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The April Region One Meeting will be in Dickinson at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 12, 2008 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. The program will be an update on the 2009 Convention in Galveston. Mary Sue Hernandez will be preparing her famous breakfast, so come early.

Urgent message. As we go to press, there is not a volunteer host for the May meeting on May 10, 2008. If your Alumni is interested, please let your wishes be known by e-mail or at the April meeting.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things can happen in Region One and in Texas if we all participate. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.

It's not too late!! The 2008 TCPAAA State Convention is on July 9-12, 2008 in Wichita Falls. The convention web site, www./TCPAAconvention.org, has the registration form including the hotel info. Make your plans, register now and make your hotel reservations. Some of the entertainment will be furnished by the Bellamy Brothers.

An Update from Leo about the convention registration form. Soon I will post a revised registration form for the 2008 convention. I am waiting on an answer to one item from Wichita Falls, but here is a summary of the changes

Added to registration form:

Are you a delegate? (Yes or No) -- this should help them at registration desk if known in advance.

Added note that a ticket to the Bellamy Brothers concert is included in the full registration.

Changes to **Partial Days Fees** section which does not change the full registration:

Added daily fee \$30 for single day (it was missing from form)

Clarified days for individual meal tickets to account for the day (Thursday evening) that a meal is "on your own".

Deletion of charge:

The electricity charge of \$40 for an exhibit hall table will likely be deleted (awaiting confirmation).

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to robertduby@sbcglobal.net and to charl.bill@yahoo.com via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

Angleton. February. There is another trip to Coushatta planned for March. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The buses will leave from the Angleton Wal-Mart at 7am on that date. APD is having a warrant round-up today from 9 until 3. Pavers are still on sale. \$55.00 for one; 2/\$100.00; \$45.00 for each thereafter. Class 19 starts on February 28. We are looking forward to hosting Region One next month. See ya'll in Angleton next month.

March. The trip to Coushatta on March 3 was a big success. Everyone had a great time. Pavers are still on sale. \$55.00 for one; 2/\$100.00; \$45.00 for each thereafter. Class 19 was to start on February 28. There were not enough participants to make a class. Class nineteen will now be in September. February 20 Angleton PD hosted a TGCCPA meeting. The meeting was about home security and very informative. There was a C.O.P. training class on February 25. Several attended for the first time and there were several who wanted a refresher course.

Reported by Norma DeWeese

Galveston County Sheriff. February. Tammy Harper, our president, made an announcement that she had been accepted into college of the Mainland's Police Academy from January through May. She will remain active as president and will be very busy with home, school and outside activities. We are very excited for her. We have gained six new members from Class #11. Tommy Hansen announced that the new GCSA Class should begin around February or March 2008 and preferably on Tuesday night. Details to come in the future. \$350.00 in paint strainers, the same as spit socks and cheaper, were purchased for the deputies. We purchased 3 car organizers, 14 Accident Roller Measurers, Shackles and Leg Restraints. We presented our scholarship recipient with a check. Her father accepted on her behalf. Our Treasurer's books were audited and were approved for 2007. We have a full slate of officers this year and we are looking forward to this new year. We meet each month on the 3rd Monday, at 7:00 PM, at Kelley's Restaurant in La Marque. *Reported by LaVonne Walker*

Houston. We will present our award to the Officer of the Year on April 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the ARAMCO Services building. CPA Class 39 with 31 members will graduate on May 1st. Houston volunteers will be participating in a number of events in the coming months - the FBI training class on April 1st; HPD Cadet graduation on April 15th; and Police week at the HPD Academy on May 12th thru 16th. All Region One members are invited to attend the presentation of the Officer of the Year award or the HPD Cadet graduations. If you are interested, write Charles Billingsley at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com or call 713-729-1546 for details and directions.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

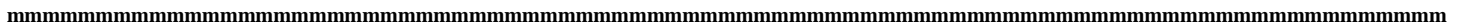
Lake Jackson. A warrant call-out was held Saturday, February 23, at the LJPd. Over 30 warrants were paid; the total was over \$15,000. CPAA class 27 began March 6. The COP program continues to schedule patrols on Friday and Saturday nights. Child ID will meet at Lanier Intermediate School April 1 and 2 to take the digital pictures and make fingerprints of fifth grade students for the Child ID system. This will be the last school that Child ID will be active in during this school year. April 29 LJCPAAA members and police staff will participate in the Hub concept to prepare for a hurricane in the area. Bellville is the Brazoria County point of refuge. During this drill, volunteer evacuees will play in the scenario, be bused to Angleton, and then bused back to Lake Jackson. May 3, LJCPAAA will participate in the Lake Jackson Explorer Competition being held in Angleton. A Disabled Parking class was held Saturday, March 15. Nine new volunteers took the class to become certified Disabled Parking members. All citations written by the Certified Disabled Parking Team are entered into the Lake Jackson PD system.

Reported by Joyce Beeson

Montgomery County Sheriff. February. Feb 2nd: helped with the annual CASA Gala in the Woodlands. 19th: 1st CPA class started for 2008. We have 27 attending. 23rd: Conroe annual 'Go Texas' parade--we rode in parade with our float; later in the afternoon some members helped at a BBQ Benefit at the Conroe VFW. 26th: helped at Sheriff Gage's annual Fish Fry. We raffled off a handmade quilt and raised money for our alumni.

March. March 3-Officers Appreciation Banquet in East County. 6 & 7-Shattered Lives at College Park High School in The Woodlands. 8 & 9-Annual PALS Bass Tournament at April Plaza Marina in Conroe. 26 & 27-Shattered Lives at Conroe High School. April 1- Seniors Lunch at the Fair Grounds. 9 & 10-Shattered Lives at Willis High School in Willis. 9- Sgt Brice Herring will be running the Shattered Lives Program at the High School and will also be the guest speaker at the Senior Lunch at the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Conroe. His topic will be "Personal Safety". 20- The annual CASA Picnic at the Carl Barton Park from 11am to 4pm. Lots of activities and food for kids. Our CPA Classes meet each Tuesday evening of the month. We have 24 in the class. We will have a second class starting in August.

Reported by Jeanette Graff



BIBLE ESSAY

From the Internet

One of our favorite jobs has been leading junior church.. We aim to give them a solid background in biblical history. At the end of each year, we give them pencils and paper and ask them to chronicle what they have learned. This assignment never fails to elicit some intriguing responses. This is compiled from their essays:

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one', but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a Light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve.

Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon, all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then He gave them His top ten commandments. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's bottom (the Bible uses a bad word for bottom that I'm not supposed to say. But my Dad uses it sometimes when he talks about the President). Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua, who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon, there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn, too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.'

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven, but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

State merchandise is now on sale at the Region One meetings. See Tom Lane for shirts, patches, etc.

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

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TCPAAA dues

The Texas CPAAA wants you to continue your membership and by renewing you can provide needed funds to the state organization. If you will be attending the 2008 convention, the dues will be included in your registration fee. **If you are not going to attend the convention**, your annual membership dues (\$10) are now due. Membership application forms can be found on the state web site www.TexasCPAAA.org and may be used for renewals. You can write "renewal" on the form and also give updated information. Send form and payment to Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 815-A Brazos #208, Austin, TX 78701-9996.

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WHEN GRANDMA GOES TO COURT

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'

Contributed by Amelia Collins, Galveston

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