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The **August Region One Meeting** will be in Sugar Land on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sugar Land Police Department, 1200 Highway 6, Sugar Land. The Police Department is located on Highway 6 in Sugar Land between US 59 and US 90A. Going South on US 59 (Southwest Freeway) from Houston, turn right on Highway 6. Going South on US 90A from Houston, turn left on Highway 6. Going West on Highway 6 to Sugar Land, go past US 59 to the Police Station.

The **September Region One Meeting** will be in Montgomery County on September 8, 2007.

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. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.

Members in good standing are Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Deer Park, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston County Sheriff, Houston, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pearland, Richmond, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster, Individual Harris County Sheriff Margaret Hooper and Independent Harris County Constable Larry Stegent.

Schedule for 2007:

January 13 - Webster

February 10 – Lake Jackson

March 10 – Houston

April 14 - Dickinson

May 19 – Pearland (Note change to 3rd Saturday)

June 9 - Pearland

July 14 - Brenham

August 11 - Sugar Land

September 8 – Montgomery County

October 13 – Texas City

November 10 - Angleton

December 8 – Humble

If you have not paid your Association's dues of \$30.00 for 2007, you may pay at the August meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster. Texas 77598. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year.

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.

JULY MEETING. The meeting was held on July 14 in Brenham. The weather prevented the Air Medical Helicopter from flying, but an excellent program was presented by one of the critical care nurses, Teena Taylor.

Evalyn Phillips reported on the two raffle items, the picture frame and the statue of a policeman with an angel. Both items were taken to Convention where raffle tickets were sold from the Region One table. Evalyn said \$150 had been earned from selling tickets. The drawing was not held at the Convention banquet. The Committee decided to extend the selling of raffle tickets to allow the Region One CPA's to purchase tickets. The raffle drawing will be held at the November Region One meeting.

Ben Hernandez, the state president, spoke and said the goal of the State CPAAA is to have conventions in strategic areas to ensure all CPA's have an opportunity to attend a convention. The goal of having a convention held in the Houston/Galveston area is because of many CPA's in that area Ben emphasized that members of the State Board are only suggesting that happen; and their goal is to help CPA's host a convention. He suggested several ways for hosting a Convention would be (1) a Region One local CPA could host with State Board assisting; (2) a local CPA in Region One could host, or (3) The State Board will organize the convention with help from other Regions' Alumni. Ben talked about hosting the 2009 Convention in Galveston. The Board has gotten offers of some CPA's in Region One to help with hosting the 2009 convention. That would help by not having one CPA host the convention. Calvin Walker made a motion that Region One host the 2009 Convention to be held in Galveston. After much discussion, Evalyn Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Charles Suderman of Dickinson CPAAA suggested that Region One start now organizing for the 2009 Convention.

Our thanks to the Brenham CPAAA for hosting the meeting and furnishing the refreshments.

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

Balance 5-31-07	\$2,574.98
Receipts:	
None.	
Disbursements:	
Table for Convention.	<u>(35.00)</u>
Balance 6-30-07	<u>\$2,539.98</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 5-31-07	\$1,236.38
No receipts or disbursements	
Balance 5-31-07	<u>\$1,236.38</u>
Notes:	
Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund	\$ 1.28

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 2008 convention in Wichita Falls. The Texas CPAAA state web site, <http://TexasCPAAA.org>, gives a lot of information that CPA Alumni members will find interesting and helpful. My e-mail for state-related website matters is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org

Leo Waltz, Webster CPAAA, TCPAA Web Master

The web site for the National CPAA is 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.

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.

ALUMNI NEWS

Brenham. The Guns and Hoses Blood drive was held on June 30th and it was a record breaker for us. We collected over 126 units of blood and managed to beat the fire department by 10 donors. Region One met in Brenham on July 14th. Unfortunately the helicopter from Petroleum Helicopter Inc was unable to come because of the rain. One of the flight nurse's did come however and talked briefly about their services. Kids Day was held at the High School on July 25th and members of the CPAAA and COPS were there to help Corporal Tommie Nettle with fingerprinting. The Citizens on Patrol worked the Brenham Youth Conference July 23 to 27 patrolling the parking areas at night. And everyone is getting ready for National Night Out. The theme this year is "The 50's" and CPAAA and COP members will attend block parties with the officers.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Houston. We are starting Class 39 on September 6th and expect about 30 students. This is the only class we are having this year due to the number of HPD Cadet classes at the Academy. We are in the planning stage for the election of officers and directors in September and their installation in October. Planning is also underway for the Comida (Food) drive in December which is one of the highlights of our year. We are participating in three barbecue benefits sponsored by the Police Officers Union for fallen and injured officers and their families..

Reported by Charles Billingsley

Lake Jackson. The 2007 Child ID Project schedule in BISD schools has been issued from September 13 through November 15. Area schools have been scheduled for second graders with Stephen F. Austin in Jones Creek scheduled for second and fifth graders. Joe Ripple, new BISD superintendent, has agreed to expand this service to all of the fifth grades. This will occur in the 2008 Spring semester and will mark the completion of the short-term objectives for "Project ID". November 17, Project ID will be at the Festival of Lights in Lake Jackson. Class 11 of the YCPA was held the week of June 9. Twenty-two students graduated. COP personnel responded to their first call-out to help monitor a speeding situation in Lake Jackson. COP members learned to use the radar to monitor the speed of cars. COP personnel are now scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights during the summer to patrol Lake Jackson. The COP car is also used for Disabled Parking. All citations written by the Certified Disabled Parking Team are entered into the Lake Jackson PD system. Since December 1999, over 911 citations have been written. A retirement party for Sergeant Woody Haywood was given by the LJ PD. Another party for CPAAA members was held one evening at the home of Fay Burke. Sergeant Haywood was very active in program for CPA classes, and he will be missed by LJCPAAA members.

Reported by Joyce Beeson

Montgomery County Sheriff.

July 3rd we prepared sack lunches for our Deputies, Troopers, Constables and the workers doing the paper work for the bookings. Lunches included ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, fresh fruit, water or sodas and bag of candy to snack on while on the streets of Conroe, East County and South County. Coffee was also available. We started setting up about 7pm and some worked until 5am. By having the lunches ready for them, it gave them more time to be out on the streets. This was the second time this was done and the deputies were very appreciative. There was also a person from MADD that was there. We owe this starting to a representative from MADD that set up the first one in March. Several of the deputies stated that this beat eating at Whataburger or McDonald's. We served over 40 deputies in the three locations. July 4th was our annual time to collect parking fees at the Garage for the Fireworks Show at the Woodlands Mall. Our group receives 50% of money taken in at the garage. Later that evening we had 3 people leave to go to the convention. July 17th we hope to have a large group of our members to attend a class that our previous liaison officer is putting together for the department that he now works for. Applications are coming in for our new classes that are to start in August.

Reported by Jeanette Graff

Sugar Land. Preparations for our CPA Class # 40 which begins in September are under way. Current volunteer opportunities for our alumni members include Warrant Callouts and Child ID. Our warrant callout program has been very successful and we are now helping clear "cold warrants" with 5 volunteers certified for TCIC/NCIC/TLETS access. Our alumni will participate in National Night Out on August 7 via ride-alongs with officers and city patrols in our CAST vehicles. CAST (Community Assistance Support Team) - our citizen patrol - continues to perform patrols and house watches throughout the city. We now have two new (V6 Dodge Chargers) marked CAST patrol units and one police unit designated for use as a "ghost car". We are also writing Handicap/Disabled Parking Warnings; and plan to advance to writing actual citations in Sept. CAST Class # 3 graduates are now completing their field training rides with SLPD officers. On the evening of July 3, ten CAST volunteers responded to assist Sugar Land Officers in a missing person search: a 77-year old Vietnamese lady who walked away from church at 10:30 that morning; she did not speak any English. However, she was found safe at @ 8:30 that evening, although a bit exhausted and upset. It was an excellent experience for our CAST members. Our 4th of July "Red White and Blue Fest" was cancelled due to rain. CAST was scheduled to assist with traffic control for the event. Three SLCPAAA alumni members and our Liason Officer attended the Texas State Conference in Austin. Great job Austin!! Sugar Land will be hosting Region One August 11. Hope to see you all then!

Reported by Deb Smith

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 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. We are converting as much as possible to electronic mail to save on postage and assure rapid notifications).

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