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## Thanksgiving Dinner & Nov. Meeting

We get to do it again! We get to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the Euleless Police Department. We will be serving turkey, ham, and all the trimmings at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 25, and again at 11:30 pm that night. If you have not signed up to either bring a dish for one of these times, please contact Linda Martin at 283-7038. Luby's in Bedford is donating several items but we are baking and bringing the others. If you are able to help serve the food to our officers, please let Linda know that as well.

We will be decorating for this occasion at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 24 and everyone is welcome to help with that. If you have fall or Thanksgiving items that would make the dinner more festive, bring them along with you that night.

We will be finalizing our plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 16, 1999 in the Conference Room of Building A at 7:00. We will also be hearing reports from the Nominating Committee, the Budget Committee, and doing a special surprise for the Police Department that we can't talk about in this newsletter because they read it too. Come and be a part of the fun!!!

## Fulfilling our Purpose

The purpose of the ECPAAA has always been to support the people who work at the Euleless Police Department. As much fun as we have raising money and going to the meetings, our primary purpose has always been to be a support to our officers. We have an opportunity to do just that during November and December. Julie Freeman, the wife of our acting Chief Bob Freeman, is undergoing some extensive medical treatments and we have the opportunity to make this time a little less trying for them by providing meals on Friday and Saturday nights. If you

would like to make a main dish, salad, dessert, or anything else, contact Kathy Haecker at 540-3525 to set up a time to help.



We Currently have sold over \$10,100 in Bricks!



Congratulations to Helen Voss. She won the brick drawing for the month of October.



We currently have 71 paid members!

## Lou's Perspective



Where does the time go? You have heard that old saying for a long time, but "ain't it the truth"? With only one more business meeting this year, it seems like we have left something out, but really you have all done a magnificent job. The word "fulfillment" comes to mind when I think of you all. Webster says accomplishment, complete, consummate, realize, perform, satisfy, and meet a need. Boy, does that identify the Euless Police Academy Alumni Association.

How proud I am of each one of you. The time, the hours, the commitments, and the fun will always be remembered. THANKS FOR BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER. THANKS FOR CARING FOR EACH OTHER, AND THANKS FOR CARING FOR THE FINEST POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

A few miscellaneous comments---It was wonderful to see Judie Nolden up and about. Our prayers have been answered, Judie, welcome back to your family. We have missed you a bunch. Thanks to a few members that served on the recent Motor Vehicle Rental Tax Committee. The time you gave meant so much to the city. Passing of this referendum will provide the city with over three (3) millions dollars annually. This brings this city to another level of service to the citizens of Euless. Thanks, in particular, to Chris Shanahan for his many hours of work getting the finest newsletter anywhere to the Alumni Members. Chris, nobody but you could have done such a wonderful job. Keep up the great job for us. Ed

Benyon, Leah Benoit, Linda Martin, and my buddy Al, THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. As we move forward into our next year, let's continue to have FUN being together and accomplishing what we set out to do. You all are my extended family, and I am here for you 24 hours a day.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Personal Regards  
Lou



This is the new Citizens Patrol Car for the COP's program! If you would like to join the Program contact Ron 685-1563!

## Sgt. Williamson's Spot

Let me start this month by first thanking Chris Shanahan and Geri Sorg for their help in the building search part of the Citizens Police Academy. This night was a great success and enjoyed by all the students who participated. Just so all of you are aware, Chris has not changed and is still bloodthirsty. Chris sincerely believes in the idea of "if it moves shoot it".

As all of you should know the COP's Car has arrived. On October 27th we had a meeting of all trained COP'S. We had 21 of 33 trained personnel attend the meeting. This type of participation shows how much each of you want the program to succeed. Don Martin is in charge of scheduling and overseeing the program. He will attempt to schedule the car to be in operation every Friday night. In the event some of you can work other times, please coordinate this with Don. Please do not just get three together and come and get the car. If we have enough people, we can operate the car at other times. It is up to us as to how much we want to work. For those of you who don't know, the car was operated on Friday and Sunday of Halloween weekend. A big thanks to Kathy Haecker, Geri Sorg, Linda and Don Martin, Bobby Strength, and Al Simmenroth for making this inaugural weekend a success. I have heard

of no problems with the starting of the program and the officers and supervisors on duty had nothing but good things to say. You were able to assist the patrol division in several incidents which was greatly appreciated. For those members who have not had the COP's Training, I will be scheduling a training session after the first of the year (providing the world does not fall out of orbit on January 1<sup>st</sup>).

On another note with the New Year coming up, there will be a lot going on around the police department. We as a police department are gearing up to take care of anything that might come up, but there will be many other jobs that the Alumni

Association can help us out with. I have talked with Lou about this and as those jobs are better defined he will be getting with The Association for volunteers. Y'all do so much for us now



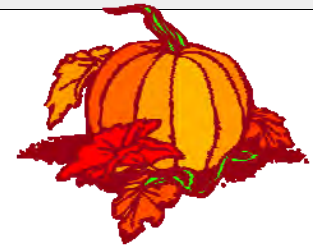
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# October 1999 Treasurer's Report



ECPAAA 1999 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES					
For Period Ending October 31, 1999					
	September	October	Actual Year To Date	BUDGET	YTD (Over)Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>					
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	
<b>Event Security</b>					
TX Speedway			\$210.00	\$1,000.00	
Six Flags			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Arbor Daze			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Christmas Providers			\$0.00	\$550.00	
Miscellaneous Income (shirts & hats, care cards, etc.)			\$513.78	\$1,000.00	
Donations			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Brick Revenue	\$650.00	\$375.00	\$9,875.00	\$37,500.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$650.00	\$375.00	\$16,114.25	\$51,300.00	
				<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	September	October	Year To Date		(Over)Budget
<b>Social</b>					
Dinners/Parties	\$67.70		\$461.80	\$1,250.00	
<b>General &amp; Other</b>					
Awards & Gifts			\$319.06	\$400.00	
Camera			\$120.00	\$125.00	
Christmas Providers			\$0.00	\$550.00	
CPAAANT Dues			\$30.00	\$30.00	
Flowers	\$65.95	\$70.00	\$192.16	\$200.00	
Logo lapel pins			\$470.00		
Misc Expense (film, refreshments, Arbor Daze, etc.)			\$294.43	\$300.00	
P.O. Box			\$64.00	\$60.00	(\$4.00)
Postage & Supplies - Board			\$270.29	\$100.00	(\$170.29)
Postage & Supplies - Publications	\$33.00		\$229.34	\$300.00	
Search & Rescue Sponsor			\$90.00	\$180.00	
Symposium / Mtgs./ Speakers			\$544.62	\$600.00	
Telephone Directories (membership)			\$260.64		
<b>Major Projects</b>					
Brick Expense for P/D			\$300.31	\$15,000.00	
Sculpture			\$0.00	\$23,500.00	
<b>Approved Appropriated Items for EPD</b>					
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	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$166.65	\$70.00	\$3,714.81	\$45,270.00	(\$174.29)
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	\$483.35	\$305.00	\$12,059.44		
<b>BANK BALANCE</b> (working checking account)					
Beginning of Period	\$3,187.53	\$3,020.88			
End of Period	\$3,020.88	\$2,950.88			

## Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, October 21, 1999 Monthly Meeting



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Kevin Mercer, Development Services Manager, City of Eules

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President, Lou Baum; Secretary, Leah Benoit

Jackie Dohring, Kathy Haecker, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Dick Rick, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Mamie Singleton, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner and our guest Brian McGarry of Class 9.

**LIAISON:** Sgt. Ron Williamson

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Barbara Lucas to accept the September minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Jackie Dohring. Passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Susan Vest to accept the August and September Treasurer's Reports as stated in the Newsletters. Second by Barbara Lucas. Passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### *Fund Raising Reports:*

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported as of October 19, 1999, we have made a total of \$9,875.00 with 220 bricks sold. Helen Voss is our October contest winner.
2. Reward Programs – Leah Benoit reported that we will receive a check from Tom Thumb for \$54.46 for the Third Quarter.
3. Al Simmenroth gave a report on the advertisements for the Newsletter. There were 11 businesses who advertised in our October Newsletter. Great job Al! Al thanked everyone who helped him in obtaining these 11 advertisers. The businesses will get a free month because of the very light print in the Newsletter. Their advertisements will run from November through April 2000. If you know of any business, please contact Al and give him the contact name and phone number and he will get in touch with the prospective advertiser. The cost is \$25.00 for six months.

#### *Membership Report:*

4. No new members.

#### *Newsletter Report:*

5. A comment was made by Geri Sorg that when she attends Regional meetings, everyone comments on how nice our Newsletter looks. Keep up the great work Chris! Chris announced that we still have ECPAAA pins for sale - \$3.00 each for Alumni Members.

### EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

6. Lou Baum announced that the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee have been selected. The Nominating Committee will present their slate at the November meeting for the Year 2000 officers. The officers selected will be announced at the December meeting. The Budget Committee will be Chaired by Bob Bouse and they will report back with a budget at the November meeting. Lou announced that Eric Starnes resigned from the Search One Rescue Team and his dues for the second half will not be needed. The Star Telegram interviewed Lou about the ECPAAA and an article should appear in the October 24<sup>th</sup> issue of the Hometown section. Brick sales have leveled off, but we are confident that they will pick up once people see progress on the new Police and Courts Facility Building. Lou also brought up to the Association a new potential fund raiser. It's called 1-800-4MY-TEEN. Lou will get someone to come and speak about the program to give us more information on it. Parents pay \$29.95 a year and put a bumper sticker on their car. People call the 1-800 number and the parents are notified when they receive a phone call regarding their teen's driving.
7. Geri Sorg gave an update on the bronze statue. A wax sculpture was presented for comments and the artist is now making changes to the statue based on the comments received.
8. Lou Baum announced that we finally received all the officers' information to send to the company in Missouri to get their Trading Cards printed. Thanksgiving meals will be served at 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight. Lou and Leah will go to Albertson's, Kroger and Winn Dixie to obtain the free turkeys and hams. Luby's will provide the green beans, rolls and gravy. Please plan to attend the November meeting if you plan on helping out at one of these sittings. We also need folks to cook side dishes to go along with the meats. Lou will talk to Sarah Chandler about obtaining the names of the two families for Christmas Providers. We will need volunteers to work the start and finish of the Christmas Parade of Lights to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call Leah Benoit if you would like to volunteer. We are also hoping that the COPS car will make an appearance in the parade.
9. Thanks to Jackie Dohring for bringing the yummy refreshments. Helen Voss will supply refreshments at the November meeting.
10. Sgt. Ron Williamson reported that the COPS car is here and is ready to go. Don Martin has been appointed the COPS Coordinator. Don will be responsible for the scheduling of patrollers and all paperwork involved. Ron announced that a meeting will be held for all trained COP members. Ron will hold another COP2 training class after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for members who have not attended the second COP training class. COP members will be mainly doing vacation watches, writing up junk vehicles and any suspicious activity and monitoring handicap parking. It will take 3 people to patrol, 2 in the car and 1 as the dispatcher. Open garage doors will be handled differently. All you need to do is write down the address of the home and the time the door was open and then a letter will be mailed to the home owner. Ron needs help with some upcoming events: patrolling on Halloween night and for the Bell – Trinity week of November 5<sup>th</sup>. They feel

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that vandalism may take place on these two occasions. Ron needs our help in promoting the Citizens Police Academy. If you know someone that may be interested, please call Ron at 685-1563. The City is anticipating breaking ground for the new facility between now and January 2000. The completion date will be around January or February 2001.

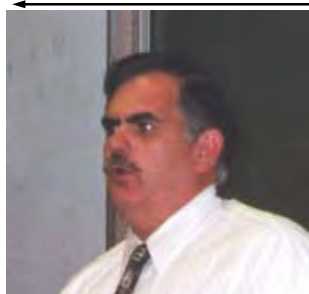
#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

11. Kathy Haecker announced that they received the new computer, printer and fax machine from the Attorney General's office. Now they can check on the status of victims by dialing directly into the Attorney General's computer. Kathy also announced that she and Geri Sorg are now part of the United Way program. Kathy reminded everyone to go vote YES for the Auto Rental Tax and gave a brief description about the tax.

Motion made by Judy Rick to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Second by Helen Voss.



## From the Chief's Office



Greeting to all. Well the long awaited Citizen on Patrol Program has finally arrived. We have the vehicle equipped and radios programmed. Some of you have already been out and we are all excited about what this program can do for the community.

I understand that a couple of you have already seen a little more of a fellow citizen, than you might have bargained for, but remember we don't charge a cover (no pun intended) charge for extra entertainment. If you haven't heard, Kim Peterson and Wayne Parker resigned from the City and took jobs in Grapevine. We will miss them tremendously and know that they will make a great asset to the City of Grapevine. I know in my heart that they will not find the type of support from the community, and its citizens, extended to them, that we get from all of you. Thank you for that support. Officers Haecker and Parker are scheduled to complete their field training programs this month and will be turned loose to serve this great community. We also have 4 new officers in the regional police academy. Steve Snyder and Robert Harper will graduate on November 12th and Trey Turner and Mike Nafziger started last week. Please welcome these four to the Euless family when you see them. Mike Brown has been busy preparing to give an entrance exam this month, along with the Bedford and Hurst Police Departments, so that we can continue to attract and hire quality police officers. This is a busy time of the year for us all with holidays coming up and preparing for the end of the year. Y'all are in our thoughts and plans as we continue to move forward into this time. I want to thank each and every one of you personally for the support

that you have extended to my wife and family, and especially for all your good thoughts and prayers. We are truly blessed to have such great friends. Please come by and visit anytime and please let us know what we can do to serve you better.

## ECPAAA 2000 Nominating Committee!!

The Nominating Committee of the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association mailed a letter to each member of the Association soliciting their input concerning officers for the upcoming year. The officers that are open are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you did not receive this letter and would like to suggest someone for one of these offices or volunteer your own services, you can contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Their names and numbers are as follows:

Byron Benoit	283-6703
Karen Duncan	283-2337
Sharon Finnegan	283-8377
Kathy Haecker	540-3525
Al Simmenroth	354-9606
Barney Snitz	283-7426
Susan Vest	283-0486



## Crime Victims Assistance and The Euless Police Department

One of the primary ways the ECPAAA has been privileged to assist the Euless Police Department is through the Crime Victims Assistance Program. Currently three alumni members are working with CID to help victims of the crimes that occur in Euless. Barney Snitz comes in on Monday and works with alcohol related violations and makes reports to Fort Worth. On Wednesday afternoon, Geri Sorg and Kathy Haecker send letters and information to each victim. They send a brochure about the Crime Victims Compensation Fund and an application for those who are eligible to possibly receive reimbursement from that fund. Other information such as referrals to the Women's Shelter and other community resources are included. Another function of the program is to keep patrol furnished with the latest brochures about family violence and resources to help victims make good decisions. The latest "project" of Crime Victims Assistance was to place magnets in the women's restrooms of the local bars informing them of numbers to call if they are being abused.

Through a special program in cooperation with the Attorney General's office in Austin, the Victims Assistance program has received a new computer, monitor, printer, and fax machine. The computer can access the information about victims directly from the Attorney General's office without delay. Several of the victims of Euless crimes have received compensation since we began working with CID on this program and other claims are in the pending stage. From April to November, they have worked with over 280 victims and their families.



## C.O.P.s on the MOVE !

Good News! The car is ready and waiting for C.O.P. graduates to come drive it. We have already patrolled on two successful, fun nights and are gearing up for many more. Our initial goal is to have the car out on the street every Friday night until we are able to grow our ranks and increase our presence. For those of you not yet qualified, Sgt. Williamson is already making plans to have additional C.O.P. training in the near future. Don Martin is coordinating the scheduling; so if you have not yet been contacted and are interested, please call Don at 283-7038. We do need to have three people each time we take the car out. If you would like to patrol at any time other than a Friday night, please try to get your group together and call Don. If you are unable to do so yourself, he will try to round up other members to complete the threesome. So PLEASE get out your calendars and call Don to schedule your Friday night...we need everyone to come out and help !!! Information & Scheduling—Don Martin 283-7038  
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and we are looking forward to your continued help during this time of year.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the police department and its members. Much of what we have been able to accomplish over the last few years has been a direct result of your hard work and influence. Keep up the good work and I will see you at the November meeting.



## The Pilgrims and America's First Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first thanksgiving in America, were fleeing religious prosecution in their native England. In 1609 a group of Pilgrims left England for the religious freedom in Holland where they lived and prospered. After a few years their children were speaking Dutch and had become attached to the Dutch way of life. This worried the Pilgrims. They considered the Dutch frivolous and their ideas a threat to their children's education and morality.

So they decided to leave Holland and travel to the New World. Their trip was financed by a group of English investors, the Merchant Adventurers. It was agreed that the Pilgrims would be given passage and supplies in exchange for their working for their backers for 7 years.

On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on a ship called the Mayflower. They sailed from Plymouth, England and aboard were 44 Pilgrims, who called themselves the "Saints", and 66 others, whom the Pilgrims called the "Strangers."

The long trip was cold and damp and took 65 days. Since there was the danger of fire on the wooden ship, the food had to be eaten cold. Many passengers became sick and one person died by the time land was sighted on November 10th.

The long trip led to many disagreements between the "Saints" and the "Strangers". After land was sighted a meeting was held and an agreement was worked out, called the Mayflower Compact, which guaranteed equality and unified the two groups. They joined together and named themselves the "Pilgrims."

Although they had first sighted land off Cape Cod they did not settle until they arrived at Plymouth, which had been named by Captain John Smith in 1614. It was there that the Pilgrims decide to settle. Plymouth offered an excellent harbor. A large brook offered a resource for fish. The Pilgrims biggest concern was attack by the local Native American Indians. But the *Patuxets* were a peaceful group and did not prove to be a threat.

The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims. The cold, snow and sleet was exceptionally heavy, interfering with the workers as they tried to construct their settlement. March brought warmer weather and the health of the Pilgrims improved, but many had died during the long winter. Of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England, less than 50 survived the first winter.

On March 16, 1621, what was to become an important event took place, an Indian brave walked into the Plymouth settlement. The Pilgrims were frightened until the Indian called out "Welcome" (in English!).

His name was *Samoset* and he was an Abnaki Indian. He had learned English from the captains of fishing boats that had sailed off the coast. After staying the night Samoset left the next day. He soon returned with another Indian named

*Squanto* who spoke better English than Samoset. Squanto told the Pilgrims of his voyages across the ocean and his visits to England and Spain. It was in England where he had learned English.

Squanto's importance to the Pilgrims was enormous and it can be said that they would not have survived without his help. It was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to tap the maple trees for sap. He taught them which plants were poisonous and which had medicinal powers. He taught them how to plant the Indian corn by heaping the earth into low mounds with several seeds and fish in each mound. The decaying fish fertilized the corn. He also taught them to plant other crops with the corn.

The harvest in October was very successful and the Pilgrims found themselves with enough food to put away for the winter. There was corn, fruits and vegetables, fish to be packed in salt, and meat to be cured over smoky fires.

The Pilgrims had much to celebrate, they had built homes in the wilderness, they had raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. They had beaten the odds and it was time to celebrate.

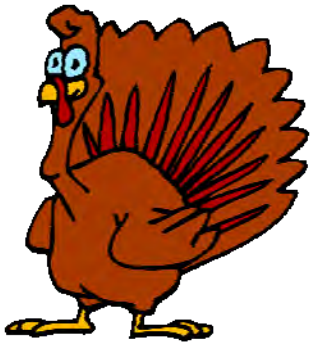
The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native Americans. They invited Squanto and the other Indians to join them in their celebration. Their chief, *Masasoit*, and 90 braves came to the celebration which lasted for 3 days. They played games, ran races, marched and played drums. The Indians demonstrated their skills with the bow and arrow and the Pilgrims demonstrated their musket skills. Exactly when the festival took place is uncertain, but it is believed the celebration took place in mid-October.

The following year the Pilgrims harvest was not as bountiful, as they were still unused to growing the corn. During the year they had also shared their stored food with newcomers and the Pilgrims ran short of food.

The 3rd year brought a spring and summer that was hot and dry with the crops dying in the fields. Governor Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and it was soon thereafter that the rain came. To celebrate - November 29th of that year was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. This date is believed to be the real true beginning of the present day Thanksgiving Day.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State had adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each



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Have a very  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!!

In This Issue...

*COP Program is now underway!!*

## Reminders...

- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, Nov 16, 1999. Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!!**
- ⇒ Thanksgiving set up November 24 at 7 pm
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Dinner November 25, 1999 One sitting at 11 am and another at 11:30 pm!
- ⇒ Christmas Parade of Lights December 11, 1999.
- ⇒ New Year's Eve Y2K.
- ⇒ Keep Selling Bricks!
- ⇒ ECPAAA's Web page has a new look! <http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm>

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**