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## Geris Farewell

As 1998 closes I think back on how much we have accomplished in 4 short years and how many new friends I have met. I emphasize we because of the many team players that are members of ECPAAA. To all of you who contributed Thank You! I couldn't have done it without you. Now that we have new officers, I'm sure that you will continue to help and support them. I'm not going too far though, just sitting on the other side of the table. I attended the graduation of class 8 last night - seven individuals have already joined and will be at the December meeting. A few will also help with the Parade of Lights on the 12th. Please join in welcoming them on the

## New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members from Class 8:  
Melissa & Randy Shane  
Jennifer Ward  
Margaret Stowe  
Kimlyn Weiskircher  
Mary Clayton  
Mary Payblas  
We look forward to working with and getting to know you.



## CHIEF MCKAMIE

If you find yourselves as busy this time of year as I do, you may not have time to read this until January. As you probably already know, we had a difficult Thanksgiving Day here at the Police Department. A Police Lieutenant and a citizen were both injured by a gunshot and a young Police Officer was emotionally devastated. It seemed like the worst of days. Yet, as we worked through the day, it occurred to me that we were seeing perfect examples of all that we had to be thankful for. Both Lieutenant McLendon and the citizen were released from the hospital with a full recovery expected. The officer was ministered to by his friends and co-workers. By days end, he was in another state in the loving arms of his parents. Many of our officers were called upon to lend a hand and they did their jobs flawlessly under difficult circumstances. And finally there was a group of caring citizens here serving Thanksgiving dinner to a larger group than expected. The food

December 15th Meeting  
& Year End Wrap.  
We'll wrap gifts & celebrate a great

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## From the Desk of Mike Brown

1998 is drawing to a close, and we are about to start the last year of this century. Before we turn our attention to the future, I would like to say a few things about the past. We started our CPA four years ago, we had an idea of what we wanted to do, but we were really not sure how to do it. We were about half way through class #1 when I met with the Chief and we discussed the possibility of starting an alumni association. The Chief and I agreed that it would be a great thing to start, but for the life of us we did not know how to start one. It was our opinion that it would take several classes before we could generate enough interest in the CPA to even think about an alumni association. We decided that we would go ahead and introduce the concept of an alumni association to those first brave few who were in class #1. It was obvious from the start that the concept of an alumni association had found several supporters in this group. It was not long before several of the class #1 members were busy looking into the requirements for a nonprofit organization. how to develop by-laws, how to select officers, and what the function of the alumni association should be. As we can see, those people did a tremendous job making something from nothing.

When I am called on to speak, and I am given the choice of the topic, I always speak about apathy. The problems that this world has encountered because of apathy, and how truly special people are who do not pass the buck, or shrug their shoulders and say "it's not my job." I cannot begin to express my appreciation to those who started on this journey with us four years ago, and all of you who have joined us since then. I, by

no means, want to diminish the contribution of any one person to this organization. I do however want to point out the service of one of our members

I would like to thank our President, Geri Sorg, for her dedication, commitment, and the countless hours that she spent in service of this organization. Every group, no matter how large or small, must have a leader, someone who is not afraid to step up front and say follow me. Thanks to her willingness to lead, and the example she set for the organization we are able to enjoy the success we have today. Did she do this alone? No! I believe Geri would be the first to tell you it was, and is, a team effort. I can say I have enjoyed working with Geri over the past four years, and will miss the daily calls and visits that have been associated with her involvement with the alumni association. Thank you Geri for your efforts, and for your ability to organize and direct. I am a better person because I know you, this organization is better because of you, and the police department is fortunate to be associated with you. Good luck and I hope you can find something to do to fill all of the spare time you are going to have. Now that the presidency will change hands, it is up to all of us to help the new officers as much as we did the old ones. I am excited about working with the new president and his officers, but most of all I am grateful that I am associated with all of you.



## The Chief

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was great, but the fellowship was better. In times like we experienced that day, it's nice to know that people care. By the end of the day I sat down to a re-heated Thanksgiving dinner and counted my blessings for all that I had experienced and witnessed. I saw, once again, what wonderful employees we have and what great friends we have in the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. I hope you had as much to be thankful for as me and my family. Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Parade of Lights

Come get front row seats to the parade. but there's a catch. The Alumni Association is needing some help keeping the parade moving and the spectators safe. So if you feel like having some fun with your fellow ECPAAA members, enjoying the lights and helping others call Geri at 283-2622 and let her know when you will be able to work. As of right now we will be meeting at the Mobile Unit in the Kroger's parking lot at 5:30 Saturday the 12th to find out what we need to do and where we need to be. The parade starts at 6:30 and will run from Kroger's ending up at Trinity High School.

## November 1998 Treasurer's Report

Revenue:	November	Year-to-Date
Membership Dues	40.00	555.00
T-Shirts & Caps	423.00	495.50
Contributions - Specialty Cards		320.00



### THANKS TO ALL

RETAILERS WHO GAVE THE  
TURKEY AND HAM- Albertson's,  
Winn Dixie, Kroger, and Luby's  
ALUMNI MEMBERS WHO  
SUPPLIED ALL OTHER FOODS

Sarah Chandler

Don & Linda Martin

Deborah Taylor

Judie Nolden

Barbara Lucas

Susan Vest

Chris Man

Ron Gregory

Kathy Haecker

Sharon Finnegan

Helen Wagner

Chris Shanahan

Lou Baum

Dick & Judy Rick

Julie Stephenson

Geri Sorg

Barney Snitz

Chris Apodaca

Suzanne Clark Scott Dennett

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SERVED THE OFFICERS

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**EULESS CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, November 17, 1998  
Monthly Meeting

**SPEAKER** Sgt. Ron Williamson, talked about the Task Force and their involvement in law enforcement  
The different types of situations where they are called in.  
Meeting called to order at 8:20 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Pres. Geri Sorg, Vice Pres. Lou Baum, Sarah Chandler, Leah Benoit, Helen Wagner, Linda Martin, Kathy Haecker, Al Simmenroth, Barbara Lucas, Susan Vest, Don Martin, Barney Snitz, Sharon Finnegan, Judie Nolden, Chris Shanahan, Ron Gregory, Jackie Dohring, Chris Marz, Dale Gresham, Karen Duncan, Chris Apodaca, Ed Benyon, Bob Bouse, Jud Park, David Shanahan, Mamie Singleton.

**LIAISON:** Sgt. Mike Brown.

**ABSENT:** Pat Gilliland, Lillian Eduardo, Monty Huffman, Ed Hoepfner, Paula Hoepfner, Jack Canonico, Edmundo Eduardo, Della Ferris, Judy Grau, LaVerle White, Wanda Bradbury, Sandy Bunch, Katie Edwards, Eric Owens, Marlene Carberry, John Miller, Marcell Tennyson, Winnie Pinkston, Jim White, Allan Johnston, Duane Rogers, Linda Brehm, D C Anderson, Scott Dennett, Bill Teague, Boyce Byers, George Weinenhoff, Bob Strength, Nick Payblas, Helen Voss, Suzanne Clark, Della Ferris, Frank Freeman, Judy Rick, Byron Benoit, Dick Rick, Glen Pinkston, Judy Rick, Julie Stephenson, Deborah Taylor, Charles Mitchell, Shari Wheeler, Todd Burnell.

**MINUTES:** Approved as stated in the News Letter. Motion by Barbara Lucas, --second Linda Martin.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Approved as stated.

- 1) Membership, 67 pd. Members at this time.
  - 2) Leah Benoit, No report. needs RSVP, for Christmas Dinner by December 1, 1998, cost \$8. for Guest.
  - 3) Newsletter, Kathy Haecker and Julie Stephenson, Julie is resigning from the newsletter and Kathy needs volunteer to help with newsletter.
  - 4) Christmas Providers, We are waiting for our Families to be assigned, and Linda Martin will put a flyer in the envelopes going out to members reminding Everyone of Christmas Provider Donations.
  - 5) Vice Pres. Lou Baum has arranged for Luby's help in furnishing food for Thanksgiving, check your list for the items you will be preparing. We will be decorating the room Wed. night at 7:00 p.m.. for anyone who would like to help.
  - 6) Officer Election Chair Don Martin, passed out Ballots to those present tonight, ballots will be mailed to all other Members, and must be returned by December 3, 1998. Judie Nolden asked to have her name removed from the Ballot.
  - 7) Pres. Geri Sorg has a request for ECPAAA Members to help with Traffic Control for the Christmas Parade of Lights , we will need 12 to 14 people to work from 4:30 to 9: PM. We need two Volunteers to attend a meeting Thursday night at 7:p.m. (Judie Nolden, and Ed Benyon will attend the meeting) Volunteers Karen Duncan, Barbara Lucas, Chris Apodaca, Chris Shanahan, Mamie Singleton, Leah Benoit, Geri Sorg, Chris Marz, Sarah Chandler.
  - 8) Please have your News Articles in by December 7,1998. We need to have Newsletter out early.
  - 9) Sgt. Mike Brown, announced there will be more training offered for those who would like to volunteer in other areas that will be opening up for ECPAAA to work, Disabled parking, Warrants Issue does not need our help, but they do need help on Jury Trials at the Court, possibly School Crossings.
  - 10) Budget set for next year, to be voted on at December meeting
  - 11) 50/50 Drawing --\$36.00 total, \$18.00 went to ECPAAA, winning ticket Sharon Finnegan
- ADJOURN:** Motion by Barbara Lucas, second Jackie Dohring.



## Eules Police Department Personnel Profiles

**Jack Watson** is a Reserve Officer with the Police Department. Jack has been a reserve officer for over 4 years. He has been with the City for over 25 years and is a Battalion Chief with the Eules Fire Department. Jack was married in October to the lovely Becky. They have a beautiful daughter named Frances who is 4 years old. Jack's hobbies include his horses and his old 1970 Ford Mustang. His favorite book is the Bible and of course his favorite movies include "Backdraft", "Clear & Present Danger", John Wayne and old westerns. Jack's favorite part of law enforcement is working with regular officers and helping citizens.

**Steve Kockos** is a Lieutenant in the Patrol Division. He has been with the department for over 15 years. He is married to Judy and they have two sons, Chris age 15 and Matt age 10. His hobbies include golfing, camping, fishing, and traveling. He enjoys any book by Tom Clancey, Civil War Books, WW II books, and biographies. Steve likes any movie with John Wayne, and "Lonesome Dove". His favorite part of law enforcement is that it is different everyday, the people, and the people he works with.

**Stephen M. Barlag** is a new officer who just graduated from the academy. He was the valedictorian of his class. Stephen was hired from Hurst Police Department where he worked as a Public Service Officer. He is married and has a daughter, Brittany, a son, John, and a child due in February. His hobbies include building model cars, reading, and riding motorcycles. His favorite books include "Eye Of The Needle", and "The Bourne Identity". His favorite movies are "The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Blues Brothers". His favorite part of law enforcement is that it's different everyday.

**Robert Condit** was born in Medford, Oregon. He has been with the department for 2 years and is a patrol officer. Robert was hired from the Hurst Police Department where he worked as a Public Service Officer. He is married to his wife Kelly and they are expecting their first baby. Robert enjoys playing football and baseball as his hobbies. His favorite movie is "Crimson Tide". Robert's most interesting life experiences were his worldwide travel while in the U.S. Marines. His favorite part of law enforcement is arresting criminals and helping people.

### Santa Claus - Author Unknown

He comes in the night! He comes in the night!  
 He softly, silently comes;  
 While the little brown heads on the pillows so white  
 Are dreaming of bugles and drums.  
 He cuts through the snow like a ship through The  
 foam,  
 While the white flakes around him whirl;  
 Who tells him I know not, but he findeth the home  
 Of each good little boy and girl.  
 His sleigh it is long, and deep, and wide;  
 It will carry a host of things,  
 While dozens of drums hang over the side,  
 With the sticks sticking under the strings.  
 And yet not the sound of a drum is heard,  
 Not a bugle blast is blown,

As he mounts to the chimney-top like a bird,  
 And drops to the hearth like a stone.  
 The little red stockings he silently fills,  
 Till the stockings will hold no more;  
 The bright little sleds for the great snow hills  
 Are quickly set down on the floor.  
 Then Santa Claus mont to the roof like a bird,  
 And glides to his seat in the sleigh;  
 Not a sound of a bugle or drum is heard  
 As he noiselessly gallops away.  
 He rides to the East, and he rides to the West,  
 Of his goodies he touches not one;  
 He eateth the crumbs of the Christmas feast  
 When the dear little folks are done.  
 Old Santa Claus doeth all tht he can;  
 This beautiful mission is his;  
 Then, children be good to the little old man,  
 When you find who the little man is.



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Don't forget to buy your ECPAAA shirts and caps!

## Reminder

December 12th - Parade of Lights  
 December 15th - ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 January 19th - ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 PM  
 February 16th ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 PM

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 \* Need an idea for a \*  
 \* Christmas gift? ECPAAA T- \*  
 \* shirts and caps: \*  
 \* T-shirts \$18.00 \*  
 \* Ball caps 7.00 \*  
 \* Visors 6.00 \*  
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- ⇒ The December meeting will be a celebration of this season of giving as we prepare gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Please help make someone's Christmas very special. We will also be celebrating the close of a successful year of hard work by our organization. Please plan to attend.
- ⇒ It's time for annual dues - this is great time to join the Alumni Association if you have not already.

Web page address:

⇒ <http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm>

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

(as written by a technical writer for a firm that does US government contracting)

'Twas the nocturnal segment of the diurnal period preceding the annual Yuletide celebration, and throughout our place of residence, kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential, including that species of domestic rodent known as *Mus musculus*. Hosiery was meticulously suspended from the forward edge of the wood burning caloric apparatus, pursuant to our anticipatory pleasure regarding an imminent visitation from an eccentric philanthropist among whose folkloric appellations is the honorific title of St. Nicholas.

The prepubescent siblings, comfortably ensconced in their respective accommodations of repose, were experiencing subconscious visual hallucinations of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrums. My conjugal partner and I, attired in our nocturnal head coverings, were about to take slumberous advantage of the hibernal darkness when upon the avenaceous exterior portion of the grounds there ascended such a cacophony of dissonance that I felt compelled to arise with alacrity from my place of repose for the purpose of ascertaining the precise source thereof.

Hastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barriers sealing this fenestration, noting thereupon that the lunar brilliance without, reflected as it as on the surface of a recent crystalline precipitation, might be said to rival that of the solar meridian itself - thus permitting my incredulous optical sensory organs to behold a miniature airborne runnered conveyance drawn by eight diminutive specimens of the genus *Rangifer*, piloted by a minuscule, aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became instantly apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller. With his ungulate motive power travelling at what may possibly have been more vertiginous velocity than patriotic alar predators, he vociferated loudly, expelled breath musically through contracted labia, and addressed each of the octet by his or her respective cognomen - "Now Dasher, now Dancer..." et al. - guiding them to the uppermost exterior level of our abode, through which structure I could readily distinguish the concatenations of each of the 32 cloven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location, and was performing a 180-degree pivot, our distinguished isitant achieved - with utmost celerity and via a downward leap - entry by way of the smoke passage. He was clad entirely in animal pelts soiled by the ebony residue from oxidations of carboniferous fuels which had accumulated on the walls thereof. His resemblance to a street vendor I attributed largely to the plethora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of engaging amiability. The capillaries of his malar regions and nasal appurtenance were engorged with blood which suffused the subcutaneous layers, the former approximating the coloration of Albion's floral emblem, the latter that of the *Prunus avium*, or sweet cherry. His amusing sub- and supralabials resembled nothing so much as a common loop knot, and their ambient hirsute facial adornment appeared like small, tabular and columnar crystals of frozen water.

Clenched firmly between his incisors was a smoking piece whose grey fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput, were suggestive of a decorative seasonal circlet of holly. His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of impectinated fruit syrup in a hemispherical container. He was, in short, neither more nor less than an obese, jocund, multigenarian gnome, the optical perception of whom rendered me visibly frolicsome despite every effort to refrain from so being. By rapidly lowering and then elevating one eyelid and rotating his head slightly to one side, he indicated that trepidation on my part was groundless.

Without utterance and with dispatch, he commenced filling the aforementioned appended hosiery with various of the aforementioned articles of merchandise extracted from his aforementioned previously dorsally transported cloth receptacle. Upon completion of this task, he executed an abrupt about-face, placed a single manual digit in lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward in a gesture of leave-taking, and forthwith effected his egress by renegotiating (in reverse) the smoke passage. He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his conveyance, directed a musical expulsion of air through his contracted oral sphincter to the antlered quadrupeds of burden, and proceeded to soar aloft in a movement hitherto observable chiefly among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed. But I overheard his parting exclamation, audible immediately prior to his vehiculation beyond the limits of visibility: "Ecstatic Yuletide to the planetary constituency, and to that self same assemblage, my sincerest wishes for a salubriously beneficial and gratifyingly pleasurable period between sunset and dawn."

If you are a new member or a member who has not had their bio published, please fill out this form and we will use the information to create your bio. It will be similar to those on the PD personnel in this newsletter. These bios are a great way for us to get to know each other. After you complete the for either mail it to the PO Box or bring it to the next meeting.

INTERVIEW FOR ECPAAA NEWSLETTER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN EULESS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

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HOBBIES \_\_\_\_\_

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FAVORITE BOOKS \_\_\_\_\_

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FAVORITE MOVIES \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERESTING LIFE EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_

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FAVORITE PART OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN POLICE DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_

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