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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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- 2012 Officers**
- President:** Loretta Doty
- 1st Vice President:** John Luna
- 2nd Vice President:** Leah Benoit
- Secretary:** Doris Hammond
- Treasurer:** Kyla Oberg
- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett
- Committees**
- Bereavement:** Sharon Finnegan
- Hospitality:** Sharon Finnegan and Helen Wagner
- Newsletter:** Leah Benoit

January Speaker
Chief Mike Brown

Chief Brown will be swearing in the 2013 Executive Board at the January meeting and he will also be our speaker. You will have to come to the meeting to hear what the Chief has to say!

ECPAAA Merchandise for Sale

Item	Price
Euleless Afghans	\$30.00
Badge Pins (Silver or Gold)	\$3.00
Star Pins	\$5.00
ECPAAA Stickers	\$2.00
Support Your Police Magnets	\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
Zipper Pulls	\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
Tan Cap	\$7.50
Tan Polo Shirt	\$20.00
Tan Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$22.00
Tan Sweat Shirt	\$20.00
Tan Hoodie	\$25.00
Tan T-Shirt	\$18.00
Any Shirt Size Over XL is \$1.00 Per Size	

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
lbenoit@vha.com

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>

January Menu

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BEVERAGES

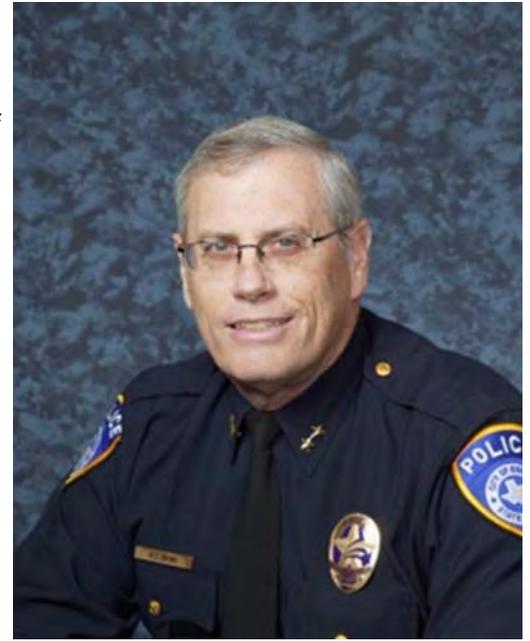
CORNBREAD

CUPCAKES

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

We made it through the Holiday Season!! I hope your holidays were as full of fun, food and family as mine was. I know we are all excited when the holiday season comes around, and we are all equally relieved once we made it through them. I hope this New Year brings you much success; however you measure your success, and even greater happiness.

I know, as a department, we are off to a very quick start this New Year. We had two officers graduate from the academy in late December; they have started their field training and by all accounts are doing very well in their first phase of training. We still have another officer in training and seems to be progressing along quite well himself. We have three new officers scheduled to start the academy in January. We are very excited to have these new recruits on board and look forward to watching them take their first steps in their law enforcement career. As you can tell, we will be in the training mode around here for the foreseeable future. I will ask these new officers to come around and introduce themselves to you. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to our organization.



We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks. First we have a Town Hall meeting scheduled for January 24th at City Hall. This Town Hall meeting is dedicated to community issues, and we always like to have a big turnout from our CPAAA. During this meeting you will be able to bring up any issues that may concern you regarding crime, city services, any code issues or anything of interest to you. This meeting is specifically geared toward hearing from the citizens. There is usually time set aside during this meeting for the city to talk about any new residential or economic developments. Each city department will have a few minutes to tell about what is going on in their department.

We have our annual Awards Banquet set for 7:00 pm on February the 8th at Texas Star. This has turned into a tremendous community event, and we look forward to seeing you there. During this evening we will recognize the best of the best from our Eules Police Department Family. Please make sure you contact Celia in Administration at 817-685-1509 to make your reservations. We need to get an accurate number of attendees as soon as possible.

We also have a new Citizens Police Academy class starting soon. I was talking to Tony the other day and he was very pleased with the number of applications he had at this time. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending this class please get their names to Tony ASAP.

I just read the latest volunteer hours summary. I cannot believe the number of volunteer hours you, as an organization, give to this department and the community. Almost 7,000 hours of service to the community in 2012. What a tremendous statement of service and dedication to this community you make with the number of hours you freely give in service to others. I am in awe of the many great accomplishments you have achieved as an organization. I am humbled by the amount of TIME you give to serve this department and the citizens of the City of Eules.

I look forward to the challenges that we will face in 2013. Together we will do great things!!

Your Servant,
Mike

From the President — Loretta Doty

Happy New Year!

I hope to see all of you at our first meeting of 2013 on Tuesday, January 15th. I'm really looking forward to another year as part of your executive board and I hope we make you proud.

A couple of reminders before we meet again: 1) CPAANT meets this Saturday, January 5th, in Mesquite at 10am (always the first Saturday of the month with two exceptions), and 2) The front door to the Police Department will be locked promptly at 7pm for security for our January 15th meeting, so be early to the meeting or enter through the back door.



Please try to attend the January meeting so that you may receive your Kroger and Albertsons community cards. A percentage of your purchases with Kroger and Albertsons will go toward the on-going fund raiser we currently have in place. The cards should arrive in time to be distributed at our January 15th meeting. We will vote for the Alumni of the Year and revote on the proposed 2013 budget.

The Audit Committee will meet before January 31st to perform an audit on the Treasurer's books and present a report at our February meeting. I'm sure the committee will find everything in order with very detailed records and accurate receipts.

Please keep Donna Mickan's family in your prayers.

We have a new recycling vendor—**Techway Services, Inc.** Below is a list of items accepted by Techway for recycling.

Please bring your items to the monthly ECPAAA meetings.

Amplifier	Copier	Pager
Audio Player (tape, disc, digital)	Desktop Computer	POS Terminal
Audio Recorder (tape, disc, digital)	DVD	Power Adapter
Bar Code Scanner	Equalizer	Printer
Broadcast Equipment	Fax Machine	Receiver
Cable TV Box	Gaming System and Accessories	Tablet PC (Nook, Kindle, iPad)
Calculator	GPS Device	Telephone
Camera (analog and digital)	Laptop (intact or broken)	TV
Cassette Player	Media Storage Device (external hard drives, USB flash drives, memory cards, etc.)	Typewriter
CB Radio	Mixing Board	Universal Power Supply (battery back-up)
Cell Phone (with or w/out batteries)	Monitor	Vacuum Cleaner
CD	MP3	Wire
Computer Wire (printer cable, video cable, etc.)	Networking Gear (router, switches)	

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and had a great new year. Despite a few loud parties, disturbances and intoxicated persons, Nights A shift quietly brought us into 2013. It was really great to see all of you at the December meeting. Thank you for allowing me to share Franzi Starz with you, her song and her story. Now it's time for the NPO's to get busy lining up this year's events. James Gordon has already started off the New Year with a RAD class meeting on Thursday evenings. Last year he graduated 73 participants from RAD through 5 classes. Chris White is recruiting for our CPA class # 29 that is starting on February 21st and working with James on several "quality of life" projects throughout the city.



"Quality of Life" issues come to our office from citizens and our officers. They are issues that cannot typically be solved through an arrest or citation and require special attention, other city departments or a combination thereof to solve them. In the end our goal is to reduce the number of calls to that location by providing a service that is customized specifically to address their problem. This is a good time to mention an award that we recently received on behalf of the Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention Association. The Association recognized the Euless Police Department for Outstanding Crime Prevention in 2012. Officer James Gordon is our liaison with this organization and he attends monthly meetings where ideas and strategies are shared for reducing crime.

We are looking forward to 2013 and predict that the Alumni Association will continue to grow. If you have not found someone to participate in class #29 you should hurry and do so. Don't forget to watch us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or just come to the Police Department and say hello. And Al Simmenroth, Chris wants to talk to you about joining the Radio Club!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 22 ECPAAA Alumni Members that will be receiving award pins for their volunteer efforts in 2012. In order to receive a pin, you must volunteer at least 100 hours in a calendar year. Let's try to beat our record of 7,058 hours back in 2008 in 2013.

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT Meeting
Duncanville - December 1, 2012

The December Meeting and Christmas Party was hosted by Duncanville CPAAA. Our new Executive Board was elected.

The CPAANT January 2013 meeting was hosted by Mesquite CPAAA. The topic was "Railroad Safety". Please visit CPAANT's Web Site

www.cpaant.org for additional information and directions to the monthly meetings.



December 2012 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 27 Hours 0 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 240 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 232 Hours 30 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 8 Hours 0 Minutes
- Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 5
- Courts – 44 Hours 15 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 8 Hour 0 Minutes
- Eulesse Parade of Lights – 47 Hours 0 Minutes
- Eulesse Radio Club – 39 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 10 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings – 25 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 25 Hours 30 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 36 Hours 45 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 25 Hours 45 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 44 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 555 Hours 0 Minutes

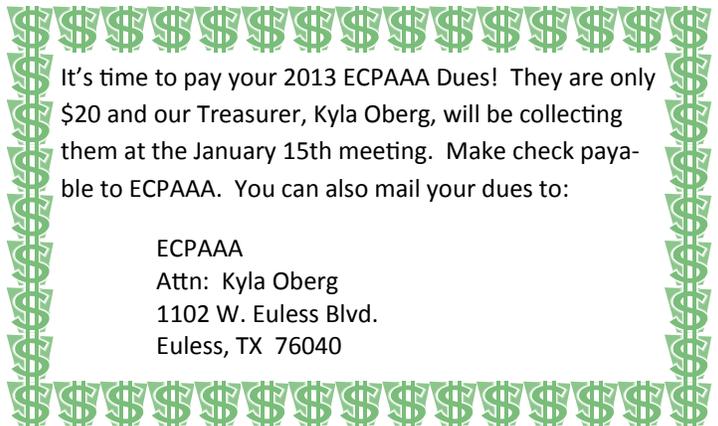
December National Value of Volunteer Time — \$12,093.45
2012 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$151,266.18

December Meeting — 31 Alumni Members Present and 1 Guest

6,942 Volunteer Hours for 2012!

Upcoming Events

- Jan 9 — Amateur Radio Eulesse, 7:00 pm, Eulesse Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Jan 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eulesse Police Department
- Jan 22 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Jan 24 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm; 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 2 — TCPAAA Convention Planning Committee Meeting , 10:00 am — 12:00 noon, Arlington Sheraton Hotel (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- Feb 8 — Eulesse Police Awards Banquet, 7:00 pm, Texas Star
- Feb 12 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- Feb 13 — Amateur Radio Eulesse, 7:00 pm, Eulesse Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Feb 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eulesse Police Department



It's time to pay your 2013 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Kyla Oberg, will be collecting them at the January 15th meeting. Make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Kyla Oberg
1102 W. Eulesse Blvd.
Eulesse, TX 76040



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

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| Don Martin — 1/2 | Ken Denne — 1/18 | Valerie Hinde — 1/24 |
| Scott Thomas — 1/3 | Jerri Balkon — 1/23 | Janet Delph — 1/28 |
| Wayne Priddy — 1/7 | | Nadine Barnes — 1/30 |



EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2012

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, J.R. Goad, Marian Goethe, Kendall Hall, Lorri Henderson, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Leo Neal, Dawn Nisbet, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins. Franzi Starz was our special guest from Germany.

Sandi Jones presided over the General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Stinneford made a motion to accept the November Minutes, second by Melody Balkon. Motion passed.

Pete Jones made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report, second by Faye Stinneford. Motion passed.

2013 Budget: The 2013 Budget was presented. Steve Doty thanked everyone who worked on the budget. Jerri Balkon made a motion to accept the 2013 Budget as presented, second by Peggy Vandiver. Motion passed.

Audit Committee: Volunteers to complete the Audit by January 31 are Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit and Peggy Vandiver.

Faye Stinneford announced that we have many items for purchase. She showed the different shirts, decals and pins available.

Sandi Jones thanked everyone for their time during this busy season and those who brought desserts. She also read off the December birthdays. Sandi also asked us to keep Loretta Doty and her mother in our prayers.

Sandi also thanked Kyla Oberg for driving the COP car and Maurya Krista for the mural.

Tony Burnett introduced his exchange student from Germany, Franzi Starz. She sang Silent Night, Holy Night in German. He also mentioned that alumni members are being asked not to attend the new class meetings this time around except for the first meeting and the Alumni night. There were some problems due to the large class size and the small room.

Christmas Day Food: Julie Watkins announced that Which Wich would be providing sandwiches for the Officers again this year at a cost of \$100. Members are welcome to bring sides and desserts. Meals will be served at 11:00 am and 11:00 pm.

Bricks: Leah Benoit is placing an order so anyone wanting to purchase needs to get with her. Faye Stinneford made a motion to purchase a "thank you" brick for B&B Wrecker, second by Tim Stinneford. Motion passed.

Community Cards: New cards for Albertson's and Kroger's will be handed out in January.

Scott Peterson will be providing custom artwork for tablecloths for Association functions.

Recycling: Loretta Doty was able to secure a new recycling vendor. A list of items will be provided in an email once all the information is received from the new company.

Installation of new officers will take place in January. Chief Brown will do the installation.

Sandi Jones announced that the front doors will start being locked once the meeting starts for safety reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

December Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month

2012 – 555 Hours

2011 – 349 Hours

59% Increase

Year

2012 – 6,942 Hours

2011 – 5,557 Hours

25% Increase

Outstanding results!
What an outstanding group of volunteers in this organization. I am proud of each one of you Alumni. We only missed the all time hours worked by 116 hours back in 2008.

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Melody Balkon

by Rosemarie Stevens



This month and next month I will be writing about two sisters that I have had the privilege of working with in a volunteer activity in the courthouse. I have found them to be extremely polite, helpful, and courteous; unfortunately, these are characteristics that I cannot apply to many of the people I meet in their age group. In my opinion, they are both assets to our Alumni Association.

So let me table my opinion and share the information that Melody provided. She was born in Arlington, Texas, and has lived in Euless for seven years. She was home schooled since she was five years old and was graduated from the “Balkon Academy” in May 2007. She was a member of the Texas Girls’ Choir from 2000-2004 and spent three years on a vocal team at her church while in high school. She received an AWANA Citation in March 2007. To qualify for this Citation, she was required to complete 10 handbooks from the third through twelfth grades and read the entire Bible during her three years in high school.

Melody’s family includes her parents, Bill and Jerri Balkon, and her sister Minuet. Her father is an accountant who worked for Rockwell International for several years and now works for UPS in the area of medical and dental benefits. Jerri is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and taught school in Oklahoma for five years before moving to Texas to work on her master’s degree.

Melody’s favorite hobbies include sewing, knitting and crocheting. Her favorite books are the Wizard of Oz series written by L. Frank Baum. The story we are familiar with from the movie is part of a series of 14 books that Mr. Baum wrote. Melody loves classic Disney cartoons, and her favorite movie is Ella Enchant-ed. She has been able to take mission trips to New York and San Francisco with her church and hopes to go to Thailand this year if she is able to raise the funds.

When asked about her experience in the CPA class, she wrote that her favorite part of the class was the discussion of drugs. She wrote that she had learned about rolled marijuana at “Aim for Success” in Texas Girls’ Choir, but the CPA class introduced her to other types of drugs. This information will better help avoid drug traps.

Getting to know our police officers and helping with fund raising activities are Melody’s favorite activities as a member of the Alumni Association. She appreciates the opportunity of learning more from her activities and from the guest speakers at our meetings. She is a true asset.

December 2012 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/11 Balance in Checking— \$19,725.43				
Afghan Fundraiser	\$120.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$25.00	\$18,957.02	\$8,400.00	\$10,557.02
Brick Sales	\$35.00	\$455.00	\$150.00	\$305.00
CRUD Day		\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$1,000.00	\$2,835.52	\$0.00	\$2,835.52
Grocery Care Cards		\$72.32	\$50.00	\$22.32
Membership Dues		\$1,560.00	\$1,500.00	\$60.00
Member Merchandise	\$17.00	\$55.05	\$0.00	\$55.05
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)	\$24.00	\$261.00	\$200.00	\$61.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)		\$46.77	\$200.00	-\$153.23
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$22.00	\$200.00	-\$178.00
Fundraisers		\$217.00	\$1,000.00	-\$783.00
Warrant Roundup		\$843.13	\$1,000.00	-\$156.87
Funds used to cover Major Projects		\$0.00	\$10,629.79	-\$10,629.79
Total Income	\$1,221.00	\$27,089.81	\$24,729.79	\$2,360.02
Total	\$46,815.24	\$46,815.24		
EXPENSES	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$221.20	\$250.00	-\$28.80
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$5,169.64	\$4,500.00	\$669.64
Bricks		\$186.00	\$250.00	-\$64.00
Checking Account Expenses		\$16.00	\$25.00	-\$9.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$20.00	\$25.00	-\$5.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$100.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items		\$144.00	\$300.00	-\$156.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$200.00	\$300.00	-\$100.00
Fundraisers		\$531.49	\$1,000.00	-\$468.51
Office Supplies		\$48.36	\$300.00	-\$251.64
PALS Summer Camp		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$388.12	\$400.00	-\$11.88
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$1,710.00	\$8,000.00	-\$6,290.00
Police Honor Guard		\$5,996.80	\$6,000.00	-\$3.20
Police Officer Christmas Meals	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$200.00	-\$95.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$208.98	\$200.00	\$8.98
President Awards		\$113.34	\$150.00	-\$36.66
Social Events	\$298.85	\$298.85	\$300.00	-\$1.15
Allen Samuels Dodge Appreciation Lunch		\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Water by the Gallon		\$448.00	\$650.00	-\$202.00
Web Site/Domain Name		\$204.79	\$204.79	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$403.85	\$16,085.57	\$24,579.79	-\$8,494.22
Funds Available in Checking		\$30,729.67		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
Major Projects/Future Projects		\$10,061.45		
Interest from Savings Account	\$0.34	\$4.03		
Funds Available in Savings		\$10,065.48		
Total ECPAAA Funds		\$40,795.15		