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Did You Know?

Did you know that there are currently multitudes of convicted felons collecting monies designated for helping victims of crime? A recent television new show profiled a number of these felons and why they felt they were "deserving" of the funds. When the program questioned why so few victims of crime availed themselves of the assistance available, the resounding reply was that the general population was unaware of the existence of Victims Assistance programs. Did you know that ECPAAA has the distinguished honor of having one of our alumnus as the Volunteer Crime Victims Coordinator for the city of Eules? Our speaker for this meeting is our own Kathy Haecker who will tell us how we, as liaisons between citizens and the Police Department

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Saturday, June 3, Eules is hosting the Regional Meeting at 10:00am



Welcome Class

The Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association would like to welcome all of the new students in Class 11.

Welcome to Class 11:

Nadine Barnes

John Coulson

Kathy Grove

John Haines

Charley LaFontaine

Pattiq Mims

Sara Munday

Sherrod Munday

Emily Murphy

Kim Stergis

Katrina Thomas

Ronnie White

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or ideas!

We have 81 members!!

Lou's Perspective



Whew, I never saw so many people who loved to fish, hunt and play until our Saturday at Bass Pro Shop at Grapevine Mills. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME ON THE TWO WEEK-ENDS TO MAKE THIS FUND RAISER

THE BEST ONE YET. Folks, I think we found a gold mine for fund raising. We had fun, met a lot of great folks from all over the country. Thanks to Sgt. Ron Williamson who put us on to this wonderful way to earn some "bucks" for the organization.

I will attend the next to last Arbor Daze meeting this week and hopefully will find out what our assignment will be. Capt Westmoreland will address our meeting in March to bring us up to speed. Rumor has it we will like the new changes for this year.

Our newly formed Brick Committee has some great ideas for us. We will be in touch soon with our plans. Thanks to those who have willingly given extra time to meet and brain storm this project to provide us with some great ideas. I have said all

along this organization has great people with potential to make a real difference in this city.

REMEMBER WHAT I HAVE SAID ALL ALONG, NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER DOES.

My hopes and dreams are your hopes and dreams. Thanks for all you do for your city. Take care of each other and I look forward to seeing each of you on March 21, 7:00 P.M.

Personal Regards,

Lou



Sgt. Williamson



Well Class 11 is off and running. We started on March 2nd and it look like another great group of potential alumni members. Many in the class came from referrals from y'all. Keep up the good work!

This may sound like a broken record but, the COP's program is continuing to go well. Don is doing a great job in keeping it scheduled and each of you are doing your part when you work to make the program success. As the number of trained COP's increase it will provide more opportunities to patrol. Who knows, maybe we can start going two nights a week.










I guess I need to do a bit for crime prevention . You always hear that the mechanics car never runs right, the plumbers plumbing always leaks, and the carpenters house needs repair. I guess that goes for cops too. I had a little intrusion in my home recently and it brought

home the importance of make sure to sure to keep all doors and windows locked, I have lived in the same house ofr over 20 years and have never had a problem. I guess I got a little to comfortable and learned a good lesson. Luckily nothing was taken and no one got hurt, but I am more careful in making sure things are locked and safe. I would ask that each of you take a few minutes and look at your own homes to make sure they are secure both when you are there and away.

One last thought. Arbor Daze is fast approaching. I know that many of you will be out there in the "mild" spring weather with the rest of us smiling and having a good time. Due to some grant money from the State, the Police Department will have a booth this year stressing the importance of child seats and child safety in vehicles. We may nee a little help to man this booth also. I will get with Lou when I have more information, but I wanted to put the idea in your heads

Thanks you all you do and stay safe!

January & February 2000 Treasurer's Report

REVENUE	January	February	YTD	UNRESTRICTED	RSTRICED	TOTAL
50/50 Drawing			\$0.00	\$250.00		\$0.00
Care Cards-Kroger, TomThumb,Albertson			\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Donations						
Business			\$0.00	\$550.00		\$0.00
Dues (2000 dues collected in '99=\$680)	\$160.00		\$840.00	\$1,500.00		\$840.00
Event Security						
Arbor Daze			\$0.00	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Bass Pro			\$0.00	\$1,200.00		\$0.00
TX Motor Spwy			\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Interest (Money Market Account.)	\$52.79		\$52.79	\$500.00		\$52.79
Miscellaneous Income			\$0.00	\$1,100.00		
Directories (binder sales)			\$0.00			\$0.00
T-Shirts, Caps, Visors(\$600) & Pins(\$500)	\$21.00		\$21.00	\$1,100.00		\$21.00
Christmas Providers			\$0.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
MAJOR PROJECTS						
Brick Revenue ('99=\$11,125)	\$175.00		\$175.00		\$20,000.00	\$11,300.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$408.79	\$0.00	\$408.79	\$9,000.00	\$20,550.00	\$29,550.00
				EXPENSES		
				UNRESTRICTED	RSTRICED	TOTAL
EXPENSES						
Arbor Daze			\$0.00	\$30.00		\$0.00
Awards & Gifts			\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Birthday Remembrances			\$0.00	\$80.00		\$0.00
BOARD						
Office supplies			\$0.00	\$400.00		\$0.00
Postage			\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
CPAANT Dues	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$30.00		\$25.00
Film			\$0.00	\$50.00		\$0.00
Flowers			\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
Miscellaneous			\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
PUBLICATIONS						
Office supplies			\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
Postage	\$33.00		\$33.00	\$200.00		\$33.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Postal Box		\$64.00	\$64.00	\$70.00		\$64.00
Prayer Plaques			\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
Symposium & Meetings		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$600.00		\$150.00
Telephone Directories			\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
T-Shirts/Hats/Visors			\$0.00	\$600.00		\$0.00
Xmas Providers			\$0.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
MAJOR PROJECTS						
Brick Expense	\$33.00		\$33.00		\$15,000.00	\$33.00
Sculpture			\$0.00		\$23,500.00	\$0.00
APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS						
Fingerprint (CID) Kits			\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
I. D. Cards			\$0.00	\$1,500.00		\$0.00
Lectern			\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Water By The Gallon			\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$91.00	\$214.00	\$305.00	\$6,260.00	\$39,050.00	\$45,310.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$317.79	(\$214.00)	\$103.79	\$2,740.00		
BANK BALANCE checking account)						
Beginning of Period	\$2,465.44	\$2,544.44				
End of Period	\$2,544.44	\$2,341.44				

**Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Minutes of the Tuesday, January 18, 2000 Monthly Meeting**

GUEST SPEAKER: None

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lou Baum; Vice President, Linda Martin; Secretary, Leah Benoit Sarah Chandler, Dale Derstine, Martha Derstine, Jackie Dohring, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Gary Haecker, Kathy Haecker, Pat Lane, Don Martin, Chris Marz, Judie Nolden, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Margaret Stowe, Helen Wagner, and our guest Vicki Baum.



LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson / Corp. Tony Burnett

MINUTES: A motion was made by Linda Martin to accept the January minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Jackie Dohring. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The acceptance of the January Treasurer's Report is tabled until the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported as of February 15, 2000, we have made a total of \$11,525.00 with 263 bricks sold. A Brick Committee was formed and they have come up with some great ideas to help push along this fund raiser. The ideas will be presented at the March meeting. The next Brick Committee meeting will be held on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. if you are interested in attending.
2. Bass Pro Shops – A group of 12 members will be volunteering to work the Bass Pro Shops fund raiser on February 26th and a group of 13 members will be working on March 4th, and 1 member on March 5th.
3. Arbor Daze Festival – This year's festival will be held on April 28th, 29th and 30th. There will be a Silent Live Auction held on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Star. Admission is free.

Membership Report:

1. Chris Shanahan reported we have 49 paid members for 2000.

Newsletter Report:

1. Chris Shanahan did some research on the Association getting their own domain name on the web. A motion was made by Geri Sorg to spend \$70 (covers the first two years - \$35 annually) for the Association to register to get their own domain, which will be www.ecpaaa.org. Second by Don Martin. Passed.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

1. Lou Baum spoke about the Police Banquet being held on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each if you are interested in attending. There will be 10 names of new officers drawn for trading cards and they will be announced at the Police Banquet. A motion was made by Geri Sorg that the ECPAAA present a monogrammed brick to the Officer of the Year at the Police Banquet each year. Second by Sharon Finnegan. Passed. Lou announced that the CPA Class 11 will start on March 2nd. At the May 16th meeting, the ECPAAA will present Police Prayer Plaques to the new officers and it will be a Pot Luck Dinner that night. Please mark your calendars and try to attend this special meeting/dinner.
2. Don Martin reported that 13 members attended the COP training held in January. Thanks to Chris Shanahan and Geri Sorg for helping out with the traffic accident that happened on February 8th.
3. Lou Baum talked about the Town Hall Meetings. Thanks to the members who attended or will be attending these meetings.
4. Geri Sorg gave a Regional Update. Euless is hosting the Regional Meeting on June 3rd. Grapevine is coming back into the CPA fold. Frisco and Grand Prairie are just starting their CPA classes.
5. Linda Martin gave an update on Judy Freeman. Judy is doing well and she may be cancer free. Linda also gave an update on Mamie Singleton. Mamie has lung cancer and she is in our prayers. Linda thanked Sarah Chandler and Dale and Martha Derstine for the goodies at the meeting. Rose-Marie Stevens and Pat Lane will supply the goodies for the March meeting.

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6. Tony Burnett thanked the ECPAAA for everything that they do for the Police Department and wanted to let the ECPAAA know that they are really appreciated. Ron Williamson asked if anyone would be interested in doing volunteer work at the Police Department. The Records Department needs help at the front desk. If you are interested, please call Ron.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. None.

A motion was made by Jackie Dohring to adjourn the meeting. Second by Geri Sorg. Passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



We have all have
learned these, but do we
remember them?

I've learned~

- ◆ that either you control your attitude or it controls you.
- ◆ that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
- ◆ that money is a lousy way of keeping score.
- ◆ that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.
- ◆ that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.
- ◆ that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.
- ◆ that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.
- ◆ that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.
- ◆ that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
- ◆ that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

From The Chief

The Euleless Police Department 1999 Awards Banquet was held February 25 at Campus West. If you weren't there you missed a very special event. Capt. Joey Ziemian emceed the event and awards were presented to the following officers:

Joe Foran: The W.M. Sustaire Memorial Award

Brandon Zachary: The Michael Williamson Memorial Award
"Rookie of the Year"

Kami Friend: Distinguished Service Award – Civilian

Jerry Cook: Distinguished Service Award – Sworn

Marsha Stewart: Civilian of the Year

Cathy Moody: Supervisor of the Year

Mark Harris: Police Officer of the Year

There were also presentations made to several officers for "not so meritorious conduct" that were hilarious. I won't list those, you'll just have to come to the PD and ask around. Your new Police Chief got one that a lot of people found very funny. My wife enjoyed it entirely too much!

Two new officers have finished their basic Academy and are beginning their field training. We are very happy and proud to welcome Michael Nafziger and Ralph Turner to the Euleless Police Department. We also want to congratulate Lt. John Williams for graduating from the Southwest Legal Institute Command Management School. Not only did he graduate; he finished number one in his class with a grade point average of 97.5! Congratulations John, you represented Euleless well.

Thanks for all your time and energy in the Alumni Association,

Leonard

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ment, can help. By making assistance, both monetary and otherwise, known to the victims of crime we can help eliminate widespread ignorance of this worthwhile endeavor. Kathy has an incredibly diverse background of work experience. Did you know she has worked as a missionary in Jamaica, taught first grade, served as a facilitator for a women's sexual abuse support group, served as a children's pastor, worked as an administrative assistant and been a Teen Court Coordinator??? In her spare time, Kathy and her husband of 26 years, Gary, have found time to do a beautiful job of raising five children, John (a Euless officer), Andy (Irving firefighter), Ben (all around good son), Rachel (soon to be bride of Euless corporal) and Ben (champion swimmer). Kathy is currently a volunteer chaplain at DFW Airport, Tarrant County Jail and Dawson State Jail where she manages a library and teaches life skills classes. Somehow she still finds time to patrol with the COPS program and take an active part in the ECPAAA. There is so much more that can be said about what Kathy Haecker does to help our community and enrich our lives but our newsletter space is limited. I know the information she will provide us with will enable us to better help those around us. Kathy's life is continually evolving and changing dramatically. She will soon become the mother-in-law of a Euless police corporal and a grandmother of TWINS!! Come and learn from one of our most active, involved, enthusiastic members. Please feel free to bring guests to this informative session and don't forget **TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, BUILDING A CONFERENCE ROOM at 7:00 P.M.**



Member Bios

David Acker was born in Arlington Texas and has lived in Euless for 22 years. He married to Gina. They have 3 children: Christopher 8, Garrett 6 and Jacie 3. David likes to go camping, fishing and hunting and enjoys spending time with his children. They like to go swimming and to six flags. His favorite books are "Where the Red Fern Grows," and "Pedal in the Wind." One of David's most interesting life experiences is living in Berlin, Germany for 1 1/2 years with the military.

Diane Rasor was born in Electra, Texas and has lived in Euless for the past 28 years. She has 2 sons: James and Scott, and one grandson: Austin. Her hobbies include playing golf, traveling, reading books, and watching movies. Her favorite books are "To Kill a Mocking Bird" and "The Good Earth." Her most favorite movies are "All the Presidents Men," "Three Days of the Condor," and "Conspiracy Theory." She says her most interesting life experience is watching John Glenn's Space Shuttle launch.



Newsletter Submis-

If anyone would like to include an article in the newsletter there are a few easy ways to accomplish this.

- 1) you can e-mail it to newsletter@ecpaaa.org
- 2) type it in MS Word, save it on a disk and/or print it and leave it in the ECPAAA box in Ron's office
- 3) hand write it and leave it in the box in Ron's office.

The deadline for the articles is generally 13 days before the meeting.

Never Underesti-

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well the polished old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother used to talk to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person - her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. "Information Please" could supply anybody's number and the correct time.

My first personal experience with this genie in the bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there didn't seem to be any reason in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway.

The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the foot stool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information"

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me." I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?"

"No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before would eat fruit and nuts. Then, there was the time Pety, our pet canary died. I called "Information Please" and told her the sad story. She listened, then said the usual things grown ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone. "Information Please." "Information," said the now familiar voice.

"How do you spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was 9 years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of

those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy. A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half an hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my home town operator and said, "Information, Please."

Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well, "Information." I hadn't planned this but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed. "So it's really still you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time."

"I wonder", she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children, and I used to look forward to your calls."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered "Information." I asked for Sally.

"Are you a friend?" She said.

"Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this, she said. Sally had been working part-time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up she said, "Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Paul?"

"Yes."

"Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you." The note said, "Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

Anonymous

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others. Whose life have you touched today?





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Reminders...



- ⇒ ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2000. Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!!
- ⇒ April 2 Daylight savings time
- ⇒ April 18 Arbor Daze planning and Pizza Party (ECPAAA Meeting)
- ⇒ April 28, 29, & 30 Arbor Daze
- ⇒ May 14-20 National Police Week
- ⇒ Pot Luck Dinner for May 16 Meeting. Sign up sheet at next meeting!!

- ⇒ ECPAAA's new web page address <http://www.ecpaaa.org>

The ECPAAA has a new web page address, one that is easier to remember,

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

This is your web page, so if you have any ideas of what is included on the page please email: webmaster@ecpaaa.org and let me know

