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Bring your

When you come to the October 16th meeting of the Eulesse Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, be sure to wear your walking shoes! After our business meeting and swearing in ceremony for those members of COPS who are trained to write handicaps tickets, we are going on a tour of the new Police Department building at 1102 W. Eulesse Blvd. We will gather in Building A in the large conference room where we normally meet and then travel as a group to the new facility.

It is also time to start planning what we are going to do for the department for Thanksgiving so come with those ideas in mind. Also, be sure to notice the beautiful patriotic wreath in the hall at the current police department that was made by Susan Vest.

See you at 7 p.m. at Building A on October 16!



C.O.P.S.

The author of this column has been on vacation and was forced to take the editor with him! Neither had time to write or edit. Back in November with exciting updates to the program.

In the meantime, if you would like to patrol, please call 817-283-7038 to set up your very own special date and time!



We have sold over
\$25,000 in bricks!!



New PD

We have 73
paid members
For 2001

Leah's Perspective



Hello everyone. Don't you love this Fall weather! Great gardening weather. By now you should have received and hopefully sent back your ECPAAA 2001 Survey. I appreciate the time you have taken to fill these out. I hope to have the results by the October meeting, if not, definitely at the November meeting.

I confirmed with Sgt. Ron Williamson that we will be doing a walk-through of the new Police and Courts Facility after the business meeting on the 16th. Hopefully the meeting won't last longer than 8:00 and then we can head over to the new building at that time. So if you are curious as to what the new building will look like, please join us at the October 16th meeting.

Here's an update on the brick sales. At the writing of this article, our total is \$25,200 in sales. We have met our target of \$25,000. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in selling the monogrammed bricks.

Don't forget. The Baked Goods Fund Raiser is scheduled for October 20th at Kroger on Harwood and Main Street. So please come out and support the Alumni and Police Depart-

ment by baking or purchasing some goodies. We will be setting up starting around 7:30 a.m. and opening around 8:30. If you are planning on baking some goodies, please drop them off around 8:00 a.m. Please call Sharon Finnegan with any questions at (817) 283-8377.

If you are interested in running for an office for 2002, please call Barney Snitz at (817) 283-7426, Sara Munday at (817) 283-2558 or Brian McGarry at (817) 643-1555. Tell them which office you are interested in running for and they will put you on the ballot.



Here's the breakdown of the Alumni's volunteer hours for the month of September:

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 49 Hours 30 Minutes
 CID Clerical – 29 Hours 10 Minutes
 Vehicle Repair – 8 Hours
 Citizens On Patrol – 53 Hours 15 Minutes
 Miscellaneous – 3 Hours
 Total – 142 Hours 55 Minutes

That's all I have this month. See you at the meeting.

Sgt. Williamson



As I look back on this past month much has happened in the world that has caused all of us a great deal of concern. There is not a lot we can do about the tragedy in New York except support them through contributions, thoughts and prayers. Closer to home we had our own tragedy. Carl Swindell lost a son. This as any personal loss by a member of the Police Department effected us all. It is times like

these that the Alumni Association shines its brightest. Ya'll stepped in and helped with food and support just as if it was your own family. Truly you all are part of our family at the Police Department. I want to personally thank the Association and especially those individuals who put forth the extra effort to see that Carl and his family were taken care of.

The new Police and Courts Building is continuing to move along. The new planned moving date is in December. We all hope we can make this date. Access to the building is being restricted as it gets closer to completion. Assistant Chief Freeman is trying to arrange a tour for the Alumni Association in conjunction with the October meeting. This will be up to the

contractor but we have high hopes. I think all of you will be very pleased with the new building, it really looks great.

I have talked to Chief Carmack and he would like to swear in all those COP's who have completed the training on September 8th in regards to parking tickets. All of you who can attend the October meeting will be sworn. Anyone who cannot attend will be taken care of at a later time. I plan on having additional classes following the completion of the current CPA class to get anyone who is interested and could not attend the last training on board. This is a great program and together we can really make it work.

Again I want to thank all of you for all you do and I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Happy Birthday!!

Martha Derstine
 Charley LaFontaine
 Al Simmenroth
 Geri Sorg
 Shari Wheeler



September 2001 Treasures Report

Ed Benyon was unable to be contacted in time for publication of the Treasures Report in this issue. We will have it in next months issue.

Pledge of Allegiance

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore because the word "God" is mentioned....a kid in Arizona wrote the attached NEW School prayer.

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

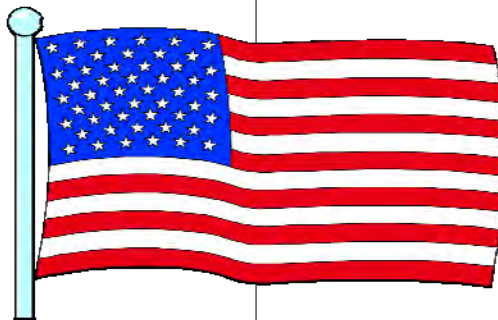
We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible,
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen



As a schoolboy, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded, his recollection of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

I - - Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge - - Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance - - My love and my devotion.

To the Flag - - Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

United - - That means that we have all come together.

States of America - - Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic - - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation - meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible - - Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty - - Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice - - The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All - which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God.

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too?

--Red Skelton--

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, September 18, 2001 Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: Our speaker was Mike Collins, Director of City Planning & Development.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Chris Shanahan; Secretary, Susan Vest; David Acker, Lou Baum, Bob Bouse, Dan Clark, Martha Derstine, Dale Derstine, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Marilee Hoth, Helen Lightbody, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Brian McGarry, Sara Munday, Sherrod Munday, Judie Nolden, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Helen Wagner and Lt. Mike Brown.

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson

MINUTES: A motion was made by Barney Snitz to accept the August minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Geri Sorg. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Chris Shanahan to accept the August 2001 Treasurer's Report. Second by Barney Snitz. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Report:

1. Fundraising Report: Leah Benoit announced that we received \$20.91 from Albertson's and \$93.00 from Bass Pro Shops. Leah also mentioned that we have sold 530 bricks for a total of \$24,800.
2. Brick Update: Lou Baum updated the members regarding the 12 inch maquettes of the statue. During a special called Executive Meeting on September 8, 2001, due to time constraints, Lou asked the Board to approve the purchase of six maquettes for a total of \$2,920. The Executive Board voted and approved to spend the \$2,920. Lou handed out an income & expense statement showing our finances and how the purchase of the maquettes would not affect us greatly. Lou also mentioned that we have paid \$12,600 on the statue, with a remaining balance of \$15,300. The six maquettes will be distributed as follows: the City will purchase one for the mayor's office; Rick Herold will purchase one for the 2002 Arbor Daze Auction; the Police Association will purchase one; the Library Foundation will receive one; and the Alumni Association will keep two, one for our office and the other one to be raffled. We will receive one half of the proceeds from the Arbor Daze Auction and the Library Foundation Auction. Proceeds from the two auctions and the raffling off of one of the Alumni maquettes is being estimated to be \$4,150. Lou then asked for members to take books of raffle tickets to sell. He was able to get the tickets printed free. The cost per ticket is \$5.00 and the maquette will be raffled off at our December 18 meeting.
3. Bake Sale: The Bake Sale has been rescheduled for October 20. Setup at 7:30 am. Contact Sharon Finnegan if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to participate, either by baking or selling.

Membership Report:

1. Chris Shanahan reported that we have 73 paid members.

Newsletter Report:

1. No report.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

1. Leah Benoit read the 911 thank you card from the dispatchers. Kathy Haecker provided flowers and a basket of goodies for each shift.
2. Leah mentioned that the Parade of Lights will be held on Saturday, December 1. At least 12 volunteers are needed to work traffic flow at the end of the parade.
3. Leah announced that a Nominating Committee needed to be formed to elect new officers. Barney Snitz, Sara Munday & Brian McGarry volunteered. The ballots have to be mailed no later than November 20 and returned by the members by December 4.
4. Leah asked if anyone had any changes to the survey that was handed out last month. No requests were made. Linda Martin made a motion to send out the survey presented last month to all members of the Citizen Police Academy (members & non-members of the Alumni Association). Second by Kathy Haecker. Passed.
5. Calling Tree: Dan Clark and Lou Baum are looking into automated computer software to notify members when they are needed for special tasks. The software runs between \$29.95 and \$2,500.00. There is one that runs \$150 and looks like it would fit our needs. Concerns regarding people being called in the middle of the night will lead to a consent form being placed in the October newsletter. Members agreeing to participate any time will need to sign and return the form at the next meeting.
6. Dan Clark & Lou Baum also mentioned that the City may host our website which will eliminate all the banners and ads.
7. Thank You Card: Al Simmenroth passed around a card with the corrected language. After discussing, Linda Martin made a motion to have service cards be printed by Chris Shanahan and that the Association reimburse Chris for any supplies he had to purchase. Second by Sharon Finnegan. Passed.
8. Geri Sorg did not have any Regional news to report. Geri, however, did give us an update on Barbara Lucas. She was at home and doing okay.
9. Kathy Haecker passed around a sympathy card for Officer Swindell. She also mentioned that the Records Department needed volunteers to help them get ready to microfiche all of their data. The work had to be completed by Saturday, September 22. Everyone was reminded if they volunteer to log in their hours. Linda Martin was thanked for filling in.
10. C.O.P. – Don Martin said everything was cool!
11. Sgt. Williamson mentioned that he held a basic COP training class at the end of August; and on September 8, the second part was held. He



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mentioned that we will be moving forward on handicap parking as soon as we are sworn in. He will notify us of the swearing in. Sgt. Williamson mentioned that only 20 of the 50 COP trained persons attended the class. There will be one more training class this year, after the next CPA class graduates in December. Sgt. Williamson also mentioned that the gas gate will be locked from now on. If you are riding out, please get the number from Don Martin. Sgt. Williamson has the gas pump codes.



Applications are still needed for upcoming classes.

Sgt. Williamson said our assistance was greatly appreciated during the several weeks, with the officer situation and the September 11 attack. He said we came through when they needed help and they think of us as a part of their family. The Police Department will be working with surrounding PD's to collect money for the Emergency Personnel working in New York City.

Sgt. Williamson will work on getting us a tour at the Police Department next month. Tentatively the opening has been rescheduled for December 14. If this date does not work, it will be next year before they move. Leah Benoit mentioned that we will have our meeting first and then take the tour.

12. Chris Shanahan mentioned that he had the login password for the website.
13. Geri Sorg mentioned that NYPD gave us a good deal on the subs (they donated one) for the police officers. Officer Swindell thanked everyone.
14. Lt. Mike Brown thanked us for 911 day. He mentioned that there would be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 pm at the Police Department. He wants to through out new ideas and re-energize the program.

Lt. Brown thanked us again, personally and for the Police Department, for coming through for Officer Swindell.

Lt. Brown thanked the men who have been shuttling cars. It is greatly appreciated. Lt. Brown also mentioned that one of the Alumni members has been hired to work in the Records Department. He said that we are role models for our community.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kathy Haecker asked someone to volunteer to make a Red, White & Blue wreath for the Police Department. Susan Vest volunteered.

A special thank you to Marilee Hoth and Rose-Marie Stevens for providing the refreshments tonight.

A motion was made by Don Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Second by Sara Munday. Passed.



Carjacking Foiled

An elderly lady did her shopping and upon return found 4 males in her car. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her lungs that she "knows how to use it and will shoot if required.... so get out of MY car!"

The 4 men didn't wait around for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad, where upon the lady proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the drivers seat.

Small problem: Her key wouldn't fit the ignition. Her car was identical and parked four or five spaces further down.

She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant that she told the story to nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter where 4 pale white males were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly, white woman.....

No charges were filed.

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Next Meeting:

Police Department Tour

Reminders...

⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2001**
Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!

⇒ New Police Department Tour!!
⇒ Swearing for COP's

⇒ ECPAAA's web page address <http://www.ecpaaa.org>
Look for the changes to come to the Alumni Association's Web Page!!

Newsletter Submissions



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!!