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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.

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 14th. 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. If you get lost, you can call Corporal Clay Ruyle at 409-682-6730 for directions. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

The November meeting is in Angleton on the First Saturday, November 4th.

Schedule for 2006:

January 14 - Webster

February 11 – Lake Jackson

March 11 – Houston

April 8 - Dickinson

May 6 – Deer Park (Note Change from Second Saturday)

June 10 - Pearland

July 8 – No Meeting.

August 12 – Sugar Land

September 9 – Montgomery County

October 14 – Texas City

November 4 – Angleton (Note Change from Second Saturday)

December 9 – Alvin

The Richmond CPAAA is having its 8th annual golf tournament fundraiser on October 16th at River Pointe Golf Club in Richmond. The price is \$85 (\$50 for police employees) and includes lunch and a light dinner. Contact John Laine, tournament chairman, at 281-341-1515 or laine_john_e@yahoo.com.

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 October meeting or mail to Joyce Beeson, 413 Huckleberry Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566-4318. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Joyce Beeson):

Balance 7-31-06	\$2,183.16
Receipts:	
Reimbursement of Bank Charge	5.00
Dues	<u>30.00</u>
Disbursements:	
None.	
Balance 8-31-06	<u>\$2,218.16</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 7-31-06	<u>\$700.85</u>
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 8-31-06	<u>\$700.85</u>
Notes:	
Not yet deposited:	
Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund	\$ 1.28
Receipts from Convention Raffle for Scholarship Fund	\$123.00

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held in Conroe sponsored by the Montgomery CPAAA on September 9th. Tom Blalock with the Montgomery County CPAAA introduced Holly with the Shattered Dreams Program. She is with the Montgomery County Hospital District EMS and helps run the program. They described how the program works by bringing the students, parents/family, medical services, police department, and funeral services together to put on real life situations dealing with drunk driving and the accidents that happen from being drunk or on drugs. The need for a nominating committee and the upcoming election was discussed. Thanks and a tip of the Region One cap to Montgomery County for the hospitality and refreshments.

WEB SITES

There is a lot of information on the convention and state web sites. The state convention web site gives information on the 2007 convention in Austin. The state convention website is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>. The Texas CPAAA state web site gives a lot of information that CPA Alumni members will find interesting and helpful. The Texas CPAAA state website is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. 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

Publishing of Alumni News.....The system that we have been using for reporting Alumni news hasn't been very successful. We have been publishing news sent directly to the Flash and news that is included in the minutes. This is always a month late and sometimes two months late if we don't get the minutes in time. Old news may be better than no news, but current news is the best and what really counts. 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.** 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.

ALUMNI NEWS:

ALVIN CITIZENS PATROL ROLLS OUT FOR A SAFER CITY

Alvin, Texas – On September 30, Alvin Police Department will unveil their newest tool to help keep Alvin safe. A group of specially trained citizens from the Alvin Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association will make their first patrol in the group's new Citizen's Patrol Unit. The specially equipped and marked patrol vehicle will allow the Patrol Unit to act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the citizens of Alvin. Each member of the Unit has completed the 32 hour Citizen's Police Academy and an additional 60 hours of specialized training in patrol techniques, qualifying them to begin patrolling Alvin's streets. The Citizen's Patrol Unit will assist Alvin Police Department with crime prevention patrols, motorist assistance, wrecker stand-by, and handicapped parking enforcement.

The group's leader, Eric Varnado, said, "Our mission is to act as a force multiplier for the city's police officers. We assist them with non-enforcement activities so that they are available to answer more calls. We will also act as a deterrent to crime by highly visible patrols."

Angleton. August. Had 6 Alumni members attend the State Convention. 2 Alumni members attended the National Convention in South Bend, Indiana. Our 16th CPA class will begin about mid-September. Participated in National Night Out. Alumni members, Jerry & Carol Albright took the COP vehicle to several block parties and Norma DeWeese and Stan Simpson hosted a block party for their neighborhood. Angleton CPA has an on-going fundraiser offering 4 x 8 sleek black pavers. These pavers will be placed around the flag poles in front of the police department.

Submitted by Norma DeWeese

Dickinson. August A BRICK WAS PURCHASED FOR ONE OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS. BUBBA DEATS, AT THE ENTRANCE OF OUR DICKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT. CITIZENS ON PATROL HAD 647 MAN HOURS AND 40 PATROLS. ON JUNE 26 THROUGH 28 THERE WILL BE A COPS TRAINING CLASS. OUR 4TH OF JULY PARADE STARTED AT THE TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND WENT DOWN HWT. 3 TO THE VFW PARKING LOT. OUR UP DATED CPA CLASSES WILL CONTINUE 7-15 TO 8-20. EACH THURSDAY EVENING. TONY VALDEZ REPORTED THROUGH THE MONTH OF JUNE WE HAD 1960 CALLS 336 CASE NUMBERS ISSUED, 27 ACCIDENTS, AND 1120 911 CALLS. OVER \$31,000 IN WARRANTS WERE COLLECTED. OUR WEB. SITE IS UP AND RUNNING FINALLY. A PLAQUE FOR DCPAAA OFFICES SERVED AND YEARS WILL BE HANGING IN THE TRAINING ROOM AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. OUR OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007 ARE PRESIDENT; CAROLYN SUDERMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; ANNETTE FLO YD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT; MARY ALLEN, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT; DALE KRONE; SECRETARY; MARYLIN DECKER, TREASURER; MARY SUE HERNANDEZ, PARLIAMENTARIAN; LEE GARZA. WE WERE WELL REPRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION IN RICHARDSON. BOY WAS IT FUN AND EDUCATIONAL. WE PURCHASED A NEW RADIO FOR THE CPA CAR \$2920.00 WITH THE CONVENTION MONEY LEFT OVER FROM THE 2004 CONVENTION IN GALVESTON.

Submitted by Calvin Walker

Galveston. Amelia Collins was a guest at the launching of the USS Texas in Galveston on September 9, 2006.

Houston. Class 38 has begun. CERT Team - how to respond to a disaster such as a hurricane, etc. We have a patrol for our neighborhoods using our own cars. The Comida (Food) Drive is one of our fundraisers for the citizens less fortunate than ourselves during the holiday season.

Lake Jackson. Assisted with National Night Out; Class 25 to start September 27th; Assisted with Blue Santa Program at the golf tournament; COP program delayed due to loss of vehicle.

Liberty County. Captain Chip Fairchild of the Liberty County Sheriff's Department was involved in the recent case of the pit bull dogs and murder in the area.

Montgomery County. June Activities:

17th We attended a class given by one of our members on Terrorism. It was very educational and worth while hearing. Rita was awarded Volunteer of the Year with the Conroe Police Dept and is now the Volunteer Coordinator for the Conroe Police Dept.

July Activities:

4th We did our annual collecting for parking for the Town Center in The Woodlands for their Red Hot and Blue Festival for 2006. We received 50% of the parking fees we collected. We earned every dollar of this because we were in the rain the whole time from 3pm to 9:15pm. We have started working on a large Fund Raiser. Our GOLD is to raise at least \$50,000.00 to purchase new vest and helmets for our S.W.A.T. team. Our aim is to purchase this equipment for each member of the team all at one time. These officers put their lives on the line for us every day as they go to work. We want to make sure that these officers return to their families safe. Our local Radio station K-Star has offered to help us. Our Liaison officer, Cpl Joel Gordon made a promise that for every \$10,000.00 collected he will take a one second hit from a taser. This was his decision because he believes in these officers and what they do in the line of duty. Cpl Gordon is no longer with the Sheriffs dept, but has said that he will keep his promise for this Fund Raiser. We realize this will take some time and if anyone here has some ideas that could help us out we would appreciate it.

August Activities:

1st We helped with the National Night Out in The Woodlands. 22nd We will start our CPA class. Helped with Shots Across Texas

September Activities:

9th—Hosting the Region One Meeting in Conroe TX. Also -after meeting we will be helping the P.L.E.A.S.E. Organization at Lake Wal-Mart on Hwy 105. 23rd & 24th—will be helping the P.L.E.A.S.E. with a Fund Raiser and Cook-Off at Havens Landing. SWAT Team needs 25 Ballister vests and helmets which cost about \$50,000.00; starting motorcycle squad need to also raise money for their equipment

Submitted by Jeanette Graff

Sugar Land. Assisted in National Night Out (84 Block Parties); Busy with COPS program (C.A.S.T.) and C.A.S.T. cars; surveying illegal parking, vacation watches; putting out "shop cars"; working on craft fundraiser.

Tomball. (First Report)

Tomball Night. assisted with foot patrol and traffic control; started a CERT class; started 4th CPA class.

Webster. Leo Waltz and his group are getting ready for their “Pancake Breakfast” fundraiser being held next Saturday. Leo has put out flyers and information for the last couple of meetings and on the website on the internet. Some of the Region One members plan to be there to support their event.

The Webster CPAAA wishes to thank those Region One alumni members that attended the pancake breakfast in Webster on September 16th. We hope you enjoyed the sausage and pancakes.

State Report. Leo Waltz has the state newsletter on the website. A catalogue will be prepared for the merchandise from the State. Early information regarding the next convention in Austin has been added to the convention website.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW E-MAIL FOR CHARLES BILLINGSLEY
CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM

Immediate Houston Past President and former Region One Director **Billie Richey** is recovering from heart surgery and complications. Billie is one of the most faithful and hard working members Houston and Region One has ever had. We wish her a speedy recovery and the best and look forward to seeing her again soon.

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Computer tech support guy: What’s on your monitor now, ma’am?
Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought me at the 7-11.

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An attorney was driving through the countryside when his car failed him. He looked under the hood and knocked a few items around with a hammer. In the process he knocked off a gas line and got his arm soaked with gasoline before getting the line back on. Discouraged, he attempted to start his car. Much to his surprise it started, and he headed for the nearest town for a permanent repair. To celebrate his success, he lit up a cigarette, at which time his arm exploded into flames. He stuck his arm out the window, hoping the wind at 50 miles per hour would put it out. He was promptly pulled over by a local constable and given a ticket for an illegal use of a firearm.

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
- David Ottmer – Austin County
- Robert J. Simpson – Austin County
- Lynne Bryant – League City
- Charles Wilson – Pasadena
- Edalia August - Beaumont