

May 2017

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association



Dates to remember

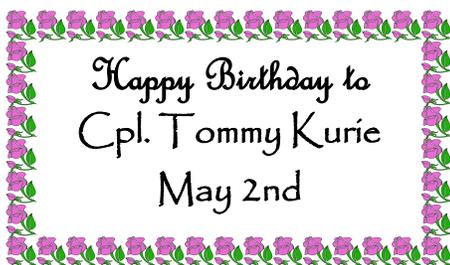
Bake Sale Fundraiser at Walgreens 5/13

General Meeting 7pm 5/8

*Nat'l Police Week * 5/14-5/20
See page 3

Picnic @ Fireman's Trng Center 2-6pm 6/25

CPA Class 31 above, Graduated May 4th. The CPA High School Class below, Graduates May 11th!



REMEMBER
MOM
5-14-17



Citizens on Patrol

Thanks to all the COPs that helped at the following events:

4-7-17 BFD Fish Fry: Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Sherry Parker, Howard Mead, Wayne Miller, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green

4-8-17 Blue Bell Fun Run: Rob Aguilar, Wayne Miller, Howard Mead, Chuck Wood, Bob Cothorn, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld, Laura Sparks, Ron Upchurch, Catharine Wood

4-14-17 St. Mary's Safety Assignment: Ron Upchurch, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld, Albert Green

4-17-17 Washington County Little League Fundraiser: Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis

4-20-17 STEM at Brenham Elementary Safety Assignment: Wayne Miller, Ron Upchurch, Larry Keller

4-21-17 Batting Cages Dedication at Blinn: Wayne Miller, Howard Mead

4-22-17 Drug Collection at BPD: Sherry Parker, Peter Emerson, Ron Upchurch, Laura Sparks, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Mark Smith, Corina Smith

4-27-17 Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: Rob Aguilar

4-27-17 Conway Viewing Safety/Parking Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, Wayne Miller, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld

4-28-17 Conway Funeral Parking/Escort Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Tony Smith, Wayne Miller, Ron Upchurch, Steve Oneill, Stan Ford, Howard Mead, Larry Keller, Rob Aguilar

April COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	88.25
Wanda Aguilar	20.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	31.5
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	6.5
Kevin Braun	11.25
Sue Braun	25.25
Wayne Brown	18
Willie Brown	16
Bob Cothorn	23.5
Michael Cowan	21
Glen Daugherty	9
Tex Davis	45.25
Peter Emerson	6
Stan Ford	38.75
Albert Green	79.75
Dale Green	26.5
Juanita Hickey	12
Larry Keller	24.25
Dick Klein	21.75
Howard Mead	24.5
Wayne Miller	19.5
Steve Oneill	3
Sherry Parker	49.5
Carolyn Petzolt	2
Xochitl mari Rangel	5
Merlene Schmacher	2
Corina Smith	7.5
Mark Smith	9.25
Tony Smith	20.75
Laura Sparks	11
Clarence Steinfeld	29.5
Billy Sutherland	7.5
Annette Tiemann	23.75
Ron Upchurch	152
Ceci Wagner	4
Catharine Wood	23.5
Chuck Wood	6.75

Below: Sgt. Chris Jackson was surprised by Ceci Wagner and Rob Aguilar with a card and gift card for being our Liaison Officer these last 8+ years!

Below: Wanda Aguilar is presented with the 1st Quarter Lt.'s Gold Whistle Award by her Lt. husband. Way to Go!

Below: Rob Aguilar presents Wayne Brown with the 1st Qtr. Office Angel Award. Good Job!



TOTAL 928



Left: What is it?? Answer on page 5

Honoring Our Heroes



National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Thus, this year National Police Week is celebrated May 15th thru the 21st. However, every year on May 13th the Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is held, whether or not it falls during National Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around

the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other. For more info log onto www.NationalPoliceWeek.com



The CPAAA will be providing snacks and goodies for the Police Department. If you would like to donate items like snacks, movie tickets, cash, cards, etc., you can drop them off at the PD - Attention Cpl. Todd Ashorn, or you can drop them off to Dale or Dorothy at Max Donuts, or bring them to the General meeting on May 8th. Thank you for your support of the men and women of **The Brenham Police Department!**

A National Day of Prayer Ceremony was held Thursday, May 4th at the Washington County Courthouse at noon. We came to show support for our country and community. Prayer is good for the soul; and it works wonders! (See Page 8 for photos)



A story and photos of the CPA Class 31 Graduation will be in next month's Informant



CPAAA Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser, will be held next Saturday May 13th at Walgreens. We will also be doing Fingerprinting of Children at Walgreens for their Safety Day Event. We anticipate great participation from all of our members. We hope it will be a great success, as it was last year, when we sold a lot of goodies and had a lot of fun doing it. This is truly a Team Effort. We would like to take this opportunity to

Thank Everyone In Advance, For Their Support!

Fundraiser Committee,

Clarence Steinfeld & Sherry Parker



Left: Come by the PD's front desk and meet our newest civilian employee; she's **Angie Luedecke**. Angie will be replacing Jean Luera as the Patrol Secretary, and she will be working closely with our COP Office personnel. Angie's last position was with the Hamilton Unit Prison in Bryan, Texas; she says that she is very excited to be here and is looking forward to working with us and the officers of the BPD. She and her husband, Travis, moved to Bellville, March 1st from Bryan. Travis is a Sales Account Manager for Kristen Distributing Company in Bellville. While they have no children, Angie says her kids are their two Black Labs, Liberty and Shiner; and their cat, Chief. Angie is currently being trained and will look to us for some advise (good luck with that); but I think she will make a great addition to our BPD Family! **WELCOME!!**

Volunteer Spotlight



Weldon "TEX" Davis has been with the CPAAA and COP program since his graduation from CPA Class 18 in 2004. Tex is the Game Management Facilitator for Blinn College, here in Brenham. I guess that means he works with all the sports teams that Blinn College has; and that's a lot. Well in his spare time, Tex says that he likes watching and going to sporting events; he likes rodeos, the outdoors and grilling. He also likes to perform COP duties like patrolling, special events and traffic control. In the past five years he has logged and amazing 4,638 COP hours. He is an Officer's Choice Award winner as well as a Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award recipient. In the photo at left he is receiving a 5 Year pin from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), of which, he is a member. The RSVP program pairs volunteers with organizations and tracks their hours and other statistics for grant purposes as well as making a difference in the community. Well, all I can say is, Tex makes a big difference in the community that he serves!!

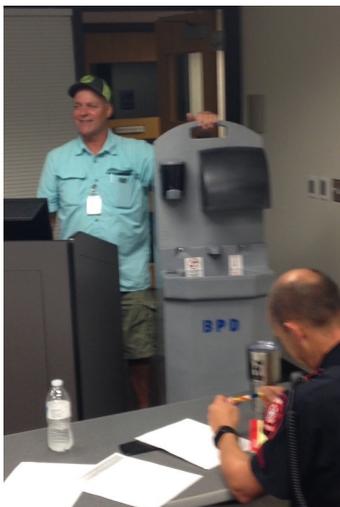
National Communications Week



Above: Five of our “Heroes with Headsets” seemed very glad to receive the goodie bags Dorothy put together for them in appreciation of all the hard work they do for us and the community. The job they do is quite difficult and stressful, so **Thank You!**

WOW! What a treat the dispatchers received during National Communications Week last month. A HUGE thank you to all who donated items and/or money for the goodie bags. And a big **Thank You** to Dorothy Antkowiak for delivering the bags on behalf of the organization!

AWESOME JOB!!!



Left: What is it? Stan Ford purchased this “portable hand washing station” for the BPD Gun Range. It is sorely needed at the gun range and will be greatly appreciated, especially at snack time. Good use of our CPAAA funds. **Thanks again Stan!!**



Above: That’s our own Benita Schramme teaching a PIYO Class at the old Alton Elementary Gymnasium. Interested in this great exercise program, just give her a call to join in the fun. What’s PIYO? I don’t know, so like I said, just call Benita!!

SUNDAY June 25th 2-6 pm

Save The Date!!!

**The Annual CPAAA/BPD Picnic @
Fireman’s Training Center.**



2017 Blue Bell Fun Run!!!



AND THEY'RE OFF!!



I asked Alyson to get my good side; and this is the result?
Thanks Alyson!



CPAAA/COP Member Manija Whitman and her 2 y.o. daughter Jolene Grace ran the race!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

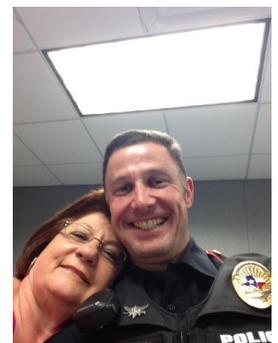
By Rob Aguilar

Love is in the air, in and around the Brenham area. The evidence is very apparent and indisputable. Even the sceptics are convinced of this fact. It is a fact that has not escaped anyone's grasp. It is a hot topic of conversation between young and old alike. The "Lovebug" has invaded the Gulf Coast region of our country and it is relentless in its pursuit of domination of our roadways. I am speaking of those pesky bugs commonly called lovebugs. The lovebug is a species of march fly found in parts of Central America and the southeastern United States, especially along the Gulf Coast. It is also known as the "honeymoon fly" or the "double-headed bug" because during and after mating, adult pairs remain coupled, even in flight, for up to several days. Its binomial name is "Plecia neartica," and they have been recorded to have two flights that occur each year in which the lovebug will have a total lifespan of about 4 to 9 months depending on the flight season. The first flight occurs during the months of April and May and the second flight occurs in August and September. These flights generally last from 4 to 5 weeks; so that means we only have a couple more weeks to deal with these pests; and the constant cleaning of our windshields.

They have become a boom for local carwashes; as nary a bay is available without a wait time, especially, the drive-thru bay. Being able to see out of your windshield is a safety concern and a constant thorn in the side of all drivers, especially those that drive longer distances. These bugs can also clog the cooling fins of your cars' radiator which in turn may cause your vehicle to overheat. The adult bugs and their eggs can also harm your cars paint and chrome; because their bodies become more acidic when not quickly removed. While Love in the air is usually a good thing; lovebugs, in my opinion, are a nuisance. This season's nuisance is almost a thing of the past, but we still have August and September to contend with, when the cycle may repeat itself!



Below: After receiving a Thank You Card from the CPAAA and COP program, Sgt. **Chris Jackson** grabbed my phone and went "selfie" crazy. Well, I gave him my phone so he could photograph a couple of presentations; then, he went **selfie crazy!**



COP Training - This is the schedule for New COP Candidates. Any current CPAAA or COP member that would like to attend any of these classes is welcomed to do so, as some of you may have missed them or would like a refresher. Any questions, please feel free to call me at 451-2612.

May 11th - Orientation Class 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room

May 18th - Traffic Control Class 6:30 pm, Meet at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room, then offsite (weather permitting)

May 25th – Communications/Radio Techniques Class 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room (and or Communications).

May 25th – Haz-Mat Awareness Level and Emergency Response Guidebook Training 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room (if time permits; if not, it will be held June 1st)

Thanks,
Lt. Rob Aguilar
Training Coordinator

The National Day of Prayer ceremony was held on the Courthouse grounds. A great turn out for the event including many BPD Officers and COPs. COP Cpl. Ron Upchurch took the podium to represent BPD and pray for First Responders.
Great Job Ron!



At left and below: BPD Officers and COPs enjoyed a great catfish dinner at the Annual BFD Fish Fry. They worked up an appetite parking cars at the function and were rewarded with great food and fellowship. Officers in the photos were Eddie Martinez, Mickey Gressman, Sierra Newell, also Fayette Co. Deputy (ex-BPD Ofc.) Casey Thumann. COPs were Wanda Aguilar, Howard Mead, Sherry Parker, Albert Green, Annette Tiemann. Chief Goodman stopped by to mingle.





Above: What a handsome couple. That's longtime CPAAA members Kieth and Elizabeth Twiggs photo as newly weds. They celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary, WOW, and they're still going strong. They were married in Reno, Nevada on April 15th 1947. They have 3 children, 3 grand children, 5 great grand children and 3 great-great grand children.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive held on April 27th was a big success. Thanks to all that came out to donate the gift of life. Above left: Representing the Sherriff's Department was Sgt. Mark "Buck" Odem with phlebotomist Jared Hamilton. Above center: Representing the Fire Department was Fire Marshal Brent Sauble, with phlebotomist Jennifer Hutchins. Above right: Representing the Police Department was Lt. Rob Aguilar and vampire Jared Hamilton.



On April 9th the BPD Community Room was bustling with excitement; there was a mild roar of female voices that filtered into the lobby. The occasion was Ofc. Ashley Burns Batson's Baby Shower. Ashley is expecting a girl- Avery Grace, to come into their lives around June 20th.



Who said no boys allowed? This one was to cute to go!



Gun Range photos



Great Fun !!



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Guns & Hoses

Thanks to all who came out to donate blood at the last Guns and Hoses Blood drive on April 27th; and a big THANKS to Rob Aguilar for coordinating this event. We were credited with *31 Total Blood Products*. Watch for info on the next drive in the July newsletter!!

