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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2011 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
eulesscpa@sbcglobal.net

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

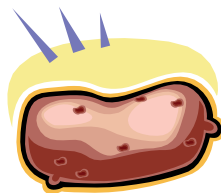
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February Speaker Gary McKamie Euleless City Manager



Gary will share with us how the Euleless Police Department was back then, now and all in between. Gary grew up in a Law Enforcement family; his Dad worked 40 years for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Gary and Paula have been married for 35 years, have three grown sons and most importantly, they have five grandchildren. He started his career in Euleless in September 1973 as a Police Dispatcher and continued to work in the Police Department for the next 26 years. In 1999, Gary left the Police Department to become Euleless' Deputy City Manager, and in 2007 he was appointed City Manager. Gary is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University.

February Meeting Food Menu



Chili
Baked Potatoes with
All the Fixins'
Soft Drinks



Please bring a dessert to share with everyone.

FROM THE CHIEF

I hope all of you were able to survive the strange weather we've been having over the past few weeks! Ice is always dangerous, but you add the freezing temperatures, rolling blackouts, snow and the Super Bowl all in the same week and it starts to get a little crazy around here. I am writing this a few days before all the bad weather is suppose to clear out, so I'm hoping that we will continue to survive this weather with no one getting hurt and not losing any equipment.

On Monday night, February the 7th at the City's Boards and Commissions dinner Eric Bessemer was awarded the City of Euless Volunteer of the Year. I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this award. Eric is more familiar with our fleet than we are. He knows it inside and out, he knows what's broke and who to take it to to get it fixed. He not only volunteers with us, he's also very vital to the operation of the Service Center and the Fire Department. Eric saves this department untold hours and levels of frustration that are hard to describe. Thanks to Eric, we have officers and Sergeants who do not know the frustrations of having to shuttle cars to the Service Center for maintenance. In the past, it took a Sergeant and at least one officer to get the cars out to the Service Center, or wherever they had to be taken, for maintenance and repair. Eric is also very involved in keeping our other equipment in working order, and is on first name basis with all of the vendors we use for the equipment in those cars. I've gone a long way to say, Eric is a true asset and blessing to this department.

Another one of our little band of brothers received the Life Time Contribution Award for the countless minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years he has given in service to the City of Euless. Lou Baum is a force of nature when it comes to his tireless devotion to this city. His list of accomplishments and hours of service to this city are nothing short of phenomenal. There are not many volunteer programs in this city that Lou has not either developed or served in at sometime. I know Lou has been a tremendous partner to work with. The things he has done for the city as a whole is enough to establish him as a true servant, but when you add all the work he does in his beloved Morrisdale I do not believe anyone can compare with his drive and dedication. Lou has organized, worked, and moved mountains to make Morrisdale one of the premiere neighborhoods in the nation. As a byproduct of Lou's work in Morrisdale he has brought attention and honor to the entire City of Euless.

These two men are what I call a "representative sample" of the army of volunteers who show up day after day at event after event to help make this city the best place to live and raise a family.

We held a swearing in ceremony on Thursday afternoon where we promoted four members of the department to new leadership roles. I mentioned in my last article that we were making a few changes and here are the changes.

- ⇒ Senior Officer Coty Bush was transferred to CID
- ⇒ Senior Corporal Brenda Buske was transferred to the Special Crimes Unit
- ⇒ Senior Corporal Brett Morgan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Assigned to Patrol
- ⇒ Administrative Assistant to the Chief Gary Landers was promoted to the rank of Captain and will retain command of Code Compliance and Community Services
- ⇒ Lieutenant Steve Kockos was promoted to the rank of Captain and will assume command of Communications, Property, Records and the Jail
- ⇒ Lieutenant Steve Eskew was promoted to the rank of Captain and will assume command of Patrol and Criminal Investigation

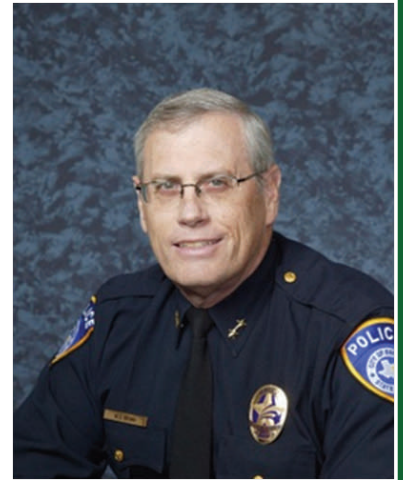
Please join me in congratulating Eric, Lou and all the other members of the Euless Police Department family on their awards, promotions and transfers. It's an exciting time for around here for us all.

Please remember to get your tickets for the Euless Police Department Awards Banquet on Friday, February the 25th 7:00 pm at the Texas Star. This will be a great night in the history of the Euless Police Department; please call Celia at 817-685-1509 to get your tickets. I hope to see you there!!

Thanks for all you do!

Your Servant,

Mike



EPD Liaison — Captain Gary Landers

Dear Friends,

It has been five years since I was last part of your elite group. It is with great honor and pride that I get to be involved with each one of you as we yet again begin another chapter of strengthening this great organization. I hope each of you are as excited as my family and I. If there is anything that I can do to help please let me know; I am only a phone call away. I will be in the old office that Sgt. Starnes had in Administration; my phone number is (817) 685-1506.

Sgt. Starnes has been transferred to Criminal Investigations. I know that he is looking forward to this new assignment and will do an outstanding job leading C.I.D. into the future. Please join me in wishing Eric well in this new vital role of the Police Department.

With the move I have been tasked with blazing new territory within the Police Department. We have added new members to our family. These members come from Code Services - Rick Eldredge, Rene Rodriguez, Brian McGarry and Goose Wall. Please join me in welcoming these employees into the Police Department family. The Code Services Department will take on many changes over the next few weeks. One of those changes being they will have a new name for their division; it will be called **Code Compliance**. They will also utilize the patrol conference room as their new office. You will also notice they will be taking on a new look because their uniforms will be changing. As this transition is completed we can help them feel at home by stopping by the office and introducing yourself. These are a great group of guys and are extremely excited to be working in the Police Department.

I would like to Thank you guys for the wonderful party you gave Chief Westmoreland. It is awesome to see citizens that care so much for the Employees every single day. Chief Westmoreland served this city extremely well for over thirty-five years and each of you took time to make his departure special for him and the Police Department.

I look forward to the days ahead and the great things to come.

Sincerely,
Gary



From the President — Pete Jones



I can't believe that it is February already. Before you know it will be time for the BBQ. Sandi and I looked at the new facility and it is at least three times as large as the one we have been using. So let's set our sights on filling the room. We'll be setting up the committee before long. Decide on what you will be doing to make this year's BBQ better than last. And I know that will be hard.

We're off to a great start with our volunteering at the station. In January we had 452.15 hours for a total of \$9,427.33.

The weather here in Euless is chilly, well darn right cold, and the grass is still covered with snow. This is quite different from last year this time. I know that Faye is working on getting our next social organized and we will be sending out an announcement as to the location. We always have a great time, so be sure and join us.

Remember that dues have to be paid. Steve will take them at the next meeting. We have a great speaker planned so I look forward to seeing you all there on the 15th.

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?



DFW LifeSaver 2011 Simulated Emergency Exercise
Bus Crash Victim Leah Benoit

Upcoming Events

Feb 10 — CERT Class 7 Begins, 7 pm, Eules Police Station

Feb 12 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am General Meeting, Desoto, (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

Feb 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Eules Police Station

Feb 22 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

March 5-13 — Eules Warrant Round Up, 6-9:00 pm, Eules Police Station

March 8 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

March 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Eules Police Station

Coming up is the 2011 Texas CPAA & Law Enforcement Training in Galveston, Texas. Event dates are August 21st through August 24th and will be held at the Moody Gardens Resort Hotel. Hotel rate is \$124 per night + taxes and the convention registration fee is \$110. For the registration form and more information on the hotel, please visit the TCPAA website at <http://www.tcpaaconvention.org>.

January 2011 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes

CID Clerical - 25 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 50 Hours 0 Minutes
 Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0
 Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Courts - 19 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 5 Hours 30 Minutes

Jail - 10 Hours 30 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 136 Hours 45 Minutes
 Includes the following:
 CPAANT Meeting - 29 Hours 0 Minutes
 ECPAAA Meeting - 99 Hours 30 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 104 Hours 0 Minutes
 Includes the following:
 DFW Lifesaver Exercise - 21 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer - 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 89 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants - 6 Hours 30 Minutes

Total - 452 Hours 15 Minutes

January Value of Volunteer Time — \$9,427.33

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January Meeting — 42 Alumni Members and Numerous Guests Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Pat McDowell — 2/8	Loretta Doty — 2/14
Faye Stinneford — 2/11	Ricki Riddle — 2/24
Carroll Scott — 2/12	Perry Brockmeyer — 2/26

January Volunteer Hours Comparison
By Lou Baum

43% Increase over 2010
 Increased volunteer hours in:
 Courts
 Miscellaneous
 Vehicle Maintenance

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Sue Kosec

by Rosemarie Stevens



Sue was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, but grew up in Girard, about 15 miles east of Erie. When she was five years old, she moved with her parents to a remodeled chicken coop on her grandparents' farm. Her father gutted it, removed the feathers, added dry wall and linoleum and called it home. She wrote that there were "two rooms (sort of)," a bedroom she shared with her parents until her sister was born and a "great room." Among other things, the "great room" contained a couch, a kerosene heater, and the bed she used after her sister was born. It also shared space with the kitchen area where Sue's mother heated the water they used for their weekly baths. The outhouse was 100 yards away.

When she was nine, her father added a living room and an indoor bathroom to the chicken coop. By the time she was 12, however, the family had moved to Wickliffe, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. This is the town she calls "home." Sue married Cliff in 1993. They lived in several places during their married life including Painesville, Ohio, Louisville, Kentucky, Akron, Ohio, Roswell, New Mexico, and Eules, Texas. Actually, their current Eules residency is the second time they moved to Eules, a community that obviously appealed to them.

They are the parents of two children, a daughter Alescia and a son Donald. Her daughter and son-in-law are both Navy retirees who chose to move from San Diego to Eules; Sue loves having them live a half mile away. Alescia is a 911 Dispatcher in Grapevine, and her husband Mark works for AT&T. Their son Donald and his wife Dawn live in Willowick, Ohio, with their two children. They haven't been persuaded to move to Eules yet. Sue wrote that Donald played in several softball leagues and has coached numerous little league teams. Donald may have gotten his love of athletics from Cliff who is an avid runner and has competed in many marathons and 50K trail races since 1975, that's a 31-mile trek. He ran the Pikes Peak Marathon three times, in 1982, 1983 and in August 2009.

Our Tony Burnett told Sue about ECPAAA when she visited the police station to talk about a homicide in her neighborhood. She was graduated from the last single CPA class on March 28, 2008. She then went on to take CERT classes and was graduated May 24, 2008. Since the bug had bitten her, she went on to attend the last single CFA class and was graduated October 30, 2008. She joined both the CPA and CFA alumni associations and is also a participant in the CART program. She wrote that she joined because it "seemed to be the next leg in the journey." She learned in her classes that there were many opportunities for service, and serving is what she wanted to do. Service gives her a great sense of accomplishment.

When asked what she would like the ECPAAA membership to know about her, she wrote that she had two fears—flying and those animals that slither across the ground whose identification starts with "s." She also described the circumstances that brought her in contact with John F. Kennedy during his campaign for the presidency, Tony Orlando and Dawn, race car drivers Emerson Fittipaldi, Arie Luyendyk, Mario Andretti and Michael Andretti. She also had several opportunities to talk with the late Byron Nelson.

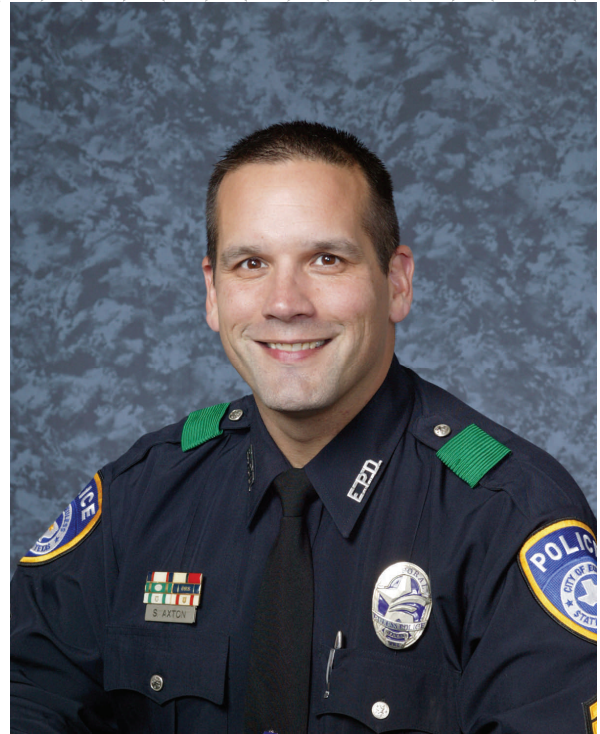
As many of you know, Sue's favorite hobby is paper crafting. With the help and encouragement of a close friend, she has sold her cards to shops in Roswell, Grapevine and Colleyville and to five hospice houses, one of which is in Fort Worth. Of the 4000 cards she has created, no two were alike. She wrote that she liked to use old photographers of ancestors whose photos have been stored in albums and boxes for years. She likes to embellish and display them for all to enjoy. She wrote that she was privileged to have taken a class with Donna Downey and to attend several workshops conducted by Tim Holtz two prominent individuals in the field of paper crafting.

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★ Officer Biography

★ Scott Axton



★ Corporal Scott Axton has been with the Euless Police Department since March of 1995. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division from 1995 to 2001, Criminal Investigations Division from 2001 to 2004, and again with the Patrol Division from 2004 to present. Scott has also been assigned as a bicycle officer from 1998 to present, and has been a field training officer since 1999.

★ In 2001, Scott became certified as a Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, and has since trained more than 1,500 police officers in SFST throughout the State of Texas. Scott has trained officers at the Tarrant County College Regional Police Academy, Collin County Regional Police Academy, Fort Worth Police Department Academy, North Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy, and several police agencies across North Texas.

★ In 2002, Scott became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Since that time, he has been called to testify as an expert witness in both State and Federal court on driving while intoxicated, intoxication assault, and intoxication manslaughter cases in Tarrant County, Dallas County, and Hunt County.

★ In 2008, Scott became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, and remains active in the DRE program. Scott holds a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and teaches criminal justice courses periodically throughout the year.

★ When he is not at work, Scott enjoys working on his home, and spending time with his beautiful wife of 11 years, and his precious 6 year-old daughter. Scott attends Gateway Church in Southlake, and he is an avid fan of Trinity Football, Ole Miss, and the Manning brothers (Peyton and Eli).



**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE
ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, Dan Clark, Bobbie Davis, Clarence Davis, John Deithloff, Ken Denne, Steve Doty, JR Goad, Kay Goad, Marian Goethe, Val Hinde, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Chris Marz, Pat McDowell, Donna Mickan, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Carroll Scott, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Cokie Sloan, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Scott Thomas, Susan Vest and Julie Watkins.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
& TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:**

J.R. Goad

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ken Denne made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Last Meeting and Geri Sorg seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Sandi Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Clarence Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sue Kosec passed out ballots to vote for The Volunteer of the Year.
Candidates were: Leah Benoit, Don

Martin, JR Goad, Scott Thomas, Ken Denne, and the team of Scott Thomas and Ken Denne.

Last CPAANT meeting was held in Eules and the next one will be in DeSoto.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to Rick's for bringing lasagna tonight and to Faye Stinneford and Jerrie Keller for making the Retirement Signs.

Chief Brown came up to swear in the new officers: Pete Jones, President, Steve Doty, Treasurer, JR Goad for 2nd VP and Sandi Jones for Secretary.

We have a new liaison officer, Gary Landers.

Sue Kosec and Dawn Nisbet will count the ballots for Volunteer of the Year and let Pete Jones know who won.

Jerrie Keller made a motion to close the meeting and Kay Goad seconded the motion at 7:10 PM. Motion passed.

Immediately following the meeting, we had a retirement presentation for Chief Westmoreland in the library room.

**CPAANT
February 12, 2011
DeSoto, Texas
By Geri Sorg**

Due to the meeting being held after the newsletter went to print, Geri will have an update in the March newsletter.

CPAANT March meeting will be in Trophy Club on March 5th. For more information, please visit our web site www.cpaant.org.

Spotlight on Sue Kosec

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Sue loves to read but does not read very often as she cannot put a book down once she has started it; as a consequence, nothing else gets done. The book that touched her the most was *They Cage the Animals at Night* by Jennings Michael Burch. It's a moving story about an abandoned young boy who learned to survive his painful journey through foster homes.

I must say that Sue is an extremely interesting person which a great deal of depth. It is a privilege to know her, and I look forward to getting to know her better.

**It's Time to Renew Your
ECPAAA
Membership for only \$20**

Dues will be collected at the February 15, 2011 meeting. If you prefer, you can mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Membership
1102 W. Eules Boulevard
Eules, TX 76040

January 2011 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	January	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/09 Balance in Checking	\$12,577.36				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$6,500.00	-\$6,500.00
Brick Sales		\$175.00	\$175.00	\$350.00	-\$175.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$1,400.00	-\$1,400.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$18.42	\$18.42	\$100.00	-\$81.58
Membership Dues		\$640.00	\$640.00	\$1,500.00	-\$860.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Recycling Program are allocated to the PALS Summer Camp.					
Restaurant Fund Raisers			\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Total Income		\$833.42	\$833.42	\$12,050.00	-\$11,216.58
Total	\$12,577.36	\$13,410.78	\$13,410.78		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	January	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$120.00	-\$120.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$3,265.00	-\$3,265.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$840.00	-\$840.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Total Expenses		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$12,050.00	-\$12,025.00
Funds Available in Checking			\$13,385.78		

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,057.53		\$10,057.53
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.33	\$0.33
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,057.86

Total ECPAAA Funds	\$23,443.64
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Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.