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Houston
Humble
Kemah
LaPorte
League City
Lake Jackson
Liberty County
Montgomery County Sheriff
Pasadena
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Sugar Land
Texas City
Webster
Individual Group (6)

Other R1 Associations

Austin County
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Lufkin
Matagorda County Sheriff
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Port Lavaca
Rye
Santa Fe
Seabrook
Shenandoah
Silsbee
Smithville
Stafford
Tomball

Inactive R1 Associations
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The September Region One Meeting will be in on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in League City at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker. From the north, take I-45 South to the League City exit 23, Hwy 518, and go left under the freeway onto FM 518, continue on 518 to SH 3 and turn right. The next light is Walker St. Make a right turn and the Civic Center is just past the City Hall (which is under construction) on the right. From the south take I-45 North to the League City exit 23, Hwy 518, and take a right onto FM 518 and follow directions above. From the north on 146 take a right turn at Marina Bay Dr. in Kemah. Go straight and it will become FM 518. Continue on 518 to SH 3 and turn left. The next light is Walker St. Turn right, the Civic Center is on the right just passed the City Hall which is under construction. From the south on 146, take a left at SH 96 and continue on until you reach SH 3 then take a right. The next light is Walker St. Take a left and follow above instructions

Please bring your liaison officer. Come early for coffee and breakfast. October Meeting is at Montgomery County Sheriff (Conroe).



A salute to the two guys who made the convention the huge success that it was. David Miller, left, Pearland; and Charles Suderman, Dickinson, co-chairs of the convention. A special salute to Sandi Miller, Pearland, right who was a tireless driving force behind the scenes since the convention was conceived. Without these three, we couldn't have made it.



Dorris Murdock, Fourth Vice President of Texas CPAA in charge of conventions. Her help made our jobs a lot easier. Thanks, Dorris.

Thanks to Moody Gardens Hotel and Conference Center for their hospitality and help in making this a great convention.

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Thanks to all those Individuals, Alumni Associations and Businesses that are financially supporting our convention. Please thank the individuals and Alumni Associations and patronize the businesses.

Dues. Association dues of \$30.00 for 2011 are due. Individual dues are available for those whose home Alumni is not a member in good standing or who choose to participate in the individual group for \$10.00. Dues may be paid at the Region One meetings or mailed to Delores Gant, 2305 Lynn Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581-3835.

Schedule for 2011:

- January 8 – Angleton
- February 12 – Webster
- March 12 – Houston
- April 9 – Dickinson
- May 14 – Harris County Sheriff
- June 11 – Pearland

- July 9 – LaPorte
- August 13 – No Meeting - Convention
- September 10 – League City
- October 8 – Montgomery County
- November 12 – Texas City
- December 10 – Pasadena

To All CPA'S in the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, Region One: Region One is taking requests to host one of the monthly region meetings for the 2012 Year-January through December 2012. If your CPA would like to host a meeting, please forward your contact information to Jeanne Canales at jrcanales@sbcglobal.net .

Schedule for 2012:

- January 14 -
- February 11 -
- March 10 – Houston
- April 14 -
- May 12 -
- June 9 -

- July 9 14
- August 11 -
- September 8 -
- October 13 -
- November 10 -
- December 8 -

Convention. More pictures next month including who was there.



View from the hotel.



Color Guard



Wall of Officers.



Lunch Flight Museum



Ice Breaker



Baby Grace Presentation



Buffet Breakfasts



Jennifer Schuett



Banquet



Turning it over to Waco

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news via e-mail to charl.bill@yahoo.com for the Flash. 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.

Convention Report. The 2011 Texas CPAA & Law Enforcement Annual Training Conference, commonly called the Convention, in Galveston on August 22-24, 2011 was a success! There were approximately 300 attendees which is more than each of the last three conventions. The finances of the convention allowed the convention to pay for three more meals, two continental breakfasts and a Mexican buffet lunch, that were originally budgeted. The lunch at the Flight Museum was donated and the Ice Breaker was sponsored by Waco, the 2012 host. The hard work and dedication of the two co-chairs, David Miller of Pearland and Charles Suderman of Dickinson, ably supported by the dedication of Sandi Miller of Pearland made it all possible. All of the other dedicated volunteers behind the scenes including Jeanne Canales and Deb Smith of Sugar Land and all of the others who helped make it possible. Thanks to everyone.

There are many good memories, but three stand out. The first was the opening ceremonies and the address by Congressman Ted Poe. If you have never heard him speak, his reminisces about his days as a Houston judge and prosecutor and his praise for law enforcement agencies and CPAs were informative and entertaining. The line of officers around the walls was impressive.

The second was the review of the solving of the cold case of Jennifer Schuett who was kidnapped as a five year old, raped, and left to die in a field, but survived. She is now a young lady in her early twenties and her picture appears in this FLASH. She took part in the presentation.

The third was the presentation of the solving of the Baby Grace case where a child was killed by her parents and dumped in the bay in a storage container. Many hours of dedicated police work were involved in solving this case and bringing the guilty parties to justice.

The Jennifer Schuett and Baby Grace presentations were groundbreaking as far as these conventions go in that they were the only things scheduled at their times allowing all convention attendees to attend.

Waco promises us a great convention in 2012. Watch the web site for details in the future.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

Editor's note. We welcome any articles about experiences and impressions about the convention to be published in a future Flash.

Dickinson. Dickinson has been getting ready for the 2011 TCPAA Convention in Galveston on August 21-24. We will have two raffles; a "Gratifying Getaway" with items such as a beach towel, wine, scratch-off tickets Geradelli chocolate & more, and a "Blissful Basket" with two Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere. Dickinson's scholarship student will be entering a university as a junior majoring in biology and then will go on to medical school. She is also eligible to apply for the Region I and TCPAA scholarships. Dickinson's Citizens on Patrol have been very active with 12 patrols driving 163 miles in July. Membership and teams have increased so August should be even more active. We are gearing up for our Outreach Projects with special events in the fall such as October 4 National Night Out. Festival of Lights will need extra help from COPS due to shuttles from two parking lots closer to Christmas.

Reported by Marilyn Decker

Galveston County Sheriff. The Deputy Sheriff's Association was offered the use of a 3,000 sq. ft. room in the Outlet Mall in LaMarque and they wanted to share it with the CSA. It needed a lot of repairs and remodeling, but is beginning to look very nice. We have been holding meetings there and will be able to use the room for other events. We held a Pancake Breakfast at Chili's in Galveston to benefit our Scholarship Fund and raised \$779. Two students, Kaitlyn King and Michael Kelm, were chosen to receive \$500 scholarships for the fall semester.

Reported by Vicki Franzke

Houston. We had four people attend the convention. Larry Stegent, Secretary; Lillian Jolliffe, Director; Officer Stephanie Watson-Owens, Liaison; and Charles Billingsley. Our nominating committee will present a slate of officers and a director for consideration at our election on September 25th. Our election is on October 20th. HPD Cadet Class 210 will graduate on September 27th. The speaker at our October 20th meeting will be Officer Michael Herb of the Crime Analysis Unit. We had three members participate in the HPD Awards Ceremony on August 15th; Mary Jane Boyd, John Cornett and Connie Savage.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

I LIKE GROWING OLD

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging..

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore.

I've even earned the right to be wrong.

I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day if I want to.

Author Unknown

We need more news for the Flash and welcome any personal stories about law enforcement or CPA activities. These can be reported on an individual basis. Pictures would be great. Send to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com.

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.

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..*

When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name and e-mail address legibly. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending or put on the e-mail list if your e-mail is unreadable.

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 (included in Convention Registration). The Texas CPAAA now has a newsletter posted on this web site.**

Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site. The Region One Newsletter is posted on this site.

The Convention Web Site is www.TCPAAconvention.org. The 2012 Convention will be in Waco.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. **Dues are \$35.00 per year. The National Newsletter is posted on this site.**

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org.

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. NEED PICTURES!!