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Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Monthly Newsletter

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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

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

Congratulations!



**ECPAAA Volunteer
of the Year**
Leah Benoit



Euless Police Department Volunteers of the Year

**Ken Denne
and
Scott Thomas**

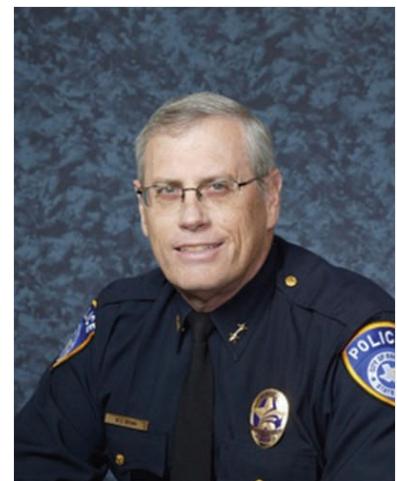
March Training — Captain Gary Landers

Gary will be speaking about and giving us training on Code Compliance and how each member can help with identifying potential violations throughout the City.

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

FROM THE CHIEF

What a great evening we had at the Euless Police Department Awards Banquet. Thanks to each of you who attended, for those of you who were unable to attend you missed a great evening! It was great getting to see some of our friends who we haven't seen in a while, meeting new people and sharing in the excitement that always surrounds any Euless Police Department gathering. Our Keynote speaker, Mr. Ken Reeves, did an outstanding job of reinforcing the absolute qualities necessary for successful leadership. What a great speaker and a truly humble and good man. The staff at the Texas Star did a tremendous job in making this a very special night in the history of the Euless Police Department. The food, service and the facility were tremendous! I can't wait until next year...



Here is a list of the 2010 Euless Police Department Award Winners.

Officer of the Year — John Haecker
Civilian of the Year — Pam Trawick
Supervisor of the Year — Eric Starnes
Distinguished Service (Sworn) — Jon Pettit
Distinguished Service (Civilian) — Alisha Johnson
Michael Williamson Memorial Rookie of the Year — Brian Lord
Blackie Sustaire Award — Ron Williamson
Reserve Officer of the Year — Dan McDonald
Volunteers of the Year — Ken Denne and Scott Thomas
Unit Citation — Community Services
 Kim Althouse
 David Parker
 James Gordon
Certificate of Merit — Ramon Fraticelli

If you get the chance to congratulate our award winners, I am sure they would appreciate your kind words.

It was a great evening and I cannot tell you how much it means for our CPAAA members to be there and share the evening with us.

Thanks for all you do!

Your Servant,
Mike

March Meeting Food Menu

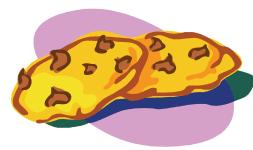


Fresh Baked Ham for Sandwiches

Confetti Pasta Salad

Cookies

Beverages



**Additional desserts
will be welcomed!**

**EPD Liaison —
Captain Gary Landers**

Friends and Family,

Last month proved to be an exciting meeting for each of us. Everyone was so intrigued by learning just a little of the history of Euless from the City Manager's perspective. Again the food was incredible not to mention all of the sweets. I had the feeling that I never left the group and each of you made me feel right at home.



I have been asked by the Executive Board to come up with some training to do throughout the year at our meetings. This month I will be talking about Code Compliance and how each of you can help with identifying potential violations throughout the City. Together we can help keep Euless a Beautiful Community. So please be at the meeting with your thinking caps on and we can come up with some great strategies to make Code Compliance better for the Citizens.

I will also be asking for volunteer help in the Code Offices. With the movement of Code to the Police Department we have identified several clerical ways that the ECPAAA can assist us in streamlining our operations. The volunteer opportunities can be endless; all we have to do is use our imagination.

I would also like to thank each of you for coming to the Police Department Awards Banquet. The food and fellowship was wonderful. The awards banquet would not be a success without the support of the ECPAAA organization.

As always if there is anything I can do to assist you in the upcoming weeks and months, please do not hesitate to call or stop by my office. Even if you do not need anything stop by and say hello!!!!

Sincerely,
Gary

**From the
President —
Pete Jones**

Another month and it's March. The year is just slipping away. We have a lot of things to cover this month.



There will not be a speaker this month. We will have a training session supplied by Gary Landers.

Faye, thanks for another successful social / fundraiser. I'm sure the members are looking forward to the next event.

Some housekeeping rules we need to work out. When you're speaking to the ECPAAA during the meeting, **please stand and speak loudly**. I know that as I mature it is getting harder for me to hear some of you that speak softly. So please help out this mature man and stand up.

In that same vein, when someone is speaking please be courteous and don't try to talk over them. When it's your turn to speak, we'll be quiet.

September is coming quickly and we need to start planning for the BBQ/Silent Auction. Let's talk about some dates. But not all at once!

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

**February Volunteer
Hours Comparison
By Lou Baum**

Increased volunteer hours in:

COPS: 2011—72 Hours, 2010—41 Hours

Meetings: 2011—71 Hours, 2010—57 Hours

Year to Date Hours: 2011—776, 2010—619 Hours

25% Increase From 2010

Upcoming Events

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

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

March 30 — Merchant Mobile Office in Euless, 10 am—2 pm, 201 N. Ector Dr., City Hall, for more information visit <http://www.eulessstx.gov/news/MerchantMobileOffice.htm>

April 2 — Texas Trash Off, 9 am-12 Noon, Villages of Bear Creek Park, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway

April 2 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am General Meeting, Carrollton (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

April 8 — Joint CERT Training with Bedford, College Station, Tour of the World-renowned Training Facility Disaster City, affiliated with TEEX in College Station

April 11 — Joint CERT Training with Bedford, 6:30 pm, DFW Airport, EOC Tour and a Disaster Response Presentation

April 12 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

April 16 — CRUD, 9-11 am; Volunteers Report at 8 am behind Euless Public Library

April 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Euless Police Station

February 2011 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - 7 Hours 30 Minutes

CID Clerical - 16 Hours 45 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 72 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0

Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Courts - 19 Hours 45 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Jail - 20 Hours 45 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 71 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting - 67 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 56 Hours 45 Minutes

Speed Trailer - 4 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 47 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants - 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Total - 324 Hours 0 Minutes

February Value of Volunteer Time — \$6,755.40

2011 Value of Volunteer Time — \$16,182.73

February Meeting — 37 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Sharon Finnegan — 3/6	Helen Wagner — 3/11	Chris Shanahan — 3/13
Wanda Siebern — 3/10	Ann-Marie Snitz — 3/12	Bobbie Davis — 3/23
Judy Rick — 3/11	Betty Priddy — 3/12	Karen Duncan — 3/31



ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Renee Potter

by Rosemarie Stevens

Renee, a native of Houston, Texas, was a member of the first combined CFA/CPA class in 2009. The combined classes include the best of both; however, Renee enjoyed the fellowship with her Euless "neighbors" and the officers most of all. She said she actually enjoyed the classes so much that she looked forward to Thursday all week.

She said she joined the Alumni Association because she wanted to continue to be a part of a "group of caring people who love our city, state, nation and each other."

When asked what she would like the ECPAAA membership to know about her, she said that she had a soft heart for people and animals in need. She enjoys participating in events sponsored by the Six Stones Mission in Euless. She has purchased a backpack kit for a child in Euless and has adopted children at Christmas time to ensure they would have gifts under the tree. She regularly donates newspapers to the Irving Animal Shelter and the DFW Humane Society; they use the newspapers to line cages. Renee also belongs to the non-profit group called Wildcare Wildlife Rehabilitation; she's supporting their current goal of opening a wildlife triage center in the Metroplex.

Renee also indicated that she is one of the few people who is not a member of Facebook; she said she was allergic to social networking. She also said she loves reading "fake" headlines from "The Onion." If you are curious about "The Onion," the website URL is www.theonion.com.

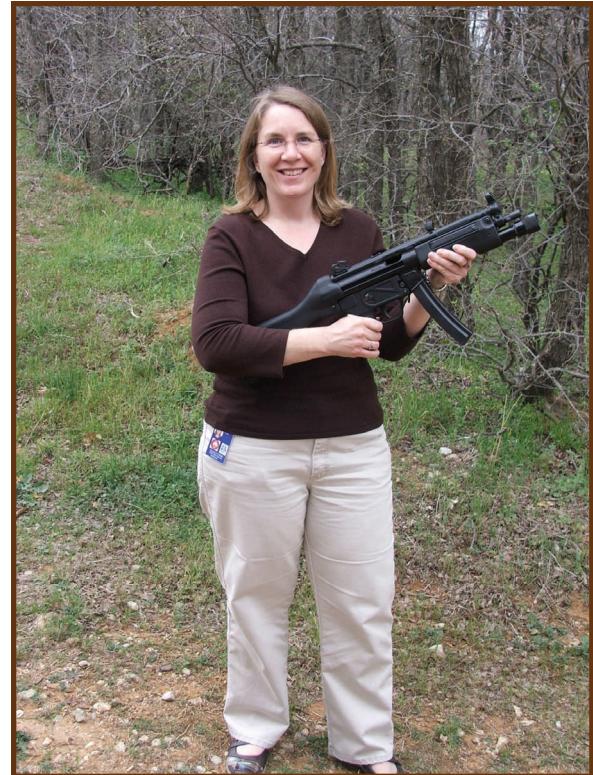
Renee described two favorite hobbies. One is walking her dog. She takes her dog to a dog park nearly every day; she finds it to be a wonderful way to relieve her stress at the end of the day. She also enjoys volunteering her time and skills. In addition to assisting Kathy Haecker with victim advocacy, she also volunteers at Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park in Dallas. Most of her volunteer hours at TDG are completed during the State Fair. She volunteered every Saturday and Sunday throughout the 2010 State Fair, accumulating nearly 40 hours of donated time.

When asked if she enjoyed traveling, Renee said she had never been very adventurous, but she has daydreamed about going to Greece. Greece has fascinated her for a long time because of its history, beaches and distance from Texas.

Reading is another enjoyable past time, and her favorite books contain a lot of humor. The most recent series of books Renee has enjoyed is The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz.

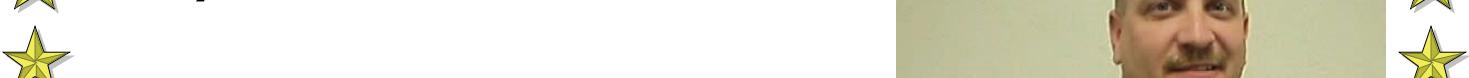
Renee strikes me as the type of person who quietly assists whenever and wherever possible, someone who can be depended upon to do what she says she'll do. I encourage you to take advantage of any opportunity to know her that presents itself to you.

Thanks for sharing yourself with us, Renee.



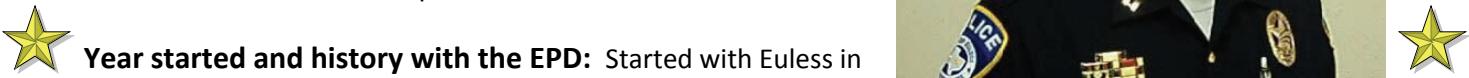


Officer Biography Gary Landers

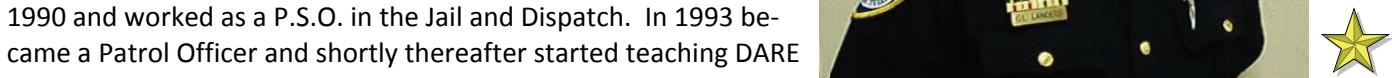


Date of Biography: March 5, 2011

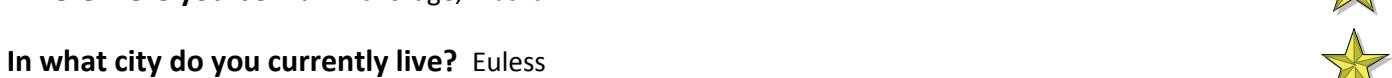
Current title with EPD: Captain



Year started and history with the EPD: Started with Euless in 1990 and worked as a P.S.O. in the Jail and Dispatch. In 1993 became a Patrol Officer and shortly thereafter started teaching DARE in the Elementary and Junior High Schools. Became a neighborhood patrol officer, was promoted to Sergeant and worked night shift patrol, Administrative Sergeant and the ECPAAA Liaison. For the last five years, I was the Criminal Investigation Sergeant. In 2011, promoted to Captain and assigned to Administration as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief, commander over Code Services and the Neighborhood Police Officers as well as the ECPAAA Liaison.



Where were you born? Anchorage, Alaska

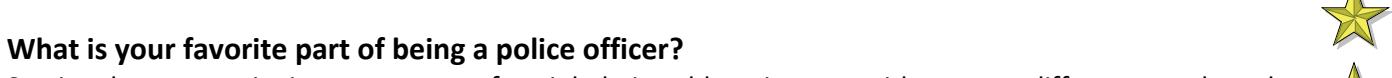


In what city do you currently live? Euless

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.
Married to Jennifer, who teaches 6th Grade Math at Grapevine Middle School. Daughter Lauren is 9 years old, is in the 4th grade and loves gymnastics and playing the piano. Daughter Tori is 7 years old, is in the 1st grade and loves animals, gymnastics and dance. Son J.D. is 20 years old, a high school graduate and is on his own trying to find his "nitch" in life.



What are your hobbies? Love to camp, fish, cooking BBQ and spending time with family and friends.



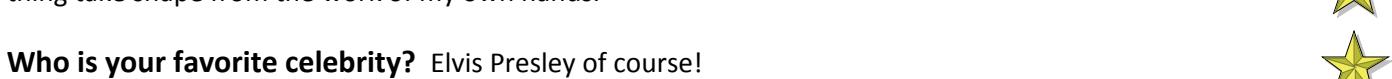
What is your favorite part of being a police officer?

Serving the community in every aspect of my job; being able to interact with so many different people and personalities on a daily basis.



Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself...

When I have time, I truly enjoy remodeling homes and building things. I get satisfaction from seeing something take shape from the work of my own hands.



Who is your favorite celebrity? Elvis Presley of course!



What is your favorite food? Fried Chicken



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

February 15, 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Leah Bennett, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Perry Brockmeyer, John Cobb, Bobbi Davis, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, JR Goad, Kay Goad, Marian Goethe, Marian Holden, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Pat McDowell, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, John Woodall and Captain Gary Landers.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:

J.R. Goad

Thanks to Dick and Judy Rick for bringing chili and backed potatoes tonight and to everyone that brought a dessert.

Gary McKamie was introduced as our City Manager. He spoke for about an hour on early Euless and how things have changed. Gary started out as a dispatcher and then a police officer before becoming the City Manager.

At 8:00 pm the business meeting started.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pete Jones asked if everyone had read the minutes from the last meeting and Tim Stinneford made a motion to accept the minutes with Faye Stinneford seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was mentioned and Helen Voss made a motion to accept with Jerrie Keller seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Warrant Round-up is March 7th – 11th and Leah Benoit sent around the sign-up sheet to work.

JR Goad tried to get people to work for CRUD Day on 4/16/2011 and Trash Off on 4/2/2011.

Steve Doty said the Audit Committee, (himself, Jerrie Keller and Helen Voss), met and found a \$200 error in the financial report. They were able to figure out a way to fix it and now the paperwork is ready to go to the auditor.

We had decided last meeting to get a tree in memory of Boyce Byers. A plaque memorial was looked into and it was decided to purchase a large brick instead. We voted and Jerrie Balkon made a motion to buy a large brick with Geri Sorg seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Pete Jones read a thank-you card from Chief Westmoreland, thanking ECPAAA for the gift and going away party for him.

Steve Doty brought up the point that everyone should pay their dues. It must be paid by the next meeting. It is \$20 per person.

NEW BUSINESS

Geri Sorg spoke about the next CPAANT meeting being in Trophy Club. She also mentioned the state convention will be in Galveston at Moody Gardens on Aug. 21-24. If you are interested in going, go to our web site and click LINKS to get further information.

Volunteer hours for last month were 425 worth about \$9,427, up from last years total for this month.

Faye Stinneford talked about our next social to be held at Texas Star, Ravens Grill on Monday, February 28, 2011, between 11AM

and 9PM. You must bring the coupon with you in order for us to get any credit.

Pete Jones wished the following people a Happy Birthday for February:

Faye Stinneford
Carroll Scott
Perry Brockmeyer
Loretta Doty
Pat McDowell
Ricki Riddle

Pete Jones sent around a sign-up sheet for an information officer for lots of different activities. This was for someone to be the go-to person if someone needs information on various activities.

Chris Shanahan gave us a preview of the web site's new look.

At 8:37 PM Tim Stinneford brought up the motion to close the meeting. Geri Sorg seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**CPAANT
March 5, 2011
Trophy Club, Texas
By Geri Sorg**

Geri was not able to attend the CPAANT meeting in Trophy Club. Next month's meeting will be in Carrollton on April 2nd. For more information, please visit our web site www.cpaant.org.



February 2011 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	February	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	\$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	\$100.00	-\$81.58
Membership Dues		\$400.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,500.00	-\$460.00
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		\$400.00	\$1,233.42	\$12,050.00	-\$10,816.58
Total	\$12,577.36	\$13,810.78	\$13,810.78		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	February	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		\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$125.00	-\$120.00
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		\$130.04	\$130.04	\$150.00	-\$19.96
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon		\$210.00	\$210.00	\$840.00	-\$630.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Total Expenses		\$465.04	\$490.04	\$12,050.00	-\$11,559.96
Funds Available in Checking			\$13,320.74		

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,057.53		\$10,057.53
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.30	\$0.63
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,058.16

Total ECPAAA Funds

\$23,378.90