

Oktoberfest

2023

Please join the Steuben Association
in celebrating our
60th Anniversary



September 14, 2023

Plattduetsche Park Restaurant

1132 Hempstead Turnpike

Franklin Square NY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO THE NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OKTOBERFEST!

IT HAS TRULY BEEN AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH SUCH A RICH HISTORY AND A TRADITION OF SERVICE TO THE NYPD AND THE GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN COMMUNITIES OF NEW YORK CITY. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NYPD WHO FOUNDED OUR ORGANIZATION IN 1963 AND OF OUR PAST PRESIDENTS AND THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. THEIR EFFORTS HAVE ALLOWED THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION TO FLOURISH FOR SIX DECADES AND MADE IT POSSIBLE TO DO EVERYTHING WE DO TODAY.

THIS EVENING, WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. PROVIDING TUITION ASSISTANCE IS ONE OF OUR OLDEST AND MOST IMPORTANT TRADITIONS AND I WISH THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES THE BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR STUDIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO ALL OF TONIGHT'S AWARD WINNERS. EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NYPD AND THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY AND REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION

THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION IS GRATEFUL TO HAVE MANY PARTNERS TO ASSIST US IN OUR MISSION. A SPECIAL THANKS TO MATT BUCK, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PLATTDUETSCHER PARK RESTAURANT; JOE DIPPELL OF THE CENTURION FOUNDATION; FRITZ NEUBAUER OF GOTTSCHER HALL; AND LISA WHITE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OF THE NYPD.

FINALLY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US AT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT GERMANPARADENYC.ORG.

I WISH EVERYONE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING TONIGHT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS FOR THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION!

**JONATHAN MATSEY
PRESIDENT, NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION**

2023 HONOREES

MAN OF THE YEAR CHIEF OF PATROL JOHN M. CHELL



CHIEF JOHN CHELL HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF PATROL OF THE NYPD SINCE DECEMBER 2022. HE OVERSEES THE OPERATIONS OF THE LARGEST BUREAU OF THE NYPD, INCLUDING THE WORK OF THE MEMBERS OF ALL 77 PRECINCTS AND EIGHT PATROL BOROUGHS.

IN NEARLY THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HE HAS SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE 60 PRECINCT AND COMMANDING OFFICER OF DETECTIVE BOROUGH BROOKLYN SOUTH, DETECTIVE BOROUGH BROOKLYN NORTH, THE 61, 75 AND 79 PRECINCTS, AND THE PATROL BOROUGH BROOKLYN SOUTH SPECIALIZED UNITS. HE BECAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PATROL SERVICES BUREAU IN JUNE 2022.

A 2000 MEDAL FOR VALOR RECIPIENT, CHIEF CHELL EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AND GRADUATED FROM XAVERIAN HIGH SCHOOL. HE AND HIS WIFE, STEPHANIE, ARE THE PARENTS OF KYLE, ANTHONY, OLIVIA, AND GIANNA.

2023 HONOREES

GERMAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR MICHAEL SCHABLIN



MICHAEL SCHABLIN HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF STEUBEN ASSOCIATIONS IN CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. HE IS ALSO A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE AND OTHER GERMAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SCHABLIN JOINED THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT POLICE IN 1983. HE QUICKLY BECAME ACTIVE IN THE TRANSIT POLICE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION, SERVING ON THE BOARD FROM 1986 UNTIL THE MERGER INTO THE NYPD IN 1995. AFTER RETIRING THAT YEAR, HE SERVED AS RETIRED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION FOR TWO YEARS.

FOLLOWING THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF HIS FRIEND JOHN WELLENREUTHER IN 2018, SCHABLIN TOOK THE HELM OF THE GRAND COUNCIL. HE COORDINATES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GREATER NEW YORK AREA STEUBEN ASSOCIATIONS AND REPRESENTS THEIR INTERESTS IN THE GERMAN-AMERICAN.

SCHABLIN HAS SERVED AS DIVISION MARSHAL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL DIVISION OF THE STEUBEN PARADE AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK. HE AND HIS WIFE, GERILYN, ARE THE PARENTS OF MICHELE AND BENJAMIN.

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AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR JAMES ROSCHER



A FORMER THREE-TERM PRESIDENT OF THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION, JAMES ROSCHER, A RETIRED NYPD SERGEANT, IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN COMMUNITIES OF NEW YORK CITY.

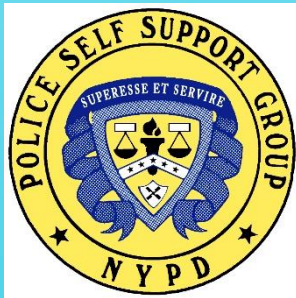
ROSCHER JOINED THE NYPD IN 1999. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN 2008 AND TO SERGEANT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN 2014. HE SERVED IN THE 20TH PRECINCT, THE LEGAL BUREAU, AND THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE BEFORE RETIRING IN 2022.

A LONGTIME ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION, ROSCHER SERVED AS PRESIDENT FROM 2016 TO 2021 AND HELPED TO GUIDE THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE CHALLENGING TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

ROSCHER IS A GRADUATE OF ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN LIBRARIANSHIP FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BROOKLYN SCHUETZEN CORPS; THE NYPD HOLY NAME SOCIETY – MANHATTAN, BRONX, AND STATEN ISLAND; THE NYPD PULASKI ASSOCIATION; AND THE NYPD VIKING ASSOCIATION.

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JUSTIN LENZ MEMORIAL AWARD POLICE SELF SUPPORT GROUP



FOUNDED IN 1983, THE POLICE SELF SUPPORT GROUP IS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION PROVIDING PEER SUPPORT AND OTHER VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE NYPD WHO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY OR ARE BATTLING LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES.

AWARD GIVEN IN HONOR OF INSPECTOR JUSTIN LENZ, A LONGTIME STEUBEN ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMY AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. INSPECTOR LENZ, WHO JOINED THE NYPD IN 1991, SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN JUNE 2020 OF 9/11-RELATED ILLNESS.

2023 HONOREES

TED BIELEFELD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DETECTIVE HENRY NEUMANN
DETECTIVE MATTHEW SCHMALIX



ON OCTOBER 15, 2019, POLICE OFFICER HENRY NEUMANN AND POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW SCHMALIX WERE PERFORMING ANTI-CRIME DUTIES IN THE 76 PRECINCT WHEN THEY HEARD GUNSHOTS FROM A NEARBY BUILDING. APPROACHING THE LOCATION, THEY OBSERVED A MAN WITH A FIREARM IN A SHOOTING STANCE POINTING ACROSS THE STREET. ORDERING THE MAN TO DROP HIS WEAPON, THE GUNMAN APPROACHED THE OFFICERS AND DISCHARGED HIS WEAPON. THE TWO OFFICERS RETURNED FIRE, STRIKING THE GUNMAN AND ENDING THE THREAT.

NEUMANN AND SCHMALIX CURRENTLY WORK IN THE 76 PRECINCT DETECTIVE SQUAD AND WERE PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE IN 2022. ON JUNE 7, 2023, THEY WERE AWARDED THE POLICE COMBAT CROSS.

AWARD GIVEN IN HONOR OF TED BIELEFELD. A WORLD WAR II VETERAN WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, TED BIELEFELD WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE HONOR LEGION AND THE PULASKI SOCIETY.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREES
AND CONTINUED SUCCESS TO THE
NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION**

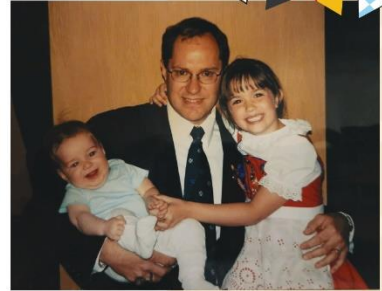
**SEE YOU AT THE PARADE
AND THE OKTOBERFEST IN CENTRAL PARK!**

MIKE RABUS

Congratulation's Dad!

We have loved being
a part of the Steuben's
with you through the years.
Congratulations on being named
German American of the Year!

Love, Michele & Ben



Congratulation's Mike!

I am so proud of all your
hard work and dedication to
the Steuben Association
& our Family!

Love, Gerilyn



Congratulations Mike!

*"We cannot live only for ourselves.
A thousand fibers connect us to our
fellow men." Herman Melville*

Mike has had a long connection and bond with the Steuben Association. He is an outstanding role model through his volunteering and leadership. Mike is a dedicated husband, father and friend. And we are the lucky ones who call him our friend. It is our pleasure to celebrate and honor Mike tonight.

WITH LOVE,
THE KOBS FAMILY
THE LIZIO FAMILY
THE O'DONNELL FAMILY
THE PALOMBA FAMILY
THE SCZESNY FAMILY

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

JONATHAN MATSEY
PRESIDENT

JOHN SCHAD
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

MICHELLE WHITE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

SEAN FINNERTY
TREASURER

ADAM GUTWEIN
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

KATHRYN WEMBACHER
RECORDING SECRETARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

SEPTEMBER 16

- **GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE**

NOVEMBER 16

- **SCHÜTZENFEST (WITH NYPD EMERALD SOCIETY AND GRAND COUNCIL ASSOCIATIONS)**

DECEMBER 2

- **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY (WITH NYPD PULASKI ASSOCIATION)**

2024

SEPTEMBER 19

- **NYPD STEUBEN OKTOBERFEST**

SEPTEMBER 21

- **GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE**

***Congratulations
&
Best Wishes***



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