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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 November will be on Saturday, November 4, 2006 in Angleton at 10:00 A.M at the Angleton Police Department, 104 Canaan Drive. **Note the change from the second Saturday.** 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 979-849-4661. Come early for refreshments and fellowship. The December meeting is in Alvin on December 9th.

Schedule for 2006:

November 4 – Angleton (**Note Change from Second Saturday**)

December 9 – Alvin

Schedule for 2007:

January 13 -

February 10 -

March 10 – Houston

April 14 -

May 12 -

June 9 -

July 14 - .

August 11 -

September 8 -

October 13 -

November 10 -

December 8 -

Members in good standing for 2006 as of September 30, 2006 are Alvin, Angleton, Austin County, Brenham, Deer Park, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Lake Jackson, League City, Liberty County, Matagorda County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Sugar Land, Texas City, Tomball, Webster and Margaret Hooper Individual (Harris County Sheriff). If you have not paid your Region One dues for 2006 of \$30.00, you may pay at the November 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 8-31-06	<u>\$2,218.16</u>
Receipts:	
None.	
Disbursements:	
None.	
Balance 9-30-06	<u>\$2,218.16</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 8-31-06	<u>\$700.85</u>
Receipts:	
Interest	0.61
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 9-30-06	<u>\$701.46</u>
Notes:	
Not yet deposited in Scholarship Fund:	
Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund	\$ 1.28
Receipts from Convention Raffle for Scholarship Fund	\$123.00

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was held on October 14th in Texas City. The Texas City Police Chief was introduced by Liaison Corporal Clay Ruhle and made a few opening remarks. The program was an excellent one on terrorism and the area terrorism task forces given by Officer Abe Carlson. Thanks to the Texas City Alumni Association for the hospitality and excellent refreshments. There were 21 Alumni members present representing nine different associations.

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, TexasCPAAA 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

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:

Galveston. The Galveston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association has been assigned a new Liaison for our Group and he is looking forward to working with us. Unfortunately since he is just transferring over from one Division to another he had to work and could not attend the Region One Meeting on October 14. His name and e-mail address are: Officer Archie Chapman, achapman@galveston.ci.tx.us. He would like to be put on the mailing list and will attend every chance he gets.

Our group had a CPA class graduate on July 27th.

We have upgraded all of the **finger print files**, and gotten everything up to date, at the Police Department which is at the New Joe Max Taylor Criminal Justice Center located at 601 54th. All the files from the main station and the substation are now in one place.

We are also going to be working with pooling and upgrading the **mug shots** with some kind of new system starting sometime next month.

We also have some new badges being made. Pictures and thumb prints were taken at the October meeting.

Bylaws have been revised and we will have election of officers in December.

Chief Kenny Mack spoke to us at our October meeting and told us he is 22 Officers short and they are supposed to go to Fort Hood next Month and see about doing some recruiting on a Thursday, the first part of November and then on the following Saturday.

We really do need them with 3 Major events coming up, such as the Motorcycle Rally, in November and Dickens on the Strand in December and then the 2 Mardi Gras Weekends. If you know of any Law Enforcement Officer looking for a Job, tell them to go see Chief Kenny Mack, in the Beautiful New Joe Max Taylor Criminal Justice Center named after our past Sheriff.

Our Group has ordered new T-shirts and Polo Shirts with our Logo. And we have been selling them and we are also selling CPA Cups for \$4.00 each, if anyone is interested.

Submitted by Amelia Collins

Houston. Houston had its election of officers and directors on September 7th and new officers and directors were installed on October 5th. We will participate in a 20K Run by manning a water station on October 29th supporting some local charities. Those participating have to get up and be there at 5:30 A.M. on a Sunday morning. Class 38 is now in progress and will graduate on November 16th with about 25 graduates. We are gearing up for the annual Comida (Food) Drive starting November 30th and going for four days at 20 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

Lake Jackson. The goal of "Project Identification" for this school year has been set to fingerprint 2,500. We have all 11 schools scheduled, with only 2 remaining to complete Brazosport Independent School District second graders. We have committed to go off site to Brazosport Business Association's community event, Wal-Mart's "Child's Safety Month" on an October Saturday, Home Depot for a Dow Employees with Children event, and committed to the Lake Jackson Festival of Lights in December as a major participant. The first Fall "drop-in" was held at the Police Department on October 8. We submitted requests for funds to BASF and Conoco-Phillips with BASF committing to a donation of an unknown amount.

A police car has been designated for the COP Program. The COP program will begin with the training of a few alumni. The Lake Jackson PD will furnish the shirts used in this program. The COP car will also be used for disabled parking.

A Disabled Parking Certification Class will be held sometime after Class 25 graduation in November.

A picture of the alumni members that attended the 2006 TCPAA Convention in Richardson was shown in the local newspaper. Fay Burke was honored at the Convention by receiving the Bill Ennis Award for the outstanding CPA volunteer. Also pictured was Captain Dunlap, our Liaison.

A Blue Santa Program planning meeting will be held October 25 at the PD with police, city hall, and alumni members taking part in the program.

Submitted by George Gabriles

Liberty County. IN MEMORIAM. It is with sad and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Frank Deal of Liberty County. He and Mildred have been long time supporters of the CPA principles and Region One. Our sympathy to Mildred and her family.

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
Evelyn Phillips – Liberty
Vickie Butler – Tomball
Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County
Rita Nicolaidis – Texas City
Debi Hyde – Alvin
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Lynne Bryant – League City
Charles Wilson – Pasadena
Edalia August – Beaumont

The state organization has a new postal mail address:

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