



## ***Region One Flash – Volume 6, No. 1 January 2008***

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The Region One meeting for January will be on Saturday, January 12, 2008 in Webster at 10:00 A.M. The program will be presented by Cynthia Roldan, Agent for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Going South on I-45, take the exit for Bay Area Boulevard and go left on Bay Area Boulevard to Highway 3/Old Galveston Road. Turn right on Highway 3 and go past NASA Parkway /NASA Road 1 to Pennsylvania and turn right on Pennsylvania. The Police Department is at 217 Pennsylvania. Going North on I-45, take the NASA Parkway/NASA Road 1 exit and turn right to Austin Avenue. Turn right on Austin to Pennsylvania. If coming on FM528 from the Friendswood side, go past I-45 to Austin. If coming from SH 146 on NASA Parkway/NASA Road 1, turn left on Highway 3 and right on Pennsylvania. Houston/Harris County Key Map is 618Y. Call Leo at 281-382-9107 if you get lost or need further directions. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The February meeting is in Lake Jackson on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Note the change from the second Saturday.

### ***2008 – Make it a Good One***

“Make it a good one”. Is that a resolution? You can bet on it. Let us resolve to do the best we can at our family level, and to make a positive difference within our respective associations. Here at the regional level, let us resolve to do even better than we have in the past.

We are “Region One”, and we’re not Region One simply because we got organized first. We are “No. 1”! So let’s keep working hard together and help one another. Through this newsletter, we talk about what we’ve been doing at the local level. Somebody, sooner or later, reveals an idea or project that worked. That idea spreads out to others in the region and it works there too. Boy howdy, there’s nothing like networking!

As your outgoing president it was a privilege to have been your “No. 1”. Embrace your new administration and let’s go forward from here.

*Tom Lane*

***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.***

**There is a proposed amendment to the bylaws, properly published, to be approved in January. According to our bylaws, it takes a 2/3 approval to adopt. That means 12 member associations must approve. Please attend the January meeting so we will have enough member associations present to adopt.**

The bylaws amendment is as follows:

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Amendments to Bylaws

12.1 These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed. New Bylaws **or amendments** may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Member Associations **present**. At least ~~30~~ **25** days notice, ~~in writing~~ **by electronic means** or by written notice, shall be given to all member associations of an intention to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws.

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**Members in good standing.** As per our bylaws, members have 3 months grace period from January 1 to pay their 2008 dues before losing their good standing status. Members in good standing due to the grace period are Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Deer Park, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston County Sheriff, Houston, Humble, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pearland, Richmond, Sugar Land, Texas City, Individual Harris County Sheriff Margaret Hooper and Individual Harris County Constable Larry Stegent. Member in good standing due to payment of 2008 dues is Webster.

Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the January meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year

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Schedule for 2008:

January 12 - Webster

February 16 - Lake Jackson (**Note change from Second Saturday**)

March 8 - Angleton

April 12 - Dickinson

May 10 -

June 14 - Pearland

July 12 -

August 9 - Sugar Land

September 13 - Montgomery County Sheriff

October 11 -

November 8 -

December 13 -

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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. There was an accumulated balance in this account at the last notification of \$46.03. This is an excellent and painless way to add to the scholarship fund. Keep in mind that you must show this card at each purchase.**

**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.**

**December Meeting.** The December meeting was in Humble on December 8<sup>th</sup>. An excellent presentation was made on the Humble Crime Scene Analysis Department by Detective Domingo Villarreal. Humble has one of the most modern crime labs in this area. Larry Stegent of Houston spoke on the CERT Rodeo to be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> and invited Region One members to attend and observe and participate if they desired. A discussion was held about this event conflicting with the February Region One meeting and it was later decided by Lake Jackson to have the Region One meeting moved to February 16<sup>th</sup>. An audit committee composed of Norma DeWeese, Mike Geiger and Delores Gant was appointed and is to report at the January meeting. New officers and directors were installed as listed in the masthead above. Thanks to Humble for the hospitality and excellent refreshments. This was the first meeting that they have hosted since joining Region One in 2007.

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

Balance 10-31-07	\$2,056.53
Receipts:	
Dues – Webster	30.00
Disbursements:	
Printing, Postage and Supplies – 11 Months	<u>(109.84)</u>
Balance 11-30-07	<u>\$1,976.69</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 10-31-07	\$1,937.62
Receipts:	
Additional proceeds from raffle	<u>60.00</u>
Balance in Scholarship fund at 11-30-07	<u>\$1,997.62</u>
Note: Accrued balance in Kroger Share Program-Last Report (Will be paid when balance reaches \$100.00)	<u>\$46.03</u>

### 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](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. The national convention for 2008 will be in Baton Rouge on April 30-May 2, 2008. The 2009 convention will be in Anchorage, Alaska. PLAN AHEAD!

The Mailing address for the 2009 TCPAAA convention in Galveston is Convention 2009, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022.

**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).**

*When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There were four names on the sign in sheet for Brenham in July, for example, that were unreadable and they didn't get credit for attending.*

***The following information about the CERT Rodeo on February 9<sup>th</sup> as discussed at the December Region One meeting is submitted as an invitation to Region One members to attend. Volunteers will probably be needed when you get there if you are interested in participating.***

#### ***Harris County Citizen Corps***

***2008 C.E.R.T. Rodeo Round Up***

***Community Emergency Response Team***

***Disaster Response Practice Exercise***

***Event Date/Time: Saturday, February 9, 2008; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Location: Harris County Fire & Sheriff's Training Academy***

***2318 Atascocita Rd. Humble, TX (next to Lindsay Lyons Park) (turn onto Ygnacio Rd.)***

***Directions:*** For a direct route, go East on the Beltway 8 (North Belt E.) (N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E.)

Proceed east on the Beltway 8 until the Freeway ends and continue down the service road to Wilson Rd. Turn Left and proceed North on Wilson Rd. to Atascocita Rd. Turn Right on Atascocita Rd. to Ygnacio Rd. Houston/Harris County Key Map is 376F. Various Community Emergency Response Team groups from 5 Counties in the immediate area will participate in disaster response drills practicing the techniques taught in the C.E.R.T. Training Program while being evaluated on their proficiency.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to [robertduby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertduby@sbcglobal.net) and to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com) via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you weren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. If your news isn't here, we would like to know what is going on in your alumni.

**Angleton.** November 30-December 1 was Christmas-on-the-Square. We sold sausage, cookies and hot chocolate. The weather couldn't have been better so we did very well with this fund raiser. Our Blue Santa program is in full gear. We are supplying Christmas gifts for 97 children this year. Every year this event seems to get bigger. Class 18 had their last class on Thursday. The graduation will be on December 11 graduating about 23 members. Many of the class are very enthusiastic and we are looking to welcoming many of them as active members of the alumni. Our president, JoAnn Wied, received The Alumni of the Year award at the annual Police Awards Banquet on December 7.

**Brenham.** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Brenham CPAAA! November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> was the Christmas Holiday Homecoming in Brenham. COP members walked the parking lots and downtown area on Friday night as shoppers wandered the stores. Saturday morning was a 5k Jingle Bell Stroll and COP members worked traffic at the intersections. They also worked the parade that evening. CPAAA members had a booth in the Kids Zone and fingerprinted children. They also sold "ribbon halos" as a fundraiser for the ATV fund. The CPAAA hosted a Christmas party on the 7<sup>th</sup> for the Police Department and the alumni members and their families. There was food, music and lots of door prizes! A plaque was presented to Dorothy Antkowiak for being voted the CPAAA member of the year. December 10<sup>th</sup> was the Christmas Promise Tour concert at the high school and the COPs worked security in the parking lots and on the 11<sup>th</sup> the COPs met and took a new group picture and had a brief meeting.

*Reported by Chris Pieper*

**Dickinson.** We made plans to participate in the City's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We had a booth and sold items on hand for a profit of over \$300. Participation in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner was very rewarding. We served over 800 people and collected \$700 in donations. This is the brainchild of our Police Chief, Ron Morales, and reflects a good image on the Police Dept. Upcoming events in December, which DCPAAA members will volunteer for are: Festival of Lights, Rotary Christmas Parade, Empty Stocking, and Blue Santa. By working at the Festival of Lights, DCPAAA earns a percentage of the profits for the four Fridays in December. COPPS reported they have 38 members with 34 being active. They have served 1388 hours, 73 patrols, 1 Festival, and 14 vacation watches to date.

*Reported by Marilyn Decker*

**Houston.** We are presently participating in one of the highlights of our year - the Comida (Food) Drive co-sponsored with the Houston Police Department. We collected money and food at 15 Fiesta Stores for four days from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup> and raised over \$53,000.00 in addition to the food donations in kind!! Fiesta will sell us the food at their cost and it will be packed into 3500+ boxes on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for distribution to the participating churches for distribution by them to needy families in their congregations on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of the participating churches are members of Ministers Against Crime. Our December meeting was our annual Holiday Party at ARAMCO on December 6<sup>th</sup>.. ARAMCO is good to us as well as other community oriented organizations and we can't thank them enough. They supplied a delicious buffet dinner. Chief Harold Hurtt and some members of the HPD Command Staff as well as other HPD personnel and other guests were special guests. Toys were collected with each attendee bringing one to present to the South Central Patrol Command for distribution under the Blue Santa program. *Reported by Charles Billingsley*

**Lake Jackson.** Lake Jackson Citizens on Patrol helped during the Lake Jackson Festival of Lights by having at least two members on patrol all day at the event. Members have been patrolling the area during the weekends to assist the LJPd and have helped with traffic situations. COP has logged close to 300 hours and 1300 points since June. Another COP Class will be held to enlist new members. Disabled Parking has been active. There are 28 members on the Active List of Disabled Parking. Another class will be held soon after the first of the year to certify new members of our last CPA Class. Since January 1999, there have been 985 citations written. "Project ID" completed 10 out of 11 elementary schools during the 2007 Fall Semester. Over 650 second graders were enrolled in the program. We are currently planning the procedures to be used in the 2008 Spring Semester when "Project ID" visits the 3 sites that house the fifth graders in the BISD. The estimated "audience" is approximately 1,000 and we expect 60% participation. This expanded effort will complete all of the objectives set forth for "Project ID". The Blue Santa program has a large number of families on their list this year. The Blue Santa Party will be held December 20. CPA Class 26 graduated November 15. Our December general meeting was held December 13; it was followed by a Christmas party. We all felt blessed to be part of LJCPAAA.

*Reported by Joyce Allen Beeson*

**Montgomery County.** We will not have a December meeting since there are so many of our people having get togethers with offices, friends and churches. We finished our 2007 Class just before the Thanksgiving Holiday. And for 2008 we will be having 2 Classes. One in February and one in August. The Shenandoah group will hold monthly meetings until they begin their 2008 Class. After that they hope to start a CPA of their own. So far we have had over 13 from our 2007 class join our Alumni. We will be having more as they will attend our January 2008 meeting. One of our members has been hired by the Sheriff's Dept. George has been doing a lot of work for them so they decided to pay him.

*Reported by Jeanetter Graff*

**Pearland.** 2007 is almost over and Pearland has had an outstanding, active year. We had election of officers in November. Our current officers are:

David Miller, President	281-489-7752
Sharron Parrard, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	281-997-7327
Barbara Dalke, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	281-412-3850
Linda Pace, Secretary	281-482-2016
Ted Mittica, Treasurer	281-648-9899

Our coordinators are: Chad Randall, 281-652-1201 and Dan Smith, 281-652-1160 We have been involved in all of the Christmas activities sponsored by the City of Pearland. These activities were: Thurs. Nov. 22 annual Tree Lighting, Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Street Dance, Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Parade. We had over 100 entries this year. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had our Annual Basketball Game. This year Baytown PD played Pearland. We lost but a good time was had by all, and a lot of toys were collected. A food drive was held at the Pearland Neighbor Center from 6:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. We helped weigh and mark the food. This is a lot of work but you think of how many people you help. Our Christmas Party will be held December 14<sup>th</sup>. We already have 96 signed up to attend. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us to all of you.

*Reported by Delores Gant*

**Sugar Land.** We had graduation for our Class #40 on Friday, Dec. 14th, held at Schlumberger as usual. Thank you Deb Smith for securing Schlumberger again. We had 23 graduates. We had five sign-up and others who took the forms home. Our big sign up will be at our 1st meeting of the year in January. Sunday, Dec. 9th, we had our Christmas Party, which was hosted by Chief Griffith and his wife, Wendy, at their home. They also showed a video of the Barbecue Fundraiser and other various events our group has been involved in. It was great food, great fun, and great friends. The Volunteer of the Year was Sylvia Bloomer who chaired the Barbecue Fundraiser and the Police Officer of the Year was Todd Zettlemyer. We will be holding elections at our January Meeting, We will be in the process of trying to get ready for our Trading Card Program to be announced at a later date.

*Reported by Jeanne Canales*

