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Important May Meeting Information!

The May Meeting is going to be at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room in the Library. We are going to have a "POT LUCK DINNER" to say goodbye to Gary McKamie, Sgt. Brown and a give a big welcome to Sgt. Williamson. So come hungry and help us to say Thank you and good luck to Gary McKamie, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Williamson!! Please come and be ready to

Directory Update!



DIRECTORIES ARE NOW IN!!

The new and improved directories are in and are going to be available for

pick up at the Pot-Luck dinner on May 18. As promised they are FREE!! The directory includes all paid members from Classes 1 – 8. When Class 9 students join we will run an insert with their directory list-

Current Membership!

We currently have 65 paid members. Also we have a new member from Class 8. Welcome to Helen Lightbody!



Arbor Daze Thank You!!

Ya'll are unbelievable! The new site brought us many new challenges... And without ya'lls input and hard work Arbor Daze would not have been possible! Ya'll are one of the important keys to the festival.

Without the "Team"... there would be no "Daze!" And, that is not forgotten by us....





Dave Shanahan won the prize in the April Brick Sale Prize Give Away for a 7 free dinner for 2 at Texas Star! Congrats!



We Currently have sold 54 Bricks for a total of \$2,200!

Lou's Perspective

An open letter to all of my "AND THEN SOME" HERO'S-----

In my February newsletter I recalled a story about how one could sum up the difference between GREAT ACHIEVERS and the" average guy or gal: in only three words---- **AND THEN SOME.** My story goes on to say it doesn't take any specific talent or any certain gene, just put your heart in what you are doing.

Well, - - - let me tell you about this Alumni Association. YOU ARE ALL T-E-R-R-I-F-I-C. You are MY HERO'S, AND THEN SOME, KIND OF PEOPLE. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you that went that extra mile every day to make our commitment to the city a tremendous success during Arbor Daze '99. No one know what kid of turn out we would have at our new site. But, by early Friday evening, we all found out in a big hurry this one would be a "barn burner." My thanks, too, go out to Judy and Dick Rick for a wonderful, one of a kind, booth to promote our Association and the folks who worked the booth. Those folks who manned the phones at the PD did a great service, and we thank them, too. My thanks, too, go out to the 40% of Class 9 who came out and helped during the event. All in all, we had over 60% of our organization participate in this event. This type of cooperation and involvement is unheard of in most volunteer organizations, but our organization is a long way from being the "norm" Congratulations to all.

Also, by the time you read this letter, ten more great Alumni Members will have completed a day at Six Flags Security. Even members of Class 9 are going with us. I think maybe we will have another 100% class to join the Alumni Association. Won't that be tremendous?

Tuesday evening, May 18 at 6:30 P.M., in the City Library Conference Room, we are having a pot luck dinner PLUS, so plan on being with us. We are going to say, "Goodbye," to Chief McKamie, Sgt. Brown and "Hello" to Sgt. Williamson. I want to fill this room to the rafters with well wishers. Please set aside this evening for a few surprises. **Please call Sharon Finnegan at 238-8377 and find out what you should bring.** The Association will provide the meat. If your are available to help set up a bit early, I now Sharon would be thankful for your help. Remember, Chief McKamie and Sgt. Brown had a vision five years ago about this organization, and look what has happened. During my five years with the Association I have had the pleasure and honor to meet and associate with the finest folks in the country. We have a great organization, let's keep having fun together. See you all on the 18th of May at 6:30 P.M. In the Library Conference Room for more fun.



Congratulations to our new Corporals!

On April 8, 1999 six officers were promoted to the rank of Corporal!! The Alumni Association would like to congratulate them on a job well done and to thank them for all the hard work they do!

Congratulations to:

Cpl. Scott Axton

Cpl. Kim Bray

Cpl. Bo Berry

Cpl. Scott Gilley

Cpl. A J Gillinger

Cpl. Wayne Parker



Mike's Farewell

Arbor Daze is over! A great big thanks goes out to all of you who worked with us in the trenches this year. I am always amazed at the dedication and commitment this group has. Not only were you over worked, and under paid, but you got to suffer through some of the verbal torture that comes along with trying to direct people and their cars. I, for one, am glad that we have a whole year before we have to do it again. I was thinking that next year we ask if we could run the bank, that way we would be responsible for paying ourselves. Who could better judge how hard we worked, than ourselves? Do you think I could get Rick to go for that? I don't think so either!

This is my last article for the newsletter, for a while. As most of you know I will be moving and letting Sgt. Ron Williamson take over. (Some of you might need to remind me of my story about "just because it's not your idea doesn't make it wrong" from time to time.) I will find it hard to let someone else take over my responsibilities with this organization. You know how I feel about what we have done together, and how I believe our best days are ahead of us and not behind. I have every confidence that Ron will do a tremendous job, and will

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April 1999 Treasurer's Report

ECPAAA 1999 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For Period Ending April 30, 1999

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Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, April 20, 1999 Monthly Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: None

Meeting called to order at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT:

President, Lou Baum; Vice President, Linda Martin; Treasurer, Ed Benyon; Secretary, Leah Benoit Dale Anderson, Bob Bouse, Sarah Chandler, Scott Dennett, Jackie Dohring, Karen Duncan, Della Ferris, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Patrick Hinde, Barbara Lucas, Don Martin, Judie Nolden, Jud Park, Dick Rick, Judy Rick, Duane Rogers, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Bob Strength, Tom Truttmann, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner and our guests James Caldwell, Valerie Hinde, Dick Koch, Kelli Lowery (Class 9), Franchot Thomas and Teresa Truttmann.

LIAISON: Sgt. Mike Brown

ABSENT: Byron Benoit, Linda Brehm, Todd Burnell, Dan Clark, Mary Clayton, Ron Gregory, Gary Haecker, Monty Huffman, Allan Johnson, Madeline Losito, Chris Marz, Charles Mitchell, Eric Owens, Mary Payblas, Nick Payblas, Glenn Pinkston, Winnie Pinkston, Dave Shanahan, Melissa Shane, Randy Shane, Mamie Singleton, Julie Stephenson, Deborah Taylor, Bill Teague, Marcell Tennyson, George Weidenhof and Shari Wheeler.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Barbara Lucas to accept the March minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Don Martin. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ed Benyon reported that there are 61 paid members for 1999. There was an error in the March Treasurer's Report on the Miscellaneous Income. The March total should have been \$48.37 instead of \$71.75. A motion was made by Al Simmenroth to accept the March Treasurer's Report with the amended Miscellaneous Income Balance. Second by Chris Shanahan. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

- 1. Texas Motor Speedway Leah Benoit reported that we made \$210.00 from Fort Knox Protection. Thanks to all who came out and worked the race.
- 2. Brick Fund Raiser As of April 20, 1999, we have made a total of \$2,200.00 with 54 bricks sold. Dave Shanahan won the April prize from the City of Euless either a round of Golf or free meal from the Raven's Grille. Congratulations Dave!
- 3. Arbor Daze Festival Kathy Haecker gave instructions to the workers for Arbor Daze.
- 4. Six Flags Security Geri Sorg gave details about working security on May 8th. Dress code is dark blue jeans or pants and white or black tennis shoes. Work time is 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Workers get a 35% discount off of food and a free pass to Six Flags after working 8 hours. Nine people are scheduled to work on May 8th. Geri to follow up with these nine people.
- 5. Reward Programs ECPAAA made \$32.56 from the Tom Thumb Reward Program for the first quarter of 1999.

Membership Report:

6. Ed Benyon reported as of April 20, 1999, we have 61 paid members for 1999.

Newsletter Report:

7. None.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

- 8. Lou talked about the May 18th Pot Luck Dinner/Party for Gary McKamie, Mike Brown and Ron Williamson. The dinner will be held in the Library Conference Room and will start at 6:30 p.m. In case you have not heard, the following changes have been made at the Police Department: Chief Gary McKamie has resigned and is now the new Assistant City Manager; Sgt. Mike Brown will be moving to Internal Affairs; Sgt. Ron Williamson will now be the Liaison Officer for the ECPAAA; and Captain Bob Freeman will be the Interim Acting Chief of Police.
 - Lou thanked Chris Shanahan for his hard work on the Newsletter.
- 9. Karen Duncan gave a presentation on the Logo Pin for the Association. The company is out of Fort Worth. There is a minimum of 250 pins to be purchased and the total cost for 250 hard enamel pins is \$445.00 and for a softer enamel pin, the cost would be \$347.50 for 250. There is a five week delivery time on the pins. The ECPAAA would like to purchase these

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- pins and re-sell them at the Houston Symposium for an approximate cost of \$5.00 per pin. Karen Duncan, Linda Martin and Leah Benoit will serve on the Pin Committee and will present the final pin to the Association.
- 10. Mike Brown gave an update on the Every 15 Minute Program. There were no alcohol related accidents for the Trinity Prom. Mike thanked Byron Benoit, Bob Bouse and Helen Wagner of the Association for helping out and thanked the Association as a whole for their support of this program. Badge photos will be taken at the June meeting instead of May. Please call Mike Brown to let him know if you need a new badge so he can have the name badges printed. Mike thanked Kim Ross for all her hard work she has done for the ECPAAA. Kim will now be supporting Gary McKamie in his new position.
- 11. Kathy Haecker is now the Crime Victims Coordinator for the City of Euless.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

12. None.

Motion made by Chris Shanahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Second by Barbara Lucas.



From the Chief's Office

By now I'm sure you are all aware of some of the changes we have been going through at the Police Department. To start, Gary's announcement accepting the job as Deputy City Manager caught us all by surprise. He started his career with Euless over 25 years ago, when, at the age of 19, he hired in as a dispatcher. During his 25 years in the department, he progressed from Dispatcher to Police Officer, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief and Chief of Police. All of us benefited from Gary's knowledge of the job and compassion for the employees, department, citizens, and City. With that said, Gary has not left the Police Department he has just expanded his role and responsibility within the City. As the Deputy City Manager he is over the Police Department, the Fire Department, Finance, and City Administration, which-includes personnel, insurance, facility maintenance, and the library. He will continue to oversee the building of the new Police and Courts Facility, as well as other major projects started under his guidance. Gary will also be involved in the selection of someone to replace him as Police Chief Please stop by and wish him well in his new position and continue to support him as you have the Police Department.

Another surprise was the retirement of Bill McLendon. After 23 years with the Police Department and over 25 years in law enforcement Bill and his family are moving to Sitka, Alaska to fulfill a personal dream. He was selected as Police Chief of Sitka and will start his new job around the 26th of this month. The selection came quickly and he and his family have very little time to "GO NORTH TO ALASKA'. If you see him please wish him well. Bill has done a great job in serving this Department and the community for a lot of years.

Bill's retirement means we will be promoting a lieutenant and sergeant in the near future. At the same time John Williams is scheduled to return to Patrol as a shift sergeant, Mike Brown is scheduled to move to Administration to replace John, and Ron Williamson will take Mike's place. Ron will also being taking on some additional responsibilities as the Administrative Sergeant in Patrol. These moves could be dependent on who is promoted to Lieutenant so it is all subject to change. These moves are scheduled for sometime around the middle of June. As you can see we are all going through some growing pains. With the great personnel we have and the supper support we enjoy from all of you we will be a better department and continue to serve the citizens in the best fashion possible.

At Arbor Daze when I started getting tired I would look up and see the smiling face of someone from CPAAA and it would reenergized me. All the hard work and enormous time and effort that members of CPAAA put in to help make Arbor Daze such a success is an inspiration to members of the Police Department, employees of the City, and the community as a whole. Thank you for all you do.

2 Euless Dispatchers Win Awards!!

Two of our Telecommunicators were honored on April 21, 1999 by the 9-1-1 State Advisory Board. Debbie Riley received the Telecommunicator of the Year Award and Marsha Stewart received the Silent Hero Award.

On September 8, 1998 Debbie Riley answered a 9-1 -1 call from an elderly female advising that her husband had forced her into her bedroom and was shooting his gun. Debbie was on the phone with this elderly female for 2 hours. While on the phone Debbie was able to hear multiple gunshots and knew that the elderly female was in great danger. After facing multiple problems, Debbie was able to coordinate the officers and the tactical team, so that the female was safely removed from the residence. Great job Debbie and congratulations on your well-deserved award.

Marsha Stewart was chosen as the recipient of the Silent Hero Award for multiple **calls** that she handled above and beyond the call of duty. Two of the many examples follow: Marsha received a 9-1 -1 call from a male caller stating that he had been badly beaten by three males for no reason. It was apparent that he was hurt badly. Marsha immediately sent an ambulance and continued to reassure the caller. Before medical attention arrived, Marsha had built up a trusting relationship with the caller. He admitted to Marsha that the males had assaulted him because they thought he had raped his exgirl-friend. The caller received medical attention and was arrested for sexual assault.

Marsha received a 9-1 -1 call from a female stating that her husband had been accidentally stabbed. Through Marsha's expertise she built a bond with the female whom finally admitted to Marsha that she had stabbed her husband. Marsha continued to instruct the caller on medical aid, dispatch an ambulance, and secure the weapon with concern and compassion. The female was arrested, in large part, due to the actions and expertise of Marsha Stewart. Great job Marsha and congratula-

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lead this organization to some very great accomplishments. I ask that each of you give Ron the same support that you gave me.

I am so thankful to be associated with such a great group of people. You have been like family to me over the past five years, and words cannot express my thanks to each of you for all you have done for me personally. I know we have worked together, and that has always been great, but the support that I have received from you has kept me energized and eager to reach for greater things. You have been a constant source of support for both my family and me. Anicia, Clint, Aja, Leland, and I are better people because we are associated with you.

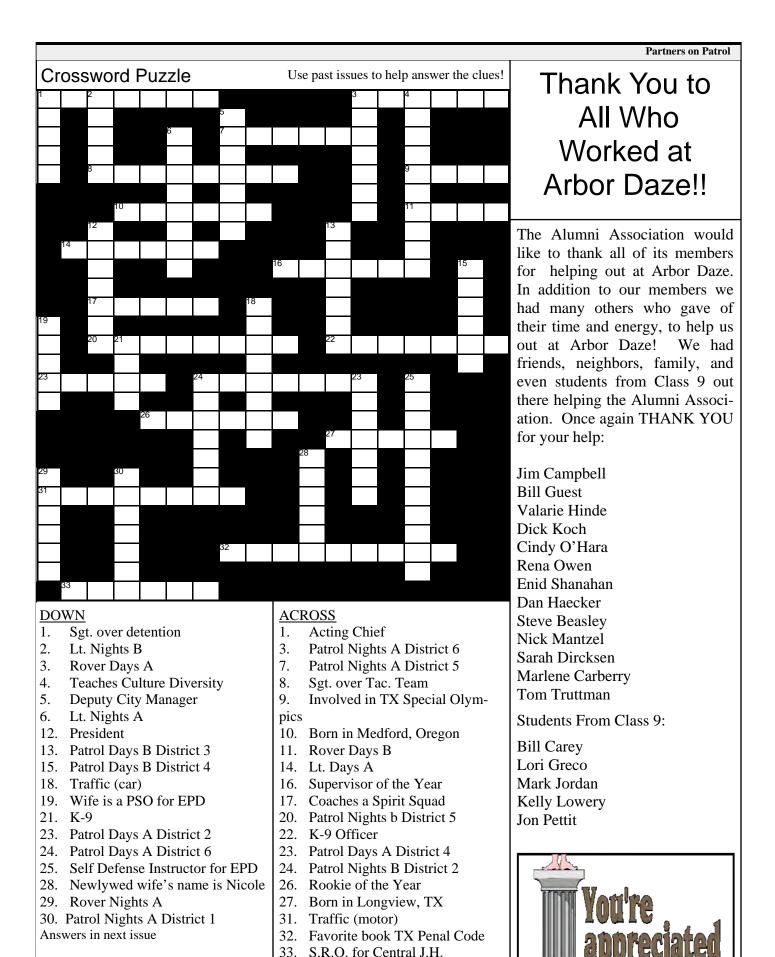
Thanks for all you have done, and will continue to do. If every community were blessed with heroes like you, then this country would be a much safer and better place to live. I am proud to be associated with you, and my family and I are thankful for your support and, more than anything else, your friendship.

Thanks Again for All You Do!!!!
Mike



Parking Cars ...

These are just some of the jobs that we worked at Arbor Daze!!!





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- Meeting May 18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Library Conference Room!!
- Euless to host regional meeting Sat, June 5 at 10:00 A.M.
- ◆ National Police Week May 9 15!
- State Meeting in Houston August 4 7!



Important June Meeting Information!!!



The re-make of the badges is going to be postpone until the Meeting in June because of the PARTY!!

If there is any member who needs an ID Badge or needs one to be remade because it is lost or so old it is falling apart, we will have the equipment out at the June 15th Meeting!! If you do, PLEASE Call Mike and let him know so he can have the ID card made for you with your name on it at 685-1563.

Pot-Luck Dinner Reminder

Please remember to come to our Pot-Luck Dinner meeting may 18 at 6:30 P.M. We will be meeting in the library conference room.

Please remember to bring you covered dishes!! Let's all show Chief McKamie and Sgt. Brown how much we appreciate their hard work! "Thank for a job well done," "Congratulations," "Best Wishes," and "Good luck" to both of you on you new job endeavors! We want to congratulate Captain Freeman and Sgt. Williamson on their new assignments. "Good luck" and "Best Wishes"

Many Thanks to everyone who help organize our Dinner. If you have any questions please fell free to call Sharon at 283-8377!