



Partners in Policing

Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Monthly Newsletter

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2012 Officers

President: Loretta Doty

1st Vice President: Sandi Jones

2nd Vice President: Pete Jones

Secretary: Susan Vest

Treasurer: Steve Doty

Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaisons: Captain Gary Landers
and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Committees

Bereavement: Sharon Finnegan

Hospitality: Sharon Finnegan and
Helen Wagner

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
lbenoit@vha.com

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)

November 20th is Election Night for your 2013 Board.

Please come to the meeting and cast your ballot.

2013 ECPAAA Board Candidates

President

Loretta Doty
Stacey Foust

1st Vice President

Melody Balkon
Perry Brockmeyer
Jerry Goad
David Lawwill
John Luna

2nd Vice President

Minuet Balkon
Leah Benoit
Cynthia Schmidt

Secretary

Doris Hammond

Treasurer

Kyla Oberg
Kathryn Van Liew
Peggy Vandiver

November Menu

Since it's close to Thanksgiving, it will be a light
menu – Nachos and Drinks. Please bring a dessert
to share with everyone.

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

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

National Night Out was OUTSTANDING! It was a great night for our community. We met hundreds of our fellow citizens who all shared the same commitment to keep their neighborhoods free from crime and violence. Our good friends with the Fire Department were on hand to help us greet every neighborhood group in the city. This was a night full of fun, food and friends. I cannot emphasize enough the importance and the impact of our Neighborhood Watch program. If you don't have an active Crime Watch group in your neighborhood, get one! Tony and the guys in the NPO office are more than willing to help you start a Neighborhood Watch group or to re-energize one that may have gone dormant. It's the best crime fighting tool we have, and we need one on every block in the city.

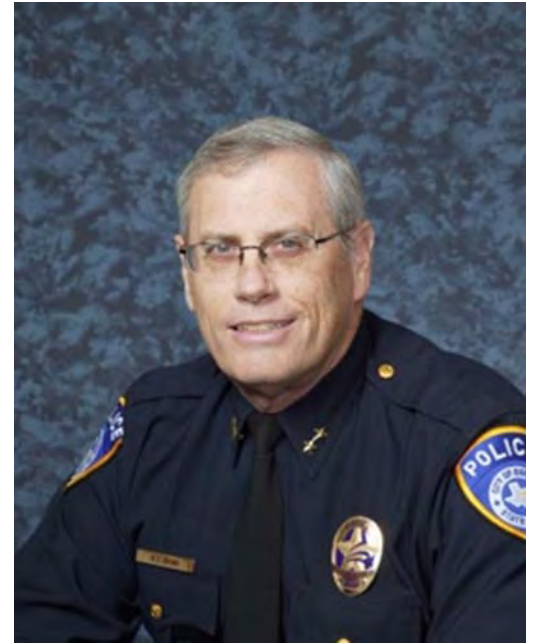
Our Open House was the best ever! The weather was a little chilly, and it looked like rain, but we had the largest turnout we have ever had. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and made this such an outstanding event. We cooked 600 hot dogs and were completely out of hot dogs by 1:00pm, we still had another hour to go. The Police Department was open to public for inspection, questions and conversations. We met a lot of new people and got to spend some time with some of our old friends; it was a great community event. To tell the truth, after doing "Open House" for the last five years, I thought we might have shown the building to everyone who would have ever wanted to see it. Thanks to our volunteers and our NPOs for breathing some new life into this year's Open House.

A quick look at the calendar tells me that the Holidays are upon us. In the coming weeks please take a few minutes to remember all the things that you are thankful for. I know I am thankful for you and the way each of you have impacted this department and the tremendous influence you have had on my life. It's always great to think about all the programs and events we have worked on together, but it's the individual relationships that I cherish most of all. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I have to say that I am thankful that I serve in a very special community, full of tremendous friends and great citizens. I don't think there is a better place in the world to be a Police Officer than right here.

With the advent of the holidays and all the excitement that comes with them, now is not the time to forget all the crime prevention strategies you have learned over the years. Please pay attention to your surroundings and take all necessary precautions so that you, or your family members, don't become a victim of crime. I had this message driven home to me last night when I got a call from my daughter Aja, who is in Chicago, telling me that her apartment had been broken into. She was thankful that she didn't have anything worth stealing, other than her lap top. But when I got to talking to her a little further, come to find out, she had left a window cracked just a little. In a complete disregard for everything I have preached to her for the last many years. The lesson here is, just because you know what to do does not mean you don't have to do it. Please play it safe in the coming weeks and months. Oh, did I happen to mention that a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood is a great way to fight crime!

Your Servant,

Mike



From the President — Loretta Doty

Hello Everyone,

This sure is a busy time of year for everyone as well as our CPA and fellow city organizations. I hope everyone can find the time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather, the holidays, extra events and life in general. Remember, we are to vote for the 2013 executive board at our November meeting. If you can NOT attend, please request an absentee ballot and return your ballot before the meeting of November 20th so that your vote will be counted. It's your CPA leadership committee and I know you all want to participate in selecting the executive board, so be sure to vote. To receive an absentee ballot, contact the committee chairperson, Sue Kosec at 817-358-0488.

The budget committee worked very hard and long to provide our organization with a functional and sufficient budget for 2013. The proposed budget will be in the December Newsletter and we will vote on the proposed budget in December.

It's time again to nominate the CPA alumni of the year. Please submit a written nomination to the CPA Secretary, Susan Vest, either in person or by email svest@simon.com. You may call Susan if you don't have email - 817-283-0486. The winning alumni will be announced at the Police Awards Banquet in February. The deadline to nominate an alumni member is December 31st.

CPA reached out to Maurya Krista, one of our newest members who is an artist, for assistance in decorating our COP vehicle with something in addition to lights for the Christmas parade. Maurya has proposed a mural to sit on top of our COP vehicle that will be in keeping with the theme, Nutcracker Christmas. The mural will be a Mouse and Nutcracker dueling. The Nutcracker will be dressed as a Eules police officer. Maurya will share a picture with CPA shortly and ask for a little assistance in painting and making a stand to fit upon the COP vehicle. I trust some alumni will have a moment or two to help. This could be a lot of fun.

The Sky Tower is back in service and we should have a replacement for COP Vehicle 742 this week.

See you all at the meeting, Tuesday, November 20th 7pm.



ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Loretta Doty

by Rosemarie Stevens

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Loretta is a graduate of Class 24 and currently serves as our president. Loretta believes in providing service wherever and whenever she can.

As indicated in last month's newsletter, she was born in Gladewater, Texas, and has been a resident of Eules for 14 years. She is married to our treasurer, Steve Doty, and they have three adult children.

Loretta is retired from the state and uses her time looking after her husband, serving the city, working in her yard and pursuing projects in her home. She also enjoys reading, preferring mysteries and thrillers. Her favorite author is David Baldacci. Her favorite movies are "Back to the Future" and "Jurassic Park."

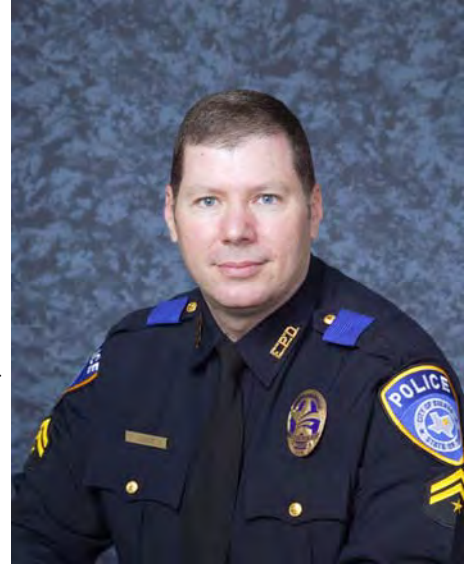
Her travel has included a cruise in Alaska, a trip to Buenos Aires and relaxation in Tahoe.

Loretta indicated that during the CPA class, she enjoyed learning about investigating crimes and forensics, specifically fingerprinting. She would like to learn more about cold cases from future ECPAAA speakers, but finds everything interesting.

As you can see from the brevity of this biography, Loretta is not one to talk about herself; but as mentioned above, she does not hesitate to help as much as she can. In all honesty, that characteristic is more significant.

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

The NPO's have been actively recruiting for next year's Citizens Police Academy Class. Our start date for class #29 is February 21st; so if you know of an interested party, please direct them our way. Vacant spots are filling up quickly so do not procrastinate. I wanted to express many thanks to those who volunteered at our open house event on October 6th. I think it was the most successful one to date and the extra help was much appreciated. I wanted to remind everyone that holiday shopping has started for the criminals so remember to remove valuables from your car and lock your doors. Don't forget to keep an eye on your neighbors and report suspicious activity to 911. Also, the Sky Tower is back in operation and I would appreciate any time that you can spare to occupy it. Car burglars will visit Euless parking lots over the holiday season, make no doubt!



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting. Please attend and vote for your next board members. As in any organization, the board members play a very important role in its success so make sure you are there to vote. I cannot thank this current board enough for all their hard work; they have been a pleasure to work with.

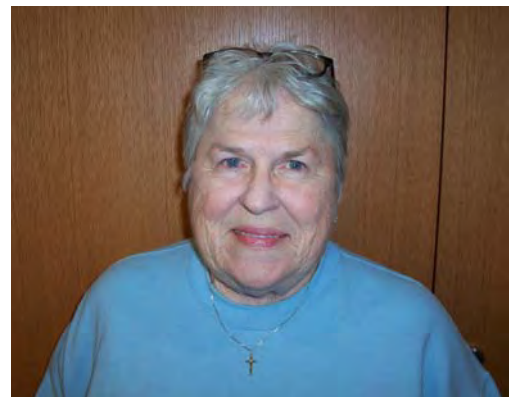
November is a time to reflect on those things that we are thankful for. I am really thankful for all the people that make up our alumni association. You do so much for our police officers and consistently give unselfishly of your time and energy. The police department and the association are growing. I am truly thankful to see the veterans take the new members under their wing and pass on the passion that they share for this department and community. We could not be successful without you.

Crime watches are increasing as well as visits to our Facebook page. Our crime-watch meetings have doubled in the past few months as well as demand for many of our services. Thank you for helping us be successful, see you at the meeting.

2013 ECPAAA Board Candidate Brief Biography

Peggy Vandiver – Candidate for Treasurer

Peggy is a graduate of CPA Class 24. She was born Stephenville, Texas and has been in Euless for 54 years. Peggy worked for S.W. Bell Telephone for 28-1/2 years. She has one daughter and two granddaughters. She enjoys cooking, working with her hands, reading anything by James Patterson and watching any John Wayne movies. Peggy also loves to travel and has been to 40 states, most of the Canadian Provinces and Mexico. She has been a member of International Travel for 35 years and has served on the Board of Directors for almost 20 years, 14 of which was the office of Secretary-Treasurer. You can read more about Peggy in the ECPAAA May 2013 newsletter.



October 2012 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 35 Hours 45 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 70 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 66 Hours 30 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 4 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 4
- Courts – 61 Hours 15 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 23 Hour 15 Minutes
- CRUD – 63 Hours 30 Minutes
- Eules PD Open House – 53 Hours 30 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 45 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 10 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings – 27 Hours 45 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 24 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 65 Hours 15 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 12 Hours 30 Minutes
- Trinity Homecoming Parade – 20 Hours 30 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 66 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 563 Hours 0 Minutes

October National Value of Volunteer Time — \$12,267.77
YTD 2012 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$130,859.85

October Meeting — 38 Alumni Members Present

Upcoming Events

- Nov 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Nov 14 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Nov 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Nov 22 — **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Nov 27 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Dec 1— Eules Parade of Lights, 6:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center
- Dec 1 — CPAANT Meeting and Annual Christmas Party, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon, Duncanville (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- Dec 8 — Heritage Park Christmas Celebration, 1:00 — 5:00 pm, 201 Cullum Drive
- Dec 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Dec 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Dec 15 — Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 — 10:00 am, Texas Star Golf Course
- Dec 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

- Doris Hammond — 11/12
- David Shanahan — 11/12
- Sandi Jones — 11/15

- Michael Garza — 11/18
- Renee Potter — 11/21
- Leah Bennett — 11/23

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2012

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Alan Bump, Cheryl Bump, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Stacey Foust, Doris Hammond, Lorri Henderson, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Don Martin. Linda Martin, Leo Neal, Dawn Nisbet, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Cynthia Schmidt, Chris Shanahan, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Kathryn Van Liew, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest and Julie Watkins

PRESENTATION: Betsy Deck, Communication/Marketing Director for the City of Euless announced that the City would be taking over the website for the Alumni Association. The City will pay for the domain name and website. Betsy said that we have a full time webmaster, Adam Eakins, so we can utilize him to set up a totally new web page. All we need to do is give him the information to add.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Kosec read a letter from Pat McDowell's family and presented a check to the Association.

Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the September Minutes, second by Faye Stinneford. Motion passed.

Steve Doty announced that we made over \$13,000 at the BBQ Silent Auction/Fundraiser event. Pete Jones made a motion per Steve Doty's request to increase the BBQ Silent Auction line item from \$1500 to \$5000 to cover the Safari trip, second by Jerri Balkon. Motion passed. John Luna made a motion per Steve Doty's request to increase the Office Supplies line item from \$150 to \$300, second by Pete Jones. Motion passed.

Faye Stinneford made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report, second by Sandi Jones. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Sue announced candidates for the 2013 Executive Board. She also asked for nominations from the floor. Voting will take place at the November meeting. Absentee ballots are available by contacting Sue and must be returned no later than the November meeting.

Budget Committee: Members who volunteered to work on the 2013 Budget include Kyla Oberg, Peggy Vandiver, Kathy Van Liew, Tyler Van Horne, Julie Watkins, Cynthia

Schmidt and Jerri Balkon.

Judy Rick thanked Loretta Doty for keeping us updated on all events going on.

Door prizes were awarded to members whose names were drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



October Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month

2012 – 563 Hours

2011 – 535 Hours

About the Same

Year-to-date

2012 – 6,005 Hours

2011 – 4,794 Hours

Increase of 25%

**KEEP UP THE GREAT
WORK!**

October 2012 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	October	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/11 Balance in Checking				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$531.00	\$18,922.02	\$8,400.00	\$10,522.02
Brick Sales		\$420.00	\$150.00	\$270.00
CRUD Day	\$700.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$100.00	\$1,239.01	\$0.00	\$1,239.01
Grocery Care Cards		\$34.63	\$50.00	-\$15.37
Membership Dues		\$1,560.00	\$1,500.00	\$60.00
Member Merchandise		\$38.05	\$0.00	\$38.05
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$237.00	\$200.00	\$37.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)		\$46.77	\$200.00	-\$153.23
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$22.00	\$200.00	-\$178.00
Fundraisers		\$191.00	\$1,000.00	-\$809.00
Warrant Roundup		\$843.13	\$1,000.00	-\$156.87
Funds used to cover Major Projects		\$0.00	\$10,629.79	-\$10,629.79
Total Income	\$1,331.00	\$24,988.61	\$24,729.79	\$258.82
Total	\$44,714.04	\$44,714.04		
EXPENSES	October	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$221.20	\$250.00	-\$28.80
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction	\$3,154.26	\$4,309.21	\$4,500.00	-\$190.79
Bricks		\$186.00	\$250.00	-\$64.00
Checking Account Expenses		\$16.00	\$25.00	-\$9.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$20.00	\$25.00	-\$5.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$100.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items		\$144.00	\$300.00	-\$156.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$200.00	\$300.00	-\$100.00
Fundraisers		\$29.64	\$1,000.00	-\$970.36
Office Supplies		\$48.36	\$300.00	-\$251.64
PALS Summer Camp		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$388.12	\$400.00	-\$11.88
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$1,710.00	\$8,000.00	-\$6,290.00
Police Honor Guard		\$5,996.80	\$6,000.00	-\$3.20
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$118.98	\$200.00	-\$81.02
President Awards		\$113.34	\$150.00	-\$36.66
Social Events		\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Allen Samuels Dodge Appreciation Lunch		\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Water by the Gallon		\$448.00	\$650.00	-\$202.00
Web Site/Domain Name		\$204.79	\$204.79	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$3,154.26	\$14,229.44	\$24,579.79	-\$10,350.35
Funds Available in Checking		\$30,484.60		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
Major Projects/Future Projects		\$10,061.45		
Interest from Savings Account	\$0.36	\$3.36		
Funds Available in Savings		\$10,064.81		
Total ECPAAA Funds		\$40,549.41		



ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Auction Event — September 22nd



Gary doing a taste test



Cooks hard at work



Rosemarie Stevens in the kitchen



Dining Room



Silent Auction Room



Live Auction



Babycakes the Gorilla in the Silent Auction Room

