



CHICAGO DRUG & CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED IN 1900 – OUR 124TH YEAR

President, Derek Paulowski

VP/Treasurer, Jeff Nelson

Secretary, Dan Berg

Welcome!

I hope everyone's 2024 is off to a great start! I am humbled and honored to be elected as the President of the Chicago Drug & Chemical Association and will do my best to fill the shoes of many great men and women who have served before me! As we all know, this association has been around for well over 100 years, and although we have all seen changes over the years, there is still a great opportunity for all of us to come together as an association and make 2024 a great year for our membership!

I wanted to take a quick moment and share a little more about myself for those that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting or connecting with over the years. I am a Regional Sales Manager for Columbus Chemical Industries, and I am coming up on my twelve-year anniversary at CCI. I live in Madison, WI along with my wife Cori and we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this summer! We have 2 wonderful children who are currently attending college. Our daughter is a Junior at the University of Wisconsin in Madison studying Education with hopes of being an elementary school teacher. Our son is a Freshman at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and studying Communications. Officially that makes us empty nesters this year, and we are looking forward to doing a little more traveling with our free time. My other favorite pastime is playing golf, so I am looking forward to the golf outings we have planned for the CD&CA this summer!

My focus for 2024 is going to be asking for everyone's assistance in increasing our membership. Lou DePasquale has done an amazing job as our Membership Chairperson, but he can't do it on his own. As I stated in my speech at the Annual Meeting, I am asking everyone to think of 1 additional person you could invite to become a member of the CD&CA. I am certain there is one person you are doing business with that could benefit from the networking opportunities available by becoming a member! Please contact me, Lou or any of the Board members and we will be happy to assist in completing the application process.

Finally, we are planning several different social events throughout the year! Please do your best to attend and bring any prospective members along as a guest so they can see the benefits of being a part of the association. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events, and please feel free to offer any suggestions or improvements we as the Board of Directors can work on to make 2024 another successful year for our members!

All the Best,

Derek Paulowski

Event News

On March 4th CD&CA once again sponsored You Be the Chemist Challenge at *Moraine Valley Community College*. The event included 40 students from three area schools. President **Derek Paulowski** and Admin **Dawn Drass** attended this awesome event.



Upcoming Events

- **Save the Date: Golf Outing at Seven Bridges, June 17th.**

Member News

- **Megan Peboontom**' s daughter Mary, an 8th grader at Thomas Jefferson Junior High was awarded Youth Citizen of the Year. Like mother, like daughter, we say!



- **Karen Desmond** will be a grandmother at the end of June as daughter Chloe is expecting!
- **Diana Watson** got engaged to her love Jim, date TBA.
- **Ed Kelly** turned 90 and his four daughters put together a surprise Birthday Party at his new home (Grand Living) in Venice, FL! Friends from FL, IL, CA, WA, WI, SC, NM attended! Ed was President of CDCA in 1978.