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From the Chief



Time flies when you're having fun. It's hard to believe I've been in Euleless a month now. My opinion of the Euleless Police Department is that it is a well-trained, very progressive, and very professional

organization. The Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is also a very impressive organization. Community involvement is the key to success in any police department or any governmental program for that matter. Your level of participation is commendable. The community involvement displayed by alumni members is admirable. It is not uncommon to hear our officers speak positively about your group and the support they receive from your organization. You all deserve a big pat on the back.

A pre-bid conference was held for the Criminal Justice Center construction contract. Around fifteen contractors were present. We hope that is a good indication that we will receive some good competitive bids. There were some discrepancies in the specifications that needed to be corrected, so an addendum to the contract was issued. This resulted in a request to ex-

tend the bid return date to March 16. The request seems reasonable in light of the required changes, so it was approved. While this causes a slight delay in the process, we are still on track with the project and don't anticipate any major delays.

Don't forget to put the Police Awards Banquet on your calendar for February 25th. Town Hall meetings are scheduled for Feb. 10th at Wilshire Elementary School, Feb. 17th at South Euleless (make up for Jan. 27th), and Feb. 20th at Lakewood Elementary. Arbor Daze is scheduled for April 28, 29, and 30.

I want to thank you for your participation and support. We have plenty to keep us busy in the coming weeks. Feel free to stop by and visit when you can. We enjoy your input!



We Currently have sold over \$11,525 in Bricks!!

Saturday, June 13, Euleless is hosting the Regional Meeting at 10:00am

We have 81 members!!

Lou's Perspective



As I was thinking about this month's article, I remembered a poem I read somewhere long ago. It really got my attention so I printed it almost three years ago in our newsletter. I had a lot of good comments and I think it hit home to several others. This a reprint for the newest members of our family. This poem is titled:

"DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO ACT."

Each night as we watch the "news at six"
and read the daily rag we ponder just how
bad things seem and our hope begins to sag.

It never used to be this way. The "good ole days"
are fact. What has happened to our land?
"SOMEONE" has got to act!

Day after day, week after week solutions we strive
to find. But usually the conclusions reached leave
us in a tighter bind.

The answers we hear all boil down to the same
repeated sound. That "SOMEONE" ought to do
something. But that "SOMEONE" can't be found.

To really make a difference, and return to the way
things were, we all must look inside ourselves, a
bright future to ensure.

Until our finger pointing is directed inwardly, we never
will quite understand that "SOMEONE" else is me.

So decide to freely give yourself to help your neighbor
out, if you wait for "SOMEONE" else to act, our future
is in doubt.

When one looks around our Alumni Family, you will
find out in a hurry that our future is as bright as the sun.
That SOMEONE spells the likes of Geri, Kathy, Leah,
Sarah, Jackie, Karen, Judy, Kelli, Lori, Boyce, Karen,
Byron, Katie, David, Shari, Ed, Bob, Marlene, Della,
Gary, Diane, and the list grows and grows. For those of
you reading this poem for the first time, I hope it hits
home as it did so many. We have the greatest group of
individuals anywhere to be found. Welcome to our fami-
ly.



Sgt. Williamson



Well the month of January is already behind us. The year has already started moving fast. A COP's Training was held on January 29th. I had 13 out of about 70 members who are eligible to attend. The class went well and this added 13 more volunteers to the program. I would like to see us get enough people trained so that we can put the car out both Friday and Saturday nights.

I will be starting the 11th Citizens Police Academy on March 2 . I want to thank all of you who have helped publicize this and solicited new recruits. Please keep up the good work. Each of you know the type of people who make good members, and so keep looking for them and get them to fill out an application. I have a few for

the Fall class but I always need more. I would like to keep a waiting list.

Al Simmenroth has graciously agreed to work with me and the day shift patrol sergeant on Monday mornings and help shuffle squad cars for repairs and maintenance. If any of you are available to help in the mornings, especially on Mondays, please let him know. This will not be an every day thing, but if he has a pool of people to use when the need does arise, it will be a big help.

I want to just thank each of you for all the hard work you do on behalf of the Euless Police Department. Please remember that my door is always open and I like to have people come by and visit. If there is anything that myself or the Police Department can do for you,



January 2000 Treasurer's Report

Ed is out of town for 3 weeks and was not able to prepare a report before the newsletter deadline. We will have a current report printed in the next issue!!



ECPAAA's 2000 Calendar of events

February

Feb 10 Town Hall Meeting Wilshire 7:00pm
 Feb 15 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm
 Feb 24 Town Hall Meeting Lakewood 7:00pm
 Feb 25 Police Banquet & Fire Banquet
 Feb 26/27 Bass Pro Shop

March

Mar 4/5 Bass Pro Shop
 Mar 21 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

April

Apr 2 Daylight Savings
 Apr 18 ECPAAA Pizza Party & Arbor Daze Planning
 Apr 28, 29, 30 Arbor Daze

May

May 14-20 National Police Week
 May 15 Peace Officer Memorial Day
 May 16 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

June

Jun 3 Regional Meeting Euless to host
 Jun PAL Camps
 Jun 20 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

July

Jul 18 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

August

Aug 1 National Night Out
 Aug 2-5 Corpus Christi
 Aug 15 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

September

Sep 11 911 day
 Sep 19 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm

October

Oct 17 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm
 Oct 28 Bake Sale

November

Nov 21 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm
 Nov 22 Decorate PD for Thanksgiving
 Nov 23 Thanksgiving

December

Dec 9 Christmas Parade of Lights
 Dec 19 ECPAAA Meeting 7:00pm
 Dec Christmas Providers

On Going Events

***Lone Star at Grand Prairie
 ***Grocery Store Promotion
 ***Brick Selling Promotion
 ***COP Program Coordinated by Don Martin
 ***Texas Motor Speedway
 ***Surprises!!

**Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Minutes of the Tuesday, January 18, 2000 Monthly Meeting**



GUEST SPEAKER: Chief Leonard Carmack, Eules Police Department. Chief Carmack spoke about the various programs that he would like to see continue or start up and will give all of his support to each of these programs. They are as follows: Volunteer Program, Citizens Police Academy, Youth Counseling Program, D.A.R.E. Program, School Resource Officers Program, Mentoring Program, Neighborhood Policing Program and he would like to see the Command Staff out on off-shifts (not just from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Meeting called to order at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lou Baum; Vice President, Linda Martin; Secretary, Leah Benoit
Byron Benoit, Todd Burnell, Carol Butler, Sarah Chandler, Dan Clark, Dale Derstine, Martha Derstine, Jackie Dohring, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Gary Haecker, Kathy Haecker, Pat Lane, Helen Lightbody, Kelli Lowery, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Chris Marz, Judie Nolden, Jud Park, Dona Rogers, Duane Rogers, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Deborah Taylor, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner, Shari Wheeler, and our guests Vicki Baum and Brian McGarry (Class 9).

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson

MINUTES: A motion was made by Barbara Lucas to accept the December minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Helen Lightbody. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Kelli Lowery to accept the December Treasurer's Report as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Susan Vest. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported as of January 18, 2000, we have made a total of \$11,225.00 with 258 bricks sold.
2. Six Flags Security – Leah reported that a volunteer packet was received by the ECPAAA asking to participate in this fund raiser. A motion was made by Geri Sorg to turn down this fund raiser. Second by Linda Martin. Passed.
3. Baked Goods Fund Raiser – Sharon Finnegan will chair this fund raiser. Sharon will get with the Kroger manager and set a date and will report to the members at the next meeting when the Baked Goods Fund Raiser will be held.
4. Reward Programs – ECPAAA will be receiving a check from Tom Thumb for \$53.04 for the last quarter of 1999.
5. Bass Pro Shops – A sign up sheet was passed around for the members to sign up to work on Saturday, February 26th and Saturday, March 4th. If you would like to volunteer to work, please call Leah Benoit at 283-6703. Our duties will be to assist checkers with bagging items purchased, folding T-shirts, or retrieving shopping carts from the parking lot. Here are the shift times if you would like to help out: February 26th – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. March 4th - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is still time to sign up to work. Details of where to report to sign in will be given out at the February meeting.
6. Arbor Daze Festival – This year's festival will be held on April 28th, 29th and 30th. Please mark your calendars. Karen Duncan asked the members if the Association would be interested in designing a pin and selling it at Arbor Daze this year. Will talk about some more at the next meeting.

Membership Report:

7. Chris Shanahan will chair the Membership Committee. To date, we have 42 paid members for 2000.

Newsletter Report:

8. At each meeting, Al Simmenroth will be taking pictures of members to go along with articles written in the Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

9. Lou Baum thanked all the members who brought refreshments to the meeting. Sarah Chandler, Carol Butler and Martha and Dale Derstine will supply the refreshments for the February meeting.
10. Don Martin gave a COP update. The program is running excellent. Don has openings for February. Please give him a call at 283-7038.
11. Lou Baum talked about the Town Hall Meetings. The last three will be held on January 27th – South Eules Elementary; February 10th – Wilshire Elementary; and February 24th – Lakewood Elementary. Please try to attend the meeting in your area and let's show our support.
12. Geri Sorg gave a Regional Update. The dues dropped from \$30 to \$25 a year. There will be two major fund raisers the Regional will participate in: Grand Prairie Race Track and the Cotton Bowl. Both of these fund raisers will be working the concession stand. The dates for the Race Track are April 15th and 16th, May 20th and 21st and June 24th and 25th. The hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the rate paid is \$50 per day per person. The Cotton Bowl work date is March 18th, 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The pay rate is 10% of take after taxes. If anyone would like to work these two fund raisers, please get in touch with Geri Sorg.

Gerri announced that if you would like to attend a Regional meeting, the meeting takes place every 1st Saturday of each month. Eules will be hosting the June 3rd meeting. Please mark your calendar. The officers for the Year 2000 are as follows: President, Kathi Mulkerin – Arlington; Vice President, Jack Hodges – Duncanville; Secretary, Cheryl Sundstrom – Cedar Hill; and Treasurer, Bruce Di-

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mock – Benbrook. The Board of Directors are as follows: John Foster, Waco; Donna Yaskovic, Irving; and Geri Sorg, Euless.

13. Linda Martin reported that the 2000 Citizens Police Academy Symposium will be held in Corpus Christi on August 2nd through August 5th. Please try to attend.
14. Ron Williamson, on behalf of the Patrol Division, thanked the ECPAAA for the water cooler. Ron gave his full support to the Bass Pro Fund Raiser. He said this was a good Fund Raiser. There will be a COP I class on January 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A COP II class will be offered at a later date. There will be some changes to this class from the previous class held. Ron reported that the COP program are patrolling 60 to 70 hours a month and Don's doing a great job heading up this program. Ron did stress that members are not to contact anyone while patrolling – that's what the radios are for. For all folks who participate in the COP program, Ron wanted them to know that he has a new chair to sit in when you are at the role of Dispatcher. No more squeaky, noisy chair!

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

15. None.

A motion was made by Linda Martin to adjourn the meeting. Second by Byron Benoit. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:66 p.m.

Leap Year???

Why do we have a leap year (as in this year) and why is it in February?

The issue of leap year and the weirdness of February is always worth looking at because, coming so infrequently, who can remember the explanation for it from the last time?

The earth revolves around the sun every 365.24 days, not an even 365. That produces an extra day's worth of hours every four years. We could distribute them as a bonus to everyone--a one-day time-out every fourth year in which the clock is stopped and we stay in bed all day. But we don't. Instead we add an extra day onto February.

Why February? It was originally the last month on the Roman calendar and a logical place to stick the extra day. But Julius Caesar changed the first month to January, stranding February and its little peculiarity in the second spot.



Useless, but Interest-

- ◆ Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
- ◆ Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a bellybutton.
- ◆ A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 yrs.
- ◆ People Do Not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
- ◆ When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop ... even your heart!
- ◆ Only 7% of the population are lefties.
- ◆ 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
- ◆ Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
- ◆ The average person over fifty will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.
- ◆ The average housefly lives for one month.
- ◆ 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
- ◆ A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
- ◆ The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 2, 2000

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Check in Padre Isles Country Club
8:00 a.m.	Transportation leaves for Padre Isles
3:00 p.m.	Return to Omni Hotel
1:00-7:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall set up
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Convention PreRegistration
10:00-12:00	Midnight Bay and Harbor Cruise Ice Breaker

Thursday, August 3, 2000

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast Registration
8:00 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Opens
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
9:30-12 noon	Morning sessions
12 noon-1:00 p.m.	Opening Luncheon
1:15-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon sessions
5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closes Dinner on your own

Friday, August 4, 2000

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast Exhibit Hall Opens
8:00-11:45 a.m.	Morning sessions
11:45-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:15-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon sessions
5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closes
7:00 p.m.	Beach Party Awards Banquet Come <u>really</u> casual

Saturday, August 5, 2000

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00-11:30 a.m.	Morning sessions
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies

EXHIBIT HALL – Display space is available for \$35 for profit groups; \$25 nonprofit; electricity \$31; includes exhibit tables

Seas the Millennium 2000 Registration

August 2-5, 2000

Fill out form completely

Payment: Return completed form and payment in full by July 1, 2000. No credit cards. Checks payable to 2000 Convention

Confirmation: Written confirmation sent upon receipt of full payment and form. Payment receipts will be included in your registration packet upon arrival

Cancellations: ALL cancellations must be made in writing by July 1, 2000. A full refund less \$10. will be returned to you. No refunds after July 1, 2000.

Mail form to: 2000 Convention, 6717 Sahara Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Name: _____

Title: _____ Agency/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Does your agency conduct a CPA Program? ____ Yes ____ No

Number of guests attending: ____ Hotel reservations made? ____ Yes ____ No

If no call the Omni Bayfront 1-800-THE-OMNI. \$70 Single/
Double per night plus applicable tax

___ Registration Fee	\$75 [Includes all classes, luncheon banquet]
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___ Guest/Luncheon	\$30	___ Guest Banquet	\$45
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___ Golf Tournament	\$45
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TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$___
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If you have any questions, call Georgia Lynn Porcher, Convention Chairperson at (361) 991-8627 or after 6:00 p.m., (361) 991-8627.

A note about concurrent sessions

During each concurrent session listed, there will be topics for CPA instructors/coordinators, alumni and topics of general interest from which to choose- You can take advantage of these and other concurrent session topics:

ATF: Arson and explosives
 Crime on the internet: Cyber seduction
 Community Oriented Policing: Getting to know you
 FBI & Interpol: National and International Terrorism
 FBI: The Profiler
 DPS Forensic artist: The dead brought back to life
 Forensic hypnotist: The power of suggestion?
 Game Wardens: The danger is not only to the animals
 Hate Crimes and Random Acts of Violence
 Blood Spatter patterns: Rebuilding the crime scene
 Tainted Evidence: How crime labs screw up
 Scams and con games: How to hold on to your money, Youth Boot Camp: Tougher Love
 School Ambushes: Kids killing kids
 The Art of Hostage Negotiation
 Seduced by education: When a teacher goes too far
 U.S. Border Patrol: The Rio Grande-It's not just a river
 U.S. Immigration: The price for freedom
 U.S. Customs- Tracking the drug mules
 U.S. Coast Guard: Drug Interdiction
 U.S. Coast Guard: Search & Rescue (demonstration)
 Starting and funding a CPA; curriculum planning
 CPA Coordinator & Instructor Certification
 CPA Alumni: organizing, maintaining, tax information, newsletters and other cool information

Corpus Christi and Coastal Bend Sights

Texas State Aquarium
 U.S.S. Lexington
 Chaparral Street - Night life - music and food
 Corpus Christi Sea Wall: roller bladeing, bicycle surreys
 Corpus Christi Bay- Sea Doos and paddle boats
 The Columbus Fled
 The Art Museum of South Texas
 Heritage Park Historic Homes
 Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History
 The Botanical Gardens
 Padre Island National Seashore
 Shopping: Padre Staples Mall Sunrise Mall
 Moore Plaza
 Port Aransas. Deep Sea Fishing
 Kingsville: The King Ranch Tours
 Rockport: The Fulton Mansion
 Mathis: Wayne's World Safari

