

# The RAP Sheet

May  
2021

## News and Events From The Pearland PCPAAA



### Dates to Remember: May 2021:

- 5/6 Class 51 Graduation
- 5/11 Board Meeting - PPD
- 5/17 General Meeting 9am - PPD & Zoom

### Dates to Come:

- 6/3-24 Advanced CPA Classes - Training Room
- 7/4 July 4th Fireworks - TBA



Welcome to the May 2021 Edition of the Rogers' Roll Call. April brought about some exciting moments. We were able to have our first in person PCPAAA General Meeting on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the PD. It was great to see everyone and welcome the opportunity to continue the meetings in person in the future. Stay tuned for the Advanced CPA Classes coming up every Thursday evening in June from 7PM to 9PM. I am working to finalize the classes now, but I can promise they will be a lot of fun.

These classes are free to attend and more information will be passed on in a few weeks but plan to have classes on June 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> we had the police officer new hire test. We had 132 people show up for the test. There were 103 that passed the written test and then took the physical agility test. We had 90 people pass the physical agility and were given a background packet. We currently have around 10 openings, and we look forward to the next group of Pearland Police Department new hires. I had the chance to work with the new hire testing, and was very impressed with the applicants that showed up for the test. People showed up from as far as Chicago, Louisiana, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley and Central Texas for the opportunity to be a Pearland Officer. I had thoughtful conversation with many of the people who showed up and I can say we have a great group of people wanting to be Pearland Police Officers.

We will be graduating CPA Class #51 on May 6<sup>th</sup> and have started the application process for CPA Class #52. If you know of anyone who wants to attend the classes, please get them to apply or get in contact with me. With the graduation of CPA Class #51, we know show over 1200 graduates of the CPA Program since 1995. This program as well as the addition of new CPA Alumni continues to be a goal and priority of mine. We will also be offering the Advanced CPA classes this June. Look for the tentative schedule in this edition. I look forward to the volunteer opportunities the PCPAAA will have in the upcoming months for the city as well as help with training around the PD. If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact me.

Stay Safe, Stay Vigilant.



## President's Corner

Well, as promised, we are trying to have more volunteer opportunities made available to our members! This past month we had Mental Health training, an all SWAT call out and volunteers needed at the Brazoria County Health Department office in Pearland for Covid vaccine assistance. Through the Police Appreciation Committee, we had a few opportunities to help bring goodies to celebrate some of the departments within the PPD. We have ongoing vending and water distribution at the PPD. A few opportunities for Board members to help at CPA Classes: selling merchandise and police appreciation yard signs. There will be more opportunities coming and we hope our members sign up for those opportunities as they become available.

For those who missed the 1<sup>st</sup> "in person" CPA meeting for 2021, the topic of CPA Volunteer of the Year came up because generally, when the PPD has their Police Banquet, we hand out an award to the CPA Volunteer of the year there. This year, we will not be doing that. The board made the decision to withhold this award because members were not able to volunteer as much in 2020 due to Covid. I personally was disappointed in that decision. For those who do not know it, a person to be considered for volunteer of the year comes with a couple of requirements: you must be in good standing (paid up on dues) and you must put in a minimum of 100 volunteer hours. Those who had their names submitted were VERY deserving. All just happened to be board members. Board members had to fill in to do most of the work that enabled our Pearland CPA to continue to function since there was limited access to the building. We continued to hold board and general meetings via Zoom video. We produced the Rap Sheet, day to day CPA activities continued such as sending emails out, paying our bills, counting vending money, making deposits, supplying the PD with water and vending items, etc. 100 volunteer hours is NOT a couple of volunteer opportunities. It's actually quite a lot of hours. In most cases, the people whose names were put on the list put in far more hours than that. I want everyone to know how hard these folks worked filling in for the entire CPA membership just to make sure our officers and the PPD staff were taken care of and our CPA was still functioning. Anyone of these folks were deserving of this award. They all worked their butts off.

Now we must try and rebuild our CPA membership back up. Start reengaging our membership. Giving them opportunities to volunteer. We need members to step up and ask about joining committees. sign up to help when asked. Please make sure you get your dues paid to help our organization.

To me, some of this feels like we are starting over. We need to rebuild our organization up again after all this.

The CPA board needs your help. Its time to give them some rest by having our members step back in to help us out. We will also try for some type of fundraising events. If everyone will do their part to help replenish our funds, we'll be OK.

So, for those who were nominated to be volunteer of the year....."I know what you did to help us out" and I CERTAINLY appreciate the time you put in this past year. Tina Faircloth, Judy Gaudin and Richard Gaudin. Thank you so much for all that you do!



### It's Time to Pay Your Dues!

We have some great volunteer opportunities coming up for CPA members who are in "good standing" which means you are up to date on your membership dues.

Yearly Individual dues are \$25, Lifetime Individual Membership is \$250, Yearly Family Membership dues are \$40 or a Lifetime Family Membership is \$400. There are several ways to pay:

Checks (made out to PCPAAA). Cash and checks are accepted at our General Meetings or may be dropped off at the Records window on the PD side in an envelope labeled "PCPAAA DUES". All cash payments require correct change. Credit card payments are accepted at our general meeting as well.

You may also mail payments to: *PCPAAA – Membership Dues, 2555 Cullen Parkway, Pearland, TX 77581*

## PCPAAA Fund Raiser

### "PROUDLY BACKING THE BLUE" YARD SIGNS



#### 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](#)

## Advanced CPA Classes Begin In June

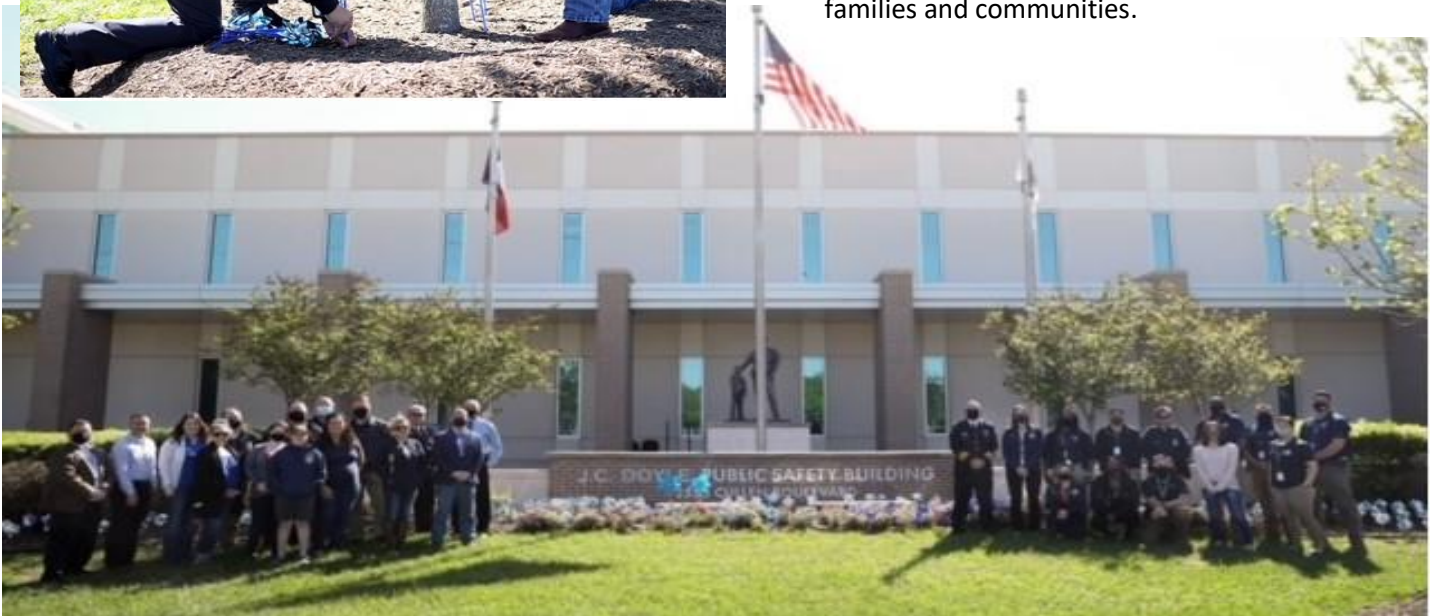
We are starting up the Advanced CPA Classes again this summer. Below is the tentative schedule, so stay tuned for the sign-up sheet. Must be current on dues to attend. **ALL CLASSES HELD FROM 7-9 PM**

ADVANCED CPA CLASSES		
DATE	COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
6/3	CRASE	Palomo
6/10	Stop The Bleed	Palomo
6/17	TBD	
6/24	TBD	

## PPD RECOGNIZES CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION



In honor of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, the Pearland Police Dept. planted blue pinwheels on the front lawn to honor the 2 child abuse fatalities and 703 child abuse cases in Brazoria County. The pinwheels represent the hopes of breaking the silence of abuse and the hope for all children to grow up in happy, healthy and supportive families and communities.



## CIVILIAN SPOTLIGHT

This month's Pearland's Police Department civilian support person is Vernita Rawls, who worked with the D Squad in the Dispatch Center.

Vernita became a dispatcher after a unfulfilling former occupation. She completed her certification class at Houston Community College and has been a dispatcher for 18 years. She was hired by Pearland Police Department on January 20, 2019.

Even dispatchers can have impact moments. A good moment was when she dispatched a call for pursuit of a subject involved in the sexual assault of a child. Her husband (also in law enforcement) participated in the pursuit leading to the arrest of the subject.

A bad moment was during Hurricane Harvey when she felt like she was being overwhelmed trying to keep up with the thousands of calls coming in. Yet, she never gave up and helped an enormous number of citizens that day.

Vernita and her husband Mark have two wonderful children, Kayla and Cristian. Vernita plans to continue to grow with the Pearland Police Department as a Lead Dispatcher. After retirement, Vernita plans to spend more time with family traveling domestically and abroad.

Vernita Rawls is another outstanding individual that helps make the Pearland Police Department the high caliber organization that it is.



## PPD Speaks at Capitol

On April 15th, Pearland Police Department Officer, B. Karr testified as an expert witness at the State Capitol for the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee. Officer Karr, TMPA Rep. Dallas Hill AUVSI and Pearland's local Texas House Member Ed Thompson assisted in authoring the communication and clarification of current issues and needs in order to improve public safety and security. We are grateful for their service.



## Volunteer Hours Reminder!

For those of you who are volunteering with us please make sure you turn in your volunteer hours to Janet Crissie Emmons as often as you can (monthly works great!).

Please report all volunteer hours via email to: [janetcrissie@gmail.com](mailto:janetcrissie@gmail.com). Please type CPA Volunteer Hours in the subject line. Your email should include a list of **INSIDE** hours (anything within the property boundaries of the PPD) and/or **OUTSIDE** hours (when you volunteer at Animal Control, TSA @Hobby Airport, City events, etc).

**Please note:** Once we are able to start "Ride Along with an Officer" again, those hours are **NOT** considered volunteer hours. They are for your education and enjoyment.



## 2021 Education Award

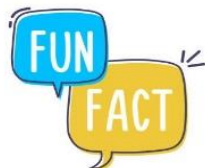
It is time for the 2021 PCPAAA Education Awards!

The award is \$500.00. Applicants must be a member in good standing in the Explorers Program, Teen CPA or the Youth Leadership Program. They must also be accepted into an accredited College or University.

Applicants must submit their application no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the Fall Semester award.

For more information about the Pearland CPA Education Award, please feel free contact Susan Russo at [russosc@icloud.com](mailto:russosc@icloud.com). There is also more information available at: <https://pcpaaa.com/forms-brochures/attachment/pcpaaa-education-award-application>. **GOOD LUCK!**

## May Fun Facts



May is a special time for Star Wars fans worldwide and always a good reason to re-watch the movies again. May the 4<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as "Star Wars Day" because the date sounds similar to "May the Force." We will not start the debate over whether the old movies are better than the new ones, because we all know the answer to that!

May is also a pretty good month for US Presidents. Every other month of the year, at least one US president has died, but never in May!

## Bad Jokes

Which bear is the most condescending?  
**A Pan-Duh**

Why is Peter Pan always flying?  
**Because he Neverlands**

Why did the coach go to the bank?  
**To get his quarterback**



## Animal Services



**Did you know that Animal chipping is only \$25 with our Animal Services Division?** This is great news because in the future, chipping your animal will replace yearly registration of animals which will go away in new animal control re-write of ordinances. The chipping includes a life time registration with the chipping company and can be reassigned to new pet owners should the animal change owners. Due to the small size of the Animal Control Shelter, it is necessary to make an appointment to get your animals chipped because of Covid health requirements. To make an appt, please call 28-652-1970.



**Did you know Animal Services is under the Pearland Police Department?** Did you know that you can volunteer with the animal shelter and your volunteer hours will count towards CPA volunteer hours? Consider signing up! Go to the City of Pearland website: [pearlandtx.gov/departments/animal-services](http://pearlandtx.gov/departments/animal-services). There you will find a registration form to fill out and submit. Volunteers get to walk dogs, help with cats and assist with off-site adoptions.



**FOSTER  
HOMES  
NEEDED!**



Puppy and Kitty season is upon us and with that is an influx of newborns without mom to help them grow. If you or anyone you know has experience in bottle feeding neonates, please consider volunteering to foster a baby puppy or kitten. All formula, bottles, towels and vet care is provided. Newborns range from 1-2 days to 2-3 weeks before weaning. To apply, please email [pearlandpets@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:pearlandpets@pearlandtx.gov).

### CPA SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ANIMAL CONTROL



The CPA provided an array of refreshments for Pearland Police Telecommunications staff (Dispatch). Our Dispatchers are a vital part of our first response team. Thank you for all you do for our community!



April included Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week. The Pearland CPA helped show our appreciation to our team by providing a meal for them to enjoy! Thank you for all you do!

## SWAT CALL OUT

It's so good to be together again! What a great day our CPA members had getting to help with SWAT training. We also learned a lot about the specialized training given to our officers. Thanks to everyone who came out to participate. Below are some pictures during the training.



## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Cindy Bilyeu  
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Tina Faircloth  
Richard Gaudin  
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Steve Broeder  
Judy Gaudin  
Dave Miller  
Cheryl Sweeney



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