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The September Region One Meeting will be in Montgomery County on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at the Clint Peoples Training Academy, #1 Criminal Justice Drive. Take I-45 North to North Loop 336 Exit #89. (Be sure you go to North 336; there is a South 336 before you get to North 336). Turn right (East) on 336 to First Street and turn right on First Street. Continue on First Street till you cross the railroad tracks (the road will wind to your left and cross over the railroad tracks where you will come to a stop sign) and continue on Hillbig Road (you will pass the drivers license office) to Criminal Justice Drive and turn right on Criminal Justice Drive. The Clint Peoples Training Academy is at the end of Criminal Justice Drive. Thomas Bach's cell phone is 936-443-6535 in case you get lost.

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.

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

AUGUST MEETING. The meeting was held in Sugar Land on August 11th. An interesting and informative presentation was made on the State Adult Protective Services by Jim Barnes. Not enough raffle money was collected to pay for the raffle items at the convention so the drawing has been postponed until the November Region One meeting. We only collected \$215. A nominating committee of Calvin Walker, Jeanne Canales and George Gabriles was appointed to seek nominees for the officer and director election in November. If you are interested in serving, notify one of the committee members.

Charles Suderman of Dickinson & Dave Miller of Pearland will Co-Chair the 2009 State Convention to be held in Galveston. Region one alumni will be doing the various tasks but Dave & Charles will be the point persons. Dave will send out the list of tasks and each Alumni will pick out what they would like be in charge of. Region One will be the first region to host a state convention. Put out a challenge to go out and either donate or raise money for the convention. **Donations of seed money are needed right away.** Dickinson will handle the registration. Need a theme for the convention.. A steering committee will be set up after the next month's meeting. Thanks to Sugar Land for their hospitality and the fine breakfast.

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 6-30-07	\$2,539.98
Receipts:	
None.	
Disbursements:	
Transfer to Scholarship fund	(500.00)
Balance 7-31-07	<u>\$2,039.98</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 6-30-07	\$1,236.38
Receipts:	
Transfer from Regular Account	<u>500.00</u>
Balance in Scholarship fund at 7-31-07	<u>\$1,736.38</u>
Notes:	

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.

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

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. Even 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 Norma DeWeese

Brenham. August 7th was National Night Out and the Alumni members and the COPS participated by riding along with the officers and attending block parties. Several members dressed according to the theme which was "The 50's". There were about 20 parties and everyone had a good time. On Saturday August 11th Walgreen's had its grand opening and the CPAAA/COPS were asked to fingerprint children from 8 to 11. Wal-Mart had a bicycle rodeo on the same day and members helped with this event and also provided fingerprinting inside the store. Along with the starting of the new school year come the football games. COPS parked cars at the Blinn College football game on Saturday August 25th. November 5th is our big fundraiser of the year and we are starting to get things rolling for this event. We will be having a drive thru Sirloin Steak dinner at the Community Hall.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Houston. Class 39 originally scheduled for September 6th expecting about 30 students has been postponed until 2008 due to multiple cadet classes being scheduled at the Academy.. This was the only class we were having this year due to the number of HPD Cadet classes at the Academy. We are in the planning stage for the election of officers and directors in September and their installation in October. Planning is also underway for the Comida (Food) drive in December 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

Montgomery County Sheriff. JULY 17th--several of our members have attended the first Shenandoah Citizens Academy Classes. The classes are being held by Officer Joel Gordon of the Shenandoah Police Dept. Classes will last for 15 weeks.

AUGUST 18th and 19th--several of our members will be helping the Shenandoah Police Dept at the Mall for the Tax-Free weekend of shopping.

AUGUST 21st--we will start our 2007 Academy classes. Classes start in Aug and finish in mid Nov. At last count our enrollment was up to 30 applicants and more are coming in.

AUGUST 23rd--a class for Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). Classes will be held at the Conroe Civic Center for 8 weeks from 6pm to 9pm. This is a 24 hour class and each person completing all 24 hours of the course will be certified.

SEPTEMBER 25th--we will help with the annual 'Shots Across Texas' program at one of our local Jr. High Schools.

Reported by Jeanette Graff

Sugar Land. Our alumni are still 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. Since we were not able to play the video during the Region One meeting, it can be accessed at: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/myfox>. On Right side, under "Seen on TV" select >> View More Seen On TV Then, Upper Left Search Box, type in: Sugar Land Program 'Casts' Citizens as Crime Fighters This should bring up the weblink - so you can play the video. 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!

Reported by Deb Smith

Webster. In conjunction with the Webster 4th of July festivities, the WCPAAA served BBQ & drinks, netting about \$750. The WCPAAA sponsored the Webster Citizens Night Out, serving free drinks and hot dogs with handouts on safety from the Webster Fire Department as well as the Police Dept. Prizes were given out to lucky attendees, and some coloring & poetry contests for the kids, as well as a "lite n bug" parade in which all the kids were given small flashlights and formed a snake-like parade winding through the park waving their flashlights just after dark. The parade was led by one of the WCPAAA members. The Webster Fire Department had its new ladder truck on display as was a police motorcycle. The WCPAAA will be assisting the Webster Police Officers Association (WPOA) in a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held Oct 20, along with a garage sale on Oct 20 & 21. Funds from these events will be provided to the Rawls family to assist in expenses related to Vernita Rawls' medical situation; Mark Rawls is a Webster motorcycle officer and his wife Vernita was the benefactor of our blood drive in June. Vernita is a dispatcher with the Dickinson PD. The Webster CPAAA will again have a **pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept 29**, from 8 am to noon at the Webster Civic Center on S. Austin, just south of Pennsylvania. All the Region One members are invited. Our WCPAAA president, Carolyn Corbin, is recovering from a recent back surgery.

Reported by Leo Waltz

By e-mail from Charlotte Thomas, secretary of the State CPAAA organization "I wanted to pass on some very sad news. Dorris Murdock's father passed away yesterday (8/25) and for most of you who know her, you know she's always been very close to her father, who was a retired Dallas police officer. Please keep Dorris and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this time". Dorris served as president of her alumni for nine years. She is a friend of Region One and is the 4th Vice President of the State CPAAA organization.

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
Thomas Bach – Montgomery County

Debi Hyde - Alvin
Lynn Bryant – League City
Charles Wilson - Pasadena
Edalia August - Beaumont
Rita Nicolaidis – Texas City