

Oktoberfest 2025



Please join the Steuben Association
in celebrating our
62nd Annual Oktoberfest



September 18, 2025
Plattduetsche Park Restaurant
1132 Hempstead Turnpike
Franklin Square NY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WELCOME TO THE 62ND ANNUAL NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION
OKTOBERFEST!**

**IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BUILD ON THE WORK OF OUR FOUNDERS AND
THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO SUSTAIN OUR ORGANIZATION.
THE WORK WE DO HELPS TO SUSTAIN THE GERMAN, AUSTRIAN, AND
SWISS HERITAGE OF THE NYPD AND CONNECT US TO OUR CULTURAL
COMMUNITIES.**

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
WINNERS. SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF OUR
MEMBERS IS ONE OF OUR ASSOCIATION'S OLDEST TRADITIONS AND I WISH
THESE YOUNG STUDENTS THE BEST IN THEIR FUTURES.**

**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 MICHAEL SCHABLIN, PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF
STEUBEN ASSOCIATIONS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD AND EVERYONE IN THE
ASSOCIATION WHO HAVE MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

**FINALLY, I INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US AT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN
STEUBEN PARADE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. FOR MORE DETAILS,
PLEASE VISIT GERMANPARADENYC.ORG.**

**MAY EVERYONE HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING TONIGHT AND THANK YOU
FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS YEAR A SUCCESS FOR THE STEUBEN
ASSOCIATION!**

**JONATHAN MATSEY
PRESIDENT, NYPD STEUBEN ASSOCIATION**

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2025 HONOREES

WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHIEF MARTINE N. MATERASSO



A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF THE NYPD, CHIEF MARTINE MATERASSO BECAME CHIEF OF TRAINING IN MARCH 2025.

A GRADUATE OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE FBI NATIONAL EXECUTIVE INSTITUTE, CHIEF MATERASSO JOINED THE NYPD IN 2000, SERVING IN THE 52 PRECINCT AND, LATER, THE VICE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, WHERE SHE EARNED HER DETECTIVE SHIELD IN 2004. AS SHE ROSE IN RANK, SHE SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BRONX TASK FORCE, TRANSIT DISTRICT 12, THE 41 PRECINCT, AND THE 44 PRECINCT. SHE EARNED HER FIRST STAR IN 2018 AS INVESTIGATIVE CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BOROUGH MANHATTAN NORTH AND IN 2019 BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD THE COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU BEFORE BECOMING CHIEF OF HOUSING THREE YEARS LATER.

CHIEF MATERASSO HAS ALSO ORGANIZED TOY DRIVES FOR CHILDREN IN THE BRONX TO FOSTER COMMUNITY TIES.

CHIEF MATERASSO IS MARRIED TO DEPUTY CHIEF PETER FORTUNE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE JOINT TERRORIST TASK FORCE, AND IS THE MOTHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS.

2025 HONOREES

GERMAN OF THE YEAR DEPUTY INSPECTOR JOE NOLTE



A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF QUEENS, DEPUTY INSPECTOR NOLTE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NYPD FOR 38 YEARS AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS LIAISON TO THE FDNY.

A GRADUATE OF THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, DI NOLTE JOINED THE NYPD IN JULY 1987, DOING HIS FIELD TRAINING IN THE BRONX BEFORE WORKING ON PATROL IN CENTRAL PARK PRECINCT. LATER, HE WORKED IN THE 60, 84, AND 88 PRECINCTS AND AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ANALYSIS SECTION. AS AN EXECUTIVE, DI NOLTE HAS WORKED IN PATROL BOROUGH BRONX, THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

DI NOLTE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE STEUBEN ASSOCIATION SINCE 1987, SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT FROM 1990 TO 1995. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE COMMITTEE SINCE 1991, HELPING TO LAUNCH THE PARADE'S OKTOBERFEST IN 1992. HE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BROOKLYN SCHUETZEN CORPS SINCE 1995 AND IS CURRENTLY A BOARD MEMBER.

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AUSTRIAN OF THE YEAR

ERWIN NEUBAUER



A NATIVE OF KÖFLACH, IN THE AUSTRIAN STATE OF STEIERMARK, ERWIN IMMIGRATED TO THE US IN 1963, AT THE AGE OF THREE WITH HIS FAMILY TO PURSUE THE AMERICAN DREAM. THE FAMILY FIRST SETTLED IN CYPRESS HILLS, LATER MOVING TO MIDDLE VILLAGE IN QUEENS IN 1970.

FROM AN EARLY AGE, ERWIN HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, BEGINNING WITH AN AUSTRIAN SPORTS CLUB IN HIS LATE TEENS. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST BURGENLÄNDER AUSTRIA SC OF NEW YORK, WHICH CELEBRATED ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY TWO YEARS AGO. IN THIS POSITION, HE HAS WORKED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL OFFICIALS IN AUSTRIA TO DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NEW YORK AREA AUSTRIAN COMMUNITY.

ERWIN HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, DONNA, FOR 41 YEARS; THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN AND ONE GRANDDAUGHTER. ERWIN IS ALSO THE BROTHER OF FRITZ, OF THE GOTTSCHER HALL, WHO WAS OUR 2022 AUSTRIAN OF THE YEAR, AND JOHN, WHO IS ACTIVE WITH THE PLATTDUETSCHER, AND FRITZ, WHO WAS OUR 2002 AUSTRIAN OF THE YEAR, AND WHO OPERATES EUROTECH AUTOMOTIVE WITH ERWIN.

2025 HONOREES

JUSTIN LENZ MEMORIAL AWARD SURVIVORS OF THE SHIELD



SURVIVORS OF THE SHIELD WAS FOUNDED IN 1989 BY THREE NYPD WIDOWS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF LINE-OF-DUTY FAMILIES. FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS, THE ORGANIZATION HAS PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN, PENSIONS FOR SPOUSES, AND ASSISTED WITH FUNERAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPENSES AND MEMORIALS TO FALLEN OFFICERS.

JUST AS CRUCIAL, SURVIVORS OF THE SHIELD HAS SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED FOR LEGISLATION TO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN OFFICERS AND OTHER UNIFORMED SERVICES.

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.

2025 HONOREES

TED BIELEFELD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PO ERIC DEMERY



OFFICER DEMERY JOINED THE NYPD IN JULY 2008. STARTING IN BROOKLYN NORTH, HE HAS WORKED MUCH OF HIS CAREER IN MANHATTAN'S 13 PRECINCT, WHERE HE ALSO SERVES AS PBA DELEGATE.

OF GERMAN HERITAGE ON BOTH SIDES OF HIS FAMILY, OFFICER DEMERY IS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL PROMINENT CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK. FOR 15 YEARS, HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE ALLEMANIA LODGE 740, WHERE HE HAS HELPED MANAGE THEIR CHARITABLE AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. HE IS ALSO THE CAPTAIN OF THE BROOKLYN SCHUETZEN CORPS, HEADING THE STORIED GERMAN-AMERICAN SHOOTING CLUB FOUNDED IN 1858, HELPING TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH SIMILAR CLUBS IN GERMANY AND THE US.

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, THE PULASKI SOCIETY, AND THE BROOKLYN SCHUETZEN CORPS.

Best wishes for a wonderful Oktoberfest!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 20

- **GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE**

NOVEMBER 20

- **SCHÜTZENFEST (WITH NYPD EMERALD SOCIETY)**

DECEMBER 13

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

2026

SEPTEMBER 17

- **NYPD STEUBEN OKTOBERFEST**

SEPTEMBER 19

- **GERMAN-AMERICAN STEUBEN PARADE**

**Congratulations to all of
tonight's awardees**

**And to the Steuben
Association board
members for all their hard
work**

**May everyone have an
enjoyable evening!**



Jim Roscher

2025 BOARD MEMBERS

JONATHAN MATSEY
PRESIDENT

JOHN SCHAD
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

MICHELLE WHITE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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TREASURER

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RECORDING SECRETARY



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