

**DECEMBER
2012
NEWSLETTER**

**ARLINGTON CITIZEN POLICE
ACADEMY ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

**DECEMBER
MEETINGS DATES**

Board Meeting
DECEMBER 6th, 6:00 PM
Arlington City Hall

ACPAAA Meeting
DECEMBER 13th, 7:00 PM
Christmas Gift Exchange
West PD Station



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Silver Bells Christmas Celebration

*2012 ACPAAA Christmas Party
December 8th - 6:00 PM
St Joseph Catholic Community
1927 SW Green Oaks Blvd.*

(Bring 2 individually wrapped ornaments for an ornament exchange)



**The Crime Prevention Unit will host
the final All-City Community
Watch Group Meeting for 2012**



**Tuesday, December 4th, 2012
6:30pm**

**West Police Station
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.**

**Topic:
Current Trends/Activity with Gangs
in Arlington**

Santa Cops



**Party with children
and their families
on**

Saturday, December 8th

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at the
Arlington Convention
Center**





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The Margarita Gala and Charity Ball



JOIN THE GOODWILL FELLOWSHIP GROUP

*The Goodwill Fellowship
would love to attend
your place of worship
with you on Sunday.*



Contact Rev. Ed Dillon or Suzanne Kelley to schedule a visit or get more details.



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SECRETARY'S MINUTES NOVEMBER 8th ACPAAA MEETING

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Pat Struble. Time: 7:00 PM; Pledge of Allegiance was recited and prayer was led by Reverend Ed Dillon.

Board members present: President Pat Struble, V.P. Suzanne Kelley, Treasurer Paul Goodman, Secretary Mary Godwin, Director Susan Ernst, Director Autumn Penry. Board represented a quorum.

Introduction of special guest, Mike Siska owner of Ace Volleyball Courts was made by President Pat Struble. He was presented a framed certificate in appreciation for use of his facility for the Craft Fair. We will be able to have the Craft Fair there next year.

Our special quest speaker was Trooper Lonnie Haschel, spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety. His subject was on "Driver is the Weak Link in Traffic Safety".

October 11, 2012 General Meeting Minutes were presented and a Motion was made by Jackie Smith to

approve them and seconded by Director Autumn Penry. Motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Paul Goodman gave the Treasurer's report. Balance was \$16,925.90, this includes C-PAANT money put in the Alumni account for the 2013 Convention held in Arlington. Pay Pal is now available. The charge is 2.2%+ \$.30 or about 74 cents per item. \$200.00 was contributed toward Ex Chief Theron Bowman's retirement party voted on at a Special Board Meeting.

V.P. Suzanne Kelley had a sign up sheet for food to take to the Training Center Monday December 3, for Class 52. She also read a letter from Claremont Center thanking the Alumni for coming there and explaining what our organization is all about.

Director Susan Ernst said if you have anything to put in the Newsletter please let her know.

Director Elaine Noe has resigned Nov.3, 2012, because of health reasons.

Director Autumn Penry is the Chair-

person bringing food for the ACPA Graduation at City Hall 12/06/2012. Please be there about 6:00 PM to set up.

Alumni Christmas Party will be held Dec. 8, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church 1927 S.W. Green Oaks, doors open at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Please bring two wrapped Christmas ornaments per member.

Nominations were held and a list of nominees was presented. You will receive a ballot in the mail and it must be returned by mail by Dec. 3, 2012.

Goodwill Fellowship Group will meet at Cornerstone Baptist Church 5415 Matlock, 9:00:00 AM Sunday Nov.11, 2012.

Motion was made to adjourn by V.P. Suzanne Kelley and seconded by Roger Anderson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned 8:42 PM

November 8, 2012 General Meeting Minutes submitted by Mary Godwin Secretary ACPAAA

Merry Christmas!



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THE PREZ PONDERING



The Carpenter

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch.

Then the long collaboration **fell** apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox.

"I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few **small** jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence an 8-foot fence -- so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was **off** for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day - measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no-fence there at all.

It was a bridge .. a bridge that stretched from one

side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbor, his younger brother, **was coming** toward them, his hand out-stretched..

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. "I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

Remember This.. .

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you helped get where they needed to go.

God won't ask the square **footage** of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God **.won't** ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven, and not to the gates of hell.





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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Darrell Canright 12/1
Johnnie Showalter 12/1
John Powell Jr. 12/9
Linda Swim 12/11
Charles McKinney 12/16



Joyce Milligan 12/21
Michael Johnson 12/25
Kristie Kennedy 12/31
Danny Nugent 12/31





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TAKING NOTE OF THE NEWS

CPA Class #52 will be graduating on December 6th at Arlington's City Hall at 7:00 p.m.





Congratulations to Pat Struble - APD Volunteer of the Month



Working to make Arlington a better place to live after the devastating storms. Pat Struble, Mayor Robert Cluck, and Nancy Crowe participated in the "Tornado Re-Leaf Tree Planting Event".



The Police Department is currently looking for volunteers who would like to help monitor Closed Circuit TV cameras (CCTV). The cameras are located at the Ott Cribbs Main Police Station, 620 West Division, Arlington, Texas. The hours will be flexible to accommodate your schedule.



If you're interested in volunteering for this activity contact Linda Graves at linda.graves@arlingtontx.gov



THE ACPAAA presented Michael Siska with a certificate of appreciation at the November meeting for his donation of the Arlington Courts for the Craft Fair Fund Raiser.



REMINDER: THE GENERAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 13TH IS A CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE THEME. PLEASE BRING A GIFT UP TO NO MORE THAN \$10 TO PARTICIPATE.

NOVEMBER MEETING MEMORIES

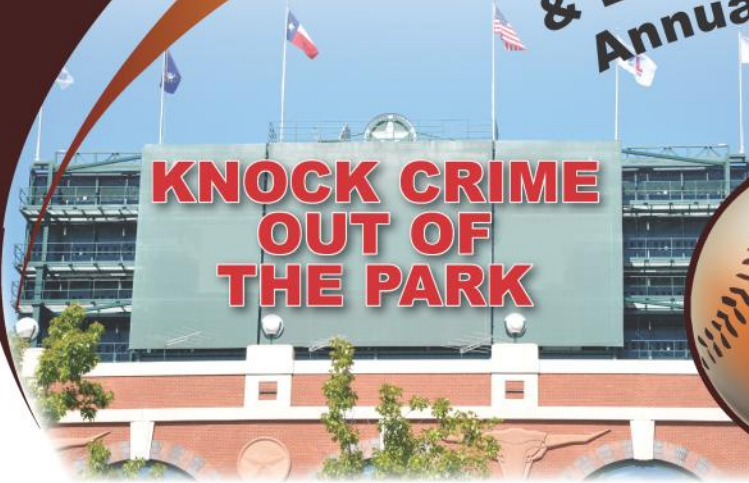




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July 24 - 26, 2013
Convention
July 27, 2013
Chief's Round Table
Arlington, Texas
Region 2

Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association & Law Enforcement Annual Training Convention



A Successful Convention **HAPPENS** with your Help:

- Join a Convention Committee
- Help raise funds
- Sign-up to work at the Convention
- Make a Donation



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