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The Region One meeting for November will be on Saturday, November 10, 2007 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 December meeting is in Humble on December 8th. This is Humble's first year in Region One and the first year to host a meeting. **Please plan to attend.**

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.

There were some proposed amendments to the bylaws published for approval. According to our bylaws, it takes a 2/3 approval to adopt. That means 12 member associations must approve. Please attend the November meeting so we will have enough member associations present to adopt. There were only 11 present at the October meeting and we were not able to approve the amendments.

Members in good standing are Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Deer Park, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston County Sheriff, Houston, Humble, 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 - Humble

President's Letter. TCPAAA Region One Convention 2009. As you know, Region One is the sponsor of the 2009 State Convention. It will be held in Galveston. Although it's not formally confirmed, it will most likely be at the Moody Gardens Complex once again, the same as 2004. Charles Suderman of Dickinson and David Miller of Pearland are serving as co-chairs. The Dickinson Alumni will take on the responsibility for the registration process. However, there are a whole slew of other tasks that will need to be assigned in order for the convention to work smoothly. Each of our Alumni Associations should get a small team together and be prepared when called upon to accept an assignment. For instance, we are going to need room monitors for each class session. The Convention Committee will need a contact person for each of our associations and this contact does not have to be you president, just someone that the committee can call and communicate with.

Tom Lane

The following is a revision of the proposed amendment to the bylaws on Article 12 which has previously been published but not approved. The previously submitted amendment on Article 12 will be withdrawn and the following substituted therefor. This serves as notice to members as required by the bylaws and will be voted on at the December meeting.

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 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.

If you have not paid your Association's dues of \$30.00 for 2007, you may pay at the November meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster. Texas 77598. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. We will also be taking dues payments for 2008 starting with the November meeting.

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.

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 8-31-07	\$2,026.53
Receipts:	
Dues – Humble CPAAA Dues	<u>30.00</u>
Disbursements:	
None	
Balance 9-30-07	<u>\$2,056.53</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 8-31-07	\$1,736.38
Interest Received	<u>1.24</u>
Balance in Scholarship fund at 9-30-07	<u>\$1,737.62</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!**

September Meeting. The meeting was held on September 8th sponsored by the Montgomery County Sheriff CPAAA. The speaker was **Officer Brice Herring** of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Motorcycle Division who spoke about their DUI/DWI enforcement program. A very informative and informational presentation. **Charles Suderman** and **David Miller**, co-chairs of the 2009 convention, requested each CPA appoint a "point person" for the convention for the few committees that we know we need. State & Region will be sharing responsibility for the convention. They are asking each CPA for a "core" member to commit to working with the state convention and a \$1,000 contribution from each CPA. A tip of the Region hat to the folks in Montgomery County for hosting the meeting and for the excellent refreshments.

October Meeting. On October 13th, we met at the Texas City Police Department. The speaker was FBI Special Agent **David Baker** who gave an excellent talk on mortgage and internet fraud. Evelyn Phillips presented \$200.00 for the scholarship fund which was raised by the raffle. Unfortunately, there were not enough member CPAAAs present under our present bylaws to vote on the bylaws amendments previously published and the vote was tabled until the November meeting. **Charles Suderman** reported on the State Convention. The date of the 2009 convention is left up to the hotels in Galveston. Moody Gardens has bid on August 22 (Monday, Tues. Wed). Regarding obtaining major sponsors, this is left up to the Region One Alumni to secure any sponsors - State will fund the Ice Breaker. Region One needs to come up with a theme for the convention. Any correspondence for the 2009 Convention can be mailed to P. O. Box V in Dickinson, Texas 77539. Ben Hernandez, state president, addressed the membership regarding the 2009 Convention theme. He will be proposing to the State a "**Drug Free Texas**" theme. A majority of members supported this proposal as evidenced by a show of hands. A slate of candidates for 2008 offices was elected by acclamation after nominations from the floor were asked for and none received. This was a violation of our bylaws and an election by ballot will be held at the November meeting as per our bylaws. Region One toots it's horn in honor of Texas City sponsoring the meeting and furnishing the yummy refreshments.

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.

ALUMNI NEWS

Note: We are publishing some September and October news since we did not get it in the October Flash. News isn't old if you haven't read it.

Angleton. September. Angleton CPA class #18 will begin September 13. The class usually has approximately 20 participants. National Police Night Out was August 7. There were a few block parties this year but most of the activity was in Bates Park. The C.O.P. car, Police, EMS, and Fire personnel were present. There was food, lots of fun activities, and information booths. The weather cooperated by not raining. Though the temperature neared 100 degrees the evening was a success. Our memorial paver project is picking up. The pavers, which will be placed in the area around the flag pole, are selling for \$55.00 for one, \$100.00 for two, and each paver thereafter selling for \$45.00 each. We are so pleased to have a new-to-us C.O.P. car. This car is better equipped and has fewer miles than the old one.

Reported by Dottie Duby

Brenham. November. The Brenham CPAAA has been busy selling tickets and preparing for our annual Sirloin Steak Drive Thru dinner which is on November 5th. Ticket sales have been very good and we have surpassed our goal of 1000 tickets. CPA members helped serve at the Washington County Peace Officers Association Shrimp Boil on October 11th, attended a CPR class on October 30th and had a great time handing out candy to kids on Halloween. On Halloween we also had a hot dog cookout afterwards. The Citizens on Patrol worked two Blinn College football games, a high school football game and a community fundraiser. They attended a PHI Helicopter Landing Zone Training class and a Highway Traffic Control for Emergency Responders Class.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Dickinson. September. COP currently has 38 members with 24 active. 30th anniversary for the city will be on November 3, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the railroad depot between the museum and the Methodist Church. There will be bands, games and food vendors. Booths will be available for \$20-30. DCPAAA plans to have a booth for soft drinks and one for Alumni items to sell. The community Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 17th. This will be our 7th year. There was a planning meeting held on 9.11.07, 2:00 P.M. at the VFW. Festival of Lights will be from November 24th through January 1st. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, a Blizzard on the Bayou (snow) will be furnished by a donation from a local business. Volunteers are needed to work on weekends beginning October 6th, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Blue Santa will be held on December 22nd at the PD. Refreshments are to be furnished by DCPAAA members.

Galveston County Sheriff. October. ALL OF OUR CHAPTERS EXCEPT BOLIVER VOTED TO CLOSE AND BECOME ONE ASSOCIATION. OUR PRESIDENT, TAMMY HARPER, APPOINTED A SLATE OF OFFICERS UNTIL OUR ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR OUR NEW GALVESTON COUNTY CITIZENS SHERIFF'S ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BECOMES ACTIVE. CURRENTLY WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW VENDOR FOR OUR ASSOCIATION SHIRTS AND CAPS. WEST COUNTY CLOSED THEIR CHAPTER AUGUST 16, 2007 AND HANDED OUR PRESIDENT TAMMY HARPER A CASHIER'S CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND GAVE THEIR REMAINING \$433.64 TO OUR GENERAL ACCOUNT. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HISTORIAN TO KEEP UP WITH OUR SCRAPBOOK, PICTURES, ETC. OF OUR ASSOCIATION. A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION WAS GIVEN TO OUR ASSOCIATION FROM THE SANTA FE POLICE ALUMNI ACADEMY FOR WEST COUNTIES CONTRIBUTION FUND RAISER FOR THE NEW K-9 DOG. THE FINAL BY-LAWS WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND DATED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND WILL BE GIVEN TO SCOTT YOUNGBLOOD AND THE IRS. THE NEW PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION IS 9210 YELLOWFIN CIRCLE. TEXAS CITY, TX. 77591. THE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION IS P.O. BOX 791 DICKINSON, TX. 77539. KELLY WATHALL, SECRETARY, WILL DESIGN A NEW LETTERHEAD. BY A SHOW OF HANDS THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO MEET THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AND THE DESIGNATED MEETING PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

Reported by La Vonne Walker

Montgomery County Sheriff. October. October 11th: Several of our alumni members will graduate and receive their certification from the C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team) classes they have been attending for 8 weeks. On the night of graduation they will go through their training in a disaster drill set up by C.E.R.T. October 13th: Our annual CASS for Kids program at April Plaza Marina in Conroe.

Reported by Jeanette Graff

Pearland. September. Class 25 started August 16th with 26 attendees. Sept. 11th is our Board meeting with the monthly meeting Sept. 17th. Mike Waldrop Pearland Police Dept. Chaplain, will be the speaker. This is the 2nd of a two part program. A firearms class will be held this month with many of our members attending. Oct 1 will be the Annual Golf Tournament at Golfcrest Country Club. This will benefit the Pearland 100 Club & Pearland CPA. The Explorer Scout Competition will be held Oct. 20th in Pearland. We still have members working on the collection of Business Alarms forms and Handicap Parking Patrol. Four members will be working Sept 15th at the Fund raiser for Abused Women & Children in Angleton. We worked last year and it was a very rewarding experience.

October. Our CPA has received a 2nd vehicle for Handicap Parking and other activities. The Golf tournament was held October 1st and was a huge success. We had 23 teams. We will participate in the Explorer Competition October 20th and Trick or Treat in the Park October 31st. \$40,365.00 in fines has been assessed this year in our Handicap Parking endeavors. We are in the process of fine-tuning our By-laws which we should adopt at our next meeting on October 27th. Our 25th class will graduate on November 8th. Dinner will be served to the graduates.

Sugar Land. September. Our alumni are participating in preparations for our CPA Class # 40 which begins in September, Warrant Callouts and Child ID. We had 8 members and both of our CAST vehicles out visiting neighborhood parties on National Night Out. CAST (Community Assistance Support Team) - our citizen patrol - was featured on Fox News on Monday 06-August. Upcoming events include our BBQ fundraiser in October and Craft Sale in December, both to raise funds for the new edition of our SLPD Trading Card Program. More information can be found on our website <http://www.slcpaaa.org> which has been "under construction" but should be available soon!

Texas City. October. Texas City Citizens Police Academy Alumni purchased an "Are You OK" system for the Texas City Police Department. We are presently selling raffle tickets for a stainless steel Bar B Q Pit that was donated to the alumni by Lowe's. We fingerprinted children at the Mall of the Mainland Safety Fair. The alumni group sold sausage on a stick and hot dogs at the Bay Area soccer tournament which was the last week-end in August. It is one of our biggest fund raisers. The alumni group purchased uniforms for our Explorer group (ages 14- 20 years old). The alumni will participate in the Blue Santa program in December. Class 19 is currently in session.

Webster. October. Webster CPAAA held their Pancake Breakfast last month and preliminary reports of over \$1500 was raised including a raffle held in conjunction with the breakfast. Charity Benefit for PD officer's son: The Webster CPAAA will be working with the Webster Police Officers Association (WPOA) to sponsor a garage-sale, spaghetti dinner, silent auction and raffle ticket sale on October 20th, to benefit Officer Vincent Werner's son Christopher who is diagnosed with leukemia and currently in a 3 year plan for recovery. The garage-sale will be from 8am - noon, the raffle tickets sales and silent auction bids will go from 8am-4pm and the spaghetti dinner will be from 1pm - 5pm. The garage sale will also continue on Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 8-12 as well. If anyone knows of any person or business who would like to donate a item for the silent auction or raffle please let us and know and we can get you a receipt to give to them for their donation. Contact person is Detective James Latham at 281-316-4162. I reported last month that Webster CPAAA voted to follow the example of a number of southern communities and break away from the tradition set in which a "Night Out" date is held in the sweltering heat of August. The Webster Citizens Night Out will be the 1st Tuesday in October for 2008. I have found out that the entire Grayson county in north Texas (Sherman, Denison) did the same three years ago and it is a great success with 13 cities & towns participating. They also have a "Unity Caravan" of patrol cars that goes from community to community during the event.

http://www.heralddemocrat.com/articles/2007/10/05/local_news/news05.txt provides a news article on the event. The September meeting of the WCPAAA conflicted with the Dickinson drug focus group; otherwise we would have had a delegation there. Our former Webster police chief, now city manager, Mike Jez has been hired by League City as police chief there.

Reported by Leo Waltz

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.

USE YOUR PANIC BUTTON. Keep your car keys next to your bed at night... On the night stand and if someone tries to break into your home, or if you hear a noise outside your house, just press the panic button on your car keys. The horn will sound off in your car and keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key chain. The horn noise will normally drive off even the most hardened of criminals. Test this idea before relying on it. Panic buttons on car keys vary by car make and distances. If yours works from your bedroom, it could be a life-saving device.

What Do Retired People Do All Day? Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well for example, the other day Harold and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a (deleted). He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So Harold called him a butthead. He finished the

second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Personally, we didn't care. We came into town by bus. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age. *Submitted*
by Harold's wife

TO: Honorable Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C

Dear Sir,

I have been evacuated from New Orleans because the flood took my old trailer and beat up car. I thought I might go into business to supplement my welfare check.

My friend over at Wells, Iowa received a check for \$1,000 from the Government for not raising hogs. Right now I'm getting extra help from the government and Red Cross while I'm displaced but when that stops I want to go into the "not-raising-hogs" business.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on, and what is the best breed of hogs not to raise? I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in keeping with all governmental policies. I would prefer not to raise razorbacks, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, then I will just as gladly not raise Yorkshires or Durocs. As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be in keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised.

My friend, Peterson, is very joyful about the future of the business. He has been raising hogs for twenty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was \$422 in 1968, until this year when he got your check for \$1000 for not raising hogs. If I get \$1000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get \$2000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4000 hogs not raised, which will mean about \$80,000 the first year. Then I can afford an airplane.

Now another thing, these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn and wheat. Will I qualify for payments for not raising wheat and corn to not feed the 4000 hogs I am not going to raise?

Also, I am considering the "not milking cows" business, so send me any information you have on that too. In view of these circumstances, you understand that I will be totally unemployed and plan to file for unemployment and food stamps.

Be assured you will have my vote in the coming election.

Patriotically Yours,
Ima Taker

P.S. Please notify me when you are giving out more free cheese

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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Evelyn Phillips – Liberty
Vickie Butler – Tomball
Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County

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