



## Region One Flash

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February 1, 2014

Date:	<b>February 8, 2014 Region 1 Meeting</b>
City sponsor	Galveston--Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Time: 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast Meeting
Location:	Home of Galveston CPAAA President, Linda Strevell 1213 25 <sup>th</sup> Street (25 <sup>th</sup> is also Rosenberg)  Directions: Take I-45 South to Galveston; becomes Broadway as you enter city; drive to Rosenberg/25 <sup>th</sup> Street; turn right; home is located on your right between L and M Look for: Krewe de Blue banner on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor porch railing
	
Program:	<i>Mardi Gras – Krewe de Blue</i>
Questions:	Linda Strevell <a href="tel:7135153122">713 515-3122</a>

Bring your Liaison Officer. The March meeting will be in Pearland.



**Left to Right – Waltz, Davis, Cook, Miller, Melvin**

### **Officer and Directors Installed in January:**

President – Sandi Miller of Pearland

Vice President – William “Dave” Davis of LaPorte

Secretary – Richard Melvin of Dickinson

Treasurer – Barbara Cook of La Marque

Director – Leo Waltz of Webster

Note: Directors Charles Billingsley of Houston and Robert “Bob” Milke of Sugar Land were not up for reelection.

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*Please set aside the second Saturday of each month to come to the Region One meetings. It's only once a month. There's networking, fellowship, an interesting program good eats and finding out what is going on in Region One, the state, and what your fellow alumni associations are doing.*

Meeting Schedule for 2014:

January 11 - Angleton	July 12 – No Meeting-Convention
February 8 – Galveston City	August 9 - LaPorte
March 8 - Pearland	Sept. 13 – Montgomery Sheriff
April 12 - Dickinson	October 11 – League City
May 10 -Webster	November 8 – Texas City
June 14 - Beaumont Tri-Agency	December 13 – No Meeting

Meeting Schedule for 2015:

January 10- Angleton	July 11 – No Meeting-Convention
February 14 –	August 8 -
March 14 -	Sept. 12 – Montgomery Sheriff
April 11- Dickinson	October 10 – League City
May 9 -	November 14 – Texas City
June 13 -	December 12 – No Meeting

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Send news via e-mail to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com) for the Flash. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. Submissions are due by the 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

*Keep in your hearts and prayers all Region One's members who are presently fighting serious illnesses. We wish them a speedy recovery.*

It's with great sadness to say that Chief Smiley passed away from complications from his illness. All I can say right now is that we have lost a friend and a great boss. Please keep Elaine and the entire Smiley family in your thoughts and prayers. . GOD Bless.

**Thomas Claunch**, Assistant Chief of Police, Webster Police Department, 281-316-4152, [tclaunch@websterpd.com](mailto:tclaunch@websterpd.com)

The Angleton Citizen Police Academy Alumni members presented Shady's with a "Thank You" plaque for their fundraising efforts for the Blue Santa program. Mark Emfinger, Rocky Thomas and Jarrett Rieger with Shady's held a golf tournament with all proceeds going to the Blue Santa program. with Stephen E Hill, Judy Landry, Dianna Devore Hlavaty, Marty Emfinger and Jarrett Rieger.

*Courtesy Dottie Duby Facebook*







Angleton Pictures Above  
Good Crowd

Pictures below courtesy of Phil Niehoff, Humble/Houston



Picture at Left – L to R – Phil Niehoff, Vicki Niehoff, HPD Sgt. David Hallimore, Julie Valinti, Nick Valinti.

**Houston.** Contributed by Larry Stegent, Houston



Harris County District Attorney, Devon Anderson, was the Keynote Speaker at the Houston Crime Stoppers annual Holiday Luncheon on December 12th, 2013. Picture 1; Attending the luncheon was Houston Alumni past Board Member, Lillian Jolliffe (left) and Houston Police Department Executive Assistant Chief, Timothy Oettmeier (right). Picture 2; Harris County D.A. Devon Anderson (left) pictured with HPD Exec. Asst. Chief, Timothy Oettmeier (right).



Houston Police Department's Commencement Exercises for Houston Police Academy Cadet Class 217 held on December 19th, 2013, is the first graduating cadet class to be attired in the new HPD uniform.



Picture 1; Houston Alumni Past President, Larry Stegent (center) pictured with Judith Joe, local Houston/Galveston area parliamentary unit President (left) and U of H Professor Martha Haun, PhD., (right) attending the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians training workshop held at the Hilton Houston Westchase Hotel on January 11th, 2014, presented by the Parliamentary Procedure Institute.

Picture 2; TX St. Assoc. of Parliamentarians President, Kay Crews, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, presented topics on "Navigating Successfully through the Meeting Agenda, Motions and Minutes"; "Typical Issues and Good Governance Principles concerning Nonprofits"; Presiding When Discipline Becomes Necessary" and "Parliamentary Considerations in Local Government Meetings".



Picture below; Houston Alumni Past Board Member, Lillian Jolliffe (right) pictured with Houston City Council Member, Brenda Stardig (left) and Houston Police Officers Union President, Ray Hunt (center), Picture Above; Houston Alumni Past President, Larry Stegent (right) pictured with HPOU President, Ray Hunt (left), attending the Inauguration Ceremony for Houston Mayor, Annise D. Parker and the Honorable Houston City Council on January 2nd, 2014 at the Wortham Theater Center.







**Texas City. TEXAS CITY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 2014 UPDATE**

TCCPAAA along with the TC Police Department and the Police Explorers had a Holiday Get-Together at the Doyle Convention Center on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013. Santa was there with goodie bags for the kiddos, took their requests as parents took pictures. James Luhn, 2013 Acting President and Vice President presented awards to officers with the TCPD and deserving TCCPAAA volunteers. The Explorers group handed out certificates of appreciation to their TCPD mentors. There were even a few "top banana" awards handed out. Everyone was in the holiday spirit and had happy faces on because of the great food, desserts and lots of holiday camaraderie. Looks like we can look forward to this

wonderful annual event!

The New Year kicked off with our January 13th meeting, where the new officers were sworn in by TCPD Cpl. Adolph "Corky" Velasco. The 2014 TCCPAAA Officers are as follows: President Barbara Cook, Vice President Faye Leonhardt, Secretary Sherry Schumacher, Treasurer David Day, Executive Board Members Anna Green, John Jansen, Linda Jansen, Wayland Fowler, Becky Hoke and James Luhn.

TCPD Captain Joe Stanton talked about volunteering for the upcoming ColorUp 5K Run on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, benefiting the Texas City ISD Foundation for the Future.

Guest speaker was Casey Collier RN, CEN, CA-CP SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner). Ms. Collier explained the procedures for the exam performed by the University of Texas Medical Branch SANE group for documenting the history of an assault; assessing and documenting findings of trauma and injuries during a head-to-toe examination assessing and documenting injuries; and providing treatment and collecting evidence following a sexual assault. The exam is requested and/or ordered by Law Enforcement Departments, District Attorneys or County Attorneys of the county in which the assault occurred.

Our AR-15/iPad Raffle was a total success! The money raised will go towards new headsets for TCPD Dispatch, four helmets for a new unit that was formed and some communications gear for the Hostage Negotiator's Unit. James Luhn was presented with a silver cup award for his hard work and dedication as the 2013 President and Vice President. James is a great leader and we look forward to his input and assistance in all our future endeavors.

In keeping with President Barbara Cook's monthly driving safety tips, she talked about the importance of seat belts and airbags. VP Faye Leonhardt urged members to keep a log of their hours and to turn them in each month.

In preparation for the annual February Warrant Round Up, TCCPAAA members assisted Municipal Court with a "Stamp 'n Stuff," getting the warrant jackets ready. Next month, Municipal Court will place telephone calls to holders of outstanding citations as a courtesy reminder that February is Warrant Round Up month.

2014 will be an exciting and busy year for TCCPAAA. We wish all our fellow Region One members a very enjoyable & productive year!

*Reported by Faye Leonhardt*

**Angleton.** It was our pleasure to welcome everyone to Angleton. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you success and growth in 2014.

In December our CPA served over 70 children in our Blue Santa program. Each year our Blue Santa program gets bigger and bigger. This year we had to lower the age limit to 9 years and younger.

Our Christmas party/meeting was a huge success. Since our numbers have increased, the Christmas party was held at the Trinity Christian Center as we didn't have the space at the PD.

Our Christmas Party/meeting was also graduation for our last ACPAAA class; class 25. About 18 graduated; many of them were with the Fire Department or EMTs. We never knew how many would show up late, be called out during class, or could not make it to class at all. All seemed to enjoy it. I think the alumni learned as much from them as they learned in class.

Steve Hill and Heather Fenter were chosen as Alumni of the Year. We are very thankful for all they do.

Over the New Year we lost one of our much loved alumni, Kathleen Huckaby, to cancer. She will be sorely missed.

*Reported by Norma DeWeese*

**Deer Park.** Deer Park had a great year and looking forward to 2014. First of all we had an Electronic Recycling Day Saturday Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-4pm. At the Police station parking lot. If anyone has any electronic stuff they want to get rid of bring it on by. NO TV'S or large appliances please. We're also have a raffle for Total Texas April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Jimmy Burke Center. It will be a parade that morning and all day festivities for the whole family. Attached are pictures of the raffle . Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be at 5PM. We're giving away a 5-Burner gas grill, custom made ice chest, and a handmade quilt. Also selling the wooden train for the Mexican train game along with the trains. Bring your family for a fun filled day.

*Reported by Adell Boren*



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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 8, 2014

To: All Media outlets

PIO: Captain Ken DeFoor, Public Information Officer, Liberty County Sheriff's Office  
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### CITIZEN SAFETY ADVISORY:

In response to several calls of concern and complaints from citizens to the Liberty County Sheriff's Department regarding loud explosions in the Kenefick area that are rattling windows of homes, Sheriff Bobby Rader directed an investigation into the source of these explosions. It was very quickly determined that from information received and a search of the Academy store website, that explosive devices are being sold by several "out door stores" that are called "exploding targets".

As an example, the Academy stores website advertise these "Red Jacket Firearms exploding targets" in one pound containers of mixed chemicals. They are detonated when a rifle shot is fired into them. There are unconfirmed reports that some people are using the exploding devices to blast beaver dams from creeks and also unconfirmed reports that some are placing gasoline containers next to the exploding target so a large exploding fire will result when the target is hit.

Needless to say, it would appear that any misuse or abuse of the intended purpose of this device could very well result in injury or worse for anyone in the nearby area. There are no laws that prevents the use of these devices but Sheriff Rader is advising extreme caution be exercised by anyone using these "exploding targets" or anyone that is near to the gunshot(s) or target area.

**Galveston.** For the first time, **Galveston Police Department Dispatchers, (Nine-One-One Operators), all 22,** will be honored by a recognition dinner in April. The Alumni is sponsoring this event and we have sponsors from our community to pay for expenses also. For the Dispatchers who will have to man the phones at the Police Dept, special box dinners will be delivered.



**Volunteers in Police Service program, (VIPS).** Seven members of the Alumni put in more than 100 hours last year and received a pin and certificate from President Obama, and a certificate from the City Council. The goal of the VIPS Program is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers and the program is managed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police with financial support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

[Photo below, left to right: Jack Danner, Chief Henry Porretto, Johnny Rodriguez, Linda Strevell, Rita Cummings, Sergeant Destin Sims, Amelia Collins, and Councilman Rusty Legg.]



**Polar Plunge** is sponsored by the Law Enforcement Torch Run® officers from the Gulf Coast Area. Brave folks get up early on the 3rd Saturday of January, fully dressed in uniform or costume, line up and run into the water – swim out to the buoy and back. They raise funds for the **Special Olympics Texas athletes.** [Photo above left - Left to right: Sgt Destin Sims, Margie Taylor, Lt Joel Caldwell, with Gabby Vargas (in red), Lindsey Wilson (in blue).]



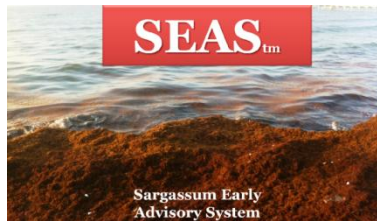
We have a new board that includes incumbents and a few newly elected members. We filled most all our committee chairs too. [Lower, left to right: Kim Bufton, Calvin Buckley, Sgt Sims, Jack Danner. Above, left to right: Linda Strevell, Phillip Trittle, Claudean Smith, Mary Jean Sargent, and Rita Cummings.]

The **35<sup>th</sup> CPA classes** start February 4<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the **Temple B'Nai Israel.** See our home page, [www.galvestoncpaaa.com](http://www.galvestoncpaaa.com) to see the short **promotional video** produced by my Mary Jean Sargent. It's only 1 and 1/3 minutes.

Now that we have a revised & updated Citizens on Patrol Manual, we had 70 members attend **COP car classes** as a refresher or for new members.



**Galveston (Continued)** At the January meeting Tom Linton, Journalist and Texas A&M University professor, talked to us about Sargassum, stuff on the beach that turns to mush and stinks on Galveston's beaches. Often it is deposited in large heaps and rolls, interfering with beach access especially during tourist season. A Sargassum Early Advisory System (SEAS) has been designed to give coastal managers as much warning as possible about these episodes. SEAS involves satellite imagery from Landsats Data Continuity Mission (LANDSAT) satellites to track the movement of Sargassum as it approaches each sector along the Texas Gulf Coast.



### **Martin Luther King parade**

**February meeting, James Freed, Forensic Scientist, New AFIS Fingerprint Technician at GPD, will be our guest speaker. Should be very interesting.**

*Reported by Rita Cummings*



### **TCPAAA REGION 1 MEETING: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Program and Meeting

The Galveston CPAAA is hosting Region 1  
Location: 1213 25<sup>th</sup> Street between L & M, Galveston

As the host city, it is our charge to present a program...and our own **Krewe de Blue** is the Program. At 9 a.m. we will serve a breakfast, (juice, fruit, breakfast casseroles, and pastry). We are expecting approximately 40 delegates.

[lstrevell@yahoo.com](mailto:lstrevell@yahoo.com) or [lstrevell@cityofgalveston.org](http://lstrevell@cityofgalveston.org) **713/515-3122** LINDA

**Houston.** A group of Houston Alumni gathered at Theo's for an informal lunch and White Elephant gift exchange. Past Director, Debbie Cranford, Class 43; Past Parliamentarian, Nick Crnkovic Class 28; Past Secretary / Past Treasurer, Angie Johnson Class 39; Past 2nd Vice President, Lillian Jolliffe Class 30; Past President, Larry Stegent Class 20; Past President & Newsletter Editor, Charles Billingsley Class 9; Rufina Castillo Class 31; Patti McReynolds Class 19; Lavon Sepolio Class 20; Peggy Billingsley. (In no particular order).



**Houston.** The Houston CPAAA programs for 2014 got off to a flying start with a review of the Houston Police Department Air Support Command by Officer George F. Rodriguez. He described the mission, equipment and personnel of the division. Located at Houston's Hobby Airport, they have a staff of 20 and a fleet of 13 helicopters and one airplane. "Our primary goal is to support the ground officers," Rodriguez said.

Houston's alumni members will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City Wide Town Hall meeting on February 1 at the University of Houston. The event features the Chief of Police and his Command Staff. Several displays will be located inside the venue along with various booths. Officers will be on hand to answer questions regarding HPD and our community.

The Houston group is awaiting delivery and installation of a Gazebo which it is donating to the HPD Academy. Funds for the structure were raised by having a "Day With HPD SWAT Raffle" where many took a chance on spending a day "training" with this special group of officers. The raffle also had a "buyin" provision where for a \$500 donation, a person could secure one of the 14 available spots.

*Reported by Mike Weingart*

**Liberty County.** Liberty County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff Bobby Rader) and Liberty County District Attorney's Office (Logan Pickett) are sponsoring a Citizens Police Academy commencing Thur., Feb 13th.

Classes will be for 13 weeks (last night is Graduation). Classes are on Thursdays from 6:00>9:00 p.m. in the Sheriff Department's Jail Administration Classroom.

Interest and applications appear to be numerous enough that another Academy may be planned for the near future.

Instructors include the Sheriff, DA, Texas Ranger, K-9, Texas EquuSearch, Officers from Sheriff's Office and City of Liberty PD, Judges, Court Clerks, and others who will cover from subjects from the Penal Code, dispatching, warrant calls, meth labs, crime scene participation, and other instructions/interesting subjects.

This is an important Academy as it will allow Liberty county to participate more actively in all activities, locally and including Region 1.

All CPAAA members are invited to join us, just please call Faye Cutsinger 936-336-7674 so that your name can be on the roster for entry.

Special thanks go to Vita O'Reilly and Capt. Ken DeFoor with Liberty County's Sheriff Dept. for their hard work and expertise, without whom there would be no Academy.

*Reported by Faye Cutsinger*

**January Meeting.** The January Meeting was in Angleton on January 11th. The prayer, pledges to the US and Texas Flag were led by President Dotty Duby. She also welcomed the guests. The Speaker was Houston Police Department Sgt. David Hallimore. Topic: *Use of Video Cameras to Prevent & Solve Crime.* New officers and director were sworn in by Angleton Assistant Chief & Liaison Officer, Katherine Davis.

Pat Moore and Delores Gant celebrate birthdays this month.

**Convention Report:** Billy gave update on dates for Convention in San Marcos.

**State Report:** Billy (non-sworn delegate) stated that there was no report since no meeting took place since his November report.

Website update report given by Webmaster, Leo

#### **Scholarship:**

Discussed the renaming and consolidation of Region One scholarship and the misnamed Texas CPAAA scholarship. Scholarship Committee was delegated to clarify and streamline the two scholarships:

*The Delores Bagley and Mildred Deal Memorial Scholarship*

*The David Dirks Memorial Scholarship*

**Benevolence Committee created:** Realizing the need to assist with care recognition to Associations when illness, death and special occasions occur, this committee was established by President, Sandi Miller. She then asked Dolores Gant to Chair this new committee. Dolores graciously accepted the position.

*A good time was had by all and thanks to the folks at Angleton for the hospitality and refreshments.*

*From the Minutes by Secretary Richard Melvin*

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## WITNESS PROTECTION CRUISE:

**Carnival has extended the 25.00 deposit until Jan 6th and the 2nd deposit of \$200.00 until Jan 31st. We still have several outside cabins left, so don't wait**

You don't have to be hiding out to go on this cruise. All Citizen Police Academy Alumni members and police officers are encouraged to go and please invite a neighbor, friend or even a relative if you dare. We are going to have a blast and would love to have you all there.

Everything has been set up with Dickinson Travel. You may contact them by phone 281 337-5693, [gwen@dickinsontravel.net](mailto:gwen@dickinsontravel.net) to get started.

The payment schedule is as follows;

December 20, 2013	\$25.00 per person down payment
due January 6, 2014	\$200.00 per person due
March 3, 2014	remainder of the balance due

Leaving out of Galveston Texas

Date of departure 5/5/14

5 days

Yes the "Triumph"

Balcony - \$608 ea.

Ocean view - \$478 ea.

Inside - \$428 ea.

So far we will have an \$50 dollar cabin credit. With 50 cabins we will receive a free cocktail party. For every 8 cabins we will receive one person free (\$428) that will be divided between all of us, no one goes for free.

This is for all Citizens Police Academy Alumni members their friends and family. I am working on getting everyone a discount for parking. The only requirement is you must have a good time!

There is a reciprocal agreement with the National CPAA that they may publish articles from the FLASH in the national newsletter. In order for news from a particular Region One Alumni Organization to be printed, there has to be at least one member that is a member of the national organization. See the web site for info on joining.

### 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](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month. If you use a spam filter, be sure that your computer will accept the FLASH.

When you sign in at a meeting, **please print your name and e-mail address legibly.** There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending or put on the e-mail list if your e-mail is unreadable.

#### WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES:

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year (included in Convention Registration). [The Texas CPAAA now has a newsletter posted on this web site.](#) **Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site. The Region One Newsletter is posted on this site.**

The Texas CPAAA Convention Web Site is [www.TCPAAConvention.org](http://www.TCPAAConvention.org). The convention for 2014 will be in San Marcos; and 2015 will be in El Paso.

The Web Master's e-mail is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org).

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org). Dues are \$35.00 per year. **[The National Newsletter is posted on their web site.](#) The 2014 Convention will be in Tucson, Arizona.**