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The July meeting will be on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at the Brenham Police Department Take Highway 577 from Highway 290 and go North on Highway 577 to Main Street (third traffic light). Turn left on Main Street and go past the stop sign (Old PD and FD) to the first red light (Market Street). Go right on Market Street one block to Vulcan Street . Turn left on Vulcan and go three blocks to Park Street . Go right on Park Street and the tall building between Park and Baylor is the Police Department. Park in the lot and enter either door. The program will be a talk and demonstration by the Emergency Helicopter Group. Come early for refreshments''. Don't miss it!

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 –

Help save the Planet earth – it's the only one with chocolate on it.

If you have not paid your Association's dues of \$30.00 for 2007, you may pay at the July 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.

JUNE MEETING. Region One met on June 9 in Pearland. Thanks to Pearland for their cordial welcome and excellent refreshments. They hosted Region One for two successive weeks! **Hats off!!** The program was presented by "Badges and Bandages" which is an organization which presents programs about drinking and driving. Participation in the state convention in July was discussed. Region One has a table and any member in good standing may use it to display their wares. A motion was made and approved to transfer \$500.00 from the general fund to the scholarship fund. A motion was made to transfer accounts to Guaranty Bank due to the problems we have had with Compass Bank. **Tom Lane, Leo Waltz and Carroll Bagley** were recognized for their hard work in representing Region One at the state level. David Miller asked for help in a study he is doing. He needs, from each Alumni organization, the number of paid members and the number of CPA classes per year and average number of students in each class. If you haven't already done so, e-mail to sdmillers@yahoo.com.

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.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 4-30-07	\$2,538.98
Receipts:	
Refund of Bank Charge	6.00
Dues	<u>30.00</u>
Disbursements:	
None.	
Balance 5-31-07	<u>\$2,574.98</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 4-30-07	\$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 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 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.

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

ALUMNI NEWS:

Angleton. Annual Garage Sale is June 28th & 29th. This is one of the biggest fund-raisers we have each year. CPA class 17 graduated May 24th with 20 students. Class 18 will start in September. Jr. CPA graduated its 2nd class June 8th and it was well attended with 10 students. ACPAAA purchased cool shirts for all our uniformed officers. Flag Day, June 14th, we will have two events. At both events we will sell hotdogs, drinks and chips. The first event will be at Angleton's Veteran's Park and the second, taking place from 4 – 6 will be held at the American Legion where officials will hold a Flag Retirement ceremony. We are still offering raffle tickets for a 40 cal. Handgun. Drawing will take place at the Convention on July 6th. *Reported by Norma DeWeese*

Brenham. On June 11th after a brief general meeting, a scavenger hunt and hotdog dinner was enjoyed by the members. Members divided up into teams and they were given a list of items that they needed to find in a limited time. Prizes were awarded to the winning team. The Citizens on Patrol worked the parking lots for Blue Bells 100th Anniversary Celebration on June 9th and they did traffic control at the Juneteenth parade on June 16th. There are 13 new COP members that are in the process of completing their hours with an FTO. *Reported by Chris Pieper*

Galveston. The Galveston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association has been assigned a new Liaison to our Group and he is looking forward to working with us. Unfortunately since he is just transferring over from one Division to another he had to work and cannot attend the Region One Meeting on October 14. His name and e-mail address is: Officer Archie Chapman, achapman@galveston.ci.tx.us. He would like to be put on the mailing list and hopes to attend every chance he gets. Our group had a CPA class graduate on July on July 27th. We have upgraded all of the finger print files and gotten everything up to date, at the Police Department which is at the New Joe Max Taylor Criminal Justice Center located at 601 54th. All the files from the main Station and the Substation are now in one place. We are also going to be working with the pooling and upgrading the mug shots in some kind of new system starting sometime next month. We also have some new badges being made now. Pictures and thumb prints were taken at the October meeting. Bylaws have been revised and we will have election of Officers in December. Chief Kenny Mack spoke to us at our October meeting and told us he is 22 Officers short and they are supposed to go to Fort Hood next Month and see about doing some recruiting on a Thursday, the first part of November and then on the following Saturday. We really do need them with 3 Major events coming up, such as the Motorcycle Rally, in November and Dickens on the Strand in December and then the 2 Mardi Gras Weekends. Know of any Law Enforcement Officers looking for a Job tell them to go see Chief Kenny Mack, in the Beautiful New Joe Max Taylor Criminal Justice Center. Named after our past Sheriff. Our Group has ordered new T-shirts and Polo Shirts with our Logo. And we have been selling them and we are also selling CPA Cups for \$4.00 each, if anyone is interested. *Reported by Amelia Collins*

Galveston County Sheriff. Our president, Tammy Harper, reported to our Board of Directors there will be no more Alumni classes and the only members we will have are the current ones. With discussion on the small amount of current members in our chapters, it would be advisable for the chapters to dissolve and become all one group. It was voted upon by all paid members and it was decided to form one group. We will have to re-do our By-laws and do some other paperwork to accomplish this new decision and we are working on it at this time. Our general membership meeting will be June 14th at the Elks Lodge, hosted by the Bayshore Chapter. \$10.00 per person and BBQ will be served at 7:00 p.m. Our TCPAAA dues were paid by Calvin Walker. *Reported by LaVonne Walker*

Houston. Houston members elected not to have a monthly meeting in May and July as allowed by our bylaws. 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. *Reported by Charles Billingsley*

Humble. Next monthly meeting will be Thursday June 21 at 6:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg located next to the Police Dept. CPA Class #9 recently had their graduation ceremony and dinner at the Humble Civic Center. An invitation to join the Alumni Assn. was extended to those graduates. A motion will be made at the June meeting for Humble to formally join Region One. A fall picnic is under consideration to unite Alumni members w/ those participants of the previous classes that haven't joined the CPA Alumni Assn. Applications are currently being taken for the upcoming Class 10 beginning on Aug. 28th. *Reported by Mike & Judy Geiger*

Montgomery County Sheriff. May and June for us are our slow months for activities for the group. So we are enjoying this time before we get very busy. We have been getting donations for our Fund Raiser for our S.W.A.T. Team. At each meeting we collect at least \$1.00 from each member present to build our 'Scholarship Fund'. Another way we are building this fund is by members clearing out unwanted books and taking them to a Half Price Book Store to sell. This money is then donated to the fund. We have several members that are getting prepared for the convention in July. *Reported by Jeanette Graff*

Pearland. Advanced class June 5th was Sgt Harrelson, Texas Rangers, Texas City. June 14th Handicap Patrol Training, June 16th Monthly meeting, July 4th Fireworks and August – class begins. *Reported by Delores Gant*

Sugar Land. We are working on fundraiser – a BBQ to be held in October. Our CAST (Community Assistance Support Team), a division of CPAA, is doing patrols in our 2 CAST cars – will be getting new truck at the end of the year. We just completed our fundraiser craft show with a small profit. Members made all products sold – jewelry, blankets, etc. Class #39 graduated in May. 6 joined CPA.

Webster. We are planning for "Webster Citizens Night Out" to be held August 7. Instead of encouraging block or neighborhood parties, we will have an event at our largest city park, with representation from the police, fire and EMS, as well as prizes. Most of the WCPAAA will not be attending the state convention, but they will be working instead at the city's 4th of July celebration, either selling refreshments for the WCPAAA, or working as members of the city celebration committee since our members are active in various organizations. The WCPAAA sponsored two dinners during police week in May for the Webster Police Dept. Scheduling of two dinners allowed all police personnel to participate. The WCPAAA assisted in the Webster Police Dept Open House, by giving tours and having a display table along with the other exhibits. For photos, see <http://pages.prodigy.net/sol.photo/WPD-OpenHouse2007.pdf> We supported the Webster Police Officer Association's benefit to raise money for the son of a police officer that has been diagnosed with leukemia. The first benefit was a hot dog sale at Fry's raising \$3,300. Two more fund raisers are planned for the benefit of the Vince Werner family -- a Spaghetti Dinner August 30, 2007 and a Garage Sale October 20 –21, both at the Civic Center (S. Austin at Pennsylvania). *Reported by Leo Waltz*

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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