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Come Meet The New Judge!!

There are several ways to get to know our new municipal court judge but the preferred method would be to meet her when she speaks at our ECPAAA meeting on February 20, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the large conference room at City Hall.

Lacy D. Britten will be judging municipal cases in the Euless courtroom for the next two years. Britten owns The Britten Law Firm in Bedford and has been practicing law since 1992. She has been practicing in the areas of criminal defense (adult and juvenile), education/school law, wills and trusts and general business law.

Prior to The Britten Law Firm, Britten was a Field Sales Representative for the West Group and was the First Assistant/Chief Felony Prosecutor for Ellis County at the District Attorney's Office. She obtained her J.D. Degree from Baylor University and became licensed to practice law in the State of Texas in 1991. Britten is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Tarrant County Bar Association. She also enjoys teaching as an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Navarro College.

"Judge Britten is a bright, energetic person and we are excited about having her on our team," said Joe Hennig, City Manager. "She brings many opportunities to Euless and is a great addition to the city."

Come to the meeting and see for yourself!

A Touching Story!!

In Brooklyn, New York, is a school that caters to children with disabilities. Some children remain in this school for their entire school career, while others can be mainstreamed into conventional schools. At a fund-raising dinner, the father of a child with a disability delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he CRIED OUT, "WHERE IS PERFECTION IN MY SON JASON? Everything God does is done with perfection. But my child cannot understand things as other children do. My child cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. Where is the perfection??"

The audience was shocked by the question, pained by the father's anguish and stilled by the piercing query. "I believe, the father answered, "that when God brings a child like this into the world, the perfection that he seeks is the way people react to this child " He then told the following story about his son, Jason:

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We have sold over
\$15,000 in bricks!!

Happy Valentines Day!

We have 70
paid members

Leah's Perspective



Hello to everyone. I have some exciting news that I wanted to share with you. Lou Baum has been chosen as one of ten recipients of the Lewis Hine Award. Five individuals along with five professional/corporations are chosen for this National Award. Lou was nominat-

ed by Mayor Mary Lib Saleh for this award toward the end of 2000 and was among 310 nominees in the individual category. This National Award is awarded to honor Americans for exceptional service to young people. Lou is the President and Chairman of the Board for The World Life Foundation (WLF) and his wife Vicki serves as Vice President. The World Life Foundation was created to make available support, research, medical and scientific projects for those interested in metabolic diseases. The WLF disseminates information to parents and/or patients and will assist in ground/air transportation needs to treatment centers all over the United States. To date, the WLF has insured the lives of over 650 families and in 1992 was recognized by Federal and State Agencies as an exempt publicly supported organization. All services are free. The WLF has a world wide communica-

tions network supported by MCI/WorldCom International and several airlines donate their services at no charge to WLF.

Lou, Vicki and our Mayor will be flying to New York on February 12th to start the celebration, which will take place February 12th through the 14th. The actual presentation will be on the evening of February 13th at the Museum of Television and Radio. The WLF will receive a \$1,000 cash award plus other surprises they have not revealed to the recipients. Please congratulate Lou on this very deserving award and wish him continued success with The World Life Foundation. We're proud of you Lou.



I would also like to mention that Rose-Marie Stevens has graciously volunteered to be the ECPAAA's Fund Raising Pro Tem. So please support Rose-Marie in any way that you can in volunteering for our fund raising events. And speaking of fund raising, I wanted to give everyone a heads up that Bass Pro Shops is holding their annual Spring Fishing Classic March 3rd through the 11th. They are asking for volunteers for March 3rd and 4th and any time from February 26th to March 11th. I will be turning this over to Rose-Marie and she will be in charge of rounding up volunteers. This could be our second biggest fund raiser if we all get behind it! That's all I have for this month - more updates next month. See you at the meeting.

Sgt. Williamson



Due to some events that happened in the previous few weeks Sgt. Williamson what was unable to submit an article for this month.



Happy Birthday!!

This is something new we are going to try, announcing our members birthdays in our newsletter. This was suppose to start and the beginning of the year but, it was mistakenly forgotten. Sorry for this mistake.

January Birthdays!

- Ed Benyon
- Bob Bouse
- Sarah Chandler
- Gary Haecker
- Kathy Haecker
- Don Martin
- JoAnn Rogers
- Bobby Strength
- Bill Teague

February Birthdays!

- Dale Anderson
- Eric Owens



January 2001 Treasures Report

REVENUE	January	Year To Date	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Bake Sale		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Care Cards - Kroger, Tom Thumb, Albertson	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$300.00		\$36.27
Donations					
I.D. Cards				\$900.00	
Dues (2001 dues collected in 2000=\$500)	\$360.00	\$860.00	\$1,500.00		\$860.00
Event Security					
Arbor Daze		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Bass Pro		\$0.00	\$1,200.00		\$0.00
Interest (Money Market Account.)	\$62.27	\$62.27	\$500.00		\$62.27
Miscellaneous Income					
T-Shirts, Caps, Visors, Decals & Pins		\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Christmas Providers		\$0.00		\$550.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$458.54	\$458.54	\$5,800.00	\$3,450.00	\$9,250.00
MAJOR PROJECTS					
Brick Revenue		\$0.00			\$14,900.00
EXPENSES			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Arbor Daze		\$0.00	\$400.00		\$0.00
Awards & Gifts	\$83.40	\$83.40	\$300.00		\$83.40
Birthday Remembrances	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$80.00		\$32.00
BOARD					
Office supplies		\$0.00	\$400.00		\$0.00
Postage		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
CPAANT Dues	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00		\$30.00
Digital Camera		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Flowers (2000 budget)	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$350.00		\$32.50
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Patrol	\$34.07	\$34.07	\$200.00		\$34.07
PUBLICATIONS					
Office supplies		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
Postage		\$0.00	\$350.00		\$0.00
Social Events		\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Postal Box	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00		\$55.00
Prayer Plaques		\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
Symposium & Meetings (Pres.\$400; 5 mem\$2000)		\$0.00	\$2,400.00		\$0.00
Telephone Directories		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
T-Shirts / Hats / Visors / Decals		\$0.00	\$300.00		\$0.00
Christmas Providers (**2000 Expense)	\$21.92	\$21.92		\$550.00	\$21.92
APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS					
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		\$0.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
911 Day		\$0.00		\$200.00	
Water By The Gallon		\$0.00		\$200.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$288.89	\$288.89	\$6,965.00	\$4,450.00	\$288.89
MAJOR PROJECTS					
Brick Expense		\$0.00			
Sculpture		\$0.00			
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$169.65	\$169.65			\$8,961.11
BANK BALANCE (checking account)					
Beginning of Period	\$2,800.70				
End of Period	\$2,908.08				

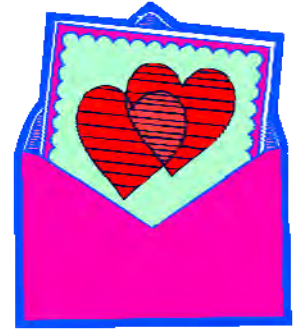
Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, January 16, 2001 Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: None

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Chris Shanahan; Second Vice President, Pat Lane; Treasurer, Ed Benyon; Secretary, Susan Vest; Lou Baum, Byron Benoit, Dan Clark, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Helen Lightbody, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Brian McGarry, Sara Munday, Sherrod Munday, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Bob Strength, Helen Wagner and our guest Assistant Chief Bob Freeman

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson



Jackie Dohring of Class 7 told the Association that she would be moving to Arizona to help raise her four granddaughters at the end of April.

In an informal ceremony, Lou Baum had Assistant Chief Bob Freeman swear in the new 2001 Alumni Officers. The new officers are President, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Chris Shanahan; Second Vice President, Pat Lane; Treasurer, Ed Benyon and Secretary, Susan Vest. Lou stated that the ceremonial swearing in would become a regular part of the Association. After the swearing in, Ed Benyon acknowledged Lou's generosity to the Association.

NEW/CONTINUING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Membership Chairperson – Chris Shanahan; Hospitality Chairperson – Sharon Finnegan; Programs Chairperson – Kathy Haecker; Parliamentarian – Al Simmenroth

MINUTES: A motion was made by Barbara Lucas to accept the November minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Brian McGarry. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Linda Martin to accept the November Treasurer's Report. Second by Byron Benoit. Passed. December Treasurer's Report will be voted on in February due to newsletters not being received by members before the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported that as of January 16, we have sold 298 bricks, totaling \$15,300.
2. Fund Raising Chairperson is needed. The person will continue doing the events such as Bass Pro Shops, Bricks, and Bake Sale. They will also need to work on new ideas for the upcoming year.

Membership Report:

1. Chris Shanahan reported that we have 40 paid members for 2001.

Newsletter Report:

1. Chris Shanahan – No report. Leah announced that Chris would continue doing the newsletter.



EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

1. Leah Benoit asked for three volunteers to do an annual Audit. Volunteers include Barbara Lucas, Geri Sorg and Al Simmenroth. Geri will contact Loretta with the City to see if she would volunteer her CPA skills for the Audit. The committee members will need to get the books from Ed Benyon.
2. Geri Sorg gave a Regional update. The first meeting was held in Arlington. The officers were introduced and ideas were discussed for upcoming meetings. They did a fun project where they shaped Playdough into what they thought the Association meant to them. The four groups were divided up by using a deck of cards. February's meeting will be in Azle. Leah and Geri will work together to schedule a meeting in Euless.
3. Chris Shanahan will begin updating the directory. Please make sure you call or email Chris any changes that you may have. He will try to have the update completed in March.
4. By-Laws Committee: Al Simmenroth, Rose-Marie Stevens, Brian McGarry and Barbara Lucas volunteered to work on the update. A meeting will be setup in February.
5. Calling Tree: Leah will begin working on a calling tree for the Association.
6. Leah Benoit asked Kathy Haecker to check into a CPR class for the members. Kathy agreed to check with Franchot, and Ron Williamson will check with his daughter. Kathy said that she already has some ideas for speakers. Leah mentioned that the new Euless Judge would be a good speaker. Kathy will also give articles to Chris Shanahan for the newsletter.
7. Arbor Daze: Don Martin and Lou Baum volunteered to head up Arbor Daze (only if they get golf carts). Don and Lou will begin working and negotiating with Rick Herold. Will try to negotiate for \$4500 this year.

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One afternoon, Jason and his father walked past a park where some boys Jason knew were playing baseball. Jason asked, "Do you think they will let me play? Jason's father knew that his son was not all athletic and that most boys would not want him on their team. But Jason's father understood that if his son was chosen to play it would give him a comfortable sense of belonging. Jason's father approached one of the boys in the field and asked if Jason could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "We are losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

Jason's father was ecstatic, as Jason smiled broadly. Jason was told to put on a glove and go out to play short centerfield. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Jason's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three runs. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Jason's team scored again and now with two outs and the bases loaded with the potential winning run on bases. Jason was scheduled to be up. Would the team actually let Jason bat at the juncture and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Jason was given the bat everyone knew that it was all but impossible because Jason didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. However as Jason stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob to ball in softly so Jason should at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came and Jason swung clumsily and missed. One of Jason's teammates came up to Jason and together they held the bat and faced the pitcher waiting for the next pitch. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Jason. As the pitch came in, Jason and his teammate



swung at the ball and together they hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher.

The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Jason would have been out and that would have ended the game. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc into right field, far beyond the reach of the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, "Jason, run to first, run to first." Never in his life had Jason run to first. He scampers down the baseline wide-eyed and startled. By the time he reached first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman who would tag out Jason, who was still running. But the right fielder understood

what the pitcher's intentions were, so he threw the ball high and far over the second baseman's head. Everyone yelled, "run to second, run to second," Jason ran towards second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases toward home. As Jason reached second base, the opposing short stop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base and shouted, "run to third, run to third." Jason rounded third, the boys from both teams ran behind him screaming, Jason, "run to home, run to home." Jason ran home, stepped on home plate and all 18 boys lifted him on their shoulders and made him the HERO, as he had just hit a "GRAND SLAM" and won the game for his team.

That day, said his father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "THOSE BOYS HAVE REACHED THEIR LEVEL OF GOD'S PERFECTION."

Submitted By Lou Baum



The History of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine

was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine



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8. Due to the seven escaped convicts, Sgt. Ron Williamson said that the Police Department would not change its policy regarding the COP car being out on Friday nights. However, if a COP has any reservation about going out, then he asked them not to sign up. The Department is concerned, but feels the COP car being out is a vital service to the community. A meeting will be scheduled in February for trained COP's. The meeting will provide new direction from the Police Department and address any concerns regarding the car, organization, etc. Ron explained that the officers would begin training for the new policies that are going into effect regarding the weapons that will be carried.

Ron also mentioned that his newsletter article this month was meant to let members know that we need to put petty problems aside or work them out. He understands that on an individual basis the concerns are important, but to the Association they are petty. Our Association is to good to let little concerns ruin us.

Don Martin asked Sgt. Williamson to remember us when the Police Department retires one of the Expeditions. Lou Baum asked if the City would accept a car if it was given to the Association. Sgt. Williamson said he would check with the City and get back with Lou. He knew that the City Council would have to approve it first.

9. Leah Benoit reminded everyone about the Town Hall Meetings, which began on January 11 at Lakewood. The turnout was very good. The other Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for Central Jr. High (Districts 5 & 6) on January 25; South Euleless Elementary (District 4) on February 15 and Wilshire Elementary (Districts 5 & 6) on March 1. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
10. Leah Benoit asked that the Brick Committee meet in February.
11. Lou Baum asked that the Executive Board approve expenditure for 4X4's to put up the Brick signs. Brian McGarry said he would check with the City to see what was available.
12. Kathy Haecker wanted to let everyone know that the Police Officers appreciated the Christmas meals. She said that officers were working with Fort Worth and since nothing was open, they invited them to come have lunch with them. There was enough food to feed both shifts for two days. The contract has been renewed for the water, which the officers greatly appreciate.
13. Regarding Crime Victims Assistance, Kathy mentioned that a child was able to dial 911 and help his mom. Out of the \$4200 available to a victim, the mother received \$3900, which included relocation money. This was the first time one of the victims in Euleless received the relocation money. Crime Victims Assistance was able to give out \$41.7 million in 200. Bills are being introduced to get rape kits and some ambulance services paid through the CVA.
14. Byron Benoit asked if the new officers could pop in at the meetings so we could meet them. Sgt. Williamson, Kathy Haecker and Al Simmenroth will work on. Suggestions include taking digital photos, having the officers complete a biography for the newsletter, etc. Sgt. Williamson will help with internal promotions. Door prizes were also suggested to get officers to the meeting.
15. Lou Baum informed the members that Glenn Pinkston passed away of cancer this month. He felt that we should give a small donation to the Cancer Society. Leah Benoit also reminded everyone that a brick would be purchased in his memory.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Linda Martin shared a story regarding the escaped convicts: One of the employee's girlfriend was at Oshman's to pick him up. She noticed that the gate did not go down promptly at 9:00 p.m. Then she noticed that there were a lot of people moving around inside the store. The thing she noticed was that the people were wearing blue jeans, which employees were not allowed to do. She called 911 immediately.

A motion was

made by Geri Sorg



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may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular

saints in England and France.

Information was obtained from:

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/>





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In This Issue:

Reminders...

- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2001**
Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!
- ⇒ **Town Hall Meetings!**
March 1 Wilshire Districts 5 & 6
- ⇒ **2001 Dues are due.**
- ⇒ ECPAAA's web page address <http://www.ecpaaa.org>
Look for the changes to come to the Alumni Association's Web Page!!

Important Information!!

The Alumni Association is going to be doing a revision of the Alumni Directory. We need all of your information to be current. On the mailing label, under your name is your month and day of your birthday. If it is not there or it is wrong, PLEASE call: Chris at 817-991-5412

Newsletter Sub-

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
 - 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!!