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The October Region One meeting will be in Texas City at the Texas City Police Department, 1004 9th Avenue, North at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 13th, 2007. From I-45 – Traveling South on I-45, take Exit 16, FM 1764 (Emmett F. Lowery Expressway), continue east bound on FM 1764 approximately 8.3 miles. There are 12 traffic lights from the I-45 exit to the Police Department. The 12th Light is at 10th Street North. Take a left and the Police Department is right there. From Highway 146 – Traveling South on Highway 146, take the FM 1764 exit. At the first traffic light on FM 1764 (Palmer) take a left, continue traveling East bound on FM 1764 (Palmer) approximately 2.9 miles until you get to 10th Street North. Take a left at 10th Street North and the Police Department is right there. Call Rita Nicolaidis at 409-771-0338 if you get lost. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The November meeting will be in Angleton on November 10, 2007.

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 in the past few days for approval at the October meeting. According to our bylaws, it takes a 2/3 approval to adopt. That means 12 member associations must approve. Please attend to October meeting so we will have enough member associations present to adopt.

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

If you have not paid your Association's dues of \$30.00 for 2007, you may pay at the October meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster. Texas 77598. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year.

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.

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 7-31-07	\$2,039.98
Receipts:	
None.	
Disbursements:	
Charge for checks	<u>(13.45)</u>
Balance 8-31-07	<u>\$2,026.53</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 7-31-07	\$1,736.38
No receipts or disbursements	
Balance in Scholarship fund at 8-31-07	<u>\$1,736.38</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, TCPAAA 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!**

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

Brenham. September was a quiet month for the CPAAA. We had a general meeting on the 10th and a nominating committee was selected. This committee will be in charge of elections for the Board of Directors coming up in November. CPAAA members received tickets to begin selling for our November 5th Sirloin Steak Drive Thru. And plans were begun for our Halloween Candy Stop. On September 15th, Officer Nettle provided fingerprinting for kids at the Boys and Girls Club and members were invited to help. The Citizens On Patrol were busy. They participated at three High School football games, one Blinn College game, the Fine Arts League Festival downtown, St Paul's Drive Thru Fundraiser, the Fair Parade, the Washington County Fair, and the Homecoming Parade.

Reported by Chris Peiper

Houston. . We had our election for next year in September and there was a tie for president between Charles Billingsley and Barbara Hite! This will be decided by a run off in October. Planning is also underway for the Comida (Food) drive From November 29th through December 2nd which is one of the highlights of our year. We are participating in three barbecue benefits sponsored by the Police Officers Union for fallen and injured officers and their families..

Reported by Charles Billingsley

Webster. Additional planning for the Webster CPAAA's pancake breakfast was done this past month. The event will be on Saturday, Sept 29, from 8 am to noon at the Webster Civic Center at 408 S. Austin, just south of Pennsylvania. We have lined up the pancake batter from IHOP, coffee from Starbucks, sausage from HEB, and other donors for tickets, syrup, etc. A link to the Pancake Breakfast is located on the Region One web page at <http://TexasCPAAA.org/Region1>. All the Region One members are invited. We have 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.

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.

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
Rita Crosby – Montgomery County Sheriff
Evelyn Phillips – Liberty
Vickie Butler – Tomball
Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County

Debi Hyde - Alvin
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Charles Wilson - Pasadena
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