The merchandise sales money will be added to the scholarship fund. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Phil and a 2nd by Ray. Motion passed.

Merchandise Report

Ruth reported that during alumni day we sold 17 shirts, 4 coins, 3 tumblers, and 6 coffee mugs. We have 11 baseball hats left in red or black. A motion to table buying more hats made by Ray and a 2nd by Phil. Motion passed.

The motion to accept the merchandise report was made by Linda and a 2nd by Ron John.

History Committee Report

Dave talked to Captain Hefte after alumni day about a potential area for display cases etc. that the history committee can use to display items/pictures that have been saved. Captain Hefte suggested the triangle t.v. area near the dining room. All the displays in the display cases would be the responsibility of the history committee. There is a possibility to add cabinets in the triangle area to store the history items. The history committee is looking at future dates for their next meeting.

New member to the history committee is Gary Bauer.

Alumni Day Recap

Overall the board felt that things went smoothly this year for alumni day. It was great to have gate 15 open for us to use.

Ray would like to see more people attending alumni day. Discussion on how we increase the number of people attending alumni day. Ray, Keith, and Phil will work on getting raffle prizes for the 2024 alumni day.

***** Mark your calendars for the 2024 alumni day – Sept. 6th. *****

Miscellaneous Notes

Lt Wrycha stopped in to update the board on the WSP Honor Guard. They have six new members in the honor guard.

Captain Hartson stopped in to talk about the peer support program and how it is growing. Forty two WSP persons are trained as peer support members. These members include not only officers but dispatchers as well. The peer support program was started in 2019 and the wellness program was started in 2022. The peer support group is trying to figure out how to extend this program to retirees and families of current personnel.

Renaming/Dedication of Bridges or Highways

This topic was brought up years ago and the board is revisiting the idea. The board would like to see bridges or highways renamed or dedicated to our eight fallen Troopers. Dave had prepared four suggested bridges for four of our fallen Troopers. Ron John suggested naming interchanges like what is done in Illinois. Ron John also suggested maybe the location should be near the fallen Troopers hometown instead of where they died. Mary appointed Dave as chairman of the bridge committee. Other members are Ruth, Mary and Ron John.

Regional Representative Reports

SWR, SER, NWR – no report.

NER – Ron John would like to see the coffee clutch come back in the Fox Valley area.

NCR – Nothing new in the Merrill area coffee clutch. Darol Peterson's funeral was well attended.

Next WSPAA board meeting April 16, 2024 10 A.M. Wausau Post.

Motion to adjourn made by Ruth and 2nd by Linda.