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The June Region One Meeting will be in Pearland at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Melvin Knapp Senior Center, 2425 Grand Blvd, Pearland. Going East on Highway 518 from Highway 288, stay on Highway 518 (Broadway) two blocks past Highway 35 (Main) to Grand Blvd. and turn right. Going West on Highway 518 from I-45, go into Pearland to Grand Blvd. and turn left.. Going South or North on Highway 35, turn east on Highway 518 (Broadway) two blocks to Grand Blvd. Turn right on Grand Blvd. The Senior Center is in the first block south of Highway 518 (E. Broadway). If you get lost, call 281-652-1100. Come early for refreshments and fellowship
The July Meeting will be in Galveston.

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 Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individuals Calvin Walker, LaVonne Walker and Jeanne Canales. Members who have not paid are: Alvin, Angleton, League City and Montgomery County. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at the June 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 –

We don't have a host for the December meeting date. If you are not already hosting this year and would be willing to host December, e-mail Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com or call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546.

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>.

Some Classes to be offered. This is a revised list. Check the web site above for updates. Please note that there is less than one month left for submitting award nominations.

- Protecting Vulnerable Adults
- How to start a CPA class (Round Table Exercise)
- How to start a 501c3 not for profit organization
- CPA Coordinator Certification Course (T.C.L.E.O.S.E.)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program
- Starting a Handicap Parking Program
- Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)
- Graffiti and It's Effect on Crime Prevention
- Gang Awareness and Intervention
- Building a Culture of Preparedness
- Internet Safety
- Dating Violence
- Mental Health Awareness
- Terry Shavo Case
- Hostage Negotiations
- VIPS
- Credit Card Abuse and Fraud
- How to Plan a National Night Out
- TSU-SM Body Farm Presentation

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

K-9 GOLF TOURNAMENT, June 9, 2009, Montgomery Sheriff CPAAA. Write Tom Bach at tommyray1935@yahoo.com for further information.

TEXAS CITIZENS ON PATROL 2009 CONFERENCE, June 18th-20th, 2009, Granbury Resort Conference Center, Granbury, Texas. Go to www.TLOFT.org for further information.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 3-31-09	\$2,131.66
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 4-30-09	<u>\$2,131.66</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 3-31-09	\$1,959.62
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 4-30-09	<u>\$1,959.62</u>

TEXAS POLICE GAMES, June 24th-June 28th, 2009, Conroe Texas. Go to www.texaspolicegames.org for further information.

There will be a benefit for **Galveston Police Officer Christopher Sanderson**, who has been diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma cancer, on June 13, 2009 at 3300 Avenue J, Galveston from 10:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. If interested, google "Christopher Sanderson Benefit".

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 Tom Lane, Region One past president and HCPAAA Class 7. There are no ticket stubs and Tom will fill your tickets out and assure that they are placed in line for the drawing. His address is 8619 McAvoy Drive, Houston, Texas 77074-7210. All monies must be turned in by July 15th.

April Meeting. The meeting was held on Dickinson on April 18th. Ben Hernandez, the president of the State organization spoke on the activities of the state organization and invited everyone to attend the state board meeting in Buffalo on April 25th. Charles Suderman gave an update on the convention in San Marcos in July. A motion was made to sell 300 fans with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. The usual excellent breakfast was presented by the folks of Dickinson and deserves a tip of the Region One Cap for the food and hospitality.

May Meeting. The meeting was in Santa Fe on May 12th. Officer Wayne Kesler introduced three officers who spoke. Officer Bruss spoke on the K-9 patrol and his dog Bogiere (Bou). Officer Powers spoke on Child abuse on the Internet. Officer Womack spoke on his duties which include car theft. All of the officers were very knowledgeable about their work. Charles Suderman spoke on the various conventions and the state Board Meeting in Buffalo. Three members expressed concern about the lack of an advanced agenda for the state board meetings. Galveston asked to reschedule their July meeting till July 18th. Our last scholarship recipient has graduated! Congratulations! Santa Fe did an excellent job on hosting their first meeting and our thanks to them for the hospitality and refreshments.

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. Class 23 of the CPA graduated on April 28th. Seventeen persons completed the 12 weeks of training and had a great time doing so. A fajita meal and certificate presentation was held at the Blinn College Student Center with friends, family, officers and alumni members in attendance. The COPs have been exceptionally busy this month. Some of the events they participated in by helping with traffic control or foot patrol were the Elks Lodge Demo Derby, A fitness walk at Cub Stadium, Blue Bell Fun Run, a bike rodeo at Wal-Mart and several members helped out during the severe weather on April 17th. The CPAAA will be having a bake sale on Saturday May 9th at Carries Hallmark in the 4 Corners Shopping Center.

Effect June 1st Brenham has a new Chief of Police. Chief Rex Phelps was sworn in as the city's new chief on May 21st. He comes to Brenham from the Fort Worth suburb of Forest Hills. CPAAA members hosted the reception following the ceremony, providing cookies, coffee and punch. COPs were busy during May with the two Maifest parades and the Country Flavors festival which were held downtown. The CPAAA will host the BPD/CPAAA summer picnic on Saturday June 13th at Hohlt Park.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Houston. Of the 24 graduates of Class 40, 17 have become members in good standing of the Alumni. During police week, we had members who volunteered for the HPD Awards Ceremony and also for the activities at the HPD Academy. At the Academy, hundreds of school children are entertained for 5 days of police week. Our volunteers helped to shepherd and accompany the school children. A number of our volunteers are participating in the "No Refusal" program. This is a program where citizens suspected of DWI or DUI are brought to a center for testing. If they refuse the breathalyzer test, a judge is on call to issue orders for a blood test to be taken, forcibly if necessary. There is a nurse on location who takes the blood and the results are known immediately. This has been a highly successful effort and eliminates any delays in the process. The volunteers assist the officers by bringing food and drinks, answering phones, making reports, etc. They do not come in direct contact with the suspects. In August, we will have a celebration commemorating the 20th year of the Houston Alumni. We will receive the HPD Public Service Award and the HPD Humanitarian Service Award in July.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

Montgomery County Sheriff - May. The month of April has kept us busy. We helped with two Shattered Lives Programs. We also helped out at the annual CASA Picnic. We have several of our members attending the City of Conroe CPA Classes. The month of May will keep us busy also. We will be doing our last Shattered Lives Program for 2009. Our CPA class will graduate on the 21st of this month. Several of the class are waiting to join the alumni and get busy. We will be working 2 Non-Refusal DWI Step the 23rd and 24th from 4:30pm until 4:30am. One group will be out at the lake and the other group will be at the jail. We will help our deputies with paper work, drawing blood and serve them food. Andrea Schmauss with MADD sent a message that she hopes to come by and see us. She will be doing her thing for MADD May 23rd - May 25th.

June. At the moment some of us are getting ready to partner up with The Woodlands Dog Park to help with a Golf Tournament to be held June 9th. We are very excited and pleased that the Dog Park Association came and talked to us about doing this to help purchase another drug dog and the future holds plans that we will be working with them on this project for a long time. We have had several new member added to our group which came from our recently graduating class. We are please to have them. Some of the new members got their work out as we did the Memorial Non-Refusal DWI Step at the jail as well as partnering with HPD on the Lake. The new members had a great time and are looking forward to the next one. We will be putting together another one for the 4th of July. Several have shown an interest to go to the convention

Reported by Jeanette Graff

Webster. The annual Webster Police Officer's Appreciation Dinners are scheduled for Police Week. Dinner will be provided on May 14, 2009 from noon-3 PM for first shift. Estimated attendance for first shift personnel is 40 Officers; for second and third shifts 30 Officers. Dinner for second and third shifts will be provided on May 16, from 9 – 11 pm. The menu will include barbeque, cole slaw, pickles, and onions from Ryan's Smokehouse in Webster; beans, broccoli salad, plus desserts provided by members of the WCPAAA. Upcoming programs for Webster CPAAA regular meetings are planned as follows:

May 28: Shanee Stewart Organ Transplants With Life Gift & Calvin Walker Lions Eye Bank of Tx.

June 25: Advanced Fingerprinting & Crime Scene Investigations -- Detective Jason Cooper

July 23: Accident Investigations -- Sgt. Horbach, Webster PD

Aug. 27: Canine Cop "Igor", Daniel Rebolledo, Webster PD

Sept. 24: Hand Writing Shari Burrows, Friendswood PD

Oct. 22: Hostage Negotiations Sgt. Munson & Shari Burrows from Friendswood PD

Nov. 19: Swat Team Ricky Bort (Pearland, Friendswood, League City) 6 PM MEETING - (3 HOURS)

Dec. 10: Christmas party No Speaker

The speaker for the April meeting was Theresa Relken from the Nassau Bay Police Department. The topic of her talk was Self Defense in general, followed by a session just for the ladies while the gentlemen were excused from the meeting.

Reported by Leo Waltz

NATIONAL CPAA 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

About 85 hearty souls attended the National CPAA 2009 Annual Conference (Convention) in Anchorage Alaska on May 6th through May 8th, 2009. The less than usual turnout (we assume due to distance) was offset by the enthusiasm of the attendees, the Anchorage CPAAA and the National CPAA and an educational and entertaining three days were enjoyed by all. There were attendees from 19 states and the island of Guam. The weather was ideal, although cool.

The usual courses in forming a CPAAA, holding a CPA class, 501 c (3) concerns, VIPS, etc. were held in addition to other courses and events. Notable courses were in Severe Weather Survival, CSI Alaska Crime Scene Investigation, Internet Crimes against Children and State Troopers in Alaska.

The guest speaker at one of the dinners was Martin Buser, four time winner of the Iditarod sled dog race who gave an interesting presentation on the Iditarod and had one of his dogs and some of her puppies present. The puppies were presented at the reception and each member got a chance to hold one of them. This was one of the highlights of the conference.

A conference event planned for the next evening was a trip to Whittier and a cruise on the M/V Tanaina, an Alaska Coast Guard/Alaska State trooper vessel for a program on Policing Alaska's remote waterways with dinner on board included. Unfortunately, the highway to Whittier was closed due to a landslide and the event was cancelled. In it's place, the Anchorage CPAAA arranged for attendees to go to the Alyeska Hotel and Ski Resort where they rode the tram to the top of the mountain and then were treated to dinner in the hotel, the only five star hotel in Alaska. The hotel and ski resort were closed and were opened specifically for the attendees.

The next afternoon, the attendees went to lunch at the Anchorage Police Department Employee's picnic and then to the Police Memorial for the impressive memorial ceremony for Alaska's fallen officers.

The conference planners arranged for some events outside of the conference agenda for those who wanted to experience them. The day after the conference, we motored to Seward and boarded a ship for a whale watch cruise. We saw humpback whales, orca whales in the Pacific, sea lions, sea otters, and dolphins. We also saw bald eagles, mountain goats, puffins and a wide variety of sea birds.

A few facts about Alaska. There are about a million citizens with about 400,000 in Anchorage. There are only a little over 1,400 certified police officers in the entire state, with about 400 of those in Anchorage. Compare this to about 5,000 in Houston alone. These are supplemented by what is called peace officers who are not certified, but are armed and have arrest powers. They perform duties normally performed by certified officers in the lower 48, such as court duties – bailiffs, escorting prisoners, etc. and other duties including police duties in the outlying areas and villages.



Charles Billingsley and Alaska State Trooper



A view from the top of the Aleska Ski Resort



*Iditarod Champion Martin Buser and
NCPAA President South Bend Lt. Richard Powers*



Jean Billingsley and Anchorage Police Chief Robert Heun

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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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?

BRAIN TEASER.

1. Pick a number between one and ten.
2. Multiply this number by 2.
3. Add 5.
4. Multiply it by 50.
5. If you have already had your birthday this year, add 1759.
If you haven't, add 1758.
6. Subtract the four digit year that you were born.
You should have a three digit number.

The first digit of this is your **original number!** The next two numbers are your **age!**

THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2009) IT WILL WORK, SO SPREAD IT AROUND WHILE IT LASTS.

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