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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2012 Officers

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Newsletter: Leah Benoit

Submissions Welcome!

Do you have any funny stories,
e-mails, or photos to share with
our members?

Please e-mail your police-related
submissions to
lbenoit@vha.com

Submissions are due the first day
of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/>

Link to ECPAAA Calendar

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>

Link to ECPAAA Events List

[http://www.ecpaaa.org/
event.htm](http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm)

August Speakers

Who: Sr. Corporal Tony Burnett and ECPAAA Member Leah Benoit

Topic: Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Convention

When: August 21, 2012

Do you know the top five things that can cause accidents and cost
the lives of officers?

GO BIG OR GO HOME! Come here what the state CPA Alumni
Association says about the Euleless CPAAA at the August Meeting.
Leah and I will discuss this year's state meeting and next year's
meeting in Arlington. Please make a point to be there!

REMINDER: Bring your items to recycle to the monthly
ECPAAA meetings. We are recycling batteries, aluminum
cans, cell phones and printer cartridges.

August Meeting Food Menu

Chicken Pasta Salad

Mexican Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad

Cupcakes

Beverage

Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euleless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

Huge thanks to those of you who have been able to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting in your neighborhood. There is nothing secret about the success of this program; it's just neighbors watching out for neighbors. We have seen a drastic reduction in residential burglaries this summer; I can't help but think that this has something to do with public awareness and the criminal element not wanting to take the chance of coming into one of our organized neighborhoods. Keep it up!!

If you haven't had a chance to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting yet, there's still time. We will be planning for our National Night Out events in the coming weeks. Please get with Tony or any of the guys in the NPO Office to learn how you and your neighborhood can participate.

We just had three new officers graduate from the police academy - Aaron Donaldson, David Norvell and Lynette Gilliam. We are expecting great things from these three. They all were outstanding while they were in the academy, with Officer Norvell earning the Valedictorian for the class. They are all with their Field Training Officers, and will be for the next 15 weeks. This will be a time of learning for them, and a time where they will be exposed to all the various situations and circumstances that may arise at any given time. They will emerge from their training with a good foundation on which to build a career of service. This is an exciting time for the Euless Police Department and for these three new officers.

We also just welcomed Fred Struck aboard. Fred will be working in Code Services. Fred came to us from the TSA, and we are excited to have him join our Code Services team.

We have another officer in the academy. James Ott is currently attending the police academy and we look forward to his graduation in the near future. James has experience as an officer in Louisiana and we can't wait to get him out of the academy and into field training.

In addition to all of those new employees, we have recently made job offers for two new police officer positions. We will be adding two officers to our force and are excited at the opportunity this presents us. We have not completed all of the steps necessary to announce who those offers were made to, but we are confident that we have selected two very qualified and capable candidates. I should be able to announce those names in the next week or so.

As you can see we are going and changing things around. Corporal Marco Valadares will be leaving his long time position in CID and taking up the School Resource Officer position at Central Junior High. Corporal Gatlin retired in June and Marco will be going to Central to carry on the great work Roger had been doing there for the last 15 years.

Thanks for all you do. I just wanted to take a few minutes to let you know what was going on around here. I hope you will take advantage of the various ways you can volunteer with us, or just stop in and say "Hi!" You are always welcome here!!!

Your Servant,

Mike



From the President — Loretta Doty

Everyone enjoying their summer and all this hot weather we are having? Our annual BBQ is next month and the committee is working very hard. If you have an item for the silent auction you would like to donate or some spare time to sell tickets, please contact Leah Benoit. If anyone attends the Hurst Citizens on Patrol Conference, would you share your experience with fellow alumni at our August meeting? Tony Burnett and Leah Benoit are going to tell us about the state convention in Waco. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the August meeting and hope we all have a chance to visit. For those of you on vacation, be safe, have a wonderful time and join us in September.



Coming Soon!

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event — September 22

Dinner tickets are available.

Adults — \$10

Ages 5 to 13 — \$5

Under 5 — Free

If you need tickets or would like to RSVP and pay at the door, please email Leah Benoit at lbenoit@vha.com.

Deadline to purchase tickets is September 14th.

Some Items Up for Auction!

Theme Baskets

Catered Italian Dinner

Trip to Gun Shooting Range with EPD

Flatscreen TV

Home and Garden

BASEBALL COLLECTIBLES

African Safari for Two at Zulu Nyala

Gift Cards

Lawn Mower

Tickets to Local Attractions

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

We are halfway through August and the summer months will be past us in no time. My kids are already dreading going back to school. At the beginning of summer, Loretta Doty asked everyone to host a crime watch meeting during the summer and the response has been great. The NPO's have attended several meetings so far and have many more scheduled in the fall months. I cannot blame anyone for postponing a meeting until the temperatures subside!

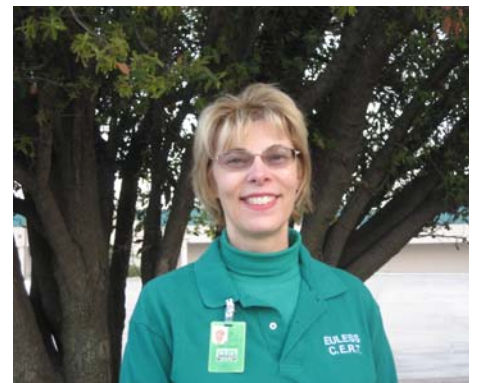
We have two big events scheduled for October that I need your help with. National Night Out is Tuesday, October 2nd and the Police Department Open House is Saturday, October 6th. Corporal Gordon has started a list of neighborhoods that will be participating in National Night Out. You can reach him at 817-685-1686 to be added to the list. We would also like to see as many alumni faces at our open house as possible. Besides the information booth that is set up, your faces and badges that identify you as alumni and CERT members show the support that you give us each day.

I wanted to thank all those that attended the two-day NCIC/TCIC training in July with Debbie Torrez. Having that certification allows us the opportunity to expand places for you to volunteer within the police department. On that note, I want to end with a few words about our alumni and your commitment to serve us. Recently we welcomed 30+ new members into the alumni and I have been overwhelmed by the support and kindness that has been shown to them. You have taken them under your wing and introduced them to your association and volunteering within our police department very well. You have done your job so well that it has created an issue on our end. We have more offers to volunteer than we have opportunities. What an awesome problem to have! Do not worry, we are constantly finding new ways to get everyone involved and the NCIC/TCIC training is just one example of more things to come. See you at the August meeting!



CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

The September CPAANT meeting will be held in Forest Hill. If anyone would like to attend the CPAANT meeting with Geri, please let her know. Please visit CPAANT'S Web Site www.cpaant.org for additional information on the organization and location and directions to the September meeting.



July 2012 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 48 Hours 30 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 139 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 123 Hours 30 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 16 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 2
- Code – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Courts – 41 Hours 45 Minutes
- CPA/CERT Class – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 2 Hour 30 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 41 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 12 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings – 100 Hours 0 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 100 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 46 Hours 30 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 23 Hours 0 Minutes
- Training (NCIC) - 170 Hours 45 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 63 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 9 Hours 30 Minutes


Grand Total – 697 Hours 0 Minutes

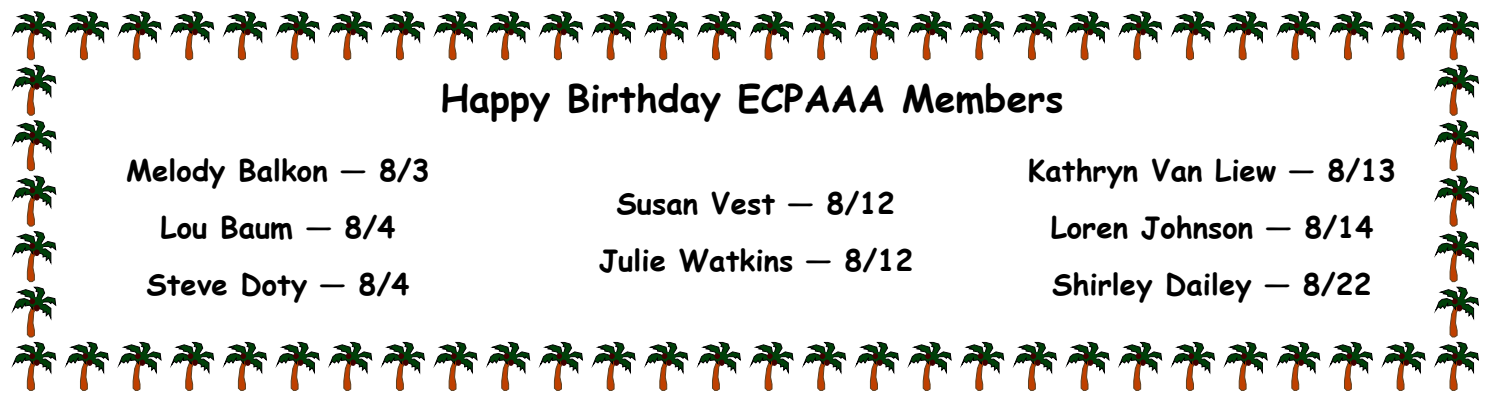
July National Value of Volunteer Time – \$15,187.63
YTD 2012 National Value of Volunteer Time – \$89,915.35

July Meeting – 38 Alumni Members + 3 Guests Present

Upcoming Events

- Aug 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Aug 14 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Aug 14 — ECPAAA BBQ/Auction Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Eules Police Department
- Aug 28— City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Sept 8 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am—12 noon, Forest Hill (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- Sept 8 — Grand Opening of the Eules Heritage Museum at the Ruth Millican Center, 1:00-5:00 pm, 201 Cullum Drive
- Sept 11— City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Sept 12 — Child Safety Seat Check, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, iT’Z Parking Lot, 1201 W. Airport Freeway
- Sept 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Sept 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

 **Sept 22— ECPAAA BBQ Dinner & Auction Event, 6:00—10:00 pm, Eules Senior Center, 300 W. Midway**



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

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| Melody Balkon — 8/3 | Susan Vest — 8/12 | Kathryn Van Liew — 8/13 |
| Lou Baum — 8/4 | Julie Watkins — 8/12 | Loren Johnson — 8/14 |
| Steve Doty — 8/4 | | Shirley Dailey — 8/22 |

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Cynthia Schmidt

by Rosemarie Stevens



Cynthia Schmidt joined ECPAAA from CPA Class 28, and she brings with her an extensive association with the military. Currently, she is a supervisor at Contract Claims Services, a third-party administrator for federal workers' compensation claims; her department now serves the Navy Personnel Command/MWR and the U.S. Coast Guard Units. Before she was given this responsibility, she supervised the U.S. Marine Corps/MCCS Unit.

Cynthia was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, and has lived in Euless for five years. She has a nine-year daughter who is in the Gifted and Talented Program at South Euless Elementary. As a member of a blended family, Cynthia herself is one of ten children. The majority of her family lives in the DFW and Houston areas, and several of them have retired from and/or are currently serving in the U. S. Marine Corps – “Semper Fi!”

Her primary non-work activity is supporting her daughter's extracurricular activities. She also enjoys gardening, reading, music, creating art using different artistic mediums, trying new restaurants with family and friends, baking and target practice with her father, a former Marine sharpshooter.

Her favorite books are [Frankenstein](#) by Mary Shelly and [The Bell Jar](#) by Sylvia Plath. She prefers biographies and autobiographies about artists, musicians and/or anyone who has led and enjoyed an interesting life. She also likes books related to science and medicine.

She indicated that it was hard to select a favorite movie since she sees mostly Disney movies with her daughter. However, she likes documentaries and horror/action movies. She wrote that she gets “giddy with anticipation for any new Tim Burton movie that is released” because she loves his directorial style.

She wrote that she enjoyed her CPA classes and her favorite one was the drunk-driving exercise because she enjoyed learning about the physiological effects of being drunk with the special glasses and golf cart simulation. She also enjoyed the street crime class where she learned a lot about our local crimes and gangs.

Interesting aspects of her life that Cynthia wanted to share include the fact that she was a bartender from the ages of 19 – 22. From that position she started working for the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office as a morgue clerk, tech and funeral home liaison. She worked there full time for seven years and still works there part time as needed. She wrote that she has seen thousands of deaths and loved ones of deceased persons and that she learned a big life lesson as a result – “No matter how bad life may seem, at least, you are not on the autopsy table yet. So appreciate all of your loved ones as you cannot take personal possessions when your spirit moves on to whatever higher power you believe in.”

She also wanted to share that she is a “text book example of why not to judge a book by its cover.” One-third of her body is covered with body art (tattoos) that she conceals during appropriate times. She does not use drugs and rarely drinks alcoholic beverages. She is educated; she is a homeowner; she is not in a gang and she describes herself as a “God-fearing member of society who is extremely hardworking and loyal to family, friends and my community.” She also indicated that she is very nice and a bit shy at first. So, if you have not already welcomed her to our ECPAAA family, please do so when the opportunity presents itself.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2012

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, John Deithloff, Janet Delph, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Valerie Hinde, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Koren, Sue Kosec, Molly Maddux, Leo Neal, Dawn Nisbet, Barbara Niziolek, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Renee Potter, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Tammy Van Horne, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins and guests Stacey Foust, Jerrie Keller and Magen Morton

PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION:

Lou Baum introduced Todd Martin, Kenny Marchant's assistant. Todd presented certificates to the members who received the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards last month.

PRESENTATION: Paul Lake with Search One Rescue Team presented a slide show on how their team responds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the June Minutes, second by Sandi Jones. Motion passed.

Steve Doty announced that the Association has \$26,566.87. Pete Jones made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report, second by Tim Stinneford. Motion passed.

Loretta mentioned that the NCIC/TCIC training would be taking place over two days. The Police Department will look into having night training.

Loretta reminded the members:

- ⇒ They need to call Don Martin to schedule COPS ride outs. New members need to do the first ride out with Don.
- ⇒ Ken Denne could use some help with the Speed Trailer.
- ⇒ Members need to get more involved with Neighborhood Watches.
- ⇒ Purchase Bricks if you haven't

Leah Benoit updated the members regarding the BBQ. She said tickets are available for sale and meetings are ongoing.

Loretta announced birthdays and members under the weather.

Tim Stinneford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pete Jones seconded the motion. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.



Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

July 2012 Hours 697

July 2011 Hours 376

Increase of 85%

July Year-to-date 2012 – 4,127

July Year-to-date 2011 – 3,150

Up 31% Year-to-Date 2012
from 2011

Biggest Improvement was in
CID, COPS, Courts and
Eules Radio Club

Foods & drinks to beat the summer heat!

1. Cucumbers
2. Watermelon
3. Coconut Water
4. Summer Squash
5. Lemonade
6. Yogurt Smoothies
7. Citrus Fruits
8. Spicy Pickles
9. Green Tea

Visit the following site for more details on why these delicious foods and drinks help us beat the heat!

<http://rehanastormme.hubpages.com/hub/Beat-the-Summer-Heat-with-Cooling-Foods>

July 2012 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	July	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/11 Balance in Checking				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$8,400.00	-\$8,300.00
Brick Sales		\$420.00	\$150.00	\$270.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$1,400.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$500.00	\$1,004.01	\$0.00	\$1,004.01
Grocery Care Cards		\$34.63	\$50.00	-\$15.37
Membership Dues		\$1,480.00	\$1,500.00	-\$20.00
Member Merchandise		\$34.05	\$0.00	\$34.05
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$147.00	\$200.00	-\$53.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)	\$46.77	\$46.77	\$200.00	-\$153.23
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$22.00	\$200.00	-\$178.00
Fundraisers		\$191.00	\$1,000.00	-\$809.00
Warrant Roundup		\$843.13	\$1,000.00	-\$156.87
Funds used to cover Major Projects		\$0.00	\$7,329.79	-\$7,329.79
Total Income	\$646.77	\$5,057.59	\$21,429.79	-\$16,372.20
Total	\$24,783.02	\$24,783.02		
EXPENSES	July	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Bricks		\$156.00	\$250.00	-\$94.00
Checking Account Expenses		\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$20.00	\$25.00	-\$5.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$100.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items		\$144.00	\$300.00	-\$156.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$200.00	\$300.00	-\$100.00
Fundraisers		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$41.92	\$41.92	\$150.00	-\$108.08
PALS Summer Camp		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$388.12	\$400.00	-\$11.88
Police Chief Wish Projects	\$1,710.00	\$1,710.00	\$8,000.00	-\$6,290.00
Police Honor Guard		\$5,996.80	\$6,000.00	-\$3.20
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$118.98	\$200.00	-\$81.02
President Awards		\$113.34	\$150.00	-\$36.66
Social Events		\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Allen Samuels Dodge Appreciation Lunch		\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Water by the Gallon		\$224.00	\$650.00	-\$426.00
Web Site/Domain Name		\$204.79	\$204.79	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,751.92	\$9,392.95	\$21,429.79	-\$12,036.84
Funds Available in Checking		\$15,390.07		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
Major Projects/Future Projects		\$10,061.45		
Interest from Savings Account	\$0.35	\$2.35		
Funds Available in Savings		\$10,063.80		
Total ECPAAA Funds		\$25,453.87		