



FBI MICHIGAN CHAPTER NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Past President, Greg Laurain



It's hard to believe that two years have flown by as your Chapter President. I had a great time serving with the Executive Board, Curriculum Committee Members, and I am honored to have served the membership as your President.

I want to personally thank the Executive Board for their support and leadership and to the Curriculum Committee under the leadership of Matt Brumm and James Berlin. I want to especially thank Jason Wright, our Immediate Past-President, for his assistance and expertise during my tenure on the Board as President.

The past two years have brought many successes for our Chapter, including, the creation of a Chapter App to get information out for our annual events, keep in-touch with other members and to provide information throughout our fall training conference. Before the end of the year, we will be launching our new Chapter Website. This has been under development and when finished will provide our membership with a premier website. Most recently this summer, we created a Chaplain's position for our Chapter. Scott Pike was appointed and is serving on our Executive Board as a liaison between the Chapter and the National Spiritual Leadership Network.

We also celebrated our 75th Anniversary as a Chapter during our fall training conference at the Grand hotel on Mackinac Island in September with every registered attendee receiving a beautiful commemorative blanket. The Curriculum Committee secured several excellent speakers, providing valuable information and training that filled the agenda. Our guest dinner speaker, Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein, captivated us with a moving and inspirational presentation on his own life experiences on moving forward and never giving up. A big thanks to everyone involved in making this conference anniversary celebration special and memorable.

I am proud to say that I stayed active with our Chapter since graduating session #220 in 2005. Serving on the Curriculum Committee, Co-Chair, and working my way up to President was the highlight of my career in law enforcement. I have been blessed to have been surrounded by so many professional executives over the years and have the NA to thank for that.

I plan on continuing to remain active during my tenure on the Executive Board as the Immediate Past-President. I will be providing any guidance I can to our new President and Board Members, and I will continue to serve as Chapter Ambassador for the Charitable Foundation during our annual events. The Chapter will be in good hands with Ron Taig as your President; he is an excellent leader and cares about the Michigan Chapter and its members.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By Dan Keller



This is a friendly reminder that your 2023 FBINAA dues are approaching! You should receive an email in early January regarding payment options. If you miss the email, here is the information:

FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS: Go to www.fbinaa.org, and select the "Sign In" icon at the top of the page. After logging in, select the "Renew Now" button, and follow the prompts. If you've forgotten your login, select the forgot password prompt to receive an email response (check spam folder if not). Be sure to verify your preferred mailing address before leaving the website after processing online payments.

FOR CHECK PAYMENTS: **Agency checks must reference the member's name.** Please make checks payable, in US dollars, to **FBINAA** and mail to: **FBINAA, Attn: Membership, FBI Academy, Bldg. 8-102, Quantico, VA 22135**

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at dkeller@whitelakepolice.com or 248-935-6739.

Have a great New Year!

RETIREE'S CORNER

By: John Courie

Greetings everyone. The National Board is considering a recommendation from the Membership Committee to create a LIFE MEMBER DESIGNATION. As of now this would affect members with consecutive or accumulated 25 years of FBI NAA membership.

The proposed benefits to this designation is:

1. Recognition as a member in good standing with full voting rights
2. Certificate of achievement award
3. Special Life Member card awarded
4. Life Member recognition lapel pin awarded
5. FBINAA Annual dues reduced to \$25 (Michigan Dues waived)
6. Members will be recognized on the FBINAA National website



You may not always be an active police officer but you will always be a graduate of the FBI National academy. However, in order to remain a member of the FBI National Academy Associates everyone does have to pay dues.

The FBINAA National no longer allows local chapters to accept dues.

You can pay dues at, <http://www.fbinaa.org>

National dues are **\$90** for active & **\$45** for retired members. Michigan dues are **\$15**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Watson at 703-632-1944 or jwatson@FBINAA.org

Information on membership dues is also available on our website: <http://www.fbinaamichigan.org/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from Cover Page)

Finally, thank you for your support and friendship. Hopefully I have served you well, because it has certainly been my pleasure and honor to have been your President for the past two years.

Happy Holidays to you and your family, God Bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you at our future Chapter events.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

By: Tony DeGuisti



Gage Ellis and Gabriela Wait,
Youth Leadership Program attendees

The FBINAA Youth Leadership Program is a premier course of instruction aimed at providing aspiring young women and men with the opportunity to start to develop skills towards being socially conscious and service minded leaders. Traditionally the FBINAA Michigan Chapter has the opportunity to send one candidate each year. In 2022 we were blessed to send two candidates when another chapter was not able to fill their spot. So, in June Gage Ellis and Gabriella Wait made their way to Quantico Virginia for their 8-day foray into leadership. Gage and Gabriella came to the fall lunch and gave a very well organized and informative report on their experience at the YLP. It was apparent that they got a lot out of the program and represented the Michigan Chapter extremely well.

Applications will be available for the 2023 program starting on November 30, 2022. Interested applicants need to go to the FBINAA National website

where they will be able to obtain the email address for the Chapter YLP Coordinator. All application material and correspondence will be done through the Chapter Coordinator. Candidates for the program must be a sophomore or junior in High School between the ages of 14-16 at the time that the program begins. This is a requirement by the National Office and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS. The application process is extremely competitive and includes submission of academic records, a panel interview, a written essay on leadership, an examination of volunteer /extra-curricular activities both at school and in the community.

This year's program will run from June 22 through 30, 2023. All costs including tuition and travel for this program are covered by the Michigan Chapter. The program is open to anyone, but there are extra points awarded for active FBINAA members. Good luck and we look forward to meeting this year's applicants.

2022 FALL TRAINING LUNCHEON

By: Aric Tosqui

The 21st Annual Fall Luncheon for the Michigan Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates was held on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Chapter President Greg Laurain opened the event, welcoming all of the members and guests. President Laurain gave some brief remarks regarding the 2022 Fall Conference and the 21st Session of MPEDS, both held this past September. Once again, kudos to the Curriculum Committee for their work on the Fall Conference and to Bob Young and Ted Edmond for their work on MPEDS.

President Laurain recognized the members from the FBI Detroit Field Office present at the luncheon. They included Special Agent in Charge: James Tarasca, Supervisory Special Agent Martin Damico, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Devin Kowalski, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Josh Hauxhurst and Special Training Civic Liaison Ted Edmond. Many thanks to them for their attendance and constant support. President Laurain also recognized a Chapter Member present who recently received an Award at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Dallas. Congratulations were announced to Lieutenant Mike Shaw, from the Michigan State Police, who received the Flock Safety Leadership in Public Management Award, in recognition of his ability to effectively disseminate information to the public. President Laurain then introduced Chapter Chaplain Scott Pike, who provided the invocation prior to lunch.

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Immediately following lunch, Program Coordinator Tony DeGiusti discussed the Youth Leadership program and welcomed remarks from Gabriela Wait, a 16-year-old from Oxford, and Gage Ellis, a 17-year-old from Plymouth. This year, the Michigan Chapter was allowed to send two youth leaders to the program due to another Chapter being unable to do so. After hearing from both Gabby and Gage about their week-long experience, it was clear that the Chapter made excellent choices with the two candidates.

2022 FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER FALL TRAINING LUNCHEON



FBINAA Michigan Chapter President Greg Laurain presenting guest speaker Roop Raj a gift on behalf of the FBINAA Michigan Chapter

Roop Raj, the evening anchor for Fox 2 News Detroit, followed as our guest speaker. Roop began his career at the age of 14 when he produced and hosted a television program in Troy, Mich. In his first two years at Michigan State University, Raj was on the air at the CBS & ABC stations in Lansing, Michigan. In 1998, he was hired to report and anchor the news in Flint, Michigan. That was followed by seven years at NBC in New Orleans. After 24 hurricanes, including Katrina, Roop moved in 2009 where he picked back up in the Detroit news circuit. In his remarks, Roop gave a behind the scenes look at how news programs are generated, and what goes into critical interviews. Roop reflected back on his past interviews with President Trump, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and most recently interviews with the two Gubernatorial candidates from Michigan – Governor Whitmer and challenger Tudor Dixon.

The event concluded with the 35th Dist. Court Honorable Judge James Plakas officiating the swearing in of our new 2023 – 2024 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Executive Board. Judge Plakas administered the oath of office to:

President Elect: Ron Taig

Immediate Past President Elect: Greg Laurain

Vice President Elect: Al Cox

Secretary Elect: Tony DeGiusti

Treasurer Elect: Dan Keller

Members at Large:

Bob Young, Jeffery Lewis, John Courie, Al Maciag, Joshua Monte and Scott Pike.



The 35th Dist. Court Honorable Judge James Plakas officiating the swearing in of the new 2023 – 2024 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Executive Board

2022 FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE

By: Al Cox

The 2022 FBINAA Michigan Chapter Fall Training Conference was held September 7th-9th at the beautiful Grand Hotel on historic Mackinac Island. An outstanding group of speakers filled the agenda. This year's conference topics included legal updates, guidance in officer wellness and practical nutrition, an introduction to practical training in the area of officer intervention, and a critical incident debrief.



Thursday morning kicked off with a presentation by Brett Naumcheff who is a former law enforcement officer, and current trainer and legal advisor for Canton PD. Mr. Naumcheff spoke about the importance of Constitutional Policing and gave legal updates regarding police internal investigations and current fourth amendment issues. He also stressed the importance of teaching our officers to not only know what the law says but how to perform analysis of same.

Later Thursday morning, we heard from our own Captain Aric Tosqui. Captain Tosqui gave a brief history of how our country has been trending for years toward high incidents of obesity. He shared his own personal experience of overcoming obesity by changing eating habits and focusing on healthy choices and portion sizes. He also taught us how to decipher food labels and expressed the importance of not being fooled by manufacturers of high sugar and processed foods. Finally, Captain Tosqui shared tips on how we can make healthy changes in our own diets and warned of the consequences if we do not.

On Thursday afternoon, we received a second legal update from our own recently retired Wayne County Undersheriff Dan Pfannes, and a presentation from retired Captain Dan Willis of the La Mesa, California police department regarding his book titled Bullet Proof Spirit.

Undersheriff Pfannes provided the most up to date information regarding our current lame-duck session of the legislature. He also spoke about the difference between "police reform" and "police improvement." Police improvement was stressed as the proper goal for all law enforcement agencies.

Captain Willis introduced us to many proactive wellness strategies and emphasized the technique known as Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy for those suffering from traumatic life incidents. He shared many success stories and encouraged us to learn more about it in an effort to help our employees who have or may encounter traumatic situations and memories.

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Our Thursday evening dinner speaker was none other than Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein. Mr. Bernstein was full of energy and, using his own life experiences, gave a moving and inspirational presentation about the importance of always moving forward and never giving up in difficult life situations.



On Friday morning, retired Captain Greg Hanna of the Washington Metro Transit Police Department presented an overview of Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) training. This program was created by the Georgetown University Law Center and has been promoted by IACP and the NA. Almost all police agencies have policies that require officers to intervene if we see another officer acting improperly on a call for service or in a use of force situation. Simply put, this program provides practical training for how officers can carry out such a policy, even when they must intervene to stop a command officer from acting improperly.



Closing the conference out, we were fortunate to hear from Captain Todd Hill and D/Lieutenant Tim Willis of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. These gentlemen worked in tandem to present a debrief of the Oxford High School shooting in November 2021. The overwhelming tasks of neutralizing the shooter, providing aid to the injured, securing and processing a large crime scene, and directing the efforts of hundreds of law enforcement personnel all at the same time were presented in a frank and honest manner. Additionally, both presenters stressed the importance of seeing to the well-being of your personnel after the event has concluded. Peer support training and teams were repeatedly encouraged for those agencies that do not currently have them.



Overall, another great conference. The Executive Board and Curriculum Committee would like to thank all of the speakers for attending the conference and sharing their stories and expertise. We were proud to host thirty-seven vendors, eighty members, and seventy-nine guests at this year's event and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the Grand Hotel!



2022 FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

By: Alan M. Maciag



The FBINNA Michigan Chapter's Fall Conference Golf Outing was held on September 7, 2022, at the beautiful Jewel Golf Course on Mackinaw Island. The new club pro, Grant DeMoss, welcomed the golfers to the course and helped assist with this year's outing.

Many said that the weather of this year's outing was the best ever. Golfers were treated to sunny skies with a high of 75 degrees. The wind was low and the conditions were perfect for golf. As in years past, golfers were able to experience the exceptional views of the island that are available on both the front and back nine. Golfers enjoyed the horse and carriage ride to the back nine and the nine-course boxed lunch that was provided at the turn. The chocolate Hershey bar included with lunch was an unexpected treat.

This year's format was a four-person scramble as golfers competed for low team score as well as the proximity contests of closest to the pin and longest drive. Matt Wayne claimed the longest drive for the men and Judy Newman won the longest drive for the women. Each received a prize of a \$25.00 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods. Matt Wayne won the closest to the pin contest for the men. There was no winner this year for the women's closest to the pin contest. Matt Wayne again received a \$25.00 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods.

The golf course was in fabulous shape. Greens played extremely fast and the pin placements were set to challenge even the best golfers. In the end, the team of Matt Wayne, Ryan Dieffenbaugher, and Rudy Varela finished with the lowest score of 61. Each received a dozen Titleist Pro-V 1 golf balls and bragging rights for next year.

The executive committee as well and the curriculum committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in this year's event. The fall conference golf outing is a great way to kick off the conference and this year's outing was no exception.



2022 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING PHOTOS

