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2010 Officers

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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
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)

March Speaker

Sr. Cpl. Kimberly Althouse will talk about the
Citizens On Patrol program.

Spaghetti,
tossed salad
and garlic
bread will be
provided at the
March meeting.

2010 ECPAAA Dues

It's time to renew your membership! You can either
pay your dues, which are \$20, at the March meeting
or you can mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: 2010 Dues
1102 W. Euless Boulevard
Euless, TX 76040

Recycling Reminders



Bring your aluminum cans and printer cartridges
to the monthly ECPAAA meeting to recycle.



Help support the PALS Summer Camp by
recycling your old cameras, cell phones, lap-
tops and other small electronics.



Thanks to all of the members that have
been bringing items to recycle.





Sgt. Eric Starnes

Written March 5, 2010

Last night I was goofing around on the internet and “Googled” my name (who ever thought the word google would become an action verb?). It was very interesting to see what Google pulled. I found a 1997 newsletter from Search One Rescue Team where my name and old telephone number was posted. I had no idea that was sitting out on the information super highway. I also located my name within the ECPAAA news article.

Any defense attorney worth his weight will immediately run an internet search on a witness. This includes police officers. They are specifically looking for anything they can muddy the waters with when questioning the witness. If they are dealing with a DWI trial, they would love to find Facebook or Myspace pictures with an off duty officer toasting the camera. Officers have been advised to be careful with what they are placing out on the internet.

What I found more interesting was “Googling” the name of a good friend that I know maintains a Facebook account. This person told they keep their account completely closed off to the outside world, and the only ones that can see what is on the page is approved friends. My search found the Facebook page that was listed as private. I could not see the page itself, but what I did find was answers to personal questionnaires, and some miscellaneous random postings. While I knew the postings were jokes, it was also things that could easily be taken out of context. What this person posted was supposed to be for a closed circle, but it was wide open to the cybering world.

If you have information out on social networking sites, please be careful with what you post. What you think might be private might actually be open to the entire world.

From the President — Pete Jones



Thanks to all who showed up at the first social. It was a lot of fun and good food. Please tell Faye Stinneford or Helen Voss if you have any good ideas for our next outing.

I talked with Ken Denne and Scott Thomas and was told that if anyone knows of a place to position the Speed Trailer, to let them know. They are always looking for suggestions.

As they say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. And that’s what it looks like for ECPAAA. We sure have a busy month ahead of us:

- 3/8 Warrant Round-Up
- 3/18 CERT Class Starts
- 3/18 CPR Class at Fire Administration
- 3/19 Police Awards Banquet
- 3/20 CRUD Day
- 3/23 CERT Table Top Exercise (Bedford PD)

Thanks to Lou Baum for getting the 2010 calendar together for us.

Be sure to check the on-line schedule.

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA? Starting this month, let’s all make it a commitment to urge old members to come back and join us!

FROM THE CHIEF

A huge thank you to the CPAAA! Thanks for purchasing the laser radars for us. Thank you for stepping up and being there when we needed you. It's great to have a group of supporters that do their best to be there for us at every turn. It is an absolute honor to be in the same boat with you. Thanks again!

We are headed into that time of the year where we will be preparing our 2011 budget. The outlook is about the same as last year, and we have been asked to be very conservative in our approach to the budget. We have been very fortunate in that we have received close to \$300,000 in grant funds from various sources. These funds are allowing us to purchase much needed equipment at a tremendous savings to the city budget.

We will be upgrading the video systems in every squad car. We are transitioning from video tape to a digital system. There will no longer be a need for an officer to come to the PD to change tapes. The officers will drive into the parking lot and the cars will automatically download video onto a server. We will be able to search through those video files and make DVDs for court, training, or investigative purposes. This is will be a huge upgrade to our video capabilities.

We have also purchased radio and computer equipment for the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). This equipment will make it easier for them to communicate and process vital information, which is critical when they are called upon to find a child.

There are also less glamorous purchases, little pieces of equipment that will be replacing older worn out equipment. We have done our best to look into the future and anticipate our needs for the next few years. I am sure we will have missed a few things, but the entire command staff was involved in this effort and we are hoping we didn't miss anything big.

So even though the budget is going to be tight, we have been able to fund equipment purchases that would have gone unfunded, would have caused another city department to do without, or caused the city to prioritize our request in relation to request from other departments. All thanks to the various grants we have been awarded.

Look for our Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit to hit the streets in the next few weeks. We have three officers who have been working for the last few months to get their certification so they can enforce Department of Transportation rules and regulations on commercial motor vehicles. We believe this unit will have an immediate impact on the commercial motor vehicle traffic in the city.

Again, thanks for all you do for us. Please remember the Awards Banquet on the 19th of March at the Texas Star. This will be a great night as we honor the members of the Euless Police Department for their outstanding efforts in the service of this community. Contact Celia at 817- 685-1509 to get your tickets. We look forward to see you there and sharing a great evening with you.

Your servant,
Mike

Upcoming Events

- March 16 – ECPAAA General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station
- March 17 – Easter Egg Stuffing Party, 1-2:30 pm, Ruth Millikan Center, Contact Jerry Poteet at 817-685-1449
- March 18 – CERT Class Begins, 7 pm, Euless PD
- March 19 – Police Awards Banquet, 7 pm, Texas Star
- March 20 – CRUD Day, 9-11 am, Euless Municipal Complex
- March 23 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
- March 23 – CERT Table Top Exercise, 6:30 pm, Bedford Police Department
- March 25 – CPR Training, 6:30-9 pm, Euless Fire Administration Building
- March 27 – Easter Egg Scramble, 10 am–12 noon, Parks at Texas Star, 1501 S Pipeline Rd E
- April 3 – CPAANT Meeting, Waco (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- April 10 – Texas Trash-off, 9 am–12 noon
- April 12 – Car Seat Safety Check, 10 am–2 pm, Albertsons' Parking Lot, 1155 North Main Street
- April 13 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

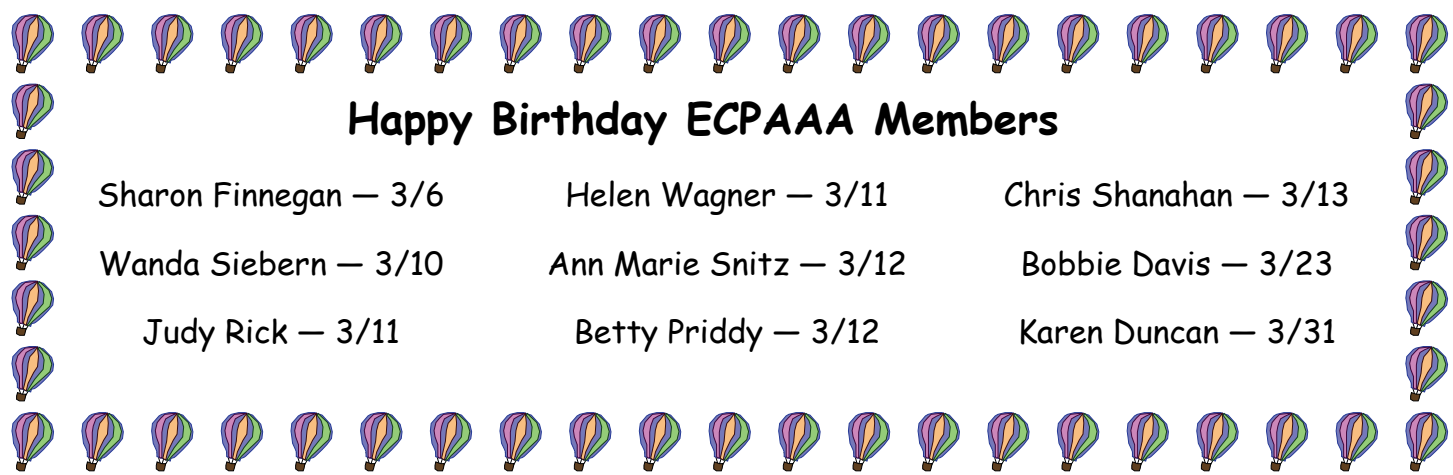
February 2010 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical - 11 Hours 15 Minutes
 - Citizens On Patrol - 40 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0
 - Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0
 - Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0
 - Courts - 36 Hours 30 Minutes
 - CPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Crime Victims Assistance Program - 4 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Jail - 16 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Meetings/Training - 57 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - CPAANT Regional Meeting - 7 Hours 30 Minutes
 - ECPAAA General Meeting - 50 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Miscellaneous - 18 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Speed Trailer - 36 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Vehicle Maintenance - 76 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Watering of Plants - 6 Hours 15 Minutes
- Total – 304 Hours 45 Minutes**

Value of Volunteer Time – \$6,165.11

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time – \$12,537.79

February Meeting – 42 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

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| Sharon Finnegan — 3/6 | Helen Wagner — 3/11 | Chris Shanahan — 3/13 |
| Wanda Siebern — 3/10 | Ann Marie Snitz — 3/12 | Bobbie Davis — 3/23 |
| Judy Rick — 3/11 | Betty Priddy — 3/12 | Karen Duncan — 3/31 |

Officer Biography

Steve Kockos

Date of Biography: March 5, 2010

Current Title with EPD: Lieutenant

Year started and history with the EPD: July 26, 1983

Where were you born? Evanston, Illinois (at a very early age)

In what city do you currently live? No City (Resort @ Eagle Mountain Lake)



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

My wife Judith and I have been married for 29 years and we have two sons, Chris age 26 and Matt age 21. We have a three year old Pekingese named Molly. Judith is an RN and works in the Newborn nursery at Baylor Hospital in Fort Worth. She loves babies and has been taking care of them since 1979. Chris just got out of the USAF and has begun a career in aviation with Aero Tech at Alliance. Matt is joining the family business and was recently hired by the Bedford Police Department. He is currently attending the COG Police Academy in Arlington and will graduate July 2, 2010. Matt is the third generation of law enforcement officers in our family. My father retired in 1971 as a Deputy Chief with the Dallas Police.

What are your hobbies? Our home is located on the 9th fairway at the Resort Golf Club. I have a huge monster size golf cart (bigger than my personal car), so my favorite hobby is playing golf. If I can trim 16 strokes off my game I plan on joining the Senior Tour.

What is your favorite part of being an Officer? The best part of this job is having someone approach you and ask if you remember them. I have difficulty remembering what I had for lunch the day before, so usually I don't remember them right away. They remind you of the circumstances of the contact and generally relate a story about how you made a big impact in their lives. I actually had a young man thank me for arresting him for a robbery he had committed, and how he had turned his life around.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I am the first and only Greek officer to serve here at the Euless PD. My Greek name is Stavros Christopolis Kockosulieus. My last name was shortened by an immigration official when my Grandfather arrived at Ellis Island.

Who is your favorite celebrity? Boots Randolph

What is your favorite food? Greek food of course...Feta, calamata olives, dolmas, and lamb.

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on ????

by Rosemarie Stevens

Last year, we decided to write brief biographies about our members so that we can get to know more about each other. Well I now need more information from you, and I sincerely hope you are willing to provide it. Following is the kind of information I am requesting. You may, of course, add topics or stories that you think would be of interest to your fellow members. I will bring forms to the next meeting; but if you wish, you could jot down responses to the newsletter version. I also plan to bring my camera so that your picture can be taken as well.

Name

What are your telephone number and email address?

Where were you born? If you weren't born in Texas, what brought you here?

Are you married? Do you have children?

Which CPA or CFPA Class did you attend? Why did you attend the class?

What did you enjoy most about the class, or what do you remember most from the class?

What inspired you to become a member of the Alumni Association?

What would you like the ECPAAA membership to know about you?

In the future, I hope to contact you by telephone or email to discuss the article so that information you want to have included will be included. We are growing, and the biographies will keep us close.

Thanks again for your assistance!



**If you would like your bio to appear in the newsletter, please contact
Rosemarie Stevens at (817) 540-0127 or email her at
stevens.r@sbcglobal.net.**

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2010

Meeting called to order 6:57 PM

Members Present: Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Bobbie Davis, Clarence Davis, Ken Denne, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Joseph Forgiione, Michael Garza, Kay Goad, JR Goad, Marian Goethe, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Pat McDowell, Donna Mickan, Eugene Moren, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Richard Rick, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Scott Thomas, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins, and John Woodall.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: JR Goad

President Pete Jones opened the meeting announcing the February Birthdays.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes/Treasurer's Report - Faye Stinneford made a motion to accept Minutes of the Last Meeting and second from Geri Sorg. Motion passed.

Faye Stinneford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Tim Stinneford was the second. Motion passed.

Recycling to continue for phones and other electronic devices but we are moving the collection boxes to businesses.

Yearly dues are due by April 2010 meeting - \$20 per person.

"Get Em Back" campaign in full swing - invite old members to start coming again.

Geri Sorg gave an update of CPAANT.

Leah Benoit talked about our yearly audit of the books and how she is looking for another CPA to work on them.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Shanahan showed the new web site and all the enhancements he and Pete Jones have been making.

Pete announced he is setting up a Social Committee for our new every other month socials. The first social will be on Tuesday night, February 23rd at Freddy's.

The President announced he is setting up a By-Laws Committee to be co-chaired by Dawn Nisbet and Sue Kosec. If you are interested in joining let one of them know.

Our calendar, now on the new web site, is correct and volunteers are needed for every item, Crud Day, Trash Off, Warrant Round-Up - sign-up sheets were passed around for signatures.

Congratulations to JR and Kay Goad for 56 years together - HAPPY ANNIVERSARY on 2/28/2010.

Suggestion was made to have a Policeman tell a "war story" at a meeting every once in a while. Firemen told stories at the ECFAAA meetings.

Suggestion was made that the ECPAAA could start checking alarm system licenses and help send out statements.

Training Night in March will be the same night as the monthly meeting.

Leah Benoit suggested someone make a motion to purchase two laser traffic guns at a cost of \$5,890....something the Chief wanted. Faye Stinneford made a motion we purchase the two guns and Chris Shanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM with Pat McDowell making a motion and with a second from Geri Sorg.

CPAANT - March 6, 2010 Lewisville, Texas By Geri Sorg

The March 6th CPAANT meeting was held in Lewisville; we had 12 CPAAA's represented with a total of 36 at the meeting. Our speaker, Trooper Lonny Haschel was very informative and entertaining. The April CPAANT meeting will be held in Waco; please see the CPAANT website for additional information and location. If anyone would like to come with me to a meeting, let me know.

February 2010 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	February	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/09 Balance in Checking	\$13,459.87				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$27.17	\$100.00	-\$72.83
Membership Dues		\$280.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,200.00	-\$140.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$100.00	\$500.00	-\$400.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Recycling Program are allocated to the PALS Summer Camp.					
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$1,300.00	-\$1,300.00
Total Income		\$330.00	\$1,747.17	\$8,700.00	-\$6,952.83
Total	\$13,459.87	\$15,207.04	\$15,207.04		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	February	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	\$1,300.00	-\$1,300.00
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			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
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			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$2,875.00	-\$2,875.00
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$93.00	\$50.00	\$43.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$185.00	\$8,700.00	-\$8,515.00
Funds Available in Checking			\$15,022.04		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Savings Account			\$10,003.63		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.30	\$0.61		
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,004.24		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$25,026.28		