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**Happy New Year!!**

***We hope your new year will be filled with success and great expectations and that our friends who are victims of Ike will recover and resume their lives in the manner that they desire and deserve. May this be a great one for Region One and CPAs everywhere.***

The Region One meeting for January will be on Saturday, January 10, 2009 in Angleton at 10:00 A.M at the Angleton Police Department, 104 Canaan Drive. Take Highway 288 South to the first Angleton exit (288-B). Coming into Angleton you will see Wal-Mart on the right and Kroger on the left. That light is Canaan. Turn left on Canaan and the Police Department is on the right next to the post office. The phone number is 979-849-2383. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The February meeting is on February 14, 2009 in Lake Jackson. Make your plans

***Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.***

**Members in good standing.** Under our bylaws, members in good standing in 2008 have a 90 day grace period to pay their 2009 dues without losing their good standing status. They are: Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, League City, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City and Webster. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. 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. If you haven't paid your 2009 dues by March 1, 2009, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Schedule for 2009:

January 10 - Angleton  
February 14 – Lake Jackson  
March 14 - Houston  
April 11 - Dickinson  
May 9 – Santa Fe  
June 13 - Pearland

July 11 –  
August 8 – Sugar Land  
September 12 – Montgomery County  
October 10 - Brenham  
November 14 – Texas City  
December 12 -



## **HONOR ROLL OF 2011 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS**

Although the Convention has been postponed until 2011, we will still take names of volunteers. We realize that circumstances may change and no one will be faulted if they cannot volunteer even though they signed up. So don't let that hold you back. **Sign up now so when we get there we can get off to a running start.** It will be here before you know it. Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any names. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com). If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at [sdmillers@yahoo.com](mailto:sdmillers@yahoo.com).

### **Registration and Bags**

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### **Room Monitors and Prizes**

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### **Class Speakers and Topics**

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### **Audio and Video**

### **Meals and Ticket Takers**

### **Guest Speakers**

Ben Hernandez, Dickinson and TCPAAA, 281-837-3368

### **Open and Closing Ceremonies and Speakers**

### **Sponsors**

### **Officer Certification (T-Close)**

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### **Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)**

### **Unassigned**

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[Dalmatians ride on fire trucks to help them find the fire hydrants.](#)

## **Out of the mouths of babes.....**

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, it's throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. The teacher again said that a whale could not swallow a human. The little girl said "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah". The teacher said "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied "Then you ask him".

A little boy was drawing a picture and the teacher asked him who it was. "It's God", the little boy said. The teacher said "But nobody knows what God looks like". The little boy said "Well, they do now".

The little girl told the teacher that her grandmother lived at the airport. The teacher said "What do you mean she lives at the airport?" The little girl said "Every time we want her to come see us, we go to the airport and get her".

When grandma told her grandson teasingly that she didn't know how old she was, he said "Look in your underwear, Grandma. My says four to six".

## **Boring but important!**

*The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.*

If anyone has any ideas for obtaining funds for the **scholarship fund**, please contact one of the officers or directors.

**Don't miss a communication!** *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

**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.

*When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.*

### **WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.**

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org> .

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

**Region One** is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site.

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcmaa.org](http://www.nationalcmaa.org). Dues are \$25.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org).

The address for the 2011 Convention is Convention 2011, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, [csud2@comcast.net](mailto:csud2@comcast.net) and David Miller, Pearland, [sdmillers@yahoo.com](mailto:sdmillers@yahoo.com).

*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.*

If you are unable to open the Flash or have trouble doing so, it is posted immediately on the Region One web site as a PDF File and can be printed from there.

**That wasn't so bad, was it?**

***The government cannot give to anyone anything that it doesn't first take from someone else.***