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Rogers Roll Call



I am excited to announce, CPA Class #51 starts this month!! We will be conducting the class in person with the option for the attendees to attend virtually. The class will continue to be socially distant with how our training room is currently set up and sanitizing the desks before and after the class. We will have 20 attendees for this class, and I look forward to making the 14-week program memorable even during COVID times. Upon graduation of this class, we will be over 1200 graduates from the CPA Program since 1995.

We have almost finished all the backgrounds from the new hire test back in September. The Pearland Police Department will be having a new hire test in April, and we have begun the steps to recruit the most diverse group of applicants ever to test with us. Our recruiting team has been planning for weeks to travel to all areas of Texas to bring attention to our department and to bring top notch officers to our Department.

On the home front things are going great. All six chickens are still alive, but they have learned to run to the front yard and dig up all our mulch looking for bugs to eat. If this keeps up, we may have less chickens. I am amazed how fast a group of six chickens can destroy a flowerbed. Max our German Shepard puppy is not so small anymore. He is up to around 75 pounds and is still growing every day. Max enjoys cuddling but he has no idea how big he is when he tries to sit in your lap, but he is a good boy and great with the kids. If anyone needs anything, please let me know.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Stay Safe, Stay Vigilant

Dates to Remember

February 2021:

- 2/9 – Board meeting – TBA
- 2/14 – Valentine's Day
- 2/20 – General Meeting – 9am via Zoom

Membership dues are due!



Well, its February folks! It's that time of year that winter and spring are fighting it out there! Time to start planting gardens and bringing new life into our world. Winter is lurking around trying to remind us its still around. We'll be on our way to hurricane season before you know it!

CPA Class #51 is about to start up the first Thurs, in February. The first CPA class for 2021. Let's hope this one makes it through to the end. Class 50 were real troupers! We will not be able to invite the past CPA members to the first day of class like we normally would have due to limits in the training room. We sure wish we could though!

When I go up to the PPD everyone asks about the CPA and how our members are doing. They really do miss seeing everyone.

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) program is not able to write citations for handicap parking still. We must have two CPA members drive around together to do the citations and we know we can't keep the CPA members six feet apart in the vehicle.

The CPA board voted to not put on the annual Pear Run again this year. We cannot risk our volunteers and the citizens who sign up for the race getting Covid still. Many of our volunteers are older and have health issues. If they caught Covid through us, it would be devastating.

There are a few of us who go up to the PPD but it's very limited. We are just trying to keep things running within the CPA and keep everyone safe. Thanks to Judy and Richard Gaudin, who are not only board members, but also help keep the vending machines full for the PD staff. Tom Faircloth helps fill the refrigerator with water bottles at the PD. The Audit Committee, headed by Susan Russo (also a board member), met last month to do an audit of the CPA. The Police Explorers (part of Boy Scouts of America) and Officer Cohen have been given permission to start up the Explorer program again. We have a CPA Committee for them that handles their financials and when they need volunteers for their events.

We are currently limited on volunteer opportunities, but when they come up, we will let our members know. A recent request went out for volunteers to help Hobby TSA out with the K9 training. TSA contact Officer Rogers and Officer Rogers lets me know. I send the request out to our membership, but we never know when those will come in. We are trying folks to get opportunities. Hopefully, this year things will get better or we will have a better idea of how to make things happen. Stick with us folks!

DON'T FORGET – PCPAAA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY!

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP = \$25

FAMILY/COUPLE = \$40

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP = \$250

FAMILY/COUPLE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP = \$400

DUES CAN BE PAID VIA MAIL OR DROP OFF AT THE PPD/RECORDS WINDOW. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE ENVELOPED MARKED "PCPAAA". ADDRESS: 2555 CULLEN PKWY, PEARLAND, TX 77581

*****WITH THE TEMPORARY HALT ON OUR FUNDRAISERS, YOUR DUES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO KEEP THE PCPAAA IN GOOD STANDING. ALSO CONSIDER A SEPARATE DONATION TO THE PCPAAA. WE ARE A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION AND YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Officer of the Month - Gougenheim

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This month's officer is Carla Jo Ehlinger who is currently working C Squad's 4:00 PM to 4:00 AM shift.

Carla was born February 22nd 1989 in Pearland Texas. She attended Pearland High School where she graduated in 2007. Carla attended Texas A&M University and majored in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. She graduated from A&M in 2012. She then attended the Southeastern New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy graduating in 2016. She has been an officer for Pearland Police Department since November 2019. Carla has been married to Melissa Ehlinger since February 22nd 2019.

Carla had aspired to be a game warden from childhood. She went to school for that and worked as a game warden for New Mexico Game and Fish for 3 ½ years. She found that she enjoyed helping the State Police and the sheriff's office more than her game warden duties. When she moved back home to Pearland she knew she wanted to work in regular law enforcement. Some of her desires in the Pearland Police Department are to go into K-9 division and to become an instructor in the Pearland Police Academy.

Carla enjoys traveling out west to see the mountain ranges in New Mexico, Colorado and Washington State where she can enjoy back packing and rock climbing, along with long distance running with Ellie her border collie.

Her impact moment is while working on patrol in Pearland she made a traffic stop on a young man for no front license plate. While conducting the traffic stop it was apparent that he was struggling with something related to the stop. She asked him what was wrong, and the young man explained that he did not get a promotion that he was counting on. Carla spent some time talking with him and discussing the power and opportunity that struggles such as his might bring us. After their conversation he left with a consideration of going into law enforcement as a career.

Carla believes that, as Law Enforcement officers, they have the most unique position in that they are stewards for our community in a vast variety of ways.



PEARLAND ANIMAL SHELTER WISH LIST



Dog/Puppy and Cat/Kitten Food:

- Iams, Purina One, Purina ProPlan, Pedigree, Wellness, or any medium to high grade pet food brand

Blankets (fleece is best; we can't use blankets with stuffing)

Puppy/Kitten Formula

Cat Litter

Wash Cloths and Towels

Laundry Detergent

Dawn Dish Soap

Bleach

Pet Crates/Kennels

Dog Toys (NO stuffed toys)

Cat Toys





Proudly Backing The Blue

**Police Appreciation
Yard Signs for Sale!**

18" x 24" Yard Signs
(includes yard stake)

Cost = \$20

Sold By: Pearland Citizens Police
Academy Alumni Association
(PCPAAA) Fundraiser

As many of you know, we had to cancel the Pear Run and the Gun Raffle fundraisers this year due to Covid-19 pandemic. These cancellations put a huge dent in our fundraising for the year. To try to make up funds and show support to our officers, we are selling yard signs. Participation of all CPA members is encouraged and appreciated.

If you are interested in purchasing any signs to sell in your community, please send an email to: casweeney@aol.com.

We Miss You!

Please Join Us for the next General CPA Zoom Meeting

The January CPA General Meeting was conducted via Zoom Video. Thanks to all who attended! If you are not familiar with how to setup your home computer or smart phone for viewing the meeting via Zoom, please feel free to contact Cindy Bilyeu and she will be happy to help you get setup over the phone. It just takes a few minutes. Cindy can be reached at: cindybilyeu@yahoo.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, February 20, 2021**. Please contact Cindy a couple of days before the meeting for assistance. **We hope to see you there!**



Fun Fact of the Month

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CUPID HAS ITS ROOTS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY

He is the charming cherub that appears on Valentine's Day cards, often depicted with a bow and arrow — but how did Cupid become a common symbol of Valentine's Day? According to *Time*, the figure can actually be traced all the way back to 700 B.C., to the Greek god of love named Eros, who was actually a handsome, immortal man with the intimidating power to make people fall in love. It wasn't until the 4th century BCE that the Romans adopted Eros into the image of a cute little boy with a bow and arrow, naming him "Cupid." By the turn of the 19th century, Cupid had become linked to Valentine's Day due to his love-matching powers.



Bad Jokes:

“You know, people say they pick their nose, but I feel like I was just born with mine.”

“I just ordered a chicken and an egg online. I’ll let you know.”



CPA Vehicle Successor

As you know, the CPA truck that was used over the past several years helping with handicap patrol and other duties passed away after a tough fight with old age. We are proud to announce her successor – a Ford Expedition! Of course, with Covid, she will have to wait for a little cosmetic makeover before hitting the public, but we are hopeful to see her out and about in the near future.



Chief JC Doyle portrait is now hanging in the JC Doyle Public Safety Building lobby



IN THE NEWS

Officer White – New Officer in the Community Outreach Division

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My name is James M. White and I am a Police Officer for Pearland Police Department Community Outreach Division. I began my law enforcement career in Pearland on December 1, 2008. I served the Pearland citizens on patrol for almost 12 years before moving to the Community Outreach Division.

I started in the division on December 12, 2020. While in this division I want to learn and gain knowledge from my peers and help with implementing possible fresh ideas. I would love to focus my efforts on at risk youth in our city. I believe that if we can change their thinking, give them more options and opportunity we can alter their path in life to possibly become a productive citizen in society.

My journey to Pearland began on August 15, 1977 in Will County, Joliet, Illinois. I was relocated to Houston, TX at the age of 10 years old. I graduated from Dwight D Eisenhower High School Houston, TX in 1996.

The journey then led me to the United States Navy immediately after High school in July of 1996. I had a great 4-year career in the Navy that taught me new things, took me places I had never been and grew me into a productive young man for society.

After my 4-year enlistment in the Navy, I decided to go to college where I attended San Jacinto Jr College in Pasadena, TX in the fall of 2000. I also re-enlisted in the Naval Reserve to be able to continue my career in the military part time. I was fortunate enough to eventually retire from the Naval Reserve with 20 years of consecutive service and honorable discharge.

While in school I also began working. My first job was working with the afterschool program at the YMCA. My second job was monitoring video surveillance at different sites across the country for Inter Star Systems Security Company. I then subsequently transitioned to a detention officer at Harris County Juvenile Detention Center. From there I continued in corrections working for Corrections Corporation of America at the Houston Processing Center, which led me to Pearland Police Department where I am enjoying my career choice.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Irma Avila who retired from service as the Custodial Team Lead for over 20 years. Chief Spires presented her with a rocking chair and plaque of recognition. We wish you years of health and happiness!



Congratulations to Captain Ybarra, Lieutenant Thomas, Sergeant Williams, and Sergeant Arnold who were promoted by Chief Spires on January 7, 2021. We congratulate you on your hard work and dedication to our community.



NOTES, REMINDERS AND DID YOU KNOW?



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- Please send volunteer hours via email to Crissie Emmons @ janetcrissie@gmail.com. Volunteer hours include inside the PD hours, outside the PD hours, general meeting attendance, Animal Shelter volunteer hours, TSA (Hobby Airport) volunteer hours. Your hours assist the PD and City management in recording the manhours/money saved by volunteer service, so PLEASE turn them in.
- All PD offices have “Maximum Capacity” signs to ensure social distance protocol at the PD. Please wear your mask and observe these signs when volunteering.
- Face masks must be worn for ALL volunteer events/meetings in public areas.
- The PCPAAA is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations are gratefully accepted. At this time, only checks are accepted. Please mail your checks to PCPAAA, 2555 Cullen Blvd, Pearland, TX 77584.



In Loving Memory



Joe Mullally, a CPA member from class #39 passed away on January 25, 2021. Joe and his wife, Yvette were active members during their time with the CPA. Joe was a part of the COP, Citizens on Patrol program. He also helped his wife, Yvette Mullally out with several of the Pear Run events. Their participation was instrumental in some of the most successful years the Pear Run has ever had.

Joe was a parent to Alexia and Joseph, his now grown children. Looking at his daughter’s wedding pictures, you can see how proud Joe was of his daughter. Joe could be found enjoying playing guitar with his son. Joe will always be in their hearts and memories.

Joe was a former US Army Ranger who serving our country. In 1989 he served in operation “Just Cause” in Panama. One of his platoon members said about Joe, “He took us to combat and brought us home”. While there, Joe earned his Combat Jump Badge and Combat Infantry Badge. He was a proud soldier and faithfully serviced his country.

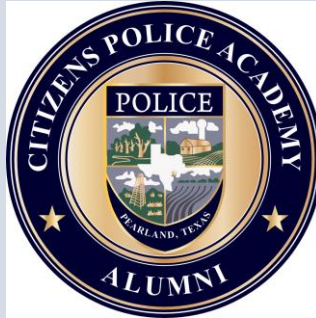
While in the CPA Joe took time to know members, he enjoyed listening to the “old timers” military stories. Every time you met Joe at meetings, he had the biggest smile on his face. One you would remember. He had a way with people.

Many of the CPA members who knew Joe will miss him, he was one of those great guys you meet in your life that you never forget. Thank you, Joe, for serving your country and for being a part of the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. We have fond memories of you. May you rest in peace.

The monthly RAP Sheet is compiled by Officer Chad Rogers, Cindy Bilyeu and Tina Faircloth. Articles are due by the 15th of each month. **Anyone can submit articles.** CPA members, Officer and PD Staff! Please send articles and pictures to info@pcpaaa.com for inclusion. Articles and pictures are published as space allows.

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