

# Partners in Policing

## Eulesse Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2010 Officers

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Rosemarie Stevens

### 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](mailto:eulesscpa@sbcglobal.net)

Submissions are due the first day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/>

Link to ECPAAA Calendar

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>

Link to ECPAAA Events List

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

No speaker at the September meeting. We have all been very busy planning our September 18th event and decided to have a business meeting only so we can have a little more time to spend with our families. Remember, we will be voting on the changes to the Bylaws and the results of the BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction will be announced. If there is a topic you would like to hear about or if you have someone that you think our group would enjoy, please inform one of the Board members.



Since we are having a short business meeting, we are asking you to bring your favorite snacks to the September meeting to share with everyone!



### Chili's Social Night

Thanks to everyone who came out, ate and supported the ECPAAA fund raising/social night on August 19th. **We raised \$120!**



## FROM THE CHIEF

The Chief was unable to submit an article this month. He'll be back with us next month!

### A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EACH OF US "YOU NEVER KNOW"

With another successful year of volunteerism winding down, I begin to think of the wealth of wonderful servants that we have in this organization. Before I pass on "a little something for each of us", I want to recognize some of our prized servants for 2010. I must begin with Richard and Judy Rick for they do so much for so many, Leah Benoit, for the hundreds of dedicated hours to this organization, Sharon Finnegan and "Mom" who we love so much, Sue Kosec and Dawn Nisbet for many quiet hours of service to this City, Loren Johnson for his many hours of behind the scenes of many important duties, Jerrie Keller and Faye Stinneford for their hours of dedicated service, Betty Overstreet is always available for this organization that takes care of the smallest details that make this organization successful, Chris Shanahan and Al Simmenroth who are always there when we need them for special projects, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Rose-Marie Stevens and Karen Duncan more dedicated servants that make this organization number one in the State, the Doty's - Steve and Loretta who give of their time to train us how to save a life through their CPR courses, Ken Denne and Scott Thomas who provide hours of volunteer service to this organization, Dr. Kay Goad who keeps our J.R. in line, J.R. who supplies us with important fund raising dates and has the biggest heart in the City for those in need of encouragement and hope. Last but not least our president Pete Jones and our secretary Sandi Jones who have done a superb job as our conductors in 2010. For those who I have not mentioned are as important as the ones I could remember, I leave you all with this message that means so much to me over the years.

You never know when someone may catch a dream from you.  
You never know when a little word or something you may do  
May open up the windows of a mind that seeks the light.  
The way you live may not matter at all, **but you never know — it might.**

And just in case it could be that another's life through you, might  
Possibly change for the better with a broader and brighter view.  
It seems it might be worth a try at pointing the way to the right.  
Of course, it may not matter at all, **but then again – it might.**

Let us all read this one more time and think about the words. When  
I think of the people in this organization, I know we emulate the above.

Personal regards,

Lou



## Sgt. Eric Starnes

If you have not heard, the Eules Revitalization program in partnership with 6 Stones, has moved to a larger scale in the Mid Cities and that is what has prompted the change in the name. The City of Hurst has become heavily involved with the revitalization effort. Other Cities in the area have been attending meetings at Eules to replicate what Eules Revitalization has accomplished.

Hopefully the really hot days of summer are over. Now it is time to start with the fall festivities. To kick things off, I'm looking forward to the Alumni Barbeque. However, set your calendars for October. We are having our Police Department Open House on October 2. We get to follow up the Open House with National Night Out on Tuesday October 5 Here is the kicker. There is an upcoming Faith In Action weekend October 22 and 23. This is a County wide effort, but the Community Revitalization Program will be rehabilitating several homes that weekend. We will be seeking several volunteers to assist us.

I received a call from an organization that was seeking volunteers. The program was staffed by 21 volunteers from the Dallas Citizens Police Alumni, but they needed three more slots filled. When I spoke with the lady coordinating the volunteers, she told me she was referred to Eules by the Dallas Police Department because of the level of commitment exhibited by our volunteers.

I would like to applaud all of the volunteers for all the hard work that has been contributed over the years. This positive reputation has been fully earned and is recognized by other cities. As Chief Brown has said, there is no greater gift than the gift of time.

## From the President — Pete Jones



The BBQ committee has been working hard planning for the big event and I've heard that we have sold 196 tickets. More than we can hold. Mike has told us that he will handle the overflow. Congratulations to all that have sold tickets — great job. And a special thanks to the BBQ committee. I know how much you've put into making this a success. Without your hard work it would never have come this far.

Thank you to all of you that brought food and goodies to the CPAANT meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It was really appreciated by all the attendees.

Congratulations to all who volunteer. We put in 485 hours of volunteering in August. That brings our total hours for 2010 to 4,115.15, with a value of \$85,800.88. Think about how many people Eules would have to hire for that amount of work. Thank you all for your volunteering.

School has started so be extra careful while driving around Eules.

See you all at the monthly meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will be just a business meeting since we will have been together celebrating and having fun on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

And I'll see you all at the BBQ.

Pete

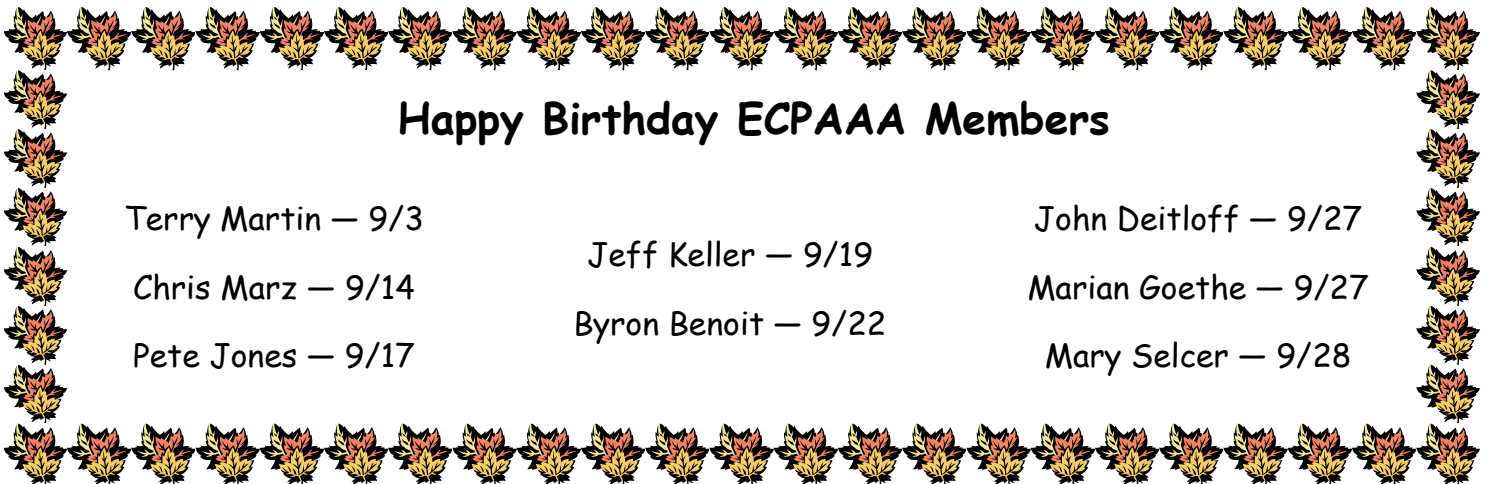
Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

### Upcoming Events

- Sept 21 – ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station
- Sept 25 – Trinity High School GAP Club Pet Fair, 10 am–2 pm, Trinity High School Parking Lot (see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/PetFair.htm> for more information on event)
- Sept 28 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
- Oct 2 – Open House – Fire (202 S. Main St.) and Police (1102 W. Eules Blvd.), 10 am–2 pm
- Oct 2 – Hazardous Material Collection (CRUD) Day, 9-11 am, Eules Municipal Complex
- Oct 2 – CPAANT Meeting, Arlington (location & directions can be found on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))
- Oct 12 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
- Oct 16 – Stars Over Eules–Noble Planetarium, 8 pm, Bob Eden Park, 901 W. Mid-Cities Blvd. (see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/StarsOverEules.htm> for more information on event)
- Oct 19 – ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

### August 2010 Volunteer Hours

- CFPA/CERT Class - 25 Hours 15 Minutes
  - CID Clerical - 21 Hours 30 Minutes
  - Citizens On Patrol - 115 Hours 45 Minutes
    - Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0
    - Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0
    - Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0
  - Courts - 19 Hours 0 Minutes
  - Crime Victims Assistance Program - 11 Hours 15 Minutes
  - Jail - 37 Hours 30 Minutes
  - Meetings/Training - 127 Hours 30 Minutes
    - Includes the following:
      - ECPAAA General Meeting - 90 Hours 0 Minutes
      - TCPAAA Convention - 36 Hours 0 Minutes
  - Miscellaneous - 40 Hours 30 Minutes
  - Speed Trailer - 24 Hours 15 Minutes
  - Vehicle Maintenance 52 Hours 30 Minutes
  - Watering of Plants - 10 Hours 0 Minutes
- Total – 485 Hours 0 Minutes**
- Value of Volunteer Time – \$10,112.25**  
**Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time – \$85,800.88**
- August Meeting – 39 Alumni Members and 1 Guest Present**



### Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

- Terry Martin – 9/3
- Chris Marz – 9/14
- Pete Jones – 9/17

- Jeff Keller – 9/19
- Byron Benoit – 9/22

- John Deitloff – 9/27
- Marian Goethe – 9/27
- Mary Selcer – 9/28

**TEXAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMARY OF THE 2010 STATE CONVENTION &**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING**  
**By Rosemarie Stevens**

Leah Benoit and I were able to go to the convention in Bryan/College Station August 11-13, 2010, and, in my opinion, it was one of the best. Following is a summary of some of the sessions I attended.

**Drug Endangered Child Team Program**

Sergeant James Woodward talked about the program that has been established in Brazos County. They follow the guidelines developed by the Texas Alliance of Drug Endangered Children. TADEC was established "in an effort to protect Texas children living in volatile drug environments. Professionals from law enforcement, child protective services, the criminal justice system, medical and mental health professions, educators, and other child advocates have come together to make children a priority." Sergeant Woodward indicated that 802,000 children in Texas live in homes where parents use drugs; this includes alcohol. Children who live in environments where methamphetamine and other drugs are produced face an even greater danger because of the volatility of the manufacturing process. To learn more, you may wish to access the TADEC website, [www.texasdec.org](http://www.texasdec.org).

**Sex Offender Registration**

There are 716,750 registered sex offenders in the United States. The top five states are California, 120,762; Texas, 60,994; Florida, 54,166; New York, 30,436 and Washington, 20,419. Rhode Island is the state with the lowest number of registered sex offenders, 1,565.

The state sends postcards to area residents when high-risk offenders move into the neighborhood; however, we were told that the risk descriptions were determined by psychologists. Police officers tend to view the risks differently.

To learn more, you can google the Texas Department of Public Safety and go to the link for "Texas Sex Offenders." You can also get information from the [www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov) website.

**Amber Alert Program**

This was a very interesting topic because we learned the criteria recommended by the Federal Government for determining when an alert should be issued. Each community has to take into consideration the resources it has. For example, Brazos County initially based its program on the one established here in the Mid-Cities; however, they had to make some modifications. For example, here we have radio and TV stations that operate 24/7; in Brazos County, they shut down at midnight or earlier. They may be able to listen to a radio program in the middle of the night, but it was prerecorded. Consequently, they handle alerts differently during off hours.

Following is a summary of the criteria for issuing an Amber Alert recommended by the Department of Justice:

There is a reasonable belief by law enforcement that an abduction has occurred.

The law enforcement agency believes that the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death.

There is enough descriptive information about the victim and the abduction for law enforcement to issue an Amber Alert.

The abduction is of a child aged 17 years or younger.

The child's name and other critical data elements, including the Child Abduction flags, have been entered into the National Critical Information Center (NCIC).

For more information, you may wish to go to [www.amberalert.gov](http://www.amberalert.gov).

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**SUMMARY OF THE 2010 STATE CONVENTION & LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING — Continued from Page 5****Animal Control – Link Between Animal Cruelty and Family Violence**

Learning about this link was very enlightening. The speakers, Ashley Wesp and Patty Stepp, approached this topic from an historical point of view. We learned that it has been socially unacceptable to treat animals cruelly since 1641. In 1751, William Hogarth was so dismayed by the routine acts of animal cruelty he saw in London that he created four printed engravings showing the four different stages of cruelty. His fictional character, Tom Nero, is first shown as a young boy torturing a dog; the next engraving shows Nero as a young man torturing a horse; the next engraving, the third stage of cruelty, shows that Nero has succumbed to robbery, seduction and murder; and the fourth engraving, the fourth stage of cruelty, shows that Nero has been hung for murder and his body mutilated by surgeons in an anatomical theatre.

They also told us about Mary Ellen Wilson whose sufferings as a child led to the establishment of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in 1874. Mary Ellen endured severe abuse at the hands of those who were meant to protect her after the death of her parents. Mrs. Wheeler, an humanitarian, learned about Mary Ellen from people she assisted who lived near Mary Ellen and told her about the child. When New York agencies would not assist, she approached Henry Bergh, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPAC). They were able to get Mary Ellen out of her horrible situation.

Although, Henry Bergh acted as a private citizen, the American Humane Association was formed when the New York SPCC and several Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals merged in 1877.

**Drugs, Alcohol, Your Teen and You**

The speaker's primary message was that our children learn from us. He described many of the creative ways our youth, preteens and teens, acquire and consume alcohol. Did you know it is possible to consume alcohol without getting it on your breath? Do you know about the eyeballing method for getting drunk? Do you know how to smoke alcohol? If you don't know the answers to these questions, you will have to wait until our next meeting to find out. I've already used up too much space.

**Conclusion**

If you want to see pictorial highlights of the Convention, may I suggest you view the slide show on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).

The next convention is scheduled for August 21-24, 2011, at Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas. The opening sessions starts August 22.

**CPAANT— September 11, 2010****Eules, Texas****By Geri Sorg**

CPAANT met in Eules on September 11th. We had 37 present with 12 cities represented. Our speaker was Sr. Cpl. Kimberly Althouse from our own Eules Police Department and she spoke about the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Program. Chief Mike Brown gave a very uplifting speech about service and how it comes into play in our everyday lives and will play a very important role in the upcoming 2013 Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Convention that will be hosted by Arlington and the North Texas Region Cities. Our next Regional meeting will be held in Arlington on October 2nd. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

For more information on CPAANT, please visit our web site [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).

## EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

#### Members Present:

Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Bob Bouse, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, Dan Clark, Bobbie Davis, Clarence Davis, John Deitloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Kay Goad, JR Goad, Marian Goethe, Marian Holden, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Pat McDowell, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Lisa Potter, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Chris Shanahan, Wanda Siebern, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Susan Vest, Helen Voss and Helen Wagner. One guest, Mary Saunders.

#### INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:

J.R. Goad

Lou Baum spoke to the group on VIP's and the US Freedom Corp which was set up by President George W. Bush. He told us about the vision of the program and that it is under Homeland Security.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting and JR Goad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sandi Jones made a motion to accept the last meeting's treasurer's report and Clarence Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Geri Sorg spoke about the September CPAANT meeting that will be held in Eules on September 11<sup>th</sup> and asked people to sign up to bring goodies for breakfast. The

meeting will be held from 10 AM -12 Noon.

Pete Jones explained the volunteer hours are up from last year and attendance has gone way up also.

Pete thanked the Ricks for providing dinner of sandwiches and fruit as well as thanked all the members who brought toppings for the ice cream that was provided for the group.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Faye Stinneford explained about two places she is thinking of setting up our next socials. One was Cotton Patch and she stated they would love to have us every month. She also talked about Cantina Laredo, but they require 100 people, and if you get that many, then you make a percentage of everyone in the restaurant that night. If you do not get 100, you get nothing. Pete suggested we think on it a month and see if we can each come up with a list of people that would come to make sure we get 100 people. It was thought that October would be a good month to have it.

Pete Jones wished a Happy Birthday to: Lou Baum, Steve Doty, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins and Loren Johnson.

Dawn Nisbet and Chris Shanahan talked about the By-Laws Committee and that they made some changes, most for IRS purposes, but some that would effect everyone. The new proposed By-Laws will be sent to everyone to look over and we will vote on them at the September meeting.

Rosemarie Stevens spoke about the CPA Conference that she and Leah Benoit attended.

She stated that the speakers were all excellent and they had speakers on Sex Offenders, Drugs that effect children, CART, Humane Society and Forensic Anthropology. Rosemarie is writing an article about it that she plans to put in the newsletter. Next year it is in Galveston and to be held August 21-24 with all new speakers.

The Fire and Police tenure pins were given out this evening and the Doty's, Faye Stinneford, Helen Voss and Jerrie Keller had

attended and came to our meeting late. They gave us a brief report on the recipients.

Lou Baum told us that we got one GPS practically free for \$69 for one of our COP Patrol Cars. Now we are trying to get another GPS for free or inexpensively for our other patrol car.

Pete Jones talked about the American Songwriters Concert is to be Saturday night at 7:30 PM east of 377 and Mike Brown is singing. Tickets are \$8 and \$10.

Leah Benoit talked about the barbeque tickets and asked if anyone needed more. She then told us that she wrote two checks this month and she would deliver them to Mike Brown for us. One was for the Redman suit for \$1,171.65 and the other was for Summer Camp \$1,009.74.

Lou Baum told us that \$250 came in for our cell phone collection and that Leah Benoit had deposited the check in our bank account.

Betty Overstreet asked if we were going to have recognition of Dispatch this year and the group agreed we would. Betty Overstreet was made chairman and Sharon Finnegan said she would help.

October 2 is CRUD Day and Open House.

Motion to adjourn was made by Loren Deitloff and seconded by Geri Sorg. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

**Get Well Wishes  
go out to  
Terry Martin**

## August 2010 Treasurer's Report

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Over/Under Budget</b>
<b>12/31/09 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$13,459.87</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$1,015.00	\$1,155.00	\$4,000.00	-\$2,845.00
Brick Sales			\$35.00	\$200.00	-\$165.00
CRUD Day			\$700.00	\$1,200.00	-\$500.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,175.01	\$0.00	\$1,175.01
Grocery Care Cards			\$40.60	\$100.00	-\$59.40
Membership Dues			\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00
Member Merchandise			\$31.25	\$0.00	\$31.25
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$113.40	\$113.40	\$200.00	-\$86.60
Recycle Program (Electronics)		\$250.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	-\$150.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Recycling Program are allocated to the PALS Summer Camp.					
Restaurant Fund Raisers			\$554.03	\$0.00	\$554.03
Warrant Roundup			\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00	-\$250.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$1,378.40</b>	<b>\$6,874.29</b>	<b>\$8,700.00</b>	<b>-\$1,825.71</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,459.87</b>	<b>\$20,334.16</b>	<b>\$20,334.16</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Over/Under Budget</b>
9-1-1 Day		\$225.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	-\$25.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$1.78	\$1.78	\$1,300.00	-\$1,298.22
Bricks			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$69.95	\$69.95	\$125.00	-\$55.05
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$67.00	\$200.00	-\$133.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Office Supplies		\$40.97	\$40.97	\$150.00	-\$109.03
PALS Summer Camp		\$1,009.74	\$1,009.74	\$1,000.00	\$9.74
Police Appreciation Week			\$394.95	\$400.00	-\$5.05
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$1,171.65	\$7,061.65	\$2,875.00	\$4,186.65
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$46.21	\$200.00	-\$153.79
President Awards			\$93.00	\$50.00	\$43.00
Social Events		\$19.12	\$19.12	\$300.00	-\$280.88
Water by the Gallon		\$210.00	\$420.00	\$1,000.00	-\$580.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$204.68	\$75.00	\$129.68
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,748.21</b>	<b>\$9,679.05</b>	<b>\$8,700.00</b>	<b>\$979.05</b>
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$10,655.11</b>		
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>					
Savings Account			\$10,003.63		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.34	\$2.59		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$10,006.22</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$20,661.33</b>		