



Arlington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

MARCH NEWSLINK

**Membership meeting,
Thursday March 13, 2014 7:00 PM
West Station**

Program for the March Meeting



APD K9 Unit



Officer Wade Hardin of the **APD K-9 unit** will be our speaker and tell us about his experiences in this elite unit of the **Arlington Police Department**.

The Arlington Police Department started its K9 Unit in 1979 with one handler and one dog. It is now a specialized unit made up of three K9 teams. Each team operates on a city-wide basis and is used predominately for high-risk area and building searches. Each of the three K9 handlers is a fifteen year plus veterans of the police department and each has more than ten years experience in the K9 Unit.



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ACPAAA General Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Pat Struble and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Ed Dillon led us in a prayer.

Board members present were: President Pat Struble; Secretary Kathy Emerson; Directors Joe Hawkins, Linda Smith, Phil Kabakoff, Joyce Andrews and Tom Mulkerin. Treasurer Nannette Lombard and Vice President Gerry Dalton were absent. *VP Dalton arrived at 7:52pm.

Guests were Sgt. Pewitt and Officer Polk from the Arlington Police Department.

President Struble asked everyone to turn their electronic devices off and thanked us for attending.

Two of the Board members were absent from the January meeting; therefore, Sgt. Pewitt swore in Secretary Emerson and Director Smith.

Sgt. Pewitt advised it has been a busy year at APD already and we will see some personnel changes in our districts due to promotions. He especially thanked those who volunteered for special patrol duties in East and North Districts.

Officer Polk, our liaison, thanked us for all the volunteer hours and expressed a deep appreciation from all of APD.

Pat apologized for the January minutes not being emailed to all members. Gerry Dalton did not have everyone's email address; however, the minutes are in the Newsletters which are on our website, www.acpaaa.net.

Kathy Emerson read the minutes. Peggy Jacobs moved to accept as presented; Kathi Mulkerin seconded; the motion passed.

Pat gave the Treasurer's Report due to Nannette's absence. It was presented and approved.

The Directors reports were next with Joyce Andrews' Fundraising report first. We have dropped the Texas Rangers due to not enough people being available. Joyce would like a

Restaurant of the Month or Restaurant of the Quarter. April 12th was designated as the first fundraising event and will be held at Firehouse Subs on Arbrook (between Academy and Steak and Shake.) We will receive 15% of the monies for all customers. We will have members there and we are allowed to have donation jars. Joyce is working the APD for whatever resources they can provide, a bicycle officer, a police dog and handler, a squad car etc. We hope to offer pictures with these resources and charge \$5.00 per picture. Director Hawkins advised he has no scenario dates yet. He will be coordinating efforts for National Night Out in October and Fry's Hotdog Sale in May.

Director Kabakoff advised of the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to be held at Bob Duncan Center/Vandergriff Park between Center St. and Matlock Rd. from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday, March 26th.

If any members do not have Internet access and want their Newsletter mailed to them, please let Phil know. Also, the Dallas CPA is sponsoring an all-day training event on Saturday, February 22nd, about Gangs and Narcotics. Please contact Phil to sign up if you wish to attend. Tom Mulkerin has flyers available with more information.

Phil also brought to our attention the opportunity to take a Defensive Driving class which could provide a 3-year discount on our automobile insurance. The class cost is \$15 per AARP member and \$20 per non-AARP member. The class would be open to all ACPAAA members and spouses and APD employees and spouses. This class will not allow traffic ticket relief but would probably be held at one of the stations on a Saturday. More information will follow.

Also, members need to pay their 2014 dues by March 1st or be dropped from



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the membership roster. This means no Newsletter and no meetings/voting.

Director Mulkerin told us Class 55 is going well and they are on holiday for Monday, February 17 due to Presidents Day. Their last class is Monday, April 28th, and graduation is Thursday, May 1st.

Director Smith then offered 2 ACPAAA shirts for sale. Linda read her letter of resignation from the Board stating a stressful 2 years and another issue.

Pat updated us on some upcoming things: John Cerneka is having surgery on Monday, the 17th; Saturday the 15th is Weatherford Casino Night at the Senior Citizen Center; CPANT is March 1st in Denton.

The meeting then broke into 5 separate tables hosted by the 5 directors. Brenda Fisher took over a table for Linda Smith. Each member spent 10 minutes at each of the tables to offer suggestions and learn more about what each Director expected for their area of responsibility. At the end of the allotted time, each Director reported their findings.

Joyce reported on fundraising starting with a committee meeting late February or early March and those members will be notified by email as to date, time and location. Suggestions were a golf tournament, casino night with another group including a silent auction, selling products on-line (passive selling), and Tom Thumb and Kroger loyalty cards.

Director Hawkins talked about scenarios including DWI, traffic stops, and domestic violence. Locations and times will be announced when APD notifies Joe.

Phil talked about PR/Marketing and selling ads to insurance companies, towing services etc. Perhaps we could have a biography per month of a member or a member with top volunteer

hours and we will provide better descriptions of our events for potential and new members. The topic of business cards with our logo was also presented.

Director Mulkerin talked about membership and how to attract new members and keep existing members. He will work to make members more aware of opportunities to volunteer, look into new flyers and pamphlets to class members. Suggestions were made for more socials, game nights, potlucks, Rangers games, Lone Star horse racing, bowling and boating. Tom will also look into surveying existing students about their expectations and explain "V2" to them (our volunteer website to report hours.) Another suggestion was a calling tree for upcoming events. Perhaps a gift could be presented to the "tree" members who had the highest turnout for that event or meeting.

Brenda talked about the Caring Committee to include sending get-well cards or making hospital visits; setting up and tearing down for meetings and events and suggested taking a picture of the area when we arrive so it can be re-set the same way; greeters for the meetings and sign-in sheets and some suggested speakers. Names of suggested speakers were Cable Johnson, PJ Brock, Kathleen Wisekopf, the fire department robotic bomb dog, Lonny Haschel and some of the older officers to talk about the earlier days of the APD.

Kathi Mulkerin expressed her thanks for calls, cards and visits during her recent health issue.

Kathi Mulkerin moved to adjourn; Marty Wilmeth seconded; the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Emerson, Secretary



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Phil Kabakoff
Director PR/Marketing

Letter from the Editor:

You get out of something what you put into it, and more.

How many times have you heard that expression? As a concerned citizen, who attended the Arlington Citizens Police Academy, you are among a small group of people who gave up valuable time to find out what the police do and what can be done to assist them in their task.

In that regard don't just join an organization to say you belong, but get involved in any of the many activities available to you. You can have a say in what we do, how it gets done and meet other members of our organization and the Arlington Police Department. Learn for yourself what goes into the planning and lend a hand.

You'll be surprised as to what you get out of not just being a member, but being an active member. We have several activities coming up mentioned in the *Newslink*, get involved and sign up for one of the committees. If you don't get involved, we'll never know what ideas you might have. Either will anyone else.

Comments, suggestions for this column. Send your comments to the Newslink Editor.

ACPAAA SHIRTS

There is still time to order a ACPAAA shirt. Rita Martin chair for the shirts will be putting an order in soon. Anyone wishing to order please . . .

call

Rita at 817-688-0992

to place an order.



Pat modeling one of the shirts available



Tom Mulkerin
Director - Membership

Membership Dues

Dues for 2014, \$20.00 are now due. If dues are not paid by the end of the month you will be dropped from the active membership. You will not receive the newsletter, vote or be able to attend the Drivers Safety Class.



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Vice President's Notes –



Gerry Dalton
Vice-president

I am looking for volunteers to assist in reviewing the association by-laws and bring them up to date. Our by-laws are over 20 years old and need to be reviewed and bring recommendations to the Board of Directors and the membership to approve. Some of the items include giving more specific guidance to the treasurer concerning State and Federal Tax information filings which are required to keep our 5.0.1.c3 status as a Non-Profit entity. We will also look at setting requirements for yearly budgets to be approved by the membership, appointment of an Agent of Record, and record keeping requirements so that decisions made over the years by the Executive Board will be available as reference to future board members.

If you are interested in serving, please drop me a note at vicepresident@apcaaa.net.

Don't forget to check our updated website <http://www.acpaaa.net>. You will find the latest meeting schedule, newsletter, membership meeting minutes and other information about our association. If there is information you would like to see on the site, please let me know. I am here to serve the membership.

Thanks

1st Annual ACPAAA Golf Tournament



Joyce Andrews
Director of Fundraising

ACPAAA will sponsor a **Golf Tournament** to be held on *Monday, June 9, 2014* at the *Shady Valley Golf Course*.

Art Dennis and Paul Goodman are chairing this event. Watch for more details. Anyone wishing to help with this event is encouraged to get in touch with

Art 817-228-3918
amd1slick@sbcglobal.net

Paul 817-516-5780
pgood@gmail.com



ACPAAA Golf Tournament
Shady Valley Country Club
4001 W Park Row Drive
Arlington, Texas 76013

Monday, June 9, 2014
8:00AM Tee Off
Four Person Scramble
Fee \$95 Per Person/\$380 Per Foursome
South Fiesta Dinner will be provided



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Drivers Safety Class



ACPAAA in cooperation with **AARP** will hold a **Drivers Safety**

Class on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the **West Station.**

The class is open to all *ACPAAA members and their family, all active APD volunteers and their families, and all officers and employees of the Arlington Police Department, and their families.*

The session will run from 9 am until 1 pm and cost \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20 if you are not.

While this is directed to those drivers over 50, it is open to anyone with a drivers' license and belonging to one of the groups mentioned above.

This class will allow each attendee to receive a discount on their automobile insurance good for 3 years. Please check with your automobile insurance agent to see what your savings might be. Note: This class will *not* relieve a traffic ticket. Participation is limited to the first **30** persons who sign up. Additional sessions may be scheduled depending on the response.

To register contact:

Phil Kabakoff

kabbyintx@yahoo.com

or call **817-572-4928**

NEW DIRECTOR



Pat Stubel
President

The Board of Directors has approved Sylvia Cullins as the new Director of Programs. Congratulations on being added to the Board of Directors.



Sylvia Cullins

IS YOUR PROFILE CURRENT?

Have you checked your profile in your *"I am Community"* to make sure all of your interests are updated and you have a photo attached. You will not be able to renew your membership if there is no photo. Let your volunteer coordinator know if you need a photo taken or assistance with attaching one to your profile.

You can have **Phil Kabakoff** take your photo at any membership meeting to meet this requirement.

Thank You . . .

For volunteering your time

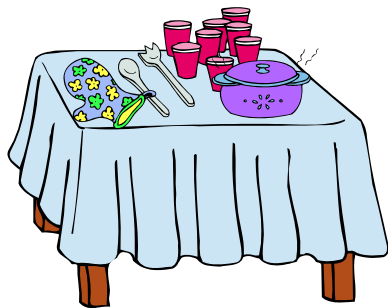


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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Arlington Police Department will host all volunteers at an *Appreciation Luncheon*, on Wednesday, March 26, from 11:00 am – 1 pm at the **Bob Duncan Recreation Center** in Vandergriff Park.

Police Chief Johnson and many of the officers of the APD will be there to thank all of the volunteers for the time and effort given to assist the department over the past year.



Please plan on attending. *Thank you* to all the volunteers for assisting the *Arlington Police Department*.

Get Involved
Sign up for something
new

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

At the February meeting all the members had an opportunity to meet with the Directors and express ideas for activities for the coming year.



Pat was pleased that there was a great positive response to our request for participation in the round table discussions. Plans are to have these at least once a year.



Watch for more
information on the
Golf Tournament



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2014 Firehouse Subs Fundraiser for
Arlington Police Department



**Hosted by Arlington Citizen Police
Academy Alumni Association**

Come meet Officers from Arlington Police
Department!

This exciting event is an opportunity for
families to enjoy a great sandwich or salad
at Firehouse Subs while having a chance to
meet Officers of the Arlington Police
Department (APD).

*Bring your kids, they will be able to have
their photo taken with the officers!*

Event Date & Time:

Saturday, April 12, 2014
10:30AM to 8:00PM

Event Location:

Firehouse Subs
1001 W. Arbrook Blvd.
Arlington, TX 76015

* 501(c)(3) organization – Tax ID#: 75-2410720



TO: Pat Struble, President
*Arlington Citizen Police
Academy Alumni Association*

YES! Your invitation has been accepted to partner with
the ACPAAA to ensure a successful 2014 Firehouse Subs
Fundraiser for the Arlington Police Department. We will be
attending.

- [] Enclosed is \$_____ tax-deductible donation for the
ACPAAA.
- [] Not able to attend the event. Enclosed is \$_____
tax-deductible donation.

Please make check payable to: **ACPAAA**. Your gift is
greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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(ACPAAA)
P.O. Box 944, Arlington, TX 76004



The Arlington Citizen Police Academy Alumni
Association (ACPAAA) is an all-volunteer, non-
profit organization who spends hundreds of hours
each year conducting fundraisers to purchase
saddlebags for the motorcycles, CSU equipment,
computers, software, air compressors, Oscar (K-
9 dog) and other needed items.

We also assist with police officers' training
scenarios, work safety fairs and other project
where the Arlington Police Department (APD)
needs our participation.

Our mission is being the bridge between the
community (business / schools / individuals) and
the police department.

Event Contact Info:

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**Some scenes of the
Round Table Discussions**



The Directors tell us about new ideas

