

# **Partners in Policing**

**Euless 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

# BBQ Dinner/Auction Event A Huge Success!

Preliminary—\$13,618

Steve Doty will have a final number at the October Meeting.



September Volunteer Hours Comparison
By Lou Baum

Month

Year-to-date

2012 - 762 Hours

2012 - 5,443 Hours

2011 - 661 Hours

2011 – 4,259 Hours

KFFP UP THE GREAT WORK!

# October Menu

**MEATLOAF** 

MASHED POTATOES

ITALIAN GREEN BEANS

FRUIT SALAD

**JELLO** 

WATER

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

#### From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

What a tremendous BBQ and silent auction! What started out as a little fundraiser a few years ago has turned into a true community event. Well over 300 people attended this year's event, and you raised a little bit of money to go along with the tremendous food that was served. A huge THANKS to everyone who worked toward the success of this event. It's always great to see what happens when everyone pulls in the same direction and keeps their eye on the prize. I know Anicia, Leland and I left there full of food and fun and a little bit lighter in the checking account. We look forward to this event every year and every year it just gets better. Thanks again for a great night of food, fun and friendship.

We are about to kick off National Night Out. This is a very special night for us and great evening for the community. We have such a great time visiting with all of the neighborhood watch groups who come out to take a stand



against crime and violence in this community. I know it can be a real hassle to put a neighborhood watch meeting together, but you cannot put a price on all of the great things that can come from a neighborhood watch meeting. I know you hear me harp on this topic every month, but I can never say it enough, no other crime prevention program works as efficiently and as effectively as a neighborhood watch group. I will ask you again, if you have a neighborhood watch group in your neighborhood then do what you can to keep it an active group. If you don't have one, start one. Tony and the guys in the NPO office will do anything to help you get one off the ground or the breath a little life in one that has not been as active as it could be.

Saturday, October the 6<sup>th</sup>, between 10 am and 2 pm is our Open House. Please take a few minutes on Saturday to stop in and say hi. Please feel free to bring someone with you to tour the building, have a hot dog and to visit with your friends here in the department and in the community. This is a great day for us, we get to show off our building and visit with all of our friends. If you have a few minutes to spare that day you can even volunteer to help us make this a special day in the lives of those who come through. Each year we meet new members of the community who don't know what all we do, what great programs we offer or how they can contribute to the community through a relationship with the Police Department.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for all the great things you do. All of the minutes you give and time you take away from your families and other interest to spend with us. I talk to other Police Chiefs all the time who wish they had what we have, an army of dedicated and committed volunteers who are willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved in any effort no matter how big or how small. We are truly blessed to live in this community and to have each other to rely on.

Thanks again for all you do!

Your Servant,

Mike



# From the President — Loretta Doty

Wow! We had a great turnout at the BBQ and from all the comments I've heard, everyone had an enjoyable time. The cooks outdid themselves. A few items from the silent auction and door prizes will be in a raffle at our next meeting, so bring a dollar or two to join in the fun. When we meet again we will have had the Police Open House and National Night Out events. I know both events will have great turnouts and be wonderful volunteer opportunities and fun for our alumni and fellow citizens.



James Gordon had a successful "Turn in Your Drugs" event on Saturday, September 29th. Even though it rained the entire 4 hours, James, Scott

Thomas and Kyla Oberg sat in the rain providing the service to our citizens and had a great turnout for their efforts. We have a slate of candidates to run for the executive board to be presented at the October meeting. The voting for new officers will be held in our November meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at our October meeting, but please consult with the alumni you wish to nominate to be sure they are willing to serve.

Summer appears to be about over and fall is setting in. I hope each of you can find the time to sit outside and enjoy this lovely weather and rest a spell. I'll see you Tuesday, October 16th at our next meeting.

# **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 A short biography can be found on all of the candidates starting on page 8.

Voting will take place at the

November 20th ECPAAA meeting.

If you will be out of town, you can request an absentee ballot by sending an email to

eulesscpa@sbcglobal.net or let Sue
Kosec or a Board member know at
the October meeting. Once you
receive your ballot, please make sure
you mail it in time to arrive before
the November meeting.

# **EPD Liaison** — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Between National Night Out parties Tuesday night my mind kept thinking about Open House 2012 and all the details that needed to be covered prior to the event. Do we have enough food? Are the Open House signs displayed around town? Do we have enough room to fit another table in the training room? These don't sound like police questions. We did not discuss these issues in the police academy. Wait a minute, I am a police officer and my job is to make this community safer. I made a promise and more importantly, took an oath! Can we make this community safer with bounce houses, meetings in driveways and hotdogs? Have we lost sight of our mission? What is our real mission here?



Every officer has a story about their favorite call or arrest. We call them "war stories" and depending on who is telling them, there may be a little truth in there somewhere. One common theme with many of them is that they start "I was dispatched". You see, some of the best calls we respond to and the arrest we make started with a phone call. Officers win awards for the quality work they do once they deal with problems you report. The media never mentions you, the caller, but rather the hard work that led to the arrest. You report it and you trust your police department to handle it. You report it, we handle it sounds like a partnership doesn't it? It should because it is. We cannot be successful without you and you cannot have the community you desire without us.

We are as committed today as ever to our mission of serving you. National Night Out, Open House, Crime Watches, Citizens Police Academy, RAD, HEB ISD C/J are just a few examples of that commitment to maintain a strong and transparent bond with you, our community. These events build relationships and trust between us. Stated another way, these events make us both more successful. So yes, bounce houses and hotdogs can fight crime. Call it what you want "community policing", "problem oriented policing", "team policing", we prefer to call it a partnership. With that said, when is the last time you hosted a crime watch meeting? Recruited a neighbor for CPA or attended an Alumni meeting? Maybe some of you just need to come by so we know you are still around. Maybe you got a ticket or your feelings hurt from something that happened. Whatever the reason, don't forget the passion that got you involved in the first place. Call me at 817-685-1685, Chris White at 817-685-1536 or James Gordon at 817-685-1686 and get involved again.







#### **September 2012 Volunteer Hours**

CID Clerical - 38 Hours 15 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 78 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
COP Car – 72 Hours 0 Minutes
COP Sky Tower – 6 Hours 30 Minutes
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 0

Code – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Courts – 56 Hours 0 Minutes

CPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 17 Hour 45 Minutes

Euless Radio Club – 38 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 10 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings – 75 Hours 45 Minutes
Includes the following:
ECPAAA Meeting – 75 Hours 45 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 369 Hours 45 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 20 Hours 15 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 51 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total – 762 Hours 30 Minutes** 

September National Value of Volunteer Time — \$16,614.88 YTD 2012 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$118,592.08

September Meeting — 37 Alumni Members Present

#### **Upcoming Events**

Oct 12-14 — Friends of the Library Book Sale (see <a href="http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/BookSale.htm">http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/BookSale.htm</a> for more information)

Oct 13 — Hazardous Material Collection Day, 9:00—11:00 am; Euless Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Drive

Oct 13 — Euless Fitness Fun Run, 9:00 am—12:00 pm; Bob Eden Park, 901 W. Mid-Cities Boulevard

Oct 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Oct 19-20 — Community Powered Revitalization (CPR) Blitz, If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the CPR program visit <a href="www.eulesstx.gov/cpr">www.eulesstx.gov/cpr</a>, <a href="mailto:6stones.org/cpr">6stones.org/cpr</a> or call 817 -685-1600.

Oct 22—Nov 2 — Early Voting, Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive (see <a href="http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/">http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/</a>
ElectionInformation.htm for more information)

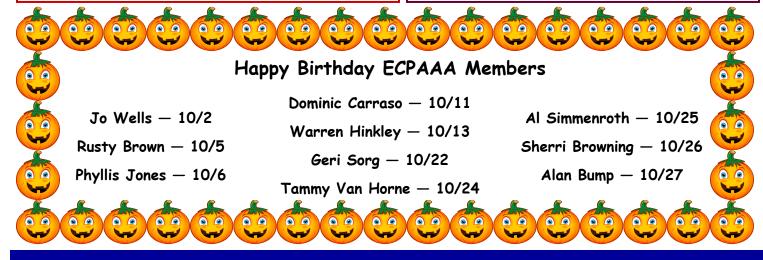
Oct 23 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Nov 3 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am—12 noon, Trophy Club (location & directions can be found on <a href="https://www.cpaant.org">www.cpaant.org</a>)

Nov 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Nov 14 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Nov 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department



# ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 18, 2012** 

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Alan Bump, Cheryl Bump, Shirley Daily, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Misty Engelmann, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Kendall Hall, Doris Hammond, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Leo Neal, Barbara Niziolek, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Wayne Priddy, Judy Rick, Loretta Santos, Cynthia Schmidt, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Susan Vest and Julie Watkins

**PRESENTATION:** Captain Landers showed a presentation of the Honor Guard's trip to Washington DC for National Police Week in May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Luna made a motion to accept the August Minutes, second by Tim Stinneford. Motion passed.

Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report, second by Pete Jones. Motion passed.

Loretta thanked Judy Rick for the Ice

Cream social and everyone else who brought food.

Misty Engelmann updated members on 6Stones Backpack event.

Geri Sorg reported that the last CPAANT meeting was in Fossil Hill and the guest speaker was Homeland Security from the Fort Worth Police Department. Geri invited anyone wanting to attend a monthly meeting to contact her.

Cpl. James Gordon reported on the annual Child Safety Seat event. There were 5 volunteers and 30 seat checks in the four hour period. Three seats had to be replaced. Cpl. Gordon wants to do several more events.

Loretta reminded everyone that Neighborhood signs were available through the Police Department. She also mentioned that only seven watch groups are on the list for National Night Out, October 2. She challenged members to get their groups together.

Leah Benoit updated the members regarding the BBQ. She said we have currently sold over 300 tickets and have 160 auction items. The BBQ committee agreed to pay \$400 to have a City crew clean up the center.

Anyone that is having problems with the Door Code needs to get in touch with Cpl. James Gordon. Loretta announced birthdays.

J.R. Goad has sign-up sheets for Open House, October 6; C.R.U.D., October 13; THS Parade, October 29 and the Christmas Parade, December 1. Anyone that would like to volunteer for one of these events needs to contact J.R.

Pete Jones announced that the men's version of RAD would be taking place soon.

Loretta opened up the floor to have volunteers to print brochures for Open House and clean the stairwell area. Cynthia Schmidt and Jerrie Keller volunteered.

Loretta passed out Nomination forms for the upcoming Executive Board elections. Sue Kosec volunteered to be the chairperson; Julie Watkins and Betty Priddy will also serve on the committee.

Betty Overstreet updated the members regarding Dispatch Day. Betty's group stayed under the budget while giving each dispatcher a Target Gift Card, star candle dish and a personalized thank you letter.

Loretta asked members if they would like to purchase magnetic Support Your Police ribbons and zipper pulls. The members voted to purchase the items. Loretta needs to check to see if we can get before the BBQ.

Tim Stinneford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerrie Keller seconded the motion. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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# **September 2012 Treasurer's Report**

INCOME	September	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	\$17,246.00	\$18,391.02	\$8,400.00	\$9,991.02
Brick Sales		\$420.00	\$150.00	\$270.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$1,400.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$10.00	\$1,139.01	\$0.00	\$1,139.01
Grocery Care Cards		\$34.63	\$50.00	-\$15.37
Membership Dues	\$60.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,500.00	\$60.00
Member Merchandise	\$4.00	\$38.05	\$0.00	\$38.05
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)	\$90.00	\$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	\$7,329.79	-\$7,329.79
Total Income	\$17,410.00	\$23,657.61	\$21,429.79	\$2,227.82
Total	\$43,383.04	\$43,383.04		
EXPENSES	September	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day	\$221.20	\$221.20	\$250.00	-\$28.80
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction	\$1,154.95	\$1,154.95	\$1,500.00	-\$345.05
Bricks		\$186.00	\$250.00	-\$64.00
Checking Account Expenses	\$16.00	\$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	\$29.64	\$1,000.00	-\$970.36
Office Supplies	\$6.44	\$48.36	\$150.00	-\$101.64
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	\$224.00	\$448.00	\$650.00	-\$202.00
Web Site/Domain Name		\$204.79	\$204.79	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,652.23	\$11,075.18	\$21,429.79	-\$10,354.61
Funds Available in Checking		\$32,307.86		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
Major Projects/Future Projects		\$10,061.45	MELL	27 (12)
Interest from Savings Account	\$0.31	\$3.00		
Funds Available in Savings		\$10,064.45	in Cill	
Total ECPAAA Funds		\$42,372.31	A Anna DA	

## 2013 ECPAAA Board Candidates Brief Biographies

#### Loretta Jo Doty - Candidate for President

Loretta is a graduate of CPA Class 24 and is currently serving as ECPAAA's President. She was born in Gladewater, Texas and has been in Euless for 14 years. Loretta is a retired state employee and is happily married to Steve Doty, our current Treasurer, and has three grown children. She enjoys working in the yard, piddling with house projects and reading mysteries and thrillers and one of her favorite authors is David Baldacci. Loretta's favorite movie is Jurassic Park and she's vacationed in Buenos Aires, Tahoe and enjoyed an Alaskan cruise. You can read more about Loretta in the ECPAAA November 2012 newsletter.



#### Stacey Foust - Candidate for President

Stacey is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in our neighboring city of Irving and has been living in Euless for 1 year. Stacey is a full-time school crossing guard for Midway Park Elementary and just started working for the City of Euless in August 2012. She's an only child to two wonderful parents who live in Rockwall, has no children but a beautiful Rottweiler dog she considers her child that she adopted from the Hurst Animal Shelter a few years ago. Stacey loves to take her dog for walks, travel, watching good action movies, eating good food and planting flowers and vegetables around her home. Her favorite



"book" is Cosmopolitan Magazine and loves any movie that is action packed or scary. You can read more about Stacey in the December 2012 newsletter.

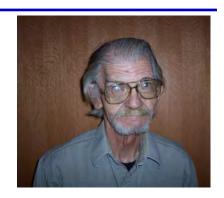
# Melody Balkon – Candidate for 1st Vice President

Melody is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in our neighboring city of Arlington, been in Euless seven years and is currently a student. Her parents are Bill and Jerri Balkon and they have been married for 25 years. Melody loves to sew, knit and crochet and the classic Disney cartoons and Ella Enchanted are some of her favorite movies. For reading pleasure, she enjoys The Wizard of Oz Series by L. Frank Baum. She loves giving back to communities and has been on two mission trips to New York and once to San Francisco and is working towards raising funds to go to Thailand next year. You can read more about Melody in the January 2013 newsletter.



#### Perry Brockmeyer – Candidate for 1st Vice President

Perry is a graduate of CPA Class 19. He was born in Kirksville, Missouri and has been in Euless since 1996. Perry has been working part-time with Phoenix Emergency Medical Services since 1985. He has one daughter and two cats. Perry loves anything to do with rodeos and reading westerns and mysteries. His favorite types of movies are westerns but he'll watch any adventure or detective movies and two of his favorites shows are CSI and NCIS. Perry worked both of the Delta plane crashes at DFW, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and was on standby for 911 and the Oklahoma bombing. Bet you didn't know that Perry is a licensed mortician and a Senior EMT!



## 2013 ECPAAA Board Candidates Brief Biographies — continued

# Jerry R. Goad – Candidate for 1st Vice President

Jerry, but we all know him as JR, is a graduate of CPA Class 17. JR was born in Sweetwater, Texas and has been in Euless for 42 years. He was employed with JC Penney for 35 years and currently works for CENTURY 21, Mike Bowman, Inc. He's married to the lovely Dr. Kay Goad, has two children and three grandsons and is a Korean War Veteran. JR loves volunteering, flying and playing tennis. His favorite book is the Bible and favorite movie is The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.



#### David Lawwill - Candidate for 1st Vice President

David is a graduate of CPA Class 28. He was born in Carbondale, Illinois but grew up in Chicago-H.S. He's been in Euless 13 years and works for Fossil Inc. as a Global Director of Loss Prevention and Supply Chain Security and has been in the same field for 20 years. David is married and has four children and one grandchild. He loves being outdoors and doing things with his family and travel to different parts of the world. He coaches Little League in the Euless Rec League, loves the movie Gladiator and reading Clancy novels. David was just featured in our September newsletter and hope you had a chance to read his full biography.



#### John W. Luna – Candidate for 1st Vice President

John is a graduate of CPA Class 28. He was born in Nacogdoches, Texas and has been in Euless approximately 41 years. He is retired from Metrocare Services (formerly Dallas County Mental Health @ Mental Retardation Center) after 39.7 years. He served as the Director of Vocational Services for 30 years and retired as the Director of Public Affairs. John will celebrate his 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November and has two sons and five grandchildren. He enjoys cowboy movies, high school football games, time in my back yard and traveling the back roads of Texas. John enjoys reading the Bible and autobiographies of old west heroes and watching western movies like



Rooster Cogburn, Mask of Zorro, Tombstone, The Shootist and any other western movie he can get his hands on. John was featured in our July 2012 newsletter and you can read his full biography in that issue.

## 2013 ECPAAA Board Candidates Brief Biographies — continued

## Minuet Balkon – Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Minuet is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in Arlington, Texas and has been in Euless for seven years. Minuet is currently a student who enjoys cooking, baking and reading. Her favorite reading material is anything by William Shakespeare and Jane Austen. And speaking of Jane Austen, Minuet loves when they make Jane's books into movies. Mom and Dad are Bill and Jerri Balkon and you can often see her volunteering with her sister Melody and Mom Jerri. Minuet has also been on mission trips to New York, San Francisco, New Orleans and like her sister, she is working towards raising funds



for a trip to Thailand next year. You can read more about Minuet in the February 2013 newsletter.

#### Leah Benoit – Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Leah is a graduate of CPA Class 4. She was born in Napoleonville, Louisiana and has been in Euless for 20 years. She is currently employed with VHA Inc. as a Senior Analyst and will be celebrating 15 years with them in January 2013. She is married to Byron and celebrated 20 years of marriage in February 2012. She has no children but has a very lovable 4-legged friend named Hank that lives a couple of blocks away and loves spending time with him. Leah has two brothers who both still live not far from Mom and Dad in Louisiana and one sister living in Tennessee. Her hobbies include flower gardening, watching movies (nothing scary), making jigsaw puzzles, volunteering and loves reading



anything written by Sandra Brown or Nora Roberts. Her favorite people to visit are family in Louisiana and her sister in Tennessee - she has a great deck that we hang out on with her four Jack Russell Terriers.

# **Cynthia Schmidt – Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Cynthia is a graduate of CPA Class 28, and she brings with her an extensive association with the military. Currently, she is a supervisor at Contract Claims Services, a third-party administrator for federal workers' compensation claims; her department now serves the Navy Personnel Command/MWR and the U.S. Coast Guard Units. Before she was given this responsibility, she supervised the U.S. Marine Corps/MCCS Unit. Cynthia was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, and has lived in Euless for five years. She has a nine-year daughter who is in the Gifted and Talented Program at South Euless Elementary. As a member of a



blended family, Cynthia herself is one of ten children. The majority of her family lives in the DFW and Houston areas, and several of them have retired from and/or are currently serving in the U. S. Marine Corps – "Semper Fi!" Her primary non-work activity is supporting her daughter's extracurricular activities. She also enjoys gardening, reading, music, creating art using different artistic mediums, trying new restaurants with family and friends, baking and target practice with her father, a former Marine sharpshooter. Her favorite books are <u>Frankenstein</u> by Mary Shelly and <u>The Bell Jar</u> by Sylvia Plath. She prefers biographies and autobiographies about artists, musicians and/or anyone who has led and enjoyed an interesting life. She also likes books related to science and medicine. Cynthia was featured in the August 2012 newsletter and you can read her full biography in that issue.

## 2013 ECPAAA Board Candidates Brief Biographies — continued

#### **Doris Hammond – Candidate for Secretary**

Doris is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in Clearfield, Pennsylvania and has been in Euless for 30 years. She's employed by American Airlines as a Reservation Staff Assistant and over her 26 years with the company she has worked in many departments in Reservations. Doris has been a widow for eight years and was married for 25 years to a wonderful man. She has one son, five stepchildren and eight grandchildren. Her sister is a professional photographer in Atlanta, Georgia and Doris likes to spend some of her free time with her. Her hobbies include traveling and



meeting new people. She keeps a camera handy to get that perfect shot. She's still learning to garden in Texas and spends her free time, when not hanging out with her sister, volunteering to help the community. She likes reading fiction and watching family friendly movies on TV. You can read Doris' full biography in the March 2013 newsletter.

#### **Kyla Oberg – Candidate for Treasurer**

Kyla is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in Fort Wainwright, Alaska and has been in Euless for six years. Kyla has just started a new career as a Euless Public Service Officer and has been on the job for a little over a month. Prior to that, she was in the mortgage business for four years and the commercial real estate business for eight years. She's been married to Geoff for eight years and has no children. Kyla's hobbies include scrapbooking, quilting and scuba diving. She considers mystery and suspense books among her favorites to read and enjoys watching romantic comedy movies. Kyla was featured in the June 2012 newsletter and you can read her full biography in that issue.



#### Kathryn (Kathy) Van Liew – Candidate for Treasurer

Kathy is a graduate of CPA Class 28. She was born in Amarillo, Texas and has been in the Fort Worth area for 47 years and one year in Euless. Kathy has been working in Payroll/HR/Benefits for over 20 years. She has one daughter, one stepdaughter and eight grandchildren. For fun she likes to go to concerts and enjoys helping others, promoting concerts for Wounded Warrior, Operation Home Front and hanging out with fellow alumni at the monthly meetings. Her favorite book is the original King James Version of the Holy Bible and her favorite movies are Top Gun, Platoon and Saving Private Ryan. She also enjoys life in general, meeting and getting to know people. You can read Kathy's full biography in the April 2013 newsletter.







Lippy with Connor Breece and Rick McClung

Councilman Leon Hogg, Assistant Chief Bob Freeman and Kathy Haecker