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*May our Father in Heaven  
be watchful and grant peace  
and comfort to all of the lives  
that have been touched by  
the horrific tragedy that has  
fallen upon our homeland on this day...*

*May the Angels wrap their wings about  
those that are grieving with the loss of their  
loved ones...*

*11 September 2001*



This, from a Canadian newspaper, is worth sharing. America: The Good Neighbor.

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record: "This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United

States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get

radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again. You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old ca-booze. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

"Stand proud, America!"

**God Bless  
the USA**



## What's Next in Euless???

Are you wondering what is going to be happening in Euless in the foreseeable future? Come to the next meeting of the ECPAAA on September 18, 2001 in the Conference room of Building A and hear Mike Collins, the Planning and Development Director for the City.

Mike has been on the city staff since January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2001. He oversees the planning, permits, and code enforcement operations of the city. He also serves as staff support for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. In the planning area, he will be assisting prospective developers as they work through the Euless system of building and zoning requirements for residential and commercial development. In the code enforcement area he will see that the city continues to place emphasis on the code enforcement aspect of our city operations in an attempt to maintain and improve our city's image and safety.

Before coming to Euless, Mike was the City Manager for the City of Granbury. He has also served as City Manager for Wylie and as Governmental Relations Administrator for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Austin College in Sherman and a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs from UTA.

He is married to Margaret and they have two children, Adam, who is three and Emily, who is one. Mike is an avid Ranger's fan and he admitted that while attending UTA he would determine his monthly budget around going to ball games. He is obviously a man of priorities! Mike will be available for our questions about the Main Street project as well as other items of interest in the city. He is a very interesting and knowledgeable speaker and this is a meeting you don't want to miss. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m!



## COPS

I hope by the time you are reading this article, we have all attended the updated training that took place on September 8<sup>th</sup>. I am certain we have lots of exciting new assignments to look forward to!

This month's article will highlight the people who have given the most time and effort to making our program a success since it's inception in October of 1999. Our top "C.O.P." is **Lou Baum** with 21 shifts as of August 31st, 2001. **Congratulations and thanks to Lou!!!**

Trailing very close behind are **Sharon Finnegan** and **Al Simmenroth** who each patrolled 18 times, followed by **Kathy Haecker** (17) and **Geri Sorg** (16). Other members who have gone out 10 or more times are: **Susan Vest, Karen Duncan, Sarah Chandler, Rosemarie Stevens, Don Martin, Jud Park, Chris Shanahan** and **Helen Wagner**. There is no way to adequately thank all of you for your dedication. As author of this article and coordinator of the program, I know if I have a problem all it takes is a telephone call to one of you.

To all the rest of our participants – thank you also for your time and dedication. We all have lives that may not allow us participation in this activity as frequently as we would like. Each and every one of you who have gone on patrol has helped the continued success of our program. I know the department appreciates our efforts.

As we expand into new arenas and opportunities, please help us continue to make our C.O.P.S. program the best in Texas! Our next article will highlight new ways we can help the Euless Police Department and its' fine officers. Stay tuned for more! In the meantime, if you have an available Friday night in October, please call me (Don Martin) 817-283-7038 or email lilipp2@home.com – thanks again to each and every one of you!!

## Happy Birthday!!

Byron Benoit  
Pat Lane  
Chris Marz  
Veva Lou Massey  
Judie Nolden  
Nick Payblas  
Kris Stull



## Leah's Perspective



Hello everyone. Just wanted to say that it was really nice to see everyone at the last meeting. We had a great turnout and the ice cream was delicious. Big thank you to Sharon Finnegan and Helen Wagner for gathering all the goodies.

Here's an update on the brick sales. At the writing of this article, our total is \$24,550 in sales. Just \$450 more and we will have met our target of \$25,000. I not only want to meet our target, but go beyond it. Lou Baum has received quite a few phone calls from our two signs we have posted around Euless. And the good news is, not only are they calling in asking for an order form, they are actually sending in their order. I received one from Grand Prairie. I think it's really wonderful that someone outside the City will give a helping hand in supporting a great project.

The Baked Goods Fund Raiser that was scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> has been pushed up to October 20<sup>th</sup> due to

the Open House for the new Police and Courts Facility that is tentatively scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. So please come out and support the Alumni and Police Department by baking or purchasing some goodies. Please call Sharon Finnegan for more details.

The City of Euless Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars because we will need some folks to help out on that day.

Here's the breakdown of the Alumni's volunteer hours for the month of August:

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 30 Hours  
 CID Clerical – 1 Hour 30 Minutes  
 Vehicle Repair – 12 Hours  
 Citizens On Patrol – 42 Hours 40 Minutes  
 Miscellaneous – 1 Hour  
 Total – 87 Hours 10 Minutes

That's all I have this month. See you at the meeting.

## EDP Bios

### Corporal Joe Hoerth

"Bad guy removal" is listed as one of Cpl. Joe Hoerth's hobbies. (Joe, does that include newspaper delivery men?) A native of Hartford, Wisconsin, Joe has been at the Euless Police Department for 6 years. He has been a Neighborhood Police officer almost 4 of those years and is currently the NPO for District 5 & 6 and he teaches DARE at Wilshire Elementary. Joe has been named Rookie of the Year and Officer of the Year.

Joe is married and has two children and lives in Coppell. He enjoys swimming, hiking, camping, and astronomy when he is not removing bad guys. He also works as an aircraft mechanic in his "off" time. His favorite movies are Titanic, Rocky, Top Gun, and The Sandlot. He claims that his favorite books are Man's Search for Meaning and the Texas Penal Code. Sure, Joe. He has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean Islands. He also says that his most interesting life experiences include working with Gary Landers, Tony Burnett, and "Flash" Gordon. Joe says his favorite part of policing is helping others to solve problems and making our community a safe place to raise our families and reach our goals.

His friends and coworkers say that Joe goes out of his way to help in the community, even going so far as to arrest

"ghosts" and rolling up his sleeves and unstoping toilets to keep the peace when necessary. Those are some stories that you might ask Joe to clarify the next time you see him!

### Officer Jermaine Montgomery

One of our newer officers is Jermaine Montgomery. He has been on the force for a year and a half and was born in New Orleans, La. He was married on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Maui, Hawaii to Regina Davis Montgomery. Officer Montgomery graduated from Southern University A&M in Baton Rouge with a BA in Sociology and Criminal Justice where he was All-Conference and a football starter.

Officer Montgomery's hobbies include reading social and self-awareness materials, writing poetry, listening to music, and participating in all types of recreational sports. He enjoys reading African-American history, politics, and religious books. His favorite movies include The Blues Brothers, Remember the Titans, all Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino movies, Blood In, Blood Out, and Gladiator. He likes all kinds of seafood and Cajun food.

He says that everyday is a new experience, a lesson learned and a lesson to be shared. He enjoys police work because "you meet all different kinds of people and being capable to have an impact on their lives, whether it be positive or negative. At the end of the day I can go home with a clear, honest conscious that I made the best decisions possible." Officer Montgomery is currently working Days B shift in District 1.

# august 2001 Treasures Report

FOR PERIOD ENDING: AUGUST, 2001					
REVENUE	August	YTD	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Bake Sale		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Care Cards - Kroger, Tom Thumb, Albertson	\$50.32	\$345.86	\$300.00		\$345.86
<b>Donations</b>					
I.D. Cards				\$900.00	
Dues (2001 dues collected in 2000=\$500)		\$1,380.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,380.00
<b>Event Security</b>					
Arbor Daze		\$6,643.35	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,643.35
Bass Pro		\$450.00	\$1,200.00		\$450.00
Interest (Money Market Account.)	\$80.06	\$530.27	\$500.00		\$530.27
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		\$2,255.00		\$45.00	\$2,255.00
T-Shirts, Caps, Visors, Decals & Pins	\$20.00	\$53.00	\$300.00		\$53.00
Christmas Providers		\$0.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$150.38	\$11,157.48	\$5,800.00	\$3,495.00	\$9,295.00
<b>MAJOR PROJECTS</b>					
Brick Revenue ('99 & 2000 = \$14,900.00)	\$435.00	\$8,950.00			\$23,850.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Arbor Daze		\$0.00	\$400.00		\$0.00
Awards & Gifts		\$83.40	\$300.00		\$83.40
Birthday Remembrances (** 2000 birthdays)		\$0.00	\$80.00		\$0.00
<b>BOARD</b>					
Office supplies		\$0.00	\$400.00		\$0.00
Postage		\$34.00	\$100.00		\$34.00
CPAANT Dues		\$30.00	\$30.00		\$30.00
Digital Camera		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Flowers (2000 budget)		\$55.00	\$350.00		\$55.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.26	\$56.26	\$500.00		\$56.26
Patrol (**\$34.07 = Christmas lunches '00)		\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>					
Office supplies		\$16.48	\$100.00		\$16.48
Postage	\$38.38	\$174.38	\$350.00		\$174.38
Social Events	\$25.47	\$154.67	\$500.00		\$154.67
Postal Box		\$55.00	\$55.00		\$55.00
Prayer Plaques		\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
Symposium & Meetings	\$1,074.68	\$1,569.68	\$2,400.00		\$1,569.68
Telephone Directories		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
T-Shirts / Hats / Visors / Decals / Pens	\$7.95	\$238.24	\$300.00		\$238.24
Christmas Providers (**2000 Expense)		\$0.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
<b>APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Fingerprint (CID) Kits		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
I. D. Cards		\$0.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Furniture		\$0.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Police Week		\$490.08		\$500.00	\$490.08
911 Day		\$0.00		\$200.00	
Water By The Gallon	\$95.00	\$95.00		\$200.00	\$95.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$1,271.74	\$3,052.19	\$6,965.00	\$4,450.00	\$168.40
<b>MAJOR PROJECTS</b>					
Brick Expense		\$915.83			
Sculpture	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00			
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	-\$1,121.36	\$8,105.29			\$9,126.60
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>					
Beginning of Period	\$3,330.82				
End of Period	\$2,129.40				
TRANSFER (Checking to Money Market)					
TRANSFER (Money Market to Checking)	\$12,600.00				
<b>MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT</b>	\$23,744.31				

## Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, August 17, 2001 Meeting

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Each of the Symposium attendees gave us an update on the different sessions offered. We were also introduced to Lt. Eskew, Sgt. Gary Landers, Cpl. Bill Norwood, Officer Todd Bellah and Jailer, John Pettit.

Meeting called to order at 7:19 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Chris Shanahan; Secretary, Susan Vest; Lou Baum, Bob Bouse, Earl Chapman, Martha Derstine, Dale Derstine, John Erickson, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Marilee Hoth, Blanche LaFontaine, Helen Lightbody, Al Magee, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Judie Nolden, Helio Rosental, David Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Margaret Stowe, Helen Wagner, Richard Zavala and Ruth Zavala.

**LIAISON:** Lt. Mike Brown

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Kathy Haecker to accept the July minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Geri Sorg. Passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Chris Shanahan to accept the July 2001 Treasurer's Report. Second by Blanche LaFontaine. Passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Fund Raising Reports:

1. Fundraising Report: Rose-Marie Stevens said that she has not gotten the final amount from Bass Pro Shops. However, she did have a conversation with Bass Pro Shops about the standing/sitting situation. There may be some options next year. Leah mentioned that we should not ever get change/handle money while we are working at Bass Pro Shops. We received a check from Tom Thumb in the amount of \$50.32. Leah also mentioned that we have \$24,100 in brick sales.
2. Brick Update: Lou Baum stated that after visiting Grand Prairie and seeing their bricks, the engraving on our bricks was not acceptable and the City will continue to work on the problem. Logos can be done. The first payment of \$7,500.00 has been paid. Lou has had 22 phone calls and has received two checks from people seeing the signs. There have been 4 or 5 members who have volunteered to go out to the local businesses to sell bricks. Lou also mentioned that the statue will be in town soon to be bronzed. He also mentioned that the brick layout has been changed. There will be different brick colors for each level of giving, along with a special memorial brick.

#### Membership Report:

1. Chris Shanahan reported that we have 74 paid members.

#### Newsletter Report:

1. Chris Shanahan did not have anything to report about the newsletter. However, he did bring up the purchase of a digital camera he found at Staples. The camera is a 315 HP Camera selling for \$280.00. We had \$500.00 budgeted. Geri Sorg made a motion to buy the 315 HP Digital Camera for \$280.00. Second was made by David Shanahan. Passed.

### EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

1. Leah Benoit mentioned that next year's Symposium will be held in Lake Jackson, July 24-27, 2002. Leah also had registration forms to look at. The 2003 Symposium will be held in Fort Worth. We will probably be asked to help.
2. Leah Benoit also mentioned that Don & Linda Martin, Kathy Haecker and she attended the Hurst CPA Meeting on August 16.
3. Al Simmenroth presented a "Thank You" card. The cost would be \$64.40. The background would be beige with blue lettering. The card would be handed out to people who showed exceptionally service, etc. Linda Martin asked that the word "credit" be deleted so as not to confuse anyone that the card was worth a monetary value. After discussing, Helio Rosental asked that the "Thank You" card issue be tabled until September, giving members the opportunity to review the card more.

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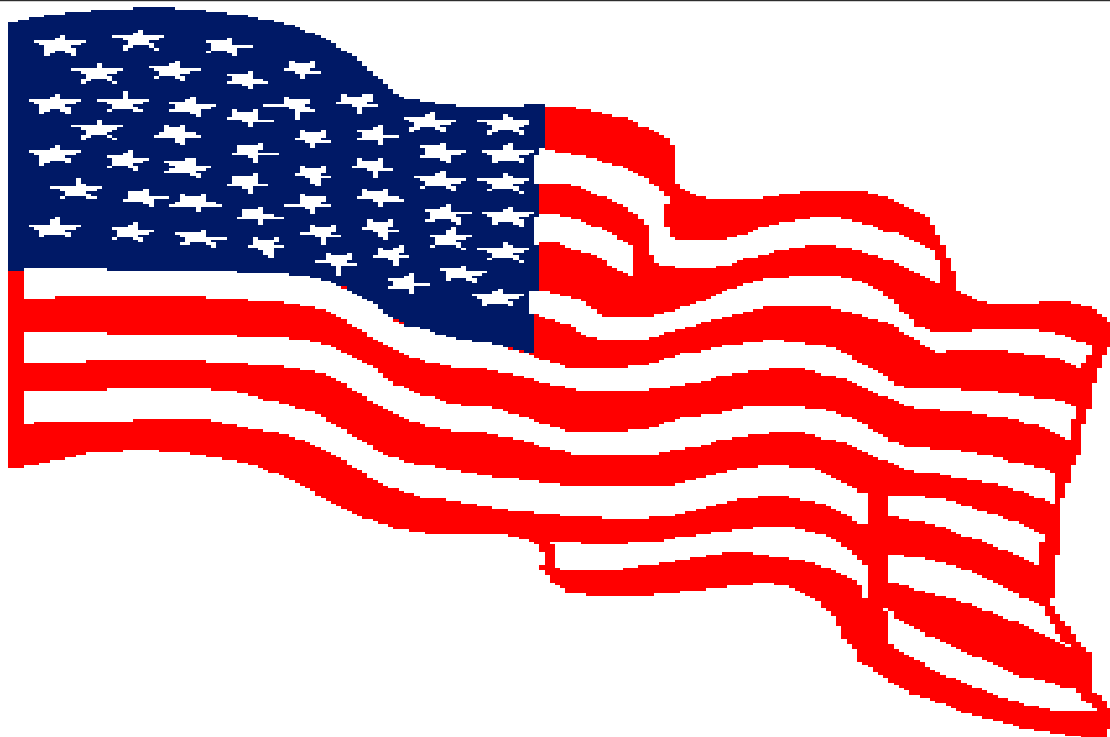
- Second was made by Linda Martin. Passed. After reviewing the card, members may call Al Simmenroth directly to suggest changes.
4. Leah Benoit presented a survey to the members that she would like to send out to all of the Citizen Police Academy graduates. Dan Clark, Barney Snitz and Leah worked up two letters and a survey to find out why people are/are not active and what they like or dislike about the meetings. The cost of mailing to 150 people would be approximately \$110.00, which includes postage and a self addressed stamped return envelope. A copy of the survey was handed out to the members for review. After further discussion, Al Simmenroth made a motion to table until September so members could review the questions. Second made by Chris Shanahan. Passed.
  5. Leah Beniot asked about unfinished business – there was none.
  6. Geri Sorg did not have any Regional news to report.
  7. Kathy Haecker mentioned that she now works with Bedford for Crime Victims. She has also talked to Bedford's CPA Association. Kathy also mentioned that she visited the Attorney General's office while they were in Austin and met some of the people she works with. She said that she is having a phenomenal turn around on Crime Victim payouts.
  8. C.O.P. – Don Martin still needs people to fill positions for August 31, September 7, 14, & 28. Sgt. Ron Williamson will be doing a COP class on August 25 at 9:00 am.
  9. Leah Benoit mentioned that 9-11 day would be taking place before our next meeting. Kathy Haecker will work on putting together some baskets for the dispatchers.
  10. Lt. Mike Brown announced that Geri Sorg was named 2000 Volunteer of the Year. Lt. Brown was disappointed in National Night Out (20 parties) and asked that the members make a recommitment to get involved in the Neighborhood Watch program. Lt. Brown will begin working with us to make this happen. He also mentioned that the Oakwood Drive neighborhood was being targeted with break-ins at night while people were home. He asked for volunteers to go out and deliver Crime Watch bulletins to houses in the area. Lt. Brown also mentioned that we have been asked to hold off on the cell phone program due to new technology taking place within the next year in Tarrant County. Lt. Brown said that as of September 1, 2001, anyone who destroys a cell phone that can save a life, can be punished.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Barney Snitz asked about Barbara Lucas. Geri Sorg reported that she is doing okay, but the weather is keeping her inside.

A special thank you to Sgt. Landers for attending the Alumni Meeting.

A motion was made by Geri Sorg to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Second by Linda Martin. Passed.



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# God Bless the USA

**Next Meeting:**

*Our hearts go out to all Americans!*

## Reminders...

⇒ ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2001  
Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!

⇒ ECPAAA's web page address <http://www.ecpaaa.org>  
 Look for the changes to come to the Alumni Association's Web Page!!



← **Important Information!!**

**Newsletter Submissions** →

The Alumni Association is going to be doing a revision of the Alumni Directory. We need all of your information to be current. PLEASE call: Chris at 817-991-5412 if you have changed any of your information.

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

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

The deadline for the article is the 5th of the month!!