



## ***Region One Flash – Volume 5, No. 2, April 2007***

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The April Region One Meeting will be in Dickinson at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 4613 Highway 3 in Dickinson. From I-45 South of Houston, take Highway 517 East (Exit 19) toward Dickinson to Highway 3 – approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Highway 3 and go approximately ½ mile to the church on the right. Take the first street to the right after the DISD Administration Building. The Fellowship Hall is the first building on the left.

***Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings in 2007 as possible. Exciting things can happen in Region One and in Texas if we all participate.***

Members in good standing are Alvin, Angleton, Deer Park, Dickinson, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pearland, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individual Harris County Sheriff Margaret Hooper.

### **Schedule for 2007:**

January 13 - Webster

February 10 – Lake Jackson

March 10 – Houston

April 14 - Dickinson

May 12 -

June 9 - Pearland

July 14 - Brenham

August 11 - Sugar Land

September 8 – Montgomery County

October 13 – Texas City

November 10 - Angleton

December 8 –

Region One dues for 2007 are due. You may pay your dues for 2007 of \$30.00 at the April meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year.

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**Region One now has a Kroger Share Card which, when used at a Kroger store, will give a percentage of your purchases to Region One where it will be deposited in the scholarship fund. If you do not have one, you can get one from Tom Lane at the meetings or call him at 713-771-0016 and he will send you one.**

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**Treasurer's Report** (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 11-30-06	<u>\$2,175.43</u>
Receipts:	
Dues	<u>90.00</u>
Balance 12-31-06	\$2,265.43
Receipts:	
Dues	180.00
Sale of Patches	<u>75.00</u>
Balance 1-31-07	\$2,520.43
Receipts:	
Dues	90.00
Disbursements:	
Purchase of Items for Raffle at Convention	<u>(100.45)</u>
Balance 2-28-07	<u>\$2,509.98</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 11-30-06	<u>\$1,124.46</u>
Receipts:	
Interest	<u>.91</u>
Balance 12-31-06	<u>\$1,125.37</u>
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 1-31-07	\$1,125.37
Receipts:	
Sale of Pins	10.00
Donation from Webster CPAAA	<u>100.00</u>
Balance 2-28-07	<u>\$1,235.37</u>
Notes:	
Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund	\$ 1.28

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**WEB SITES**

There is a lot of information on the convention and state web sites. The state convention web site, <http://tcpaaconvention.org>, gives information on the 2007 convention in Austin. The Texas CPAAA state web site, <http://TexasCPAAA.org>, gives a lot of information that CPA Alumni members will find interesting and helpful. My email for state-related website matters is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org). *Leo Waltz, Webster CPAAA, TCPAA Web Master*

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org). There you will find information about the national convention and other national news and information on how to join the national organization.

**Region One Officers and Directors always welcome suggestions about how to make the Region One meetings better and more interesting. Call any of them with your suggestions.**

**IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO [CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM).**

## **ALUMNI NEWS:**

**Angleton.** Class 17 started March 8 with 20 students. We purchased, at auction, contents from a storage unit. We should get 2 to 3 times the amount paid for it at our annual auction coming up in June. This is a good way to earn money for our CPA. We are getting a new car for our Citizens on Patrol program.

*Reported by Norma DeWeese*

**Brenham.** On March 10 Brenham had a Home and Garden Show downtown on the square. The CPAAA had a fingerprinting booth and our Relay for Life Team-“Jailhouse Rock” had a bake sale. It was a very productive day. Class 21 continues on. March 1st was traffic stop night. They had hands on experience making traffic stops and their hearts were pumping when their suspects pulled a gun. March 8<sup>th</sup> was their night to go to the Fire Department. The class put on airpacks, jackets, hats and masks and went into a dark building the same as a fireman would. They also put out fires with different types of extinguishers. The class had a week off for Spring Break but were back at it on March 22 for Investigations and Narcotics. Again an interesting night full of hands on action, stories and displays. fought, complied or ran. The CPAAA provides refreshments and assistance each night of class.

*Reported by Chris Peiper*

**Dickinson.** 1. Ken Heiman, our jailer, retired and we held a reception for him. 2. Citizens on Patrol have 1,400 man hours for this month. 3. Sgt. Boyd and Liaison officer, Tony Valdez, will select our officers for the Year nomination. 4. Our website is finally up and running. 5. We received a check in the amount of \$397 for assisting with the Festival of Lights. 35,000 people came through the gates and 1,300 children rode the train and 6,000 rode the shuttle buses.

*Reported by Calvin Walker*

**Houston.** The Houston CPAAA was happy to host Region 1's March meeting at the Houston Police Academy. Our alumni officers have been at the academy several times in the past few weeks where we presented plaques to the outstanding graduating cadets. HPD graduated two classes a week apart. First vice president Barbara Hite made the presentation to a regular graduation class while president Mike Weingart made the presentation at a lateral class - designed for individuals who have been an officer in another department. At the April meeting, Houston will present the Lynn Clooney award to the officer of the year. A group of our members participated in a county-wide CERT exercise.

*Reported by Mike Weingart*

**Lake Jackson.** Project ID fundraising is completed. The equipment part of the program for the police officers' use has the electronic fingerprinting for their use. It has saved much time for the officers. The Warrant Call out was held March 3. There were 37 warrant arrests made that day with others still coming in all week as a result of the calls. The final dollar amount is not yet available. A Disabled Parking Program was held March 10 to certify new members. Certified members were encouraged to take as a refresher course. Since December 1999, there have been 813 citations written in the Disabled Parking Program. The COP program is underway. The shirt design has been chosen, and training classes have begun. The PD car was repainted to have larger lettering showing it is a citizen on patrol vehicle. The car will also be used for disabled parking. CPA Class #26 did not start in March but will be held in September.

*Submitted by Joyce Beeson*

**Montgomery County Sheriff.** One of our members, Phyllis Shackelford, received the 2007 "Volunteer of the Year" award from the Conroe Police Dept. Phyllis has been a member of our Alumni for 2 years. She graduated from our 2005 Citizens Academy Class. We are very proud for her. We have finished one of our Shattered Lives Programs for this year at The Woodlands High School. We have our next program at Magnolia High School March 20th and 21st. March 27th we will be helping at the annual Senior Citizens Day at the Fair Grounds. March 10th and 11th some of our members will be helping with the annual PALS BASS TOURNAMENT at the April Plaza Marina. We have several new members in our group that graduated from our Citizens Academy Class of 2006.

*Reported by Jeanette Graff*

**Sugar Land.** CPA Class #39 is underway with 32 students. 8 graduates from the last class have joined the Alumni membership. There were 9 graduates in our second class of Sugar Land Community Assistance Support Team (CAST). SLCPAAA CAST members participated in the Warrant Callout as part of the Texas Amnesty Program in February. We sponsored the Sugar Land Police Dept. team in the Annual Exchange Club Spaghetti Cook off. Their costume theme, "Pigs in Blankets" won first place in show for the event. We also sponsored the Sugar Land Police Dept. team in the Annual Skeet shooting competition which resulted in the second place award. Proceeds of this event benefit "Keep Sugar Land Beautiful". Some of our members had a first-hand experience in emergency response during the chemical spill at Nalco. Phone call response and shelter-in-place were part of this fast-moving event.

*Reported by Deb Smith*

**Webster.** Our members got a refresher course on Handicapped Parking program, and a full training course is planned for those not previously trained. We are checking into having a defensive driving course taught at the PD for use by the handicapped parking program or citizens on patrol, or for the convenience of other city employees. Another pancake breakfast is planned for the last Saturday in September. Webster has also filed for some matching grants. Reported last month was the planned participation in the car seat fair which was successful. There will be another planned in six months, but the date is not set. Previously announced date of March 22 for start of next CPA class will probably slip. We picked up 6 active (paid) members from the last CPA Class.

*Reported by Leo Waltz*

**Please note Charles Billingsley's new e-mail address:**

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***If anyone has any ideas for obtaining funds for the scholarship fund, please contact one of the officers or directors. It was suggested at the February meeting that each Alumni Association member of Region One that could afford it, donate \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund.***

**CC: Snail mail:** (If you are receiving this by snail mail and have an e-mail address, **please send it to us at [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com)** . We are converting as much as possible to electronic mail to save on postage and assure rapid notifications).

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