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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 eulelesscpa@sbcglobal.net

Submissions are due the first day of each month.



“Sweet Potluck” at July Meeting



We are having a “sweet potluck” at the July meeting. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with your fellow alumni members.

Presentation of 2008 President’s Volunteer Awards

Please join Congressman Kenny Marchant and your fellow Alumni Members on Monday, August 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the presentation of the volunteer awards.

Attire for the evening: men, jacket with tie, no jeans; women, slacks with matching jacket or dress.

July Speaker – None

We are taking a break and will resume with speakers in August.





Sgt. Eric Starnes

The Cost Question

By Dr. John C. Maxwell

Want to Live the Dream? Pay the Price.

Have you ever been strolling through a shopping mall or car lot when - *POW!* - THE perfect product captures your attention? Perhaps it's the sporty convertible with a V-8 engine and unbelievable acceleration. Maybe it's the adorable dress that's exactly your style, has a flattering fit, and accentuates all of your finest features.

Whatever the case, there's an initial moment when you're enamored with THE product. For a split second reality is suspended as you imagine the joys of owning it. Unfortunately, two words generally bring this pleasant daydream crashing to a halt: *price tag*.

The Dream Is Free, but the Journey Isn't

When you first think about a dream, you only see possibilities and potential. As my friend Collin Sewell observed, all dreams begin obstacle-free. However, at some point we have to confront the Cost Question: Am I willing to pay the price of my dream?

If you want to achieve a dream, you have to be willing to do more than just imagine the outcome. You have to be willing to pay a price to start the journey. Dreams don't fall into our laps by accident or good fortune. They must be attained at the cost of personal sacrifice.

The Price Must Be Paid Sooner Than You Think

Dreams can't be bought on impulse. Buy now, pay later financing isn't an option. If you want to own a dream, then be prepared to make a hefty down payment.

I think most people realize that there will be some cost for achieving their dream. They have a vague notion that someday they will have to pay a price. But they don't realize how quickly the costs come. Stepping toward a dream is like launching a rocket; massive amounts of energy must be expended at the beginning. Otherwise, gravity takes hold and the journey never gets off the ground.

The Price Will Be Higher Than You Expect

All dreams have price tags attached, and the cost is always higher than we expect to pay. Not once in my conversations with successful people have I heard someone say, "Getting to the top was much easier than I anticipated." The reverse is true. Those at the pinnacle of their professions point to the hardships and sacrifices they had to endure to reach the top.

Having done a good deal of travel, I've learned the taxi principle: ALWAYS find out the cost before you get in the cab. Unfortunately, dreams are far too complex for us to accurately access the costs upfront. A noble dream is worth the expense, but the full costs won't be apparent until we're already on the journey.

The Price Must Be Paid More Than Once

As a young leader, I mistakenly thought acquiring a dream was like buying a ticket to Six Flags: pay once and enjoy the rides. Experience has taught me otherwise. Following a dream forces you to make continual sacrifices.

Just as a rocket must shed weight to escape gravity, so to a leader has to let go of some goals to accomplish others. You have to give up to go up.

Let's face it: dreams don't work unless you do. Easing off the accelerator and coasting won't get you to your desired destination. For dreams to be apprehended, leaders must have an appetite for hard labor.

It Is Possible To Pay Too Much for Your Dream

Although sacrifices go hand in hand with success, it is possible to overpay for a dream. Don't mortgage relationships or discard your moral compass in pursuit of career goals. I've seen it happen all too often. I've watched people sacrifice marriages, neglect their kids, ignore their health, and abandon their conscience - all in the name of a "dream."

As Jesus of Nazareth once said, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his own soul?" Some prices aren't worth paying. Do not allow your dream to dictate your values. Rather, make sure your values inform and govern your dream.

FROM THE CHIEF

It is July and it is HOT! We are getting into the Dog Days of Summer, where all we can look forward to is another hot day. It is in these times that we really enjoy the air condition and the creature comforts of our lives. But, while we are doing our best to stay cool, there is a group of dedicated men and women out there standing in the heat, directing traffic, working accidents and serving the public in many ways. I ask that you remember our Patrol Officers and the physical, mental and spiritual challenges they face on a daily basis.

Speaking of physical challenges, we have several of our members who are facing medical treatments, surgeries and rehabilitation from injuries. This has caused us to work shorthanded in almost every area of the department. That presents a challenge when it comes to granting time off request and making sure each employee gets their vacation.

You will be getting an invitation from Eric Starnes to help us with some of these issues. We are working shorthanded in the jail right now. We are asking if you have the ability and the time, you consider helping us by manning the Control Tower in the Jail. Eric will explain this in greater detail, but this is a huge need we have and I am coming to you to help us fill it. I realize this is an area where we have never asked you to serve before. But, I promised you we would find greater ways for you to serve, and this is one of those. Unlike other volunteer opportunities, the Control Tower must be manned on a schedule. Therefore, you cannot just come up and work at a time of your choosing. Your availability must fit in with our schedule. There are not a lot of models to follow here, we are the first to try this. I know it can work, and I have every confidence that it will work.

I spoke to the Regional Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association a few weeks ago. My message to them was to become indispensable to their respective departments. My words to them came from the way you have become an integral part of this organization. As we move into even greater areas of service together we will continue to need more volunteers, greater commitments of time and continued strong leadership. I have every confidence in each of you; I know each of you brings a special talent to the service of this community. You may think you don't have the hours to give that someone else does. That is irrelevant, what is relevant is that you give what time and talent you have. It was said many years ago, "You cannot help someone else without helping yourself."

I ask that you remember your Police Department family in your prayers. If you don't pray, please remember to have a good thought for them. Lt. Neill lost his Mother this week, Lt. Williams' Mother is in the hospital and in need of prayer. I would like to thank you for all of your prayers and good thoughts for my Dad, and ask you to add my Mom to your list. She was diagnosed with lung cancer a few weeks ago. We got some good news with Vicki Baum last week. Her surgery went well, and to my knowledge was a complete success. I believe she is home and resting.

We have so much to be thankful for, and on the top of my list are all of you who make this such a special place to serve.

Your servant,
Mike

Upcoming Events

July 21 – ECPAAA General Meeting, 7 pm,
Police Station

July 25—Movie in the Park
“Kung Fu Panda” - Villages of
Bear Creek Amphitheater —
Movie will begin at dusk
(around 8:30 pm)



July 30 – Aug 1 – TCPAAA
Convention – San Marcos, Texas

Aug 8 – Texas Junior
Anglers Day – Wilshire
Park, 9am—12 Noon



Aug 10 – 2008 President’s Volunteer Awards
Presentation, 7 pm, City Hall

Aug 11 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

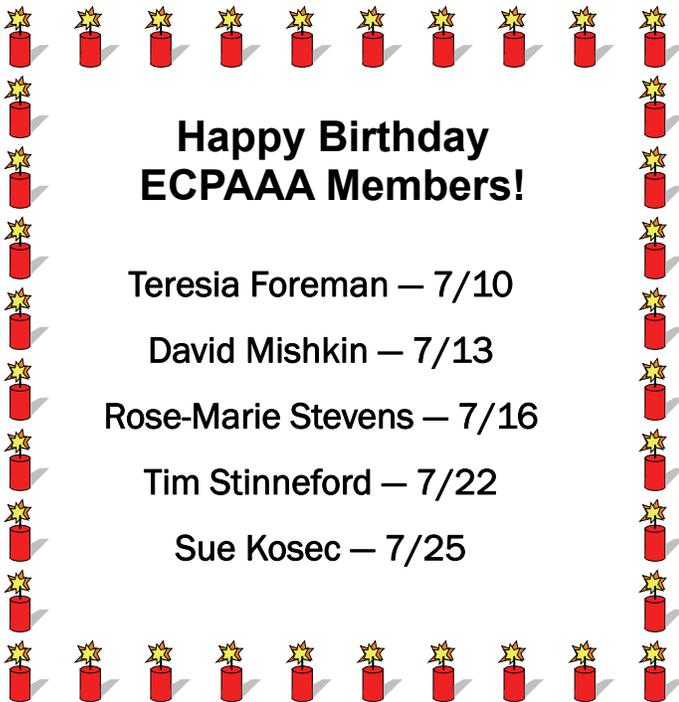
June 2009 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical - 13 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Citizens On Patrol - 80 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0
 - Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0
 - Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0
 - Courts - 29 Hours 0 Minutes
 - CPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Crime Victims Assistance Program - 5 Hour 45 Minutes
 - Meetings/Training - 65 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - CPAANT Regional Meeting - 15 Hours 0 Minutes
 - ECPAAA General Meeting - 48 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Miscellaneous - 157 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - Eules Revitalization Project - 78 Hours 0 Minutes
 - PALS Summer Camp - 28 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Power Outage (June 12th) - 19 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Selective Vehicle Parking - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Speed Trailer - 10 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Vehicle Maintenance - 94 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Watering of Plants - 6 Hours 0 Minutes
- Total - 461 Hours 30 Minutes**

Value of Volunteer Time — 9,345.38

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time — \$57,816.79

June Meeting — 22 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members!

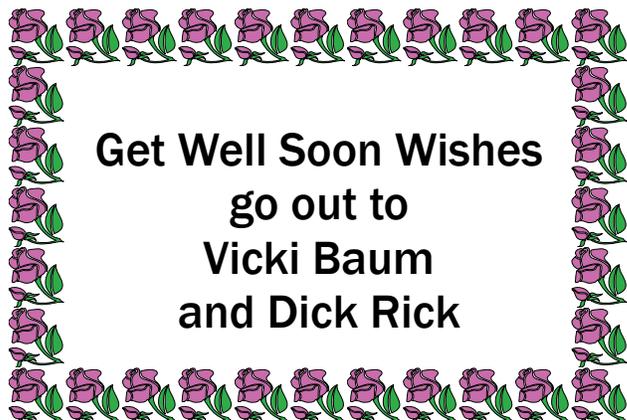
Teresia Foreman — 7/10

David Mishkin — 7/13

Rose-Marie Stevens — 7/16

Tim Stinneford — 7/22

Sue Kosec — 7/25



**Get Well Soon Wishes
go out to
Vicki Baum
and Dick Rick**

Officer Biography

Brian Werder

Date of Biography: April 16, 2009

Current title with EPD: Public Service Officer

Year started and history with the EPD: I was hired by the City of Euless in February of 2007.

Where were you born? Boulder, Colorado

In what city do you currently live? Lewisville

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.

My father is a sports writer and my mother is a home maker/professional dog attendant, which consumes the majority of her time.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy spending time with my friends and lifting weights in the gym. I also enjoy playing just about every sport imaginable....except soccer...too much running.

What is your favorite part of being a Public Service Officer? (no answer)

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I sleepwalk.

Who is your favorite celebrity? I don't really get into celebrities ...sorry.

What is your favorite food? I absolutely love almost all food.....right now I would have to say the sweet and spicy meatball sandwich from firehouse subs.



From the President – Rose-Marie Stevens

After I received the first gentle reminder that my article was due, I realized that I had nothing in mind to write about. My feeble brain had gone on a trip without me. Then I received my second gentle reminder. I was told on Thursday that I had until Friday to submit my article. Boy! Was I relieved!

Anyway, I did start to think and decided that one of the many things I was curious about was how the Citizens Police Academy began. I wasn't exactly fond of the police for several reasons, but I considered them necessary like a dentist who pulls a tooth or a doctor who pokes you with needles. The difference is that I knew dentists' and doctors' ultimate goal was to help their patients. From things I had seen growing up, the police did not come around to help or to serve. Consequently, I was happy to learn about the Citizens Police Academy in Euless because I needed to address my prejudice. In my mind, prejudice is an obsession with ignorance, and I needed to deal with that ignorance.

I went to the National Citizens Police Academy Association web site to learn about the origins of the Citizen Police Academy. In their definition of the Citizen Police Academy, they said, "Generally, the relationship between the police and the citizen is one of 'love/hate.' To the Citizen, it may frequently appear that the police are not doing their job or are exceeding their boundaries. By allowing citizens a firsthand look at what rules, regulations and policies the police follow, some of the misunderstanding may be alleviated. The objective of the Citizen Police Academy is not to train an individual to be a 'Reserve Police Officer' but to produce informed citizens."

"The concept of the Citizen Police Academy actually started in the United Kingdom in 1977. It began in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, in City of Exeter, England. A police night school was implemented to allow citizens, who were anxious to learn about Police functions, Police operations and the organization of the Police system in England." The founders were overwhelmed by the response of the citizens and made this training a part of their "ongoing police public relations program."

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ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Julie Ratliff

Interviewed by Jerrie Keller and Faye Stinneford

Julie Ratliff is a graduate of CPA Class 22. She was born in Stephenville, Texas on May 26, 1975. Julie has lived in Eules for a little over 5 years. Julie is single with one child Dylan, also known as Faye's grandson. Julie has one step sister and one step brother.

Julie has one big thing in common with her Mother. When asked about her hobbies, she had one thing to say - "Dylan".

Her favorite books are the Twilight Series. Julie advised she likes cruises and would like to go to Australia, but is happy anywhere with palm trees. Her favorite activities are camping, Bunco and vacation, but not as often as she would like.

Julie said she joined the ECPA because of her mom and dad, Faye and Tim Stinneford, but also admitted it sounded interesting. Her favorite thing about the class, like many others, was the guns. The instructor called her Dead-Eye. What she enjoys most about the alumni association is the friendship and fellowship.

We asked her what she would like the ECPAAA members to know about her and she stated that she is currently taking classes to become a Geographic Information Systems Analyst. And Nadine Barnes is her aunt.



Dylan and Julie

CPAANT - July 11, 2009 - Flower Mound, Texas

By Geri Sorg

The July meeting was held at the Flower Mound Community Activity Center. Flower Mound welcomed us and the following speakers let us know what was going on in the city: Assistant Chief of Police, Byron Lake; Harlan Jefferson, Town Manager; Jody Smith, Mayor; Paula Paschal, Town Secretary and Katy Taggart, President, Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce. Flower Mound CPAAA gave us a great continental breakfast. There were 10 representatives present with a total of 20 attending the meeting.

Invitations for the Chiefs Round Table, to be held in Carrollton at our November 7th meeting, were sent out to 69 Chiefs of Police. We already have had six call or email their RSVP; we are very excited about the quick and early response.

CPAANT will be raffling of a VIZIO 22" flat screen TV at the State Convention in San Marcos. Tickets are \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00; you do not have to be present to win. I will have a photo of the TV at our ECPAAA meeting on July 21st, and will be selling tickets - doesn't every kitchen or bathroom need one?

Please visit our website for additional information, www.cpaant.org.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE
ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

June 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Members Present: Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Teresia Foreman, J. R Goad, Kay Goad, Sue Kosec, Don Martin, Pat McDowell, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Geri Sorg, Rose Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, John Woodall, Sherri Browning and Arthur Anderson

GUEST SPEAKER: Sgt. Eric Starnes presented part two of his Safety presentation. If you missed either presentation, Eric will be outlining them in the monthly newsletter.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: J.R Goad

MAY MINUTES: Tim Stinneford made a motion we accept the May Minutes, second by Geri Sorg. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Susan Vest made motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report, second by J.R. Goad. Motion passed.

BBQ FUNDRAISER: Leah had BBQ dinner tickets available - \$15.00 each for adults, \$10.00 per child ages 5 - 13; under 5 - Free. Tim Stinneford made a motion to pur-

chase a 42 inch TV not to exceed \$700 for the large item raffle, second by Helen Voss. After discussing, the motion was passed. Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

CERT: Lou announced that CERT members were called out to help with the Emergency Shelter and power outages after the severe weather came through a couple of weeks ago. He thanked everyone who participated.

JUNE MEETING: A motion was made by Kay Goad to have an Ice Cream Social at the July meeting, second by Geri Sorg. Motion passed. Members will be reminded via email to bring ice cream or anything with sugar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

From the President — Rose-Marie Stevens
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The first Citizen Police Academy in the United States started in Orlando, Florida, in 1985. "The ultimate goal of the Orlando Citizen Police Academy was to reduce crime through a stronger citizen commitment to the Police Department and the Community." Word of its success spread and the second CPA started in Missouri City, Texas, later in the year.

I am personally grateful to those who had the wisdom to start the Citizen Police Academy, especially here in Eules. Not only have I been able to wash away my prejudice, but I have had the privilege of knowing and working with some of the finest officers and citizens in these United States. For that I say Thank You!

Call for Volunteers

The Eules Police Department is seeking volunteers who would like to work in the jail control tower. The jail is running into some staffing problems and the control tower is the brain center of the police department and has full control over the jail and sally port entrance doors. It is also the video monitoring center for the station. This is an isolated pod, and you will not deal face to face with any people in detention. If anyone would like to work the tower, proper training will be provided. If this is something you would like to do, they will need a dedicated time if you volunteer for a block.

If you are interested, please call Sgt. Eric Starnes at (817) 685-1506 or email him at estarnes@ci.eules.tx.us.

June 2009 Treasurer's Report

| INCOME | Carry Over | June | YTD Income | Annual Budget | Over/Under Budget |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$20,706.07 | | | | |
| Afghan Sales | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Bass Pro Events | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BBQ FUNDRAISER | | | \$0.00 | \$4,000.00 | -\$4,000.00 |
| Brick Sales | | \$525.00 | \$525.00 | \$0.00 | \$525.00 |
| CRUD Day | | | \$600.00 | \$1,300.00 | -\$700.00 |
| Donations/Outside Income | | \$500.00 | \$760.00 | \$0.00 | \$760.00 |
| Grocery Care Cards | | | \$62.21 | \$100.00 | -\$37.79 |
| Meeting Raffle | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Membership Dues | | \$100.00 | \$1,380.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$180.00 |
| Member Merchandise | | \$1.00 | \$49.00 | \$0.00 | \$49.00 |
| Recycle Program | | | \$0.00 | \$400.00 | -\$400.00 |
| Reimbursement Brick installation | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Warrant Roundup | | | \$0.00 | \$1,300.00 | -\$1,300.00 |
| Total Income | | \$1,126.00 | \$3,376.21 | \$8,300.00 | -\$4,923.79 |
| Total | \$20,706.07 | \$24,082.28 | \$24,082.28 | | |
| EXPENSES | Carry Over | June | YTD Expenses | Annual Budget | Over/Under Budget |
| 9-1-1 Day | | | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | -\$250.00 |
| Audit - Treasurer's Records | | | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | -\$150.00 |
| BBQ Silent Auction | | | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | -\$1,500.00 |
| Bricks | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Checking Account Expenses | | | \$115.16 | \$0.00 | \$115.16 |
| Computer Repair | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Corrections to Checking Account | | | \$152.00 | \$0.00 | \$152.00 |
| CPANNT Dues - Paid Dec. 2008 | | | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Expenses Not Covered | | | \$0.00 | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |
| Honorarium Awards and Gifts | | | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Member Merchandise Items | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Memorials and Gifts | | | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Office Supplies | | | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| PALS Summer Camp | | | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Police Appreciation Week | | | \$383.57 | \$400.00 | \$16.43 |
| Police Chief Wish Projects | | | \$4,453.73 | \$2,525.00 | -\$1,928.73 |
| Police Clown Program | | | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Police Officer Christmas Meals | | | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters | | | \$6.07 | \$300.00 | \$293.93 |
| President Awards | | | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Savings Account Transfer | | | \$10,000.00 | | |
| Social Events | | | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Water by the Gallon | | \$210.00 | \$420.00 | \$600.00 | \$180.00 |
| Web Site/Domain Name | | | \$0.00 | \$75.00 | \$75.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$210.00 | \$15,530.53 | \$8,300.00 | -\$7,230.53 |
| Funds Available in Checking | | | \$8,551.75 | | |

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------------------|
| Savings Account | | | \$10,000.00 |
| Interest from Savings Account | | \$0.34 | \$1.67 |
| Funds Available in Savings | | | \$10,001.67 |

Total ECPAAA Funds

\$18,553.42