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The Region One meeting for March will be on Saturday, March 8, 2008 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 April meeting is on April 12th in Dickinson. Make your plans.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings 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.

The 2008 TCPAAA State Convention is on July 9-12, 2008 in Wichita Falls. The convention web site, www.TCPAAaconvention.org, has the registration form including the hotel info. Make your plans, register now and make your hotel reservations. Some of the entertainment will be furnished by the Bellamy Brothers.

There is a proposed amendment to the bylaws, properly published, to be approved in March. According to our bylaws, it takes a 2/3 approval to adopt. That means 12 member associations must approve. We haven't had enough member associations at the last few meetings to adopt this important amendment. Please attend the March meeting so we will have enough member associations present to adopt.

The bylaws amendment is as follows:

ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Amendments to Bylaws

12.1 These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed. New Bylaws **or amendments** may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Member Associations **present**. At least ~~30~~ **25** days notice, ~~in writing~~ **by electronic means** or by written notice, shall be given to all member associations of an intention to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws.

America is not at war. The U.S. Military is at war. America is at the mall.

From the Internet

Members in good standing. As per our bylaws, members have a 3 months grace period from January 1 to pay their 2008 dues before losing their good standing status. Member in good standing due to payment of 2008 dues are Angleton, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Sugar Land and Webster. Members in good standing due to the grace period are Alvin, Brenham, Deer Park, Humble, Pearland, Richmond, Texas City, Individual Harris County Sheriff Margaret Hooper and Individual Harris County Constable Larry Stegent.

Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the March meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. Remember, if you haven't paid your 2008 dues by March 31st, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Schedule for 2008:

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| January 12 - Webster | July 12 – No Meeting. Convention. |
| February 16 – Lake Jackson (Note change from Second Saturday) | August 9 – Sugar Land |
| March 8 - Angleton | September 13 – Montgomery County Sheriff |
| April 12 - Dickinson | October 11 – Brenham |
| May 10 - | November 8 – Texas City |
| June 14 - Pearland | December 13 – |

Note that there is an opening for a host for the May meeting.

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.

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. There was an accumulated balance in this account at the last notification of \$46.03. This is an excellent and painless way to add to the scholarship fund. Keep in mind that you must show this card at each purchase.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

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| Balance 12-31-07 | \$2,066.69 |
| Receipts: | |
| Dues | <u>150.00</u> |
| Disbursements: | |
| None. | |
| Balance 1-31-08 | <u>\$2,216.69</u> |
| Balance in Scholarship Fund at 12-31-07 | \$1,998.89 |
| Receipts: | |
| Cap and Pin Sales | <u>120.00</u> |
| Balance in Scholarship fund at 1-31-08 | <u>\$2,118.89</u> |
| Note: Accrued balance in Kroger Share Program-Last Report (Will be paid when balance reaches \$100.00) | <u>\$46.03</u> |

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 2008 convention in Wichita Falls. 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. The national convention for 2008 will be in Baton Rouge on April 30-May 2, 2008. The 2009 convention will be in Anchorage, Alaska. **PLAN AHEAD!**

The Mailing address for the 2009 TCPAAA convention in Galveston is Convention 2009, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022.

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.

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.

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to robertduby@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. The newest CPA class has 25 members and they are already at week 5. They have covered Communications, Gangs, Handcuffing, DWI Enforcement, Bike Patrol and Use of Force and they seem to be loving it! Valentines Day found the CPA Alumni members out delivering flowers for a local florist. For the last several years members have been delivering flowers and the organization receives the delivery fee. This has become a fun one-day fundraiser. Cpl. Nettle hosted the Junior Leadership class at the police department on February 18th. Several CPAAA members helped him with "traffic stop" demonstrations. March 8th will be the Home and Garden Festival in downtown Brenham. The CPAAA will have a booth that will feature fingerprinting, raffling a quilt and selling ribbon halos for the kids. *Reported by Chris Pieper*

Houston. We finally start our class 39 on February 28th with about 30 students after a long hiatus due to the heavy activity at the Houston Police Academy. We will present our Officer of the Year Award on April 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the HPD Academy. All Region One members are invited to attend. This is one of the highlights of our year and most of the HPD Command Staff will be guests. This officer is chosen by the HCPAAA Board from nominations submitted by HPD. We had 13 volunteers to participate in the C.E.R.T. Rodeo on February 9th. *Reported by Charles Billingsley*

Lake Jackson. The Lake Jackson Police Department honored members of LJCPAAA with an Appreciation Dinner on January 25. They presented a plaque to the Alumni to show their appreciation.

LJCPAAA Project ID completed Clute Intermediate School in January. We enrolled 145 fifth Grade Students or 61% of that grade's population. Each child represents 4.5 contacts or 652 outreach contacts throughout the Brazosport Area. Rasco Intermediate School was done during this past week of February. We enrolled approximately 160 Fifth Grade Students or 27% of that grade's population. Each child represents 4.5 contacts or 720 outreach contacts throughout the Brazosport area. Lanier Intermediate School's 5th Grade will be scheduled during the month of April plus we will be doing the City's "EnviroFest" on the third weekend. This is the first attempt to expand "Project ID" beyond the original 2nd Grade target population. It required several adaptations of the implementation procedures mostly due to the class schedules of the higher grade level. It takes a more concerted volunteer effort to enroll the students at the schools as well as completing the ID Packets. Each enrollee requires a minimum of 2.5 minutes to process on the campus followed by an additional 15 minutes to input the data, proof read the material, print and package. At approximately 18 minutes per project enrollee, the LJCPAAA "Project ID" volunteers have donated 305 hours to complete Clute and Rasco Intermediate Schools 5th grade enrollees.

Disabled Parking enforcement continues with Certified Disabled Parking members and members of Citizens on Patrol. To date since December 1999, over 1,015 citations have been written. Disabled Parking members are also checking the disabled parking signs at public buildings for code violations. Non-public buildings will be checked later.

A Bylaws Committee has been appointed. The proposed bylaws will be presented to the membership for vote in the Fall of this year.

COP (Citizens on Patrol) program continues to log hours every weekend. So far, the group has logged 300 plus hours since their inception in June of 2007. In the near future they will be participating in a pedestrian count on a couple of streets in Lake Jackson to assist with a city survey. *Reported by Joyce Beeson*



THE END OF THE WAR IS NEAR!

The Pentagon announced today the formation of a new 500 man elite fighting unit called the UNITED STATES REDNECK SPECIAL FORCES (USRSF). These boys will be dropped off in Iraq and have been given only the following facts about the terrorists:

1. The Season Opened today.
2. There is no limit.
3. They taste just like chicken.
4. They don't like beer, pickups, country music, NASCAR or Jesus.
5. They are directly responsible for the death of Dale Earnhardt.

The Pentagon expects the problem in Iraq to be over by Friday.

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

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.

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.

TCPAAA dues

The Texas CPAAA wants you to continue your membership and by renewing you can provide needed funds to the state organization. If you will be attending the 2008 convention, the dues will be included in your registration fee. **If you are not going to attend the convention, your annual membership dues (\$10) are now due.** Membership application forms can be found on the state web site www.TexasCPAAA.org and may be used for renewals. You can write "renewal" on the form and also give updated information.

Send form and payment to

Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
815-A Brazos #208
Austin, TX 78701-9996

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).

Tom Lane – Houston
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