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The Region One meeting for January is on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 10:00 A.M in Webster at the Webster Police Station. The address is 217 Pennsylvania Avenue in Webster. From I-45 (Gulf Freeway), go east on NASA Parkway (NASA Road 1) to Austin Avenue which is just after the school playground and before Highway 3. Turn right on Austin and it runs into Pennsylvania. Turn left on Pennsylvania and the police station is on the right. Park in front of the station or if the lot is full, park in the city hall lot next door. The phone at the Webster Police Station is 281-332-2426. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

***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.***

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 are due. You may pay your dues for 2007 of \$30.00 at the January meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year.

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**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.**

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**Treasurer's Report** (submitted by Joyce Beeson):

Balance 10-31-06	<u>\$2,218.16</u>
Receipts:	
None.	
Disbursements:	
Copies	<u>(42.73)</u>
Balance 11-30-06	<u>\$2,175.43</u>
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 10-31-06	<u>\$1,124.46</u>
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance in Scholarship Fund at 11-30-06	<u>\$1,124.46</u>
Notes:	
Accumulated Balance in Kroger Share Fund	\$ 1.28

At the December meeting, President Tom Lane appointed a bylaws committee consisting of Calvin Walker (Dickinson) Chairman; Joyce Beeson (Lake Jackson); and George Gabriles (Lake Jackson) to review the bylaws and recommend any changes.

**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](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org).

*Leo Waltz, Webster CPAAA, TCPAA Web Master*

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://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](mailto:CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We only received reports of activities from 2 member associations. We have also included 5 reports taken from the state newsletter – The TCPAAA Flash. Obviously, more people are sending their reports to the state organization than they are to Region One. If you send a report to state, send a copy to Region One, [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com). **In any case, we need news from member associations by the first of the month to get in the next month's Flash.**

**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.** Brenham had its “Christmas Homecoming” parade and celebration on December 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Citizens on Patrol helped with this event on parade night and by patrolling the downtown area during the festival. The CPAAA hosted a Christmas party for its members and for all of the Police Department and their families on December 15<sup>th</sup>. A roast beef meal was served and a DJ provided music late into the night. The attendance was great and everyone had a good time. Class 21 will be starting on January 25<sup>th</sup> and we are accepting applications. The class meets every Thursday night for 12 weeks. Contact Tommie Nettle for information 979-337-7324. Happy New Year to Everyone!

*Submitted by Chris Pieper*

**Deer Park.** Adopted a needy family. Donated \$150 in a gift card from Wal-Mart and collected toys and clothes for the children. One of our members delivered some toys dressed as Santa on his motorcycle. Annual Christmas party was held on the 18th at Monument Inn with door prizes and lots of fun. Some of the members sold cookbooks for the holidays. The police officers, dispatchers, and jailers, who worked on Christmas day got a nice surprise. Along with their smoked turkey and side dishes, each one received a cup filled with candy canes, kisses and a packet of cocoa.

*Courtesy of the HCPAAA Flash*

**Dickinson.** Funded their Blue Santa program in partnership with their VFW and on Dec. 9 the Alumni hosted their Office/Alumni Christmas party/dinner.

*Courtesy of the HCPAAA Flash*

**Galveston County & Galveston County Sheriff.** Provided Christmas to the needy families in their area thru Deputy Clause Program, and delivered over 1,500 gifts and 150 bicycles with helmets beginning Dec 17th. West County Chapter provided a Fruit Basket along with holiday treats to the North County Building on December 23rd. There were deliveries to San Leon and Bacliff on the 17th, Dickinson and Santa Fe the 18th, and UTMB and Ronald McDonald House the 19th.. Sgt. O'Brian DSA Chair and Chip Goodman was Deputy Clause. Many volunteers participated. A significant cash donation that helped with purchases was made by BP in Texas City.

*Courtesy of the HCPAAA Flash*

**Houston.** This is the busy time of the year for the Houston CPAAA. For four days - Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 - 3, our members co-sponsored the annual Comida (Food) Drive conducted at 19 Houston Fiesta stores. The food drive resulted in the collection of over \$49,000 in cash as well as many boxes of non-perishable foods. The funds will be used to purchase food. Alumni members will then assist in the boxing of the food and then the distribution.

Our group held its holiday party Dec. 7 at the ARAMCO Services Building. It was a potluck dinner and members brought an unwrapped gift for the Houston Police Department Blue Santa program. The recipient was the Fondren Division, which was represented by two officers and a lieutenant. Our police chief, Harold Hurtt, is recovering from major surgery, but HPD was represented by two executive assistant chiefs, two assistant chiefs and Officer Lance Ediger, our liaison officer. Class 38 graduated last month with 23 new members. We have a new public service/fund raising project - the sale of LED flashlights.

*Submitted by Mike Weingart*

**Lake Jackson.** Christmas candy sales netted \$264. Project Identification is complete for this year. Will be trying to schedule assisted living care centers after the first of the year. CPA Class 25 graduated at the Civic Center, and LJCPAAA prepared the dinner (these folks can cook). LJPD Officer Jeremy Burch was honored as Officer of the Year, and Laura Brandes was Volunteer of the Year. LJCPAAA participated in the Blue Santa Program at the PD. Disabled Parking Program continues. Christmas Party was held at President Burke's home on December 15th.

*Courtesy of the HCPAAA Flash*

**Richmond.** Along with the Richmond PD, helped sponsor "Santa Behind the Badge." The CPAA sponsored a dinner for the needy in their community. Besides the dinner the Richmond PD provided toys for the needy children with Santa (played by one of the members) and food bags were provided also. It was a big event as this is the only Christmas those children have. They enjoyed both the dinner and the gifts and Richmond is very happy that thru the fund raiser (golf tournament) they are able to do this along with other projects for their community and their Police Department.

**Webster.** Donated \$500 to needy families in Webster for kid's Christmas gifts as well as \$2000 for additional gym equipment for their officers.

*Courtesy of the HCPAAA Flash*

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

**[CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM](mailto: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.*

### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.  
I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil  
How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.  
I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
When everything was still,  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant "Amen,"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.  
I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.

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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  
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Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County  
Rita Nicolaidis – Texas City  
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David Ottmer – Austin County  
Robert J. Simpson – Austin County  
Lynne Bryant – League City  
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Edalia August – Beaumont