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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/
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August Speaker

Lou Baum
ECPAAA

Lou will bring the membership up to speed on the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) National Program.

To learn a little more about Lou, read the Alumni biography on page 5.

ECPAAA August Ice Cream Social



Come join us for our annual Ice
Cream Social. Ice cream and all
of the toppings will be provided
for your enjoyment.



August

Meeting Dinner Menu

Cold Sandwiches
Fresh Fruit

FROM THE CHIEF

Just a quick note to say thanks for a great summer! It's been hot, still have a few hot days to go, but I think we have made it through another summer. Our Summer Camp was a tremendous success, I am continually amazed at the number of volunteer hours you give us and it's always great to see you here at the police department doing all the things that make our job easier.

We are slowly but surely getting all of our injured people back. As some of you may know, Carlos Peralez is back on full duty after breaking his neck in a traffic accident 19 weeks ago. We still have Lauren Fimbres out with a broken back due to another serious off duty traffic accident, but she was up here the other day and looks great, as great as you can look if you are wearing a very cumbersome back brace. We hope to get her back soon. Several of our people who have been fighting illnesses and other minor injuries are slowly coming back to full duty. I would like to thank each of you who said a prayer or held a good thought for our members who have been struggling through the summer.

Thanks again for all you do for us.

Please stop in and say hi when you are in the building, it's always great getting to visit with you.

Your servant,
Mike

If you would like to make a monetary donation to purchase food for the BBQ Dinner, please bring your donation to the August 17th meeting or you can mail it to the address below.

ECPAAA
Attn: BBQ Dinner
1102 West Euless Blvd.
Euless, TX 76040



**Sgt. Eric
Starnes**

The Servant as Leader:

The forces for good and evil in the world are propelled by the thoughts, attitudes, and actions of individual beings. What happens to our values, and therefore to the quality of our civilization in the future, will be shaped by the conceptions of individuals that are born of inspiration. Perhaps only a few will receive this inspiration (insight) and the rest will learn from them. The very essence of leadership, going out ahead to show the way, derives from more than usual openness to inspiration. Why would anybody accept the leadership of another except that the other sees more clearly where it is best to go? Perhaps this is the current problem: too many who presume to lead do not see more clearly and, in defense of their inadequacy, they all the more strongly argue that the 'system' must be preserved--a fatal error in this day of candor.

But the leader needs more than inspiration. He ventures to say, 'I will go; come with me!' He initiates, provides the ideas and the structure, and takes the risk of failure along with the chance of success. He says, 'I will go, follow me!' when he knows that the path is uncertain, even dangerous. And he trusts those who go with him.

Robert K. Greenleaf

From the President — Pete Jones



The "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us. But we can't let that slow us down.

Congratulations to all who volunteer. We put in 491.5 hours of volunteering in July. The top 3 activities were:

Citizens On Patrol – 94.75 hours
Jail – 49.25 hours
CRUD Day – 47 hours

We started another combined Police and Fire Academy on August 5th. Be sure and drop by to meet the new recruits and invite them to join us in the ECPAAA. It meets every Thursday night in the training room at the Police Station.

In Texas we really like our ice cream and it is served often, especially with BBQ. We know our BBQ is in September, but we can still have our ice cream now. So this month, at the ECPAAA meeting, we will have an "Ice Cream Social" to help cool us off. I've been assured that there will be lots of our favorite extra goodies to help us create the treat we want. So, I look forward to seeing you all at the monthly meeting on August 17th.

Also, don't forget another great ECPAAA event is happening on August 19th. We will be eating and socializing at Chili's at Glade and Hwy 121. This is a great way for us to make a little extra money, fraternize with our ECPAAA friends, and have a great meal. See you there, and bring friends to meet and greet.

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

Upcoming Events

Aug 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm;
General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

Aug 17 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Aug 21 — Euleless Junior Anglers Day
at Wilshire Park, 9 am—Noon,
315 Sierra Drive



Aug 28 — Back to School Kidsfest,
10 am—1 pm,
Campus West Building,
209 N. Industrial Blvd.

Aug 31 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Sept 14 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Sept 18 — ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Silent
Auction, 6-9 pm, Ruth Millican Center,
201 Cullum Drive



Sept 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm;
General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

July 2010 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes

CID Clerical - 19 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 94 Hours 45 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0

Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0

Courts - 18 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 9 Hours 45 Minutes

CRUD - 47 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail - 49 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 107 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

CERT Training w/Bedford - 45 Hours 0 Minutes

ECPAAA General Meeting - 62 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 33 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer - 25 Hours 45 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 80 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants - 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Total - 491 Hours 30 Minutes

Value of Volunteer Time — \$10,247.78

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time — \$75,688.63

**July Meeting — 34 Alumni Members and
1 Guest Present**

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Lou Baum — 8/4

Susan Vest — 8/12

Loren Johnson — 8/14

Steve Doty — 8/4

Julie Watkins — 8/12

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Lou Baum

by Rosemarie Stevens

I had always known that Lou was a remarkable human being, so full of energy and love for all who become a part of his universe, but I had no idea until I read the information he supplied for his biography that he had accomplished so much. I was overwhelmed when I read what he has done with his life so far, and he is still moving forward.

Let's start at the beginning. Louis Franklin Baum II was born in Springfield, Missouri, August 4, 1937. He attended school in Missouri and wrote that his focus was on baseball. He had hoped to sign and play for a major league team after his graduation from high school. For a while, it looked as though that dream would come true. After his Joplin, Missouri, team won the state title in St. Louis, he had the opportunity to sign a major league baseball contract with the Washington Senators. He went to spring training and then earned a spot with the parent club at the ripe old age of 19. The team had planned for him to play third base when Eddie Yost, the current third baseman, retired at the end of the 1956 season. Lou was able to play three games, but unfortunately, a drunk driver ended his baseball career. However, he is blessed with the memory of reaching his goal, and he also enjoys the memory of developing a friendship with a remarkable player, Mickey Mantle. They lived next door to each other in Missouri, and their friendship continued and deepened over the years as Mickey continued his career with the New York Yankees.

Lou went back to school and earned a B.S. Degree in Marketing from Kansas State University. After his graduation, he was inducted into the U. S. Army and served for six years, two years of active duty in Germany during the Berlin Crisis and four years in the active reserve. He was assigned to the 6th Missile Battalion, 59th Artillery. During the last eight months of his active duty, he was assigned to the Commanding General's Office as a non-commissioned staff officer. Those were exciting days for Lou. He enjoyed watching how a commanding general went about his daily duties of commanding 325,000 troops in Europe. During his time in that office, he had the privilege of visiting with President John Kennedy when he and the General were discussing critical issues in Europe. On his return to the United States, Lou had the rare opportunity of personally meeting President Kennedy at the White House.

He is married to Vicki Baum, a woman he described as one of the most wonderful and special women on the planet. He has three "super children." Son Steven, 45, is a Senior Forensic Technology Manager for an international company in Dallas. His daughter, Stacey Lyn, 43, is Human Resource Specialist for a large consulting firm in Florida. Daughter Catherine Elizabeth, 25, lives in Euless with her parents. She is one of the sweetest people I know.

As you will read below, Lou has always been service minded. However, let's look at his involvement with ECPAAA. Lou is a graduate of the Charter CPA class which was held in 1995. He wanted to help initialize Community Policing in Euless. Over the years, he has seen many citizens get involved and come together as one huge "family," working side by side with police officers.

Lou enjoyed getting to know the police officers, their families and the command staff during the first class. Although they started class as strangers, they soon became friends and have remained friends over the years. The class decided that it wanted to continue the association and met with Sergeant Mike Brown and Chief Gary McKamie just prior to being graduated. He wrote that their eyes lit up like a Christmas tree when the class told them they wanted to form an Alumni Association. The goal was to share information with all citizens in Euless, and the rest is history.

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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.

Officer Biography

Jacob Hansen

Date of Biography: July 29, 2010

Current title with EPD: Patrol Officer

Year started and history with the EPD: I started my career as a police officer with the City of Keene, Texas in 2006. When my wife and I started having children I began looking to expand my career with a bigger and more promising department. After several months of looking at different departments in the area, I decided that Euless was the department I wanted to work for. It was a larger department but it still put the values of the citizens and employees first.



Where were you born? Dallas on July 10, 1984

In what city do you currently live? Midlothian

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. My wife, Janice and I have been together since my sophomore year in high school and we got married in September of 2007. We have two wonderful sons, Blake who just turned 4 in July and Jacob who turned 2 in June. We have two dogs, my massive Chocolate Lab named Mocha and our 12 week old German Shepherd named Silence.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies are spending time with my children, playing baseball, playing golf, and taking the dogs to the lake.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer? Spending time investigating something small that turns into something bigger.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I recently became the departments newest Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

Who is your favorite celebrity? Mel Gibson

What is your favorite food? Alaskan King Crab

CPAANT Reminder

By Geri Sorg

Euless will host the monthly CPAANT meeting on September 11, 2010. The CPAANT Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. and the general meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. We are asking the ECPAAA members to provide breakfast items for at least 40 people, which needs to be at the Police Department no later than 8:30. A sign-up sheet for the breakfast items will be passed around at the August meeting. All ECPAAA members are invited to the meeting. So please come out and support Geri as she welcomes all of the CPAANT Cities to Euless.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Leah Bennett, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Perry Brockmeyer, Stephanie Carroll, John Deitloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Kay Goad, JR Goad, Marian Goethe, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Pat McDowell, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Lisa Potter, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Chris Shanahan, Wanda Siebern, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Susan Vest, and Julie Watkins, (with guest David Watkins).

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:

J R Goad

Pete Jones said a quick "Thank-You for the delicious Sloppy Joe dinner" to Dick and Judy Rick.

Pete Jones says Welcome to our newest member, Stephanie Carroll.

Pete Jones calls Chris Shanahan up to receive his Volunteer of the Year trophy.

Leah Benoit introduces our speaker.

THE SPEAKER – Senior Corporal Scott Peterson, who works with the Traffic Division with the CVE (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement). Scott gave a wonderful talk on how important the CVE

unit is and how they are effectively getting dangerous trucks off the road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lou Baum made a motion to accept the Minutes from the last meeting; Julie Watkins seconded the motion.

Lou Baum made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting and Julie Watkins seconded the motion.

Geri Sorg not at the meeting so there was no CPAANT report.

Leah Benoit announced that we were getting ready for the barbeque. She sent around a sign-up sheet for fancy desserts to silent auction off at the barbeque. Announced the menu was going to be brisket, sausage, green beans, potato salad and baked beans with desserts. She asked the group to donate money and / or relish trays. We are asking everyone to bring something.

J.R. Goad thanked everyone for work on CRUD Day.

Bylaws committee will meet with the board next meeting and go over the Bylaw Committee's recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Lou Baum gave a report on the VIPs Program. This past year there was a great increase in volunteerism. Volunteerism had the biggest increase in 6 years and made over \$169B for the cities around the country. There were 63.4M volunteers across the country putting in over 8.1B hours. Euless gave 493 hours just last month.

Our last social at the Texas Roadhouse landed us with \$100.

Peter Jones announced all the birth-

days this month:

David Mishkin – 15th; Rose-Marie Stevens – 16th; Marian Holden – 20th; Tim Stinneford – 22nd; Sue Kosec – 25th; Donna Mickan - 31st

Pete announced next Police Academy class starts on August 5th and that the August 7th COP class has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict for the training room.

Pete Jones showed the Grapevine shirt and asked what the group thought.

Our next social will be at the Euless Chili's on Highway 121 on August 19th.

At 8:30 PM Pat McDowell made a motion to close the meeting and Judy Rick seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

REMINDER

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

If you have old phones, pagers, cameras or laptops, please bring those in for recycling.

All proceeds benefit the PALS Summer Camp.

July 2010 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	July	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/09 Balance in Checking	\$13,459.87				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$120.00	\$140.00	\$4,000.00	-\$3,860.00
Brick Sales		\$35.00	\$35.00	\$200.00	-\$165.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$700.00	\$1,200.00	-\$500.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,175.01	\$0.00	\$1,175.01
Grocery Care Cards			\$40.60	\$100.00	-\$59.40
Membership Dues			\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00
Member Merchandise			\$31.25	\$0.00	\$31.25
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.					
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$100.00	\$554.03	\$0.00	\$554.03
Warrant Roundup			\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00	-\$250.00
Total Income		\$955.00	\$5,495.89	\$8,700.00	-\$3,204.11
Total	\$13,459.87	\$18,955.76	\$18,955.76		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	July	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			\$394.95	\$400.00	-\$5.05
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$5,890.00	\$2,875.00	\$3,015.00
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$46.21	\$200.00	-\$153.79
President Awards			\$93.00	\$50.00	\$43.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$210.00	\$1,000.00	-\$790.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$204.68	\$75.00	\$129.68
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$6,930.84	\$8,700.00	-\$1,769.16
Funds Available in Checking			\$12,024.92		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Savings Account			\$10,003.63		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.32	\$2.25		
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,005.88		

Total ECPAAA Funds**\$22,030.80**

Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.



Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Chili's Night Out!

Thursday, August 19th

From 12pm to 11pm

Chili's supports Euless Citizens Police Academy

Bring this flyer with you to Chili's at Glade 2810 Hwy 121
and give it to your server.

Chili's will donate 10% of your purchase back to

Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Let us do the cooking and cleaning and
support Euless Citizens Police Academy at the same time...

No time to Dine-In, No problem, get it TO-GO. Just call

817-354-0777 to place your Curbside TO-GO order

and with this flyer we will

still donate 10% of your purchase back to

Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

"Pepper in some Fun!"

Supporters Name(s) _____

Organization Name: Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Annual BBQ Dinner / Silent Auction

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Place: Ruth Millican Center, 201 Cullum Drive, Euless

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices: Adults — \$10
 Ages 5-13 — \$5
 Under 5 — Eat for Free



If you would like to purchase tickets, please get in touch with Leah Benoit at Lbenoit@vha.com or give her a call at (817) 283-6703 (evening) or (972) 830-7906 (daytime). You can RSVP and pay at the door as well.

Dinner tickets can be purchased with cash or check payable to ECPAAA.

Silent auction purchases can be paid using cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and American Express).



Come help support your Police Department
and do some shopping at the same time!
We'll even help you load your vehicle!

Here's just a hint of some of the auction items:

Theme Baskets

Gift Cards

Golf

Movie Passes

Theater Tickets

and Lots More!

Are you or someone you know is a football memorabilia collector?



Do you know someone that just became new home owners?



Are you a connoisseur of homemade jams and jellies?



If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, come out to the ECPAAA Silent Auction on September 18th and put your bid in on these great items.

Spotlight on Lou Baum — continued from page 5

Lou said that they had a lot of fun during that first class and learned a lot. They shared a lot of laughs with Mike Brown. One of the reasons the Euless CPAAA is so successful is because of the continued support of Mike Brown and Gary McKamie. Community policing was their shared dream, and it began to come true with that first class.

Some of Lou's "rewarding experiences" include

- ◆ Being selected by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as "Man of the Year" in 2003 and being awarded the prestigious Herman J. Smith Award;
- ◆ Being selected by our Mayor and City Council as "Volunteer of the Year" in 1999;
- ◆ Serving on the Governor's Council for Children with Special Health Care Needs in Austin from 2001 -2003;
- ◆ Being honored and awarded the prestigious "Lewis Hine Award" by the National Child Labor Committee, an award given to five individuals per year who improve the lives of children around the free world;
- ◆ Serving as ECPAAA president for two terms and serving on the Executive Board multiple times;
- ◆ Serving as past president of the Morrisdale Neighborhood Association; and
- ◆ Serving on the National Commission on Rare Diseases at the request of President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

When Lou and Vicki went to New York to receive the "Lewis Hine Award," they were accompanied by Mayor Saleh and her husband Ray.

The National Commission on Rare Diseases on which Lou served met in Washington every month for two years. This committee impacted decisions on medical research, health care, medical treatments, professional education needs and public information. Lou served with representatives from the National Institute of Health, the FDA, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the National School of Medicine.

From 1991 – 1993, Lou served on the Consortium on Rare Diseases (CORD) in Washington. He was appointed by the Secretary of Health. This Consortium created and disseminated the First Rare Disease Information Directory and Guidelines for Rare Diseases for the Free World.

While serving Resident Reagan, he had the great opportunity of getting to know him. Lou wrote that the President always had time for you, and was a great listener and was a warm and thoughtful person. Lou wrote that he spoke with authority and confidence and did what he said he was going to do. Lou described Nancy Reagan as the "rock and glue" in that relationship; her personality made the President glow and she was always at his side. The President knew and loved Catherine Baum and was especially pleased that they shared the same birth date, February 6. The President loved all "special children" and encouraged Lou and Vicki to create "The World Life Foundation."

"The World Life Foundation" disseminates information on metabolic diseases to parents and/or patients and assists with ground/air transportation to treatment centers all over North America. Their foundation has secured the lives of over 1000 children since 1991, and the service is free.

Although Lou has long be focused on community service, he has also had a successful working career. He worked for J. C. Penney for 18 years; his last assignment was as District Merchandise Manager for the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. He was a vice president of a large area rug manufacturing company for three years. He was a national accounts manager for a large furniture company for 15 years. He served two years as COO with a large health care company in Fort Worth and served for two and a half years a Major Projects Manager for the City of Euless. He is now employed by the Principal Management Group as their Compliance Property Inspector and drives a patrol car for CSS Security in Cottonwood Valley in Irving.

In his "spare" time Lou likes to play a little golf and watch sports, especially his beloved Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks and the Cowboys.

In my opinion, we are blessed to have Lou in our mist, and I'm happy to be able to call him a friend.