



Kerrville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Newsletter December 2015

from the President



In this season of Thanksgiving, I give thanks (and I know I speak for every member of the KCPAAA) for the men and women of the Kerrville Police Department, as well as all law enforcement agencies throughout this great country. These men and women are at the tip of the spear in protecting our safety, our security and yes, our way of life. They are taken for granted, rarely given the credit they deserve, and are often unfairly maligned; but they persevere and carry on - because that's who they are. They are a committed and dedicated group of individuals who put their lives on the line 24/7, whether it is in uniform in a patrol car, in civilian clothes investigating crime, or yes, even off duty - because an officer of the law is never really "off duty." They are sworn to uphold the law - period - whether they are in their patrol car or in a restaurant with their family. They are the ones who are running *toward* the danger, while everyone else is running *away* from the danger. We can never really thank them enough. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless them all.

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Kerrville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Cookies for Cops

This year we are going to provide a dozen (or more, depending on how many we have) homemade cookies to every sworn officer at the Kerrville Police Department. That's about 58 dozen cookies.

This was Toni Caldwell's idea, and Dawne Church volunteered to be the chairperson of this project. Thanks to both of you!

This will be a "homemade" demonstration of our support and respect for the men and women of the KPD.

Dawne requests that you bring the cookies to her house (204A Manor Drive) on 16 December, where they will be placed in decorative bags, with cards.

The plan is to take the cookies to the PD on 18 December for a formal presentation to Chief Knight.

If you would like to participate, please e-mail Dawne at dchurch@stx.rr.com or call her at 830-257-4293.

Please let Dawne know how many dozen you will bake, and whether you would like to assist her on 16 December in bagging them and writing the names of the officers on the cards.

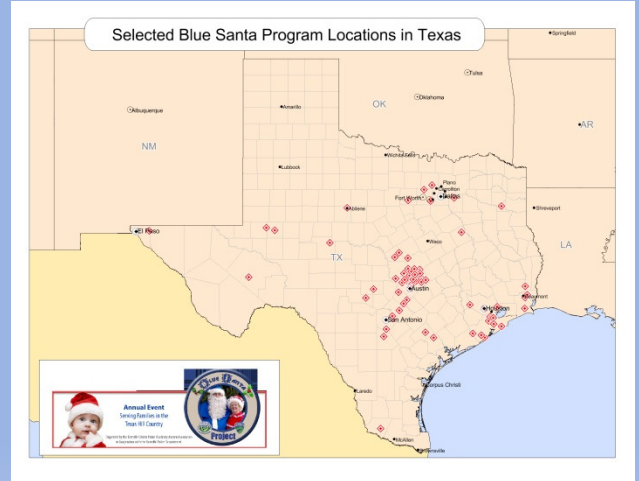


Blue Santa is Coming!

Blue Santa is coming soon! He will be bringing clothing, shoes, toys and Christmas dinner for those who otherwise might not have the means to provide a special Christmas Day for their children.

The Blue Santa program is sponsored by the Kerrville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, the Kerrville Police Officers Association and the Kerrville Noon Rotary Club. We provide clothing, shoes, toys and a box of food sufficient to provide a Christmas meal for 8 to 10 people, including a turkey and all the trimmings. The Kerrville Elks Lodge is joining us again this year by providing additional food items that can be prepared for children during the school holidays.

While preparations have been under way for weeks, there's still much to be done.



While there are hundreds of Blue Santa programs throughout the State of Texas, this map of 70 illustrates how widespread are these programs.

Map courtesy of Spatial Insights.

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| Dec 7, Mon | Shopping at Belk for children's clothes. 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Volunteers do not have to be there the entire time. |
| Dec 8, Tues | Shop for gifts at Wal-Mart 7:30 a.m. - Noon. Volunteers do not have to be there the entire time. |
| Dec 10, Thu | Stuffing gift bags at Ronnie Bock Kerrville RV 9 – 11 AM. We have enough volunteers right now, but need backups in case someone can't make it. |
| Dec 12, Sat | Blue Santa Event at Ronnie Bock's Kerrville RV. Volunteers direct recipients into the parking lot, help with traffic flow, and get gifts to Blue Santa for presentation to children. Volunteers also greet recipients upon arrival. Home Depot will bring activities for children. |

If you can help, please call Brenda Smith at (830) 895-9630.

Jeff Smith Appointed to Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BOD) has appointed Jeff Smith to your BOD to fill the unexpired term of Roger Anderson, who resigned on 3 November.

Jeff has a long history with the KCPAAA, graduating from CPA Class #1 in 2006. He was one of the graduates responsible for the formation of our organization.

Jeff's term will expire on 30 September 2018.



Jeff Smith

December Birthdays

December 1	Rosemary Shields
December 9	Dawne Church
	Kathryn Inman
December 16	Betty Trejo
December 19	Victor Orf
December 22	Roosevelt Fay, Jr.

Happy Birthday All!

Board Bytes¹
Kerrville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
2 November 2015
5:30 PM

Members Present: Bill Cafferty, Ken Sealey, Roger Anderson, Justin MacDonald, Tina Hobratschk, Dawne Church and Tom Whiting.

Members Absent: Rose Bradshaw

Also attending: Community Services Officer (CSO) Juan Trevizo

Bill Cafferty welcomed Officer Juan Trevizo for his first KCPAAA BOD meeting. Bill also announced there are 34 members who have yet to pay their FY-2016 dues.

Tina Hobratschk reported that our total net worth as of November 1, 2015 was **\$65,941.42**.

Guadalupe National Bank: \$20,706.25.

Broadway National Bank: \$45,235.17.

Committee Reports:

Membership and Training: Tom Whiting reported that an e-mail was sent to all committee members. Two members didn't respond; one asked to be removed from the committee; and one replied affirmatively, adding constructive comments.

Events and Activities: Ken Sealey is waiting for information on the Veterans Day (11 November) parade. The Holiday (Christmas) parade is set for 27 November. Blue Santa Day activities are on tap.

See Bytes, p. 7

¹ Board Bytes is not the official minutes of the Board meeting. Rather, Board Bytes reflects the view of an observer who attended the meeting. Minutes are posted on the website after they have been approved by the Board.

Old Business:

After action of Homecoming Parade - Ken Sealey and Juan Trevizo reported that all went well. Five new KCPAAA members helped for their first volunteer activity.

Bill Cafferty reported that several members of the most recent CPA class joined the KCPAAA, along with one member from a previous class.

New Business:

“Cookies for Cops” - A KCPAAA member has recommended that Association members provide one dozen homemade Christmas cookies to each KPD officer. There are 58 sworn officers (or 696 cookies). We’ll also need cards made to accompany the cookies, which hopefully Rose can design and print. Dawne volunteered to chair this ad hoc committee.

The BOD would like to purchase water bottles for those police officers who did not get one last Spring and for the newly hired officers. Tina moved that this be done and Tom Whiting seconded. All were in favor, except Roger Anderson.

Brenda Smith has requested that a sampling of the various sizes of the Class B uniform shirt (male and female) be purchased for try-on by members who want to purchase a shirt. The total cost could be significant. Dawne suggested that an inventory be taken of the shirts currently available before voting on this proposal. Dawne volunteered to conduct this inventory and report back to the board.

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Kerrville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association General Membership Meeting² 6:00 PM, 9 November 2015

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

KCPAAA member attendance: 34

President Bill Cafferty welcomed new members. He reiterated that the new fiscal year has begun and that membership renewals were due by the end of October. If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so ASAP.

Bill also reminded everyone that the KPD/KCPAAA Social will be on 5 December, 1 – 4 PM at the Vicksburg Village Clubhouse. KPD is providing the entrees, KPD officers and staff are bringing desserts, and KCPAAA members are bringing the sides. Bill asked that KCPAAA attendees please respond to the RSVP that was e-mailed, to include the number attending and the side they plan to bring. Blue Santa will be there 2 – 3 PM. The social will constitute our meeting for December.

Jeff Smith has accepted the Board of Director position vacated when Roger Anderson resigned. His appointment took effect immediately and extends for the duration of Roger's term. Welcome Jeff Smith.

Bill presented a very informative PowerPoint presentation of the 2015 TCPAAA Convention in El Paso. Some of the high points of the presentation were:

Ice Breaker, with a dance band and food. Best ice breaker ever!

El Paso Mayor, Police Chief and other dignitaries opened the convention, welcomed attendees and reported that El Paso is the safest city (crime wise) of its size in the U.S.

A full range of training opportunities in small breakout groups.

Lots of socializing and breakouts with key note speakers.

MG Twitty, Commanding General, Fort Bliss, was the keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet.

See General Membership, p.8.

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Speakers included a retired LAPD detective, an El Paso detective assigned to their gang unit, and detectives who worked two high profile homicide cases.

Paul Gonzales won the Lottery Basket prize and KCPAAA attendees had a scratch off party afterwards.

One member asked what it would take to host a convention. After a short discussion, the group decided that the criteria involved are not suitable to host one in Kerrville.

Bill urged members to utilize the website. It is the official, single source of association documents and information. Members are also encouraged to check out the KCPAAA Facebook page.

The 2016 convention will be July 31, 2016 to August 2, 2016 in Corpus Christi.

Reminder

Monday, December 7, is Pearl Harbor Day. On this date in 1941 Japanese aircraft attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii causing significant death and injuries and damage to ships and facilities. This attack launched the United States into World War II.

Let's all remember those who died that day in our prayers, and let's all fly the U.S. flag if we have one.

Save the Date

- December 5** KCPAAA/KPD Holiday Social, 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Vicksburg Village Clubhouse.
- December 12** Blue Santa and Mrs. Santa arrive at Ronnie Bock's Kerrville RV.
- December 16** “Cookies for Cops” (Delivery to Dawne and assistance in bagging).
- December 25** Christmas
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Thought for the Month



Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

