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Standing

Angleton
Brenham
Dickinson
Galveston
Galveston Sheriff
Harris Co. Constable Pct. 4
Houston
Humble
Kemah
Lake Jackson
Liberty County
Montgomery County Sheriff
Pasadena
Pearland
Richmond
Santa Fe
Sugar Land
Texas City
Webster
Individual – Jeanne Canales
Individual – Calvin Walker
Individual – LaVonne Walker

Other R1 Associations

Austin County
Baytown
Beaumont Tri Agency
Brazoria County Sheriff
Bryan
College Station
Deer Park
Harris County Sheriff
LaPorte
Lufkin
Matagorda County Sheriff
Missouri City
Nacogdoches
Seabrook
Shenandoah
Silsbee
Smithville
Stafford
Tomball

Inactive R1 Associations

Rosenberg

The Region One meeting for December will be on Saturday, December 12, 2009 in Humble at 10:00 A.M at the Humble Chamber of Commerce Building, 110 West Main Street. Going north on US 59 – Eastex Freeway – past the exit for Bush Intercontinental Airport, take the FM 1960 Exit (the last exit before Main St.) and go to Main Street and turn right to 110. Program is to be announced. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

Happy Holidays!!

Have a joyful and happy holiday season as we meet with friends and loved ones to celebrate the season and to celebrate the fact that we live in the greatest country in the world. Where else could we celebrate and enjoy the freedom to do as we please?

As we enjoy the holidays, let's stop and reflect on the fact that freedom isn't free.

It's purchased by the sacrifices and dedication or our armed forces throughout the world and by law enforcement entities of all levels. Keep them in your prayers or affirmations as we celebrate.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides)

Balance 9-30-09	\$2,004.48
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 10-31-09	<u>\$2,004.48</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
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Dues. Association dues of \$30.00 for 2010 are due January 1, 2010. Individual dues are available for \$10.00. Under our bylaws, a member association has a 90 day grace period to pay dues. After that (the end of March, 2010), they will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Sponsors are needed for the 2011 convention sponsored by Region One. See your November Flash for the solicitation letter and other info. Potential sponsors make their budgets far ahead and now is the time to sign them up.

UPCOMING EVENTS Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published.
Somebody out there must be doing something. Send it in!!!

The Galveston Police Department is sponsoring a “**Battle of the Badges**” on December 5, 2009. This will be a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Galveston. This will be a sanctioned fight night by the USA Boxing Association with official referees. The event will be at the Galveston Island Convention Center, 5600 Seawall Blvd. at 7:00 P.M.

Schedule for 2010:

January 9 -	July 10 -
February 13 – Lake Jackson	August 14 -
March 13 - Houston	September 11 – Montgomery County
April 10 -	October 9 -
May 8 -	November 13 – Texas City
June 12 - Pearland	December 11 –

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to m-deal@sbcglobal.net and to charl.bill@yahoo.com via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

November Meeting. The November meeting was held in Texas City on November 14th. An excellent talk with visual aids was given by DEA Special Agent Scott Wilkins on Illicit Drug Investigations. New officers were elected for 2010 – President, Carroll Bagley, Liberty County; Vice President, Calvin Walker, Dickinson; Secretary, Mildred Deal, Liberty County; Treasurer, Delores Gant, Pearland; Director, Richard Melvin, Dickinson. The other two directors – Leo Waltz of Webster and Delores Gant of Pearland were not up for election. Delores Gant will resign as director to assume the position of treasurer and Charles Billingsley, Houston will be appointed to serve out her term. Dave Miller, the co-chair of the 2011 Convention and a Vice President of the State CPAAA, gave a report on the state affairs and the convention. A new address was approved for Region One. See the masthead for the new address. There were 46 Alumni members present representing 13 Alumni Associations. An excellent crowd. Thanks to Texas City for the hospitality and refreshments.

Angleton. CPA class #20 started September 24; graduation will be the 7th of December. This is the largest class we've had in a while. A notice regarding the class went out in the monthly water bills. Several members came because of the notice. The golf tournament at the West Brazos Golf Club in Brazoria was a big success. Our CPA sold sausage-on-a-stick. This was a fund-raiser with the proceeds going to our Blue Santa program. A trip to Couthatta was made on 11/11/09. Everyone had a good time. The trip netted our CPAAA just over \$1,000.00. In our December meeting we will be collecting items for the military. All the items will be given to the Military Wives and Mothers and will be sent to the troops after the first of the year. Our November meeting was held at the Angleton Animal Control building. The members were given a tour of the facilities. It was hard not to adopt all the animals. At our December meeting we are asking our members to donate chewies, towels, leashes, and other items to be used at the facility. A young officer, Rick Opperde, with the Brazoria County Sheriff's office suffered a stroke two weeks ago. The prognosis does not look good. We covet your prayers for this officer and his family

Reported by Norma DeWeese

Brenham. Brenham's CPAAA raised money for our future K9 unit by having a Sirloin Steak Drive Thru on November 2nd. Lots of members turned out to help and the fundraiser was a success. New Board members were elected at our General meeting on November 9th and plans are in the works for our CPAAA/Police Department Christmas party on December 11th. Several members decorated the Christmas Tree at the PD on November 23rd and the Citizens on Patrol are getting ready to help at the Christmas Stroll and Parade in downtown Brenham on December 5th and 6th. Our Liaison for the past five years, Cpl. Tommie Nettle has returned to patrol duties and the organization will be getting a new liaison Cpl. Chris Jackson. We are sorry to see Cpl. Nettle go. He has done a lot for the group in his time with us and he will be greatly missed. It's always hard to let go and move on but we do look forward to getting to know Cpl. Jackson and working with him.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Humble. Humble CPA's recent activity has been the graduation of Class 14 with seventeen students. Humble members continue to assist in the municipal court and at monthly apartment management meetings. Soon members will be assisting with the Annual Humble Christmas Parade. We look forward to hosting next months Region One meeting at our Chamber of Commerce Building.

Reported by Michael Geiger

Montgomery County Sheriff. Purchased two 5x3 foot vinyl banners printed with official Montgomery County Sheriff emblem. Also approved purchase of color-printed brochures. The banners and brochures will be used at our various events to present a more professional appearance and to help recruit new members to our organization. Voted to name our two scholarships awarded to Montgomery County Police Academy students in honor of deceased members of our group -- "*The Mick Bowers Memorial Scholarship*" for \$250, and "*The Don Heidbrier Memorial Scholarship*" for \$150. Both men died in 2009. Major fund raiser for our group will be the annual "*Lightening of the Doves*" event held in The Woodlands on Saturday, November 21st. Volunteers will help at the parking garages and as needed for this event. October 30th found members helping in our booth at the "*West Fest*" sponsored by the Cowboy Church of Montgomery, Texas. This was a fall festival especially for the youth of our community and had more than the expected 4,000 attendees enjoying all the activities and food provided free of charge. Plans are starting to have a team enter the "Bar-B-Que Cook Off" in Conroe, Texas next February or March. Our team will compete with the police officers team. We also plan to participate in the Montgomery County Fair Parade with a trailer equipped to be a "portable jail". 2009.2 MCSC Academy Class will complete 14 weeks of training and will hold the graduation ceremony on Thursday, November 19th where Sheriff Tommy Gage will present the certificates. Sgt. Brice Herring has been the instructor for a number of years. The next class will start in February 2010. There is no scheduled meeting in December, but we will start our new year in January with a memorial service honoring deceased members. Recent MCSC Academy Class graduates are invited to join. 2010 dues are due at this meeting.

Reported by Charron Cales

From the Bay City Tribune. Thirty-six citizens accepted completion certificates and shook hands with Matagorda County Sheriff Gary Mathis during a graduation ceremony for the Matagorda County Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy on Thursday night, Nov. 5, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bay City. "I want to thank you for the support you've shown the government of this county and we hope that you'll continue to be a part of this program," Mathis told the students. A spaghetti dinner and the ceremony were put on as a joint effort between the Citizens Academy Alumni and the Sheriff's Office to conclude the 10-week course. This year's class, which is the 11th class to graduate from the Citizens Academy, is the largest and most diverse group of students to take advantage of this opportunity since the program began in 1993. Sgt. Stephen Baker and Wayne Dekle serve as coordinators of the program and were on hand Thursday to recognize the accomplishments of students and instructors alike. The Citizens Academy is a well-rounded course in community information. Several instructors, including representatives from each division of the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney Steven Reis and Judge Jeanette Bell, visited to teach about what they do. Chief Deputy Bruce Page expressed his enthusiasm for the program and a positive outlook for the future. "I'm humbled and proud that y'all have chosen to get involved in this way. Let's put a class together that's as big or bigger than this and let's keep going with it," said Page. The Citizens Academy Alumni presented Baker and Dekle with plaques in appreciation of leadership and instruction. Baker then presented Carolyn Alvarado with an award on behalf of the Sheriff's Office recognizing her hard work and dedication and giving her a lifetime membership in the Citizens Academy Alumni.

By Amanda Heard, Bay City Tribune

Boring but important!

The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.

Don't miss a communication! *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.

WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. **Dues are \$10.00 per year (included in Convention Registration).**

Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. **Dues are \$25.00 per year.**

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org.

The address for the 2011 Convention is Convention 2011, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, csud2@comcast.net and David Miller, Pearland, sdmillers@yahoo.com.

The new address of the state organization is Texas CPAAA, c/o Dorris Murdock, 1400 Bradford Trace Drive, Allen, Texas 75002. The old address may appear on some forms

IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM.

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