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Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings in 2006 as possible. Exciting things can happen in Region One and in Texas if we all participate.

Secretary needed! No one stepped forward who was willing to take the secretary's job for 2007 at the October meeting. This involves taking the minutes and presenting them to the next meeting and taking care of the region's records. If you are willing to give a few hours of your time each month to this endeavor, contact secretary Jeanne Canales at 281-530-2733 or e-mail ladyrose1016@sbcglobal.net.

The Region One meeting for December will be in Alvin, Texas at the Alvin Police Station, 1500 South Gordon on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. From Highway 6, go South on North Gordon (also Highway 35C) to 1500 South Gordon. The phone number is 281-388-4370 if you get lost. Come early for fellowship and refreshments. ***Since Alvin has been gracious enough to sponsor a meeting to start the Holiday Season, please show your appreciation by making sure someone from your association attends.***

Last Months Election Illegal...At our Region One meeting in Angleton, we held an election of the officers and one director as per our bylaws. They were all elected by voice vote otherwise known as "Acclamation". Folks, our bylaws do not allow for that kind of voting when electing our officers.

According to Article 3 Par. 3.2: "A written ballot election shall be held ...". That, we did not have. A motion to accept the slate by acclamation, a second was made, and we voted to approve – simple as that. But that was wrong. It got by me and for that, I apologize. It also slipped by the rest of us. We broke our own law. We violated "3.2", so what's next?

Therefore, at our upcoming meeting in Alvin an "official election" procedure will be on the agenda. Nominations will be accepted and "write-ins" will be accepted.

Note: As of this writing we still do not have a candidate for the Office of Secretary. We could use a couple to vote on. What do you say?

Tom Lane

Schedule for 2006:

December 9 – Alvin

Schedule for 2007:

January 13 - Webster

February 10 – Lake Jackson

March 10 – Houston

April 14 - Dickinson

May 12 -

June 9 - Pearland

July 14 -

August 11 - Sugar Land

September 8 – Montgomery County

October 13 – Texas City

November 10 - Angleton

December 8 –

Region One dues for 2007 will be due on January 1, 2007. You may pay your dues for 2007 of \$30.00 at the December meeting or mail to Joyce Beeson, 413 Huckleberry Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566-4318. 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.

Treasurer’s Report (submitted by Joyce Beeson):

Balance 9-30-06 \$2,218.16

Receipts:

None.

Disbursements:

None.

Balance 10-31-06 \$2,218.16

Balance in Scholarship Fund at 9-30-06 \$701.46

Receipts:

Frank Deal Memorial given by Evelyn Phillips 250.00

Donation by Tom Lane 50.00

Proceeds from Convention Raffle 123.00

Balance in Scholarship Fund at 10-31-06 \$1,124.46

Notes:

Outstanding check in Regular Fund \$27.27

Not yet deposited in Scholarship Fund:

Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund \$ 1.28

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 2007 convention in Austin. The Texas CPAAA state web site, <http://TexasCPAAA.org>, gives a lot of information that CPA Alumni members will find interesting and helpful. My email 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.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This notice is repeated for the third time because member associations are not sending their news to the Flash.

Publishing of Alumni News.....The system that we have been using for reporting Alumni news hasn't been very successful. The main purpose of the Flash, in addition to notifying members of the next meeting, is to present news of the member associations. **In the future, Alumni News must be sent directly to the Flash to arrive before the first of the month to get in that month's Flash. News not sent to the Flash will not get in.** This is to insure that news is timely and not out of date. When it is sent to the Flash, a copy should also be sent to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. **You do not have to be planning to attend the next meeting to get your news in the Flash.** All you have to do is be a member in good standing (dues paid). Please take a few minutes and expend a little effort to inform Region One what is going on in your Alumni and let's make this a meaningful and interesting newsletter. We'll make it easy – send it as an attachment to an e-mail or in the body of an e-mail to charl.bill@yahoo.com or mail to Charles Billingsley, 5942 Sanford, Houston 77096-5837. Your efforts will make for a better Flash and make our efforts worthwhile. Thanks.

If you are on our e-mail list and your e-mail address changes, please let us know. You may be in danger of being dropped.

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

ALUMNI NEWS:

Brenham. During the month of October members had a fundraiser at Legends restaurant. We waited on tables for tips. On Halloween members dressed up in costumes and handed out candy to children; they had a lot of fun with this. We are busy selling tickets for our November 13th Drive thru Sirloin Steak fundraiser. The 2nd Officer of the Quarter for 2006 was Sgt. Judson Hall. He was presented with a paperweight and a gift certificate. The Citizens on Patrol have been parking cars at the Blinn College football games and doing foot patrol at the High School games. They patrolled the grounds during Oktoberfest and worked traffic control at the Homecoming parade. Total hours for September was 319 by 21 COPS.

Submitted by Chris Pieper

Editor's note – We apologize to Brenham for not getting the above news published in the last Flash due to a timing problem.

November 13th was our big fundraiser for the year. We had a Sirloin Steak Drive Thru and a dessert sale at the Community Hall. Numerous members and officers came out to help us fill and carry plates. The same night we had a November General Meeting at which 3 new Board members were elected. We welcome to the Board Dorothy Antkowiak, Robin Dahlquist and Annette Tiemann. Leaving the Board are Deb Miller, Catharine Wood, Mary Kay Hurta and past president Bob Armour. We thank them all for a job well done and look forward to working with the new members. We will not have a meeting in December but will be having our Christmas party on December 15th. COPS have been busy with High School and Blinn College football games. Their next event will be the Christmas parade on December 2.

Submitted by Chris Pieper

Harris County Sheriff. On Tuesday, November 14th, the Harris County Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy in District 4 graduated 44 citizens from their program. District 4 is on the west side of the county. The graduation ceremony was held in the fellowship hall of the Second Baptist Church, located on I-10 West, better known as the "Katy Freeway". There were at least 20 deputies in attendance also. After the graduation there was a sit down dinner, barbecued brisket and all the fixings and several delicious desserts. This class of 44 is the largest to graduate so far.

Submitted by Tom Lane

Houston. We participated in a 20K Run by manning a water station on October 29th supporting the Assist the Officer Foundation. Those participating had to get up and be there at 5:30 A.M. on a Sunday morning. Class 38 graduated on November 16th with 22 graduates. We are gearing up for the annual Comida (Food) Drive starting November 30th and going for four days at 19 Fiesta Stores. This is sponsored jointly by HCPAAA and the Houston Police Department. Last year we raised over \$48,000 and packed 3,500 boxes of food to be distributed by the participating churches to their families that are less fortunate than we. We are confident that we can top that this year. We will have our annual Holiday Party on December 7th by having a pot luck dinner and participating in the Blue Santa Program by bringing toys to be distributed by the Houston Police Department.

Submitted by Charles Billingsley

Montgomery County. The alumni presented our newly formed Motorcycle Unit with a check for \$800 to help the deputies get the correct equipment they must purchase themselves (jackets, boots, transition len glasses and gloves) at their own expense. Sept 22 & 23rd, we helped the P.L.E.A.S.E. Organization with their annual cook-off fund raiser. We were in charge of selling the tickets for the meals and prizes. October 21, some of our Alumni members helped the C.A.S.T. organization at the Conroe Marina. This is a once a year outing for children that are handicapped in one way or another. This year some of the children came from the Shriners Hospital. Volunteers bring their boats and help these kids fish. Each child is given a rod, reel and a small tackle box. At the end of the day each child is presented an award for the fish that they caught and their picture is taken with their catch and the volunteers that helped them. November 16 was our annual 'Lighting of the Doves' for the Town Center in The Woodlands. We worked collecting \$5 per car for parking in their garage. November 21 we graduated our 2006 Academy Class for the Sheriff's Dept. Everyone had a good time and learned a lot of what our deputies do each day for our community.

Submitted by Jeanette Graff

Rosenberg. A bit of sad news. John Laine reports that the Rosenberg Alumni Association has disbanded due to a lack of participation. **Let's all reflect on this as what can happen if we don't participate in our Alumni meetings and activities.**

Please note Charles Billingsley's new e-mail address:

CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM

If anyone has any ideas for fundraisers 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
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