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The July Region One Meeting will be in Galveston at the McGuire-Dent Recreation Center, 2228 28th Street at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 18, 2009. **Note the change from the second Saturday.** Going into Galveston on IH-45/Broadway, turn right on 25th Street and go to Seawall Boulevard. Turn right on Seawall and go to 28th Street and turn right. The center is one block north of Seawall Boulevard. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The August meeting will be in Sugar Land.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Please make an extra effort.

Members in good standing. Members who have paid 2009 dues are Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individuals Calvin Walker, LaVonne Walker and Jeanne Canales. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at any Region One 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, 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 18 - Dickinson (Note change from 2nd Saturday)

May 9 - Santa Fe

June 13 - Pearland

July 18 - Galveston (Note change from 2nd Saturday)

August 8 - Sugar Land

September 12 - Montgomery County

October 10 - Brenham

November 14 - Texas City

December 12 - Humble

The San Marcos CPAAA, the police department and the sheriff's department stepped up on short notice to host the 2009 convention because Region One had to cancel due to Hurricane Ike. Without them, we would not have a state convention in 2009. We are most appreciative to them for this effort. They are planning an informative and enjoyable time for all. Please make plans to attend and show your support. This is an excellent opportunity to use some of your vacation time.



2009 Texas CPAAA Convention – San Marcos

The convention will be on July 30, 31 & August 1, 2009 at the brand new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. The room rate is only \$119.00 which includes a full breakfast, a free open bar with food from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. each evening and free parking. Information about the convention and registration forms are on the web site <http://TCPAAconvention.org>.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 4-30-09	\$2,131.66
Receipts:	
Dues	100.00
Disbursements:	
P.O. Box Rent	<u>70.00</u>
Balance 5-31-09	<u>\$2,161.66</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 4-30-09	\$1,959.62
Receipts:	
Sale of Merchandise	<u>20.00</u>
No Disbursement	
Balance 5-31-09	<u>\$1,979.62</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published.

*Where's the news? You've heard the old expression, *Where's the beef?* Well, this is *Where's the News?* One of the purposes of this newsletter is to publish the goings on in the Alumni Associations in Region One. And we're not getting much to publish.*

Come on, folks, how long does it take to write up what you are doing and e-mail it in? Fifteen or twenty minutes? As a reminder, the news should be sent to m-deal@sbcglobal.net to go in the minutes and to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com to go in the newsletter. By the first of the month, Please.

Region One Raffle. TCPAAA Region One is raffling a Glock .40 Caliber Hand Gun to benefit the Region One Scholarship fund. The drawing will be at the state convention in San Marcos and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00. They can be purchased at the Region One meeting or through your local Alumni Association or, if you do not have a source, you may mail your check to Charles Billingsley. There are no ticket stubs and Charles will fill your tickets out and assure that they are placed in line for the drawing. His address 5942 Sanford, Houston, Texas 77096-5837. All monies must be turned in by July 18th.

June Meeting. The meeting was held in Pearland on June 13th. The program was presented by Chad Rogers and Mike Pace who talked about the Pearland Honor Guard and it's representation at the Police Officers Memorial in Washington and some pictures and commentary about their local activities. Update for the state conventions and the state organization was presented by Dave Miller. Humble announced that they would host the December meeting. There were 26 Alumni members present representing 14 associations and three independents. Thanks to Pearland for the hospitality and excellent breakfast.

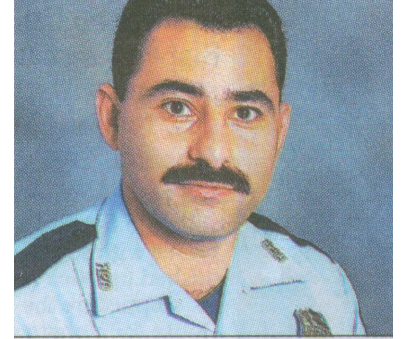
ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to m-deal@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.

Brenham. On Saturday June 13th, the CPAAA hosted a picnic at Holt Park. Our Liaison cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and members played volleyball afterwards. The picnic was well attended by both officers and CPAAA members. June 20th was the Guns and Hoses Blood drive at the Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. There was an excellent turnout for this event. It was our second Blood Drive for this year. COPs helped with traffic control at the Juneteenth parade on June 20th. Three of our COPs attended the COP Conference in Granbury Texas on June 18, 19 and 20th.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Houston. We mourn the loss of another of our own, **Senior Officer Henry Canales**, killed in an undercover sting operation in June. He was shot in the back by one of four people who met him in a parking lot to negotiate the sale of \$30,000 worth of stolen televisions stacked in a rented truck. The gunman, Roberto Pedroza Carrillo, 37, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, also was killed after he pulled a handgun on the undercover officer in what police and prosecutors say was an effort to steal the loaded truck and recover the \$6,500 he paid Canales for the merchandise. As his flag-shrouded casket was escorted from Grace Community Church in southeast Houston, thousands of officers from around the city and across Texas stood at attention and delivered a final salute. Later, the casket was carried by fellow officers from the sanctuary of the church while a flight of four helicopters flew over the assembly, one peeling away in a "missing man" formation.



Reported by Charles Billingsley

Lake Jackson. Class 28 graduated on May 14. There were 15 new members from Class 28 who joined LJPA AAA. An orientation was held for the new members to outline activities of the Alumni and help them select which ones they might like to join. They were also given program information and a copy of the bylaws of LJCPAAA. Police officers and staff are remembered at birthdays and special occasions by a committee from LJCPAAA. They also welcome the new police officers so they become familiar with the Alumni. Child ID has had a very active year. Child ID will resume activity at the schools in the Fall. The Citizens on Patrol program continues to patrol on Friday and Saturday nights. A COP training meeting was held in June for members to learn how to operate the new computer being installed in the COP car. The computer will be a helpful tool when on patrol. COP members performed traffic surveys for the police department. Another mandatory driving training class will be held for those who have not been certified to drive the COP car. COP members and Disabled Parking members must be certified before driving the car. Disabled Parking members continue to patrol for violators. There are 25 Active Disabled Parking members. There has been a decrease in the number of violators since the program began in 1999. Another Disabled Parking class will be held within the next few months.

Reported by Joyce Beeson

Montgomery County Sheriff. June 9 was our Golf Tournament at the Lakecrest Golf Course. We had 13 teams register for the event. We were asked by the Woodlands Dog Park Club to partner with them to raise money to buy at least 2 more drug dogs. We raised over \$8,000.00 and we still have another tournament to do at a later date. We will purchase the dogs, pay for training with dog and trainer. We have a vet that has agreed to take care of the dogs for their life (for all health and other needs) at no cost. We are at working with a dog food vendor to provide all their food also. We also helped out on June 24-28th with the HPD Olympic Games in Conroe. There were all kinds of events scheduled all over the city that week. July 4th we worked the annual Red Hot & Blue Event in the Woodlands. We worked the Marriott Parking Garage and also a parking lot. The Town Center always presents the Citizens Alumni with 50% of the money that is taken in. At the same time we did July 4th DWI Step at the jail helping the officers and providing sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies. As always the officers were glad to know that we were there to lend a hand.

Reported by Jeanette Graff

Galveston Bucket Brigade

GALVESTON - A "Blue Bucket Brigade" conducted by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of the Galveston Police Department took in over \$1800.00 during the five hour weekend event. Members of the CPAAA took to the street at the busy 61st Street intersection with Stewart Road on Saturday, catching all the traffic headed to the beach from the causeway, and traffic traveling both ways on Stewart Road. Walking the white lines between traffic lanes experienced often by police officers, was a new experience for these civilian, volunteer police. CPAAA President Cindy Rose called the day, "A Whopper" referring to the pile of cash generously dropped into the blue buckets by motorists. "The citizens and visitors of Galveston spoke loud and clear." said Rose. "They are proud of their police department and wish to support it." CPAAA members also manned blue buckets at the entrance to the Kroger store on Seawall Blvd. Kroger shoppers were also generous. Rose said the funds will be used to replace personal protection vests needed by officers. The city furnishes new officers a vest, but they must buy replacements as they wear out and become ineffective. In addition to staging fund raising events, the CPAAA will soon begin patrolling public parking lots and issuing citation to drivers who violate handicap parking laws.



CPAAA members Juan Pena and Amelia Collins stand by as a generous Kroger Shopper digs for cash for the Blue Bucket

Courtesy, The Police News, June 23, 2009. Reported by Amelia Collins

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 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.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are \$25.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is 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 and David Miller, Pearland, 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?

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 volunteers. 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. 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.

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Dog for Sale

Free to good home. Excellent Guard Dog. Owner cannot afford to feed him anymore. There are no more drug pushers, thieves, murderers or molesters left in the neighborhood for him to eat.

Most of them knew him as "Holy Sh__"

Contributed by Cindi Rose, Galveston CPAAA.

