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Welcome to Our New Chief

As some of you may have heard already, the city has named a new police chief, Leonard Carmack. He comes to us from the City of Irving where he was an Assistant Chief. He will take office on Jan 4, 2000.

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association would like to Welcome Chief Carmack. We look forward to working with and getting to know you.

Christmas Party

The Alumni Association would like to extend an invitation to its members and their relatives to come join us on December 21 at 7:00 pm. in Building A. We are having a "Pot Luck Snack" party. So bring your favorite snack, cookies, cakes, chips or whatever you like. We are going to be wrapping gifts for our Christmas Providers families and just having a party. So come join your other members and celebrate Christmas together. See you there.

Welcome !!

The ECPAAA has 8 new members from class 10!

David Acker
Martha Derstine
Dale Derstine
Jacqueline Humphrey
Diane Rasor
Dona Rogers
JoAnn Rogers
Rose-Marie Stevens

Welcome to the Association!



We Currently have sold
over \$10,600 in Bricks!

Congratulations to Lou. He won
the brick drawing for the month
of November.

We currently
have 79
paid members!



Lou's Perspective

Happy Holidays to all. What a wonderful time of year to be with friends and family. As I look back over our year that we have had together, it brings laughter, joy, and sorrow to our Alumni Members. I want to remember the ones, in particular that have had tragedies to face with the loss of a loved one. I want us to remember, too, our friends that have had surgery, or prolonged illness. Let's remember all of the fun times that we have shared together. It is very important to me, as your leader, that we continue to be available for one another during times of sadness, as well as joy.

I know when I speak for my executive staff when I say, we will continue to be available for you 24 hours a day. This is an unbelievable group of individuals that share a common goal for this city. I know of no other group of citizens that come together as fast and as professionally than the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Euless, Texas.

I have one wish for each of you this holiday season. Enjoy each day of this great and joyous season, put your arms around each other, and together we will continue to grow as the finest volunteer group ever assembled.

Peace and joy to each one of you and your family during this holiday season. May God bless each of you, and I thank you for this opportunity to lead your organization.



Sgt. Williamson Corner

Let me begin by thanking the Alumni Association for the help and support you provided over the Thanksgiving weekend. As usual the food was delicious and appreciated by all who had to work at the police department that day. Just a reminder, there are a few dishes in the kitchen so if you did not get yours back, that is probably where they are.

The COPS program is going fine. Y'all contributed 78 hours to the program this past month. I continue to get positive feedback from officers and supervisors about your involvement and the way the program is working. The success is directly the result of your efforts.

As most of you will hear by the time this newsletter comes out, we have a new Chief. He is Leonard Carmack and has been the Assistant Chief in Irving. He comes to us with a lot of experience and I am looking forward to having him onboard. His official starting date is not until January 4, 2000, but he will

be around between now and then to get to know everyone.

I have spoken to all of you about the plans the P.D. is making for New Years Eve. While no one knows what will happen, we are trying to plan for any major event that might take place. Part of that plan is to have CPAAA Volunteers at the P.D. to help with phones or walk-in traffic. We will let Lou know how many volunteers we will need as soon as the plans are completed. We also anticipate putting the COP Car out that night. I will get with Don on this issue so we can get it scheduled.

Now with all the business out of the way, I want to wish all of you a very safe and Merry Christmas. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with your families and friends and enjoy this time of year. Maybe the weather will cool off a little bit so it will seem a little like Christmas.



November 1999 Treasurers



ECPAAA 1999 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES					
For Period Ending November 30, 1999					
	October	November	Actual Year To Date	BUDGET	YTD (Over) Budget
REVENUES					
2000 membership dues		\$100.00	100		
1999 Membership Dues (\$340 '99 dues collected in '98)			\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	
Bake sales			\$615.47	\$2,000.00	
50/50 Drawing			\$0.00	\$250.00	
Event Security					
TX Speedway			\$210.00	\$1,000.00	
Six Flags		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	
Arbor Daze			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Christmas Providers		\$175.00	\$175.00	\$550.00	
Miscellaneous Income (shirts & hats, care cards, etc.)		\$196.92	\$710.70	\$1,000.00	
Donations			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Brick Revenue	\$375.00	\$825.00	\$10,700.00	\$37,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$375.00	\$1,596.92	\$17,711.17	\$51,300.00	
				BUDGET	YTD
EXPENSES	October	November	Year To Date		(Over) Budget
Social					
Dinners/Parties			\$461.80	\$1,250.00	
General & Other					
Awards & Gifts			\$319.06	\$400.00	
Camera			\$120.00	\$125.00	
Christmas Providers			\$0.00	\$550.00	
CPAAANT Dues			\$30.00	\$30.00	
Flowers	\$70.00		\$192.16	\$200.00	
Logo lapel pins			\$470.00		
Misc Expense (film, refreshments, Arbor Daze, etc.)		\$249.38	\$543.81	\$300.00	(\$243.81)
P.O.Box			\$64.00	\$60.00	(\$4.00)
Postage & Supplies - Board		\$92.40	\$362.69	\$100.00	(\$262.69)
Postage & Supplies - Publications			\$229.34	\$300.00	
Search & Rescue Sponsor			\$90.00	\$180.00	
Symposium / Mtgs./ Speakers			\$544.62	\$600.00	
Telephone Directories (membership)			\$260.64		
Major Projects					
Brick Expense for P/D			\$300.31	\$15,000.00	
Sculpture			\$0.00	\$23,500.00	
Approved Appropriated Items for EPD					
Lectern			\$0.00	\$300.00	
Motivational Kits (Qtr)			\$0.00	\$500.00	
Finger Print Kits (CID)			\$68.16	\$150.00	
Head Phones for Officers (12)			\$0.00	\$100.00	
Summer Camp Speaker			\$0.00	\$250.00	
I.D. Cards (10)			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$70.00	\$341.78	\$4,056.59	\$45,270.00	(\$510.50)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$305.00	\$1,255.14	\$13,314.58		
BANK BALANCE (working checking account)					
Beginning of Period	\$3,020.88	\$2,950.88			
End of Period	\$2,950.88	\$3,381.02			
TRANSFER (MONEY MKT. TO CHECKING)					

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday November 16, 1999 Monthly Meeting



GUEST SPEAKER: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lou Baum; Secretary, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Linda Martin
Byron Benoit, Bob Bouse, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Helen Lightbody, Kelli Lowery, Barbara Lucas,
Judie Nolden, Chris Shanahan, Dave Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Mar-
cell Tennyson, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner and our guest Brian McGarry of Class 9.

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson

MINUTES: A motion was made by Susan Vest to accept the October minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Barbara Lucas. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Chris Shanahan to accept the October Treasurer's Report as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Helen Voss. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported as of November 16, 1999, we have made a total of \$10,625.00 with 245 bricks sold. Lou Baum is our November contest winner.
2. Reward Programs – Leah Benoit reported that we will receive a check from Kroger for \$42.14 and have received a check from Albertson for \$25.32 for the Third Quarter.
3. Al Simmenroth gave a report on the advertisements for the Newsletter. To date, ECPAAA has received two checks out of the 11 businesses that bought advertising. Al explained this fund raiser to the members again.
4. Bass Pro Shop Fund Raiser – The dates for this fund raiser are March 2-5, 2000. We can work the week before on February 24-27 if we want to make extra money. Please mark your calendars!

Membership Report:

5. Linda Martin gave a presentation to Class 10 about the Alumni Association and we hope to get 100% membership.

Newsletter Report:

6. Bob Bouse thanked Chris Shanahan for including the Thanksgiving article in the November Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

7. Lou mentioned the 1-800-4MY-TEEN potential fund raiser again. Lou will get someone to come and speak about the program to give us more information on it after the 1st of the new year. Lou reported that Six Flags finally paid Eules \$300 for the fund raiser held in May of this year. The first meeting for Arbor Daze 2000 will be held on November 19th. Lou Baum will attend this meeting. Lou announced that Mike Brown will be in the play "Harvey".
8. Barney Snitz gave an update for the Nominating Committee. A letter was sent on October 29th asking for input and volunteers to run for the Year 2000 election. Alumni members running next year are as follows: President – Lou Baum; Vice President – Linda Martin and Chris Shanahan; Secretary – Leah Benoit; and Treasurer – Ed Benyon. A ballot will be mailed out to all members so they can cast their vote.
9. Geri Sorg gave a Regional update. A Christmas party will be held in Arlington on December 4th. There will be a Chinese gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift. A Regional meeting is held the first Saturday of every month. Geri reported that Eules was not the only City have trouble collecting their fund raising money from Six Flags.
10. Linda Martin spoke about the upcoming Thanksgiving lunch/dinner for the police officers. Workers are needed for both sittings. Linda also spoke about Christmas providers. If you would like to donate money to the fund, please send to the post office box with Christmas Providers marked on the outside of the envelope and on your check. Geri Sorg and Sarah Chandler will go shopping for the gifts the weekend of December 18th. Please send your donations no later than December 15th. We need everyone who is planning on attending the December meeting/party to bring wrapping paper, tape, scissors, bows, tags and your favorite finger foods. The party will not be catered. Drinks will be provided.
11. Linda Martin gave an update on the COPS program. It is going well and people are needed for the month of December to patrol. If you would like to patrol, please call Don Martin at 283-7038.
12. Sharon Finnegan gave an update on Mamie Singleton. Mamie had lung surgery to remove one of her lungs. She is at Harris Methodist HEB and will be going home on Thursday, November 18th.
13. Thanks to Helen Voss for bringing the yummy refreshments.
14. Sgt. Ron Williamson reported that the COPS program is going well. Had a few bumps but we got over them. After the first of the new year, another COPS training class will take place. You must be an Alumni Member or part of a Home Owners Association in order to

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attend the training class. If you use Ron's office on Friday night when you are the COP Dispatcher, please pick up after yourself. Ron gave an update on Bob Freeman's wife Judy. Our prayers are with her.

15. Kathy Haecker passed out thank you notes that will be put in the officers' boxes. Each member drew names and wrote a handful of notes.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

16. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas



From the Chief's Office



Greetings from the Chief's Office. It has been a busy time around the police department. We graduated the 10th Citizen Police Academy Class. I would like to thank Tracy Gable and Ron Williamson who did a great job setting up the dinner at Tex-

as Star. Other than the extra small pieces of cake I cut for everyone, we all had a good time. Thanks to all those who helped during this class and I know the members of class 10 will make a great addition to the Alumni Association. On behalf of all the employees, I want to thank every one of you for again providing great food on Thanksgiving Day. You will never know how much it means to us all. With Christmas, the Parade of Lights, and New Years almost upon us, we are busy preparing for each event. We appreciate all y'all do in helping us in these events.

If you have not heard, we have a new Police Chief coming. Chief Leonard Carmack will officially take the reins January 4, 2000. Chief Carmack has been with the Irving Police Department for 24 years and is an Assistant Chief. He will be around between now and then getting to know employees and the department. As a big part of our family, he wants to get to know y'all too. We are very excited on the choice of Chief Carmack and look forward to his being here. I would like to personally thank all of you for the support you have given me for the last several months, not only with the police department, but more especially with my family. I am truly blessed to have been fortunate enough to get to be involved with all of you. Please let us know what we can do for you during the holidays and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Santas of the World

AUSTRIA Christkind, Niklo Clause
AZERBAIJANI Shakhta Babah
BABAH Babah
BELGIUM Noel, Saint Nicholas -- Christkind
BRAZIL Papai Noel
CANADA Santa Claus --
CHINA Dun Che Lao Ren -- Shengdan Laoren
COLOMBIA El Nino Jesus
COSTA RICA El Nino Jesus
DENMARK Julemanden -- Julemand -- Juul Nisse
ENGLAND Father Christmas
FINLAND Old Man Christmas -- De Kerstman -- Joulupukki
FRANCE lePetit -- Le Petit Jesus -- Aunt Airie, Père Noël -- Pre Fouettard (helper) -- Pére Noel -- Tante Aria -- Mother Air
GERMANY Pelze-Nicol -- Pelznickel -- Fur Clad Nicholas -- Christkind -- Weihnachtsmann -- Kriss Kringle -- Shaggy Goat -- Rider -- Nicholas with Ashes -- Ashenclos -- Belsnickle -- St. Nicholas -- Klaasbuur -- Burklaas -- Rauklas -- Bullerklaas -- Sunnercla -- Bartel (helper) -- Swart Peter (helper)
HINDU Ganesha
HOLLAND zwarte pieten -- Sinterklaas -- De Kerstman -- SinterKlass
HONG KONG Sing dan loian
HUNGARY Karácsony Apó
ICELAND Jolasveinn
IRELAND Santy-Santa
ITALY La Befana -- Befano -- Babbo Natale
JAPAN Santa Kurohsu -- Hoteisho -- Hoteiosho
LAPLAND Korvatunturi
LATVIA Ziemassve'tku veci'tis
LIBERIA Black Peter
LITHUANIA Kaledu Senis
MEXICO El Nino Jesus -- Three Kings -- Black Peter Kerstman
NORWAY På norsk -- Julenisse -- Julenissen -- Julebukk
PALESTINE La Befana
PERU Papai Noel
POLAND Star Man -- Wise Man
PORTUGAL Menino Jesus -- Pai Natal -- Pia Natal
PUERTO RICO Three kings
RUSSIA St. Nicholas -- Father Frost -- Ded Moroz -- Grandfather Frost -- Snegurochka -- Snow Maiden -- Babushka -- Kolya -- Kolyada
SCANDINAVIA Juleniss -- Oden
SCOTLAND Santa Clause
SPAIN Balthazr -- Papa Noel -- Los Reyes-Magos, Gaspar, Baltasar -- Three Kings
SWEDEN Tomte -- Jultomten -- Tomten -- St. Lucia
TURKEY St. Nicholas -- St. Nick
URUGUAY Feliz Navidad -- Jolly Old Elf

Thanksgiving Dinner at the P.D.

The fifth annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Police Department was another rousing success. The decorating took place Wednesday night by the speed team finishing in just under forty-five minutes. The team was led by the tall ones (Al Simmenroth and Lou Baum) and aided by many short helpers. Margaret Stowe handcrafted bows to add the finishing touches. The cooking/serving team assembled first thing Thanksgiving morning (11:00a.m.) to serve the day shift and then again in the evening (11:00p.m.) to serve the night shift. Once again, the chefs and bakers of E.C.P.A.A.A. did a fantastic job. There was fried turkey (thank you Johnny Voss), ham, creamed corn, stuffing, green salad, chili, dirty rice, fruit salad (definite raves to Susan Vest), rolls, tea, sweet potato casserole along with mashed potatoes, gravy and beans. The pies kept appearing – pumpkin, apple, chocolate chiffon, cherry, coconut cream and even chocolate cake. It was rumored that before anyone ate anything, they went and checked with our chief cook, server, dishwasher and now official taster, Mr. President Lou Baum, to see if it was indeed tasty. Yes, **everything** was delicious!! (He was overheard begging Sharon Finnegan to bring him more of her coconut cream pie before he took his last breath!) All kidding aside, there is no way this dinner could be so successful year after year if it weren't for each and every one of you who helped. This year we had so many people decorating, cooking, serving and helping clean up that the list would encompass a great majority of our active membership and take up the bulk of the newsletter space. We especially want to thank those of you we do not have the pleasure of seeing frequently and hope you will again find time to come join us in the fun. Again – THANK YOU !!!!



The Christmas Tree



This year over 33 million American families will celebrate the holidays with the fragrance and beauty of a real Christmas tree.

The tree, used as a symbol of life, is a tradition older than Christianity and not exclusive to any one religion. It's a part of our holiday customs that engages not only our senses of sight, touch, and smell, but also our sense of tradition, hope and good will.

Long before there was a Christmas, Egyptians brought green palm branches into their homes on the shortest day of the year in December as a symbol of life's triumph over death.

Romans adorned their homes with evergreens during Saturnalia, a winter festival in honor of Saturnus, their god of agriculture. Druid priests decorated oak trees with golden apples for their winter solstice festivities.

In the middle ages, the Paradise tree, an evergreen hung with red apples, was the symbol of the feast of Adam and Eve held on December 24th.

The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century. In Strasbourg, Germany (now part of France), families both rich and poor decorated fir trees with colored paper, fruits and sweets. The retail Christmas tree lot also dates back that far - in those times, older women would sell trees harvested from nearby forests.

The tradition spread through Europe and was brought to the United States by German settlers and by Hessian mercenaries paid to fight in the Revolutionary War. In 1804 U.S. soldiers stationed at Fort Dearborn (now Chicago) hauled trees from surrounding woods to their barracks at Christmas.

The popularity of the Christmas tree then proliferated. Charles Minnegrode introduced the custom of decorating trees in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1842. In 1851, Mark Carr hauled two ox sleds loaded with trees from the Catskills to the streets of New York and opened the first retail lot in the United States.

Franklin Pierce, our 14th President, brought the Christmas tree tradition to the White House. In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony now held every year on the White House lawn.



T'was the Night Before Christmas (The 90's version)



T'was the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck. How to live in a world that's politically correct?

His workers no longer would answer to "Elves," "Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves. And

labor conditions at the north pole were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety released to the wilds by the Humane Society. And equal employment had made it quite clear That Santa had better not use just reindeer. So dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid, were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid.

The runners had been removed from his sleigh, The rust was termed dangerous by the E.P.A. And people had started to call for the cops when they heard sled noises on their roof tops. Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened his fur trimmed red suit was called, Un-enlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose. And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation, demanding millions in over-due compensation.

So half of the reindeer were gone, and his wife who suddenly said she'd had enough of this life. Joined a self-help group, packed and left in a whiz, demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur
Which means nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise
Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic
No candy or sweet...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
No fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were the Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was on ecological
No baseball, no football, someone could get hurt,
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe,
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed.
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've to to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy,
with no indecision,
Each group of people,
every religion. Every
ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, every-
where...even you. So
here is that gift, its price
beyond worth. May you
and your loved ones en-
joy peace on earth.





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Have a very
Merry
Christmas!!

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Reminders...

- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, Dec 21, 1999. Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!!**
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- ⇒ New Year's Eve Y2K.
- ⇒ Keep Selling Bricks!
- ⇒ ECPAAA's Web page has a new look! <http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm>

The information about the Santa Clause's of the World (pg 5) came from <http://www.santalady.com/giftgivers.html>.
The history of the Christmas Tree (pg 6) came from <http://www.christree.org/factnfig/folklore.html>.

