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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.

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http://www.ecpaaa.org/

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November Speaker Mark Lowery

Special Agent in Charge, Customs and Border Protection

Back by popular demand, Mark will share some of his past experiences over the last 34 years. He presently serves as the Special Agent in Charge for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Internal Affairs. In this capacity he oversees various internal corruption and administrative investigations involving Customs and Border Protection employees and oversees IA offices in El Paso, Del Rio and Dallas, Texas. His area of responsibility covers North Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.

Mark previously served with distinction in various capacities with the U.S. Secret Service for twenty-three years and began his career with the Secret Service in St. Louis, Missouri in 1983. Subsequent career assignments have included Washington D.C., Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas.

During his career, he conducted numerous protective security advances for the President of the United States. From 1987-1991, he was assigned to the Presidential Protective Division during the Reagan and Bush presidencies. During this time, he traveled extensively to foreign countries in support of the Secret Service's protective mission. Additionally, he held major assignments for the 1990 G8 Economic Summit in Houston, Texas and the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

As the Special Agent in Charge, Mark was responsible for the oversight of Secret Service protective activities and criminal investigations in the Secret Service offices in Dallas, Lubbock, Tyler and Waco, Texas. Protective responsibilities included oversight of security for the President's Crawford Ranch, personal protection responsibilities for all visits by the President into the Dallas District and the numerous foreign dignitary visits to the Crawford Ranch and elsewhere in the North Texas region. Criminal investigative responsibilities included matters relating to a broad range of financial institution fraud, credit and debit card fraud, cyber crimes and the counterfeiting of U.S. Currency.

Mark received numerous performance recognition awards throughout his Secret Service career. In 1985, he was awarded the U.S. Secret Service Valor Award, the agency's highest award, for his courageous actions circumventing an armed robbery. Mark retired from the Secret Service in October 2006.

Mark is a graduate of Virden Community High School in Illinois and Illinois State University. Prior to his employment with the Secret Service, he was employed as a police officer with the St. Louis County Police Department in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mark is a Christian and a member of the Stonebriar Community Church.

FROM THE CHIEF

On Saturday, October the 22nd, I had the opportunity to attend the Guns and Hoses boxing tournament that was held in Mesquite. I have heard of this event in the past, but never attended. I know the money raised in the event goes to the fallen Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's families, and I know the absolute need these families have for financial and moral support. I went this year because our own Ramon Fraticelli was competing and I wanted to support him.

Once I got to the event, I realized just how special this night was going to be. The Mesquite Rodeo Arena had been transformed into a boxing venue, complete with a boxing ring, all kinds of flashing lights, pretty ring girls and a ring announcer that would make you believe you were watching a world championship event.



I was all ready to enjoy the evening of boxing when I got a text message from my long time friend, Bruce Southey. Bruce and I started our law enforcement careers at about the same time with the Richland Hills Police Department back in 1974. We both started out as Police Cadets and both promoted to Police Officer over the next year. Bruce and I have kept in contact over the years and it's always a good time when we get together. Bruce was at the Guns and Hoses event, saw that a Euless officer was on the fight card and was certain that I would be there to support our officer. I met up with my old friend, who is about to retire from Fort Worth PD, and we were catching up on what was going on in our lives. He knew why I was at the event, but I asked him what brought him from Fort Worth all the way over to Mesquite. He said he was there with Hank Nava's family. Hank was Bruce's partner back in 2005 when Hank was killed in the line of duty. Bruce then pointed to the table where he was sitting and I could see the Nava family and a few other Fort Worth PD officers there with them. He then pointed to a large row of banners that were hanging from the ceiling that held the names of the Police Officers and Fire Fighters who have lost their lives in the service of their communities. He pointed with pride and a sense of tremendous loss to Hank's banner.

That's when the full weight of the evening set in on me. It was going to be a great evening of fun, we had brought a large contingent of Euless fans to the event, but it was also going to be a very special night for the families of the fallen Police Officers and Fire Fighters. Before the boxing started they took the time to introduce the families of the fallen Officers and Fire Fighters. Each family member was introduced, and I watched them proudly stand and be recognized. I couldn't help but think how badly they wish they were not the ones being introduced, how they wish they could share just one more evening with their loved one. It was heartwarming to see the respect and appreciation that was shown these families. It reinforced to me the absolute need to do all we can to protect those who protect us.

I enjoyed the boxing and the fellowship I shared with the people around me, but I can't help but wish that we never have to honor another fallen Police Officer or Fire Fighter. That somehow, someway each Police Officer and Fire Fighter can go home every day at the end of their shift and we never need to raise money for those family members who are left behind. Until that day comes, I ask that we all remember those who have given their all, and that we have a special place in our hearts for those valiant families who have to find a way to pick up the pieces and travel on.

The night ended with Ramon representing the Euless Police Department very well. I could not be more proud of him, and I thank him for the sacrifices he made to compete in this event.

I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes. I believe it speaks to us all, and it's a personal message to Ramon.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcomings; who knows the great enthusiasms; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

Your Servant.

Mike

EPD Liaison — Captain Gary Landers

Greetings,

The end of the year is quickly approaching and it seems like yesterday was January!!! A whole lot of changes have occurred this



past year and more continue to take place. Just so everyone is aware, Officer David Parker has transferred from the Neighborhood Patrol Office back to the Patrol Division. I would like to THANK David for the hard work that he has displayed in the past few years working in the Neighborhood Patrol Office. The N.P.O. program is a very difficult and vital position for the Police Department and it was hard to find a replacement that could fill this role. Officer Chris White was selected to fill this vacancy and has already hit the ground running with Tony and James. If you get time, please stop by and visit Chris and welcome him. You will also see that his biography is in this copy of the newsletter as well. We are excited for Chris and look forward to great things from him during his assignment to this office.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the Parade and CRUD Day and all the other activities that each of you participate in each month. Look forward to seeing each of you at the next alumni meeting; until then stop by and say hello or give me a call. Thanks for your continued support of this organization.

Gary

From the President — Pete Jones



The barbeque was extremely successful this year. We

cleared over \$8,000 after expenses. Thanks to all who helped and everyone who came and enjoyed the delicious dinner, great entertainment, and fantastic buys. I know we got our share of deals. I believe some people are already planning next year's event.

Volunteerism has increased a little this past month, so let's keep up the good work and make this a year to remember. With the holidays coming up, we will need more people to drive the cars so that we can keep our businesses and citizens safe. The police can not possibly be out everywhere, so with more of us looking out for each other and keeping our eyes peeled for things that look wrong, the better off we all will be. There is no better feeling then to squelch a robbery in progress or a house break-in. Think of how grateful you would be if it was your house. Even when you aren't out driving the car, be vigilant and keep watch for your neighbors. Be aware of what is going on around you.

Elections are at the next meeting so everyone try to attend. You can't complain about who wins if you don't vote.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up soon. This time of the year goes so quickly with lots of get togethers, parties and obligations. Take your time, be thankful for what you have, and remember to be at the next meeting on November 15th. The week before Tom Turkey shows up.

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

October 2011 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - O Hours O Minutes

CID Clerical - 24 Hours O Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 98 Hours 15 Minutes Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 4 Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Courts - 23 Hours O Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 7 Hours 15 Minutes

CRUD - 47 Hours 0 Minutes

Euless Radio Club - 84 Hours O Minutes

Jail - 9 Hours 45 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 45 Hours 0 Minutes Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting - 45 Hours O Minutes

Miscellaneous - 92 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

Euless Police Dept. Open House - 42 Hours O Minutes Trinity HS Homecoming Parade - 26 Hours O Minutes

Speed Trailer - 24 Hours O Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 75 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants - 6 Hours O Minutes

Total - 535 Hours 15 Minutes

October Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,430.80 2011 Value of Volunteer Time — \$102,410.52

October Meeting — 25 Alumni Members and 5 Guests Present

October Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum October 2011—535 hours October 2010—520 hours Year to Date thru October 2011—4,795 hours Last year to Date thru October 2010—5,147 hours Down 7%

Upcoming Events

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

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

Nov 24 — HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dec 3 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am— 12 noon, Duncanville (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

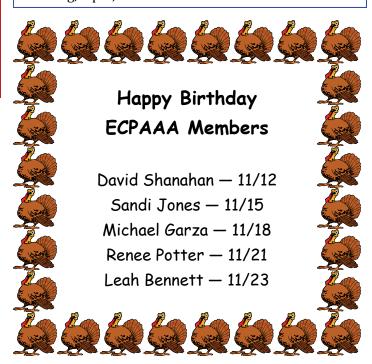
Dec 3 — Euless Parade of Lights, 6:30 pm, starts at Midway Dr. and Fuller- Wiser and ends at Trinity High School



Dec 10 — Heritage Park Christmas Celebration, 1-5 pm, 201 Cullum Drive

Dec 13 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Dec 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Euless Police Station





Turkey Pesto Salad
Toasted Celery Bread
Veggie Tray
Turkey Cookies
Beverages



The next meeting will be on December 3rd in Duncanville from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. This will be CPAANT's Christmas Party and there will be a white elephant gift exchange and goodies to eat. Please visit CPAANT's web site www.cpaant.org for the location and directions to the December meeting.



Get Well Wishes to Loren Johnson

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Officer Biography **Chris White**



Date of Biography: November 4, 2011



Current title with EPD: Senior Officer



Year started and history with the EPD: October





Where were you born? Longview, Texas



In what city do you currently live? Fort Worth



Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. My wife Misty (former Miss Texas Contestant) and I have been married 12 years and have three children, Madison (11), Isaac (8) and Britton (2).



What are your hobbies? I enjoy spending time with my family and working out using Cross-fit and collecting firearms of all shapes and sizes, and an avid shooter.



What is your favorite part of being a police officer? Helping citizens to solve problems that may or may not be directly related to Law Enforcement.



Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I grew up in Euless, attending Trinity High School Class of 1992. I started college studying accounting at Texas A&M at my parents request, quickly realizing that accounting was not my calling. I then transferred to Sam Houston State University where I obtained my degree in Criminal Justice.



Who is your favorite celebrity? Glenn Beck



What is your favorite food? Tex-Mex







ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, JR Goad, Kay Goad, Marian Goethe, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Sue Kosec, Jerrie Keller, Pat McDowell, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rosemarie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Helen Voss, and Helen Wagner. Guests attending were Gary Landers, Tony Burnett, Steve Eskew, Brenda Buske, Steve Kockos and Jay Blount.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLE-GIANCE & TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:

J.R. Goad

Ramon Fraticelli starts our meeting off talking about his Boxing for the Guns and Hoses Event in October at the Mesquite Rodeo. He is from the Euless Police Department and the only one to ever try out and make it from Euless. The event will be October 22nd and he is asking for donations so he can qualify for a ring for getting \$2,500 donated. You can donate at gunsandhosesnortx.org.

Restarted the meeting at 7:30PM

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Landers handed Pat McDowell an award for service. Faye Stinneford was given a gold award for service.

Fire Chief Wes Rhodes gave a talk on fire safety and how he became Fire Chief.

Five minute break after Wes Rhodes' talked.

Faye Stinneford made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Helen Voss second the motion. Motion passed.

Kay Goad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pat McDowell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Geri Sorg told us that the Chiefs Round Table for CPAANT is to be November 5th from 9 AM to 12 noon and she would like as many members as possible to meet with her in Arlington to support Chief Brown who will be there. She also stated that CPAANT By-Laws are being changed.

Volunteer hours are up.

JR Goad announced we made \$700 for CRUD Day and thanked the volunteers - 128 cars went through.

Twenty-five homes in the HEB area were revitalized with over 1,000 volunteers helping out in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Landers introduced Tony Burnett and Tony spoke to us about how he started and what we can expect from him.

Pete Jones thanked Judy Rick for bringing the pizzas for dinner.

Leah Benoit announced that we made \$8,931.99 after expenses on the barbeque.

Pete Jones thanked the barbeque committee and personally shook each of their hands.

Christmas meeting in December - we will have a free meal paid for by ECPAAA.

Next Social will be Double Dave's Pizzaworks on October 28th all day. We get 20% and must have a flyer.

Faye Stinneford stated we will be getting new car decals to sell made up of our new

logo. She asked people to vote on this and each decal cost \$1.50.

Sandra Jones made a motion to get new decals. Helen Voss second the motion. Motion passed.

Pete Jones asked for a Budget Committee to be formed with Steve Doty heading it up. Leah Benoit, Faye Stinneford and Jerrie Keller volunteered.

Sue Kosec said her committee had come up with the following candidates for the November election.

Loretta Doty – President
Sandi Jones, JR Goad – 1st Vice President
Pete Jones, Lou Baum , Rikki Riddle - 2nd
Vice President
Susan Vest – Secretary
Steve Doty – Treasurer
Good luck to all. Voting at next meeting.

Pete Jones said a special Happy Birthday to:

Loretta Santos 10/5 Warren Hinkley 10/13 John Woodall 10/21 Geri Sorg 10/22 Tammy Van Horne 10/24 Al Simmenroth 10/28 Sherri Browning 10/26 Joe Forgione Jr. 10/27

Judy Rick stood up and told us they were donating shelving for the training room closet but would need help putting it up. Faye Stinneford, Jerrie Keller, and Helen Voss all three volunteered to help.

Faye Stinneford made a motion to close the meeting. Jerrie Keller seconded the motion. Meeting closed at 8:45 PM



October 2011 Treasurer's Report

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INCOME	Carry Over	October	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/10 Balance in Checking	\$12,577.36				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$240.00	\$8,006.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,506.00
Brick Sales			\$175.00	\$350.00	-\$175.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,677.05	\$0.00	\$1,677.05
Grocery Care Cards			\$33.04	\$100.00	-\$66.96
Membership Dues		\$20.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Member Merchandise			\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Rec	ycling Program are a	llocated to the PALS	S Summer Camp.		
Restaurant Fund Raisers			\$319.70	\$600.00	-\$280.30
Warrant Roundup			\$762.50	\$1,000.00	-\$237.50
Total Income		\$960.00	\$13,874.29	\$12,050.00	\$1,824.29
Total	\$12,577.36	\$26,451.65	\$26,451.65	. ,	. ,
EXPENSES	Carry Over	October	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$210.00	\$250.00	-\$40.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$303.13	\$1,453.01	\$1,500.00	-\$46.99
Bricks		7	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses		-\$1.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues		Ψ2.03	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$5.00	\$125.00	-\$120.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	-\$150.00
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			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$399.01	\$400.00	-\$0.99
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$1,329.37	\$3,265.00	-\$1,935.63
Police Benevolent Fund			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Police Honor Guard			\$2,609.00	\$3,000.00	-\$391.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$88.00	\$200.00	-\$112.00
President Awards			\$130.04	\$150.00	-\$19.96
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$427.00	\$840.00	-\$413.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Total Expenses		\$351.48	\$8,845.43	\$13,050.00	-\$4,204.57
Funds Available in Checking			\$17,606.22		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,057.53		\$10,057.53	() (
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Interest from Savings Account		\$0.33	\$3.26	,	
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,060.79		
Total ECPAAA Funds \$27,667.01					



THANKSGIVING

by Rosemarie Stevens

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I must admit that in my younger years, the food was the draw. My brother and I would wander around trying to ignore the smells emanating from the kitchen. However, as I grew older, what I appreciated most is getting together with wonderful friends. We had no other family in Columbus, but we had friends who brought their special dishes to share. None of us had much, but we were still rich. In memory of the special Thanksgivings of the past and of those yet to come, I would like to share two poems with you.

The Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving By Edgar Albert Guest, 1881-1959

It may be I am getting old and like too much to dwell
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;
But thinking of them now I wish somehow that I could know
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago,
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.

It may be I'm old fashioned, but it seems to me today
We're too much bent on having fun to take the time to pray;
Each little family grows up with fashions of its own;
It lives within a world itself and wants to be alone.
It has its special pleasures, its circle, too, of friends;
There are no get-together days; each one his journey wends,
Pursuing what he likes the best in his particular way,
Letting the others do the same upon Thanksgiving Day.

I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad
To meet the way they used to do when I was but a lad;
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,
And whether living far or near they came trooping in
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.

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Then laughter rang throughout the home, and Oh, the jokes they told; From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old; All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do, The struggles we were making and the hardships we'd gone through; We gathered round the fireside. How fast the hours would fly— It seemed before we'd settled down 'twas time to say good-bye. Those were the glad Thanksgivings, the old-time families knew When relatives could still be friends and every heart was true.

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses;
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes;
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears;
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean;
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

Author Unknown

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MONOGRAMMED BRICKS FUND RAISER

If you would like to purchase a monogrammed brick, please fill out the form on the next page. An order for the bricks will be turned in to Acme Brick at the end of December. Please give your order and payment to Leah Benoit at the November or December meeting, or mail the completed form and payment to the address on the form.



Etch Your Name in Euless History

Join your friends, neighbors and business leaders in the courtyard at our **W. M. (Blackie) Sustaire Law Enforcement Center**. The Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, as part of an ongoing fundraiser, is selling monogrammed bricks and will be placed around the beautiful bronze policeman statue in the courtyard. The everlasting monogrammed brick of your family's name, children, your business or in loving memory will be forever remembered. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and your purchase is fully tax deductible. The prices of the bricks are as follows:

Individual Brick (one name only - 16 letters per line - 3 lines) \$35.00 each Family Brick (more than one name - 16 letters per line - 3 lines) \$50.00 each Corporate Brick (16 letters per line - 3 lines) \$125.00 each 1' x 1' Brick (16 letters per line - 5 lines) \$175.00 each

The monogrammed brick measures either 4" x 8" or 1' x 1'.

Use lines 1 through 3 if purchasing a 4" x 8" brick. Use lines 1 through 5 if purchasing a 1' x 1' brick.

To order a monogrammed brick, please fill out the following	g information: (PLEASE PRINT)
Line 1	
Line 2	
Line 3	
Line 4	1' x 1' Only
Line 5	1' x 1' Only
Name:	Total Enclosed:
Address:	\$
	Make Check Payable to: ECPAAA
Phone Number:	
Please mail this form along with your payment to:	ECPAAA Attention: Brick Fund Raiser 1102 W. Euless Boulevard

You will receive a confirmation letter along with a tax-deductible receipt upon receipt of your order form.

Euless, TX 76040