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- Pasadena
- Pearland
- Richmond
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- Sugar Land
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- Austin County
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- LaPorte
- Lufkin
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- Seabrook
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**Other R1 Associations  
(Cont'd)**

- Silsbee
- Smithville
- Stafford
- Tomball

**Inactive R1 Associations**

- Rosenberg

**There will be a Convention Meeting immediately following the Region One Meeting in Pearland. It is important to attend and participate in these meetings. Plans for the 2011 Convention are moving forward at a rapid pace.**

The June Region One Meeting will be in Pearland at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the **new** Pearland Police Station, 2555 Cullen Blvd. Going East on Highway 518 from Highway 288, stay on Highway 518 (Broadway) to Cullen Blvd (Hwy. 865) and turn left on Cullen to 2555. Going West on Highway 518 from I-45, go into Pearland past Hwy 35 (North Main) to Cullen Blvd (Hwy 865) and turn right on Cullen to 2555. Going South or North on Highway 35, turn west on Highway 518 (Broadway) to Cullen Blvd. (Hwy 865) and turn right to 2555. Cullen Blvd is approx. 4 miles west of Highway 35 and approx. 2.5 miles east of Hwy 288. If you get lost, call 281-652-1100. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The July Meeting will be in Galveston.

**Please bring your liaison officer so they can interact and get familiar with Region One.**

**IT'S THE MILITARY**

It's the Military, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. It's the Military, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It's the Military, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag. If you care to offer the smallest token of recognition and appreciation for the military, please pray for our men and women who have served and are currently serving our country and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b> (submitted by Delores Gant)	
Balance 3-31-10	\$2,471.36
Receipts:	
Dues	<u>30.00</u>
No Disbursements.	
Balance 4-30-10	<u>\$2,501.36</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 3-31-10	\$7,107.33
Receipts:	
Sale of Hats, Pins, etc.	20.00
Interest earned	<u>.93</u>
Balance 4-30-10	<u>\$7,128.26</u>

**Dues.** Association dues of \$30.00 for 2010 are due. Individual dues are available for \$10.00. Dues may be paid at the Region One meetings or mailed to Delores Gant, 2311 Anthony Lane, Pearland, Texas 77581-3710.

*Sponsors are needed for the 2011 convention sponsored by Region One. See your November Flash for the solicitation letter and other info. Potential sponsors make their budgets far ahead and now is the time to sign them up. If you need a copy of the letter, call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546 or e-mail charl.bill@yahoo.com.*

**Time is running out for registering for the Texas CPAA Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training Conference (Convention) in College Station, Texas on August 11 thru August 15, 2010. Watch for separate mailing.**

**Schedule for 2010:**

January 9 – Angleton  
 February 13 – Lake Jackson  
 March 13 - Houston  
 April 10 - Dickinson  
 May 8 – Webster  
 June 12 - Pearland

July 10 - Galveston  
 August 21 – Sugar Land (Note change from 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
 September 11 – Montgomery County  
 October 9 - Pasadena  
 November 13 – Texas City  
 December 11 – Humble

*Our best wishes to Past President Tom Lane of Houston who is recovering from a knee replacement due to a fall and other medical problems. We hope to see him at the meetings soon.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS TEXANS LOOKING OUT FOR TEXANS-** TLOFT will be having a Basic Certification Course in Brenham on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent class for all COPs. To sign up or to get more information go to the website [www.tloft.org](http://www.tloft.org). The class is 2 full days and costs \$75.00.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Send news via e-mail to [m-deal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-deal@sbcglobal.net) for the minutes and to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com) for the Flash. 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.

**May Meeting.** The May meeting was held in Webster on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The speaker was James Latham of the Auto Theft Division. An audit committee composed of David Miller, Deb Smith and Jessica Sanchez was appointed. A decision was made to have a board meeting 30 minutes before the Region One meeting. Delegated elected for the 2010 Convention in College Station were Carroll Bagley (Non Sworn) and Paul Brown (Sworn). Thanks to Webster for their hospitality and refreshments.

**Brenham.** The Brenham CPAAA had a bake sale on May 8th and raised over \$1000. We had a Blood Drive in April and members provided snacks for National Communications Week and National Police Week. COP Training was held 3 nights in May and there were 12 people from the last class participating. We look forward to them becoming members of the Citizens on Patrol. During May, the COPS have helped at several events such as the Maifest parades and Maifest, Blinn Graduation, two drive thru fundraisers, and a fingerprinting event at Walgreens.

*Reported by Chris Pieper*

**Galveston.** The New Year has brought many changes and exciting adventures to the Galveston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. We started the year with the official presentation of our new COP Cruiser to the city. All parades during Mardi Gras were led and escorted by COPS and manned by the CPAAA. With light bar flashing and sirens wailing, we enjoyed the parades from the cat bird seat. This was a fantastic honor and one we took extreme pride and pleasure in doing. We received thanks and kudo's from the citizens of Galveston for our volunteerism to the City. This will be an annual as our members LOVED showing off our Cruiser and wailing on the siren. Our annual yard sale was held March 26th and generated nearly \$1000 for our Officers's Kevlar Vest Replacement Fund. The Galveston Police Department was pleased to announce they were now in purchase mode for vests for the department with funds of \$3500 from the CPAAA capping their investment. All of our endeavors last year were to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Several of our members have had starring roles as victim/agitator for training exercises with SWAT, Marine/Dive and SRG (Special Response Group). Our Officers take their training very seriously and our members gave them a good run for their money. Needless to say we enjoy the heck out of our role playing! Our guest speakers this year have been our own Chief Wiley and Mr. Al Trug, owner and Certified Concealed Hand Gun instructor of the Clear Creek Gun Range. Our membership will be training in June with Mr. Trug to obtain our concealed hand gun licenses. We are currently conducting class 25 of the CPA Training Academy due to graduate in June. Two of the specialized classes this year are the COPS program and the Disabled Parking Program. As of June our members will be on active patrol throughout the City. June 19th will also see our CPAAA hold it's second annual Blue Bucket Brigade. This fundraiser netted \$1800 last year. We will have more stations this year and more members participating. We have high expectations for our fundraising goal this year. Finally, we look forward to seeing everyone at Region 1 on July 10th, here in Galveston, at the McGuire/Dent Rec Center on the Seawall. Plan to spend the day and enjoy the sun, surf and island leisure.

*Reported by Cindi Rose*

**Galveston County Sheriff.** At our May meeting the guest speaker was Angela Attaway. She spoke on the symptoms and prevention of heart attacks and strokes, and explained how to use a defibrillator. In April we held a Pancake Breakfast at Chili's Restaurant and cleared over \$2,000 profit for our Scholarship Fund. The GCCSAAA Class #13 graduated April 21, 2010, and from that class our CSA signed up 35 new members. We will be raffling off a Glock 40 caliber model 22 hand gun. The drawing will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

*Reported by Vicki Franzke*

**Houston.** Houston members have been busy participating in a number of projects in addition to the ongoing opportunities that they volunteer for. We participated in Police Week at the Academy by helping entertain thousands of school children and introducing them to police work. We participated in Hobby Fest in February and in the C.A.R.T. exercise in Shenandoah. There was a barbecue benefit for one of the children of an officer. Some of our members are involved in Crime Stoppers and we attended the Awards Ceremony where one of our own, Andrea Schmauss, was the guest of honor. Ongoing projects are Citizens Patrol and PIP meetings. There are many individual efforts undertaken by our members at Police Headquarters, Command Stations and Storefronts. A number of our members also participate in the "No Refusal" nights where evidence is gathered on DUIs and DWIs. The speaker at our June meeting will be Lois Gibson, renowned Forensic artist and any Region One members who are interested are invited to attend. For details, call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546.

*Reported by Charles Billingsley*

**Montgomery County Sheriff.** The Montgomery County Sheriffs Citizens Academy Alumni Association has had another eventful month. Our Academy Coordinator, Sgt. Brice Herring, was invited to again be an escort on the 5th Lone Star Honor Flight to Washington DC. WWII Veterans were honored with a send-off early Saturday morning on their way to tour the WWI Memorial, the National Mall, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, and other places of interest. Saturday, May 22, we had a booth at the Tommy Gage Wild Game Cook-Off named in honor of the Montgomery County Sheriff. Our booth was decorated and named "Sgt. Shrek's Wild Game Cookers". Proceeds raised during this event go to P.L.E.A.S.E (Providing Law Enforcement Agencies Specialized Equipment) and The Texas Fraternal Order of Police Foundation. We invite you to visit our new website at [www.mocotxsca.org](http://www.mocotxsca.org). The 2010.1 Citizens Academy Class graduated on May 20th and several joined our alumni association. We now have 115 members. Our current project is a special fundraiser. 1st prize is a 9mm Springfield XD package with carrying case and lots of extras; 2nd prize is a 3-day/2-night stay at Piney Shores Resort on Lake Conroe with dinner for 2 at Saltgrass Steakhouse; 3rd prize is a \$200 Academy gift card. Prizes will be awarded August 9, 2010 at 7pm at Applebees in Conroe. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

*Reported by Charron Cales*

**THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY TOM MILLER, HOUSTON/BRYAN MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF HOUSTON ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN MAY AT HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Opening Ceremonies (First event) began at 1:00pm

Color Guard presented colors, pledge was said. I had previously been requested to present the opening prayer which was done.

Sgt. Mike Jennings gave the welcome on behalf of the Sheriff who was handling a large investigation. He will appear later in the week.

Sgt Jennings gave a few pointers on what to do and what not to do.

Do not feed or pet the alligators along the paths. He pointed out places to visit, etc. Richard Powers, President of NCPAA, began the

business meeting. Secretary, Lena Wallace, presented minutes from 2009 which were approved and Phyllis Fields, Treasurer presented her report which was approved. 2010/2011 budget was presented. Elections: Elected 4 new board members. One addition to the Bylaws regarding ethics was passed.

The Membership article was amended to provide that members in good standing at any general meeting will constitute a quorum for conducting business. (The old quorum was 20 members. A third, not printed, by-law change was presented to add under Membership a category of

Agency/Organization. This would allow the International Chiefs of Police Association to join. There had been several requests for such a membership category. This bylaw change passed. The 2011 conference site will be in Jefferson County, Golden, Colorado on May 4-6. Wed/Thur/Fri.

Registration is Wed Afternoon, 5/3. There will be a Pre-conference excursion on Monday 5/2 which will be an added cost. Registration will be about \$125.00. (Tom's note - This conference is before Mother's Day in 2011) Donna Gilson then spoke about the silent auction and merchandise for sale. NCPAA has a revamped website. Encourages each agency to post their CPA class agendas. Encourages each Alumni to list what they are doing, have done and plan to do. That is about it for today. Nothing planned for tonight.

Tuesday - Conference resumes at 10:00am and goes to about 4:30pm, including provided Buffet Lunch. First breakout sessions start after lunch. Have 3 tracks to follow: Certification, Citizen Police Academies and Alumni. Poolside social from 6pm - 9pm.

Second Day -Round Table With (NCPA) Executive Board -

What are your expectations - What about ride-a-longs - how do you put out your newsletter - Academy Class Ideas. Foundation Classes - Types of classes: Senior, Spouse, Cadet-Explorer, Spanish, Teen-Youth, Minister, Government, Deaf, FBI, Fire, C.E.R.T. and University. Class agendas for all were presented. Several agencies gave a brief overview of their program. Federal citizen academy classes conducted by FBI, DEA and ATF. FBI has 56 field offices and all offices hold at least one class a year. FBI has a selection process. In the Denver office for the last class, 87 applied, 57 passed initial vetting (Background, etc) and 25 were invited to participate. Government CPAs do not have alumni associations. Classes are geared to the local area. Denver focuses on Indian Crimes, White Collar Fraud, Terrorism, Homeland Security and TSA. Ten week course.

Today we did Reality Based Training - Hands on Training. Crime Scene, Investigation, Arrest, Mock Trial, Use of force, Use of Taser, unarmed self-defense, building searches, etc. Lots of discussion on each of the topics.

South Carolina gives an auto window decal to graduates for their car.

This afternoon was DUI instruction. Used simulation goggles to provide impairment. Peer Networking was the last half of the afternoon. Tonight is a shrimp/crab boil on the beach.

Tomorrow (Thursday) will be Starting a CPA Alumni and Identity Theft; V.I.P.S. and Refusing to be a Victim. There will also be C.E.R.T. Overview. Tomorrow night is the banquet.

Attendance is less than was at Alaska. Alaska said they expected about 150 and had about 85. There may be 75 here.

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> IS FATHER'S DAY. REMEMBER AND HONOR YOUR FATHER ON THIS DAY. THIS IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE WRITINGS.**

When I was a kid, a father was like the light in a refrigerator. Every house had one, but nobody knew what either of them did once the door was shut. My dad left the house every morning and always seemed glad to see everyone at night. He opened the jar of pickles when nobody else could.

He was the only one in the house who wasn't afraid to go to the basement by himself.

He cut himself shaving, but no one kissed it or got excited about it.

It was understood whenever it rained, he got the car and brought it around to the door.

When anyone was sick, he got the prescription filled.

He set mousetraps, cut back the roses so the thorns wouldn't clip you when you came to the front door.

When I got a bike, he ran alongside me for at least a thousand miles until I got the hang of it.

I was afraid of everyone else's father, but not my own.

Once I made him tea. It was only sugar water, but he sat on a small chair and said it was delicious.

He was never in any of the pictures. He was the one who took them.

Whenever I played house, the mother doll had a lot to do. I never knew what to do with the daddy doll, so I had him say, "I'm going off to work now," and threw him under the bed.

When I was nine years old, my father didn't get up one morning and go to work.

He went to the hospital and died the next day.

I went to my room and felt under my bed for the daddy doll. When I found him, I dusted him off and put him on my bed.

He never did anything - I didn't know his leaving would hurt so much. I still don't know why.

*Erma Bombeck*

**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.*

**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..*

*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 (included in Convention Registration).

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

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org). Dues are \$35.00 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).

The new address of the state organization is Texas CPAAA, c/o Dorris Murdock, 1400 Bradford Trace Drive, Allen, Texas 75002. The old address may appear on some forms

**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).**

## **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](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).

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**There's plenty of room above for your name if it isn't already there!!**

This morning we went to sign our dog up for welfare. At first the lady said, "Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare." So we explained to her that our Dog is mixed in color, unemployed, lazy, can't speak English and has no clue who his daddy is. He expects us to feed him, provide him with housing and medical care, and feel guilty because he is a dog. So she looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify. Our dog gets its first check Friday. This is a great country!