



THE RAP SHEET

PEARLAND CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROGERS' ROLL CALL

By Officer Chad Rogers, CPA Liason

Welcome to the February 2023 Rap Sheet. I hope everyone is doing okay and have kept up with those New Year's Resolutions. Go Cowboys!! Oh, wait never mind. Funny story about our goat Mabel. The other day we left to go watch my daughter's horse-riding lesson, and the goat had got out of her pen, which she does often. Anytime the horse is gone the goat loses her dang mind trying to find him. The goat has some major co-dependency issues. So, this time we made sure to shut the front yard gate so the goat would stay contained in the fenced in yard. We leave and are at my daughter's lesson and something told me I should check my work cell phone. I realize I had missed calls from dispatch on my work cell phone, my personal cell phone, and also a text message saying call us it is about your goat. I called dispatch and listen to them laugh about how my goat got out and someone caught the goat and noticed the Pearland PD car in the driveway, so they were able to track me down. Part of me was relieved the goat was not dead, but another part of me thought man my life would be easier if it was. We left the lesson and met with the lady that caught the goat she said as she was driving by the goat pushed open the gate and then began to run back in forth in the road in what I think was an attempt to end it all. I attempted to give her the goat, but she said nahhhhhhhh, this one is to crazy for me. The end!!

CPA Class #55 is set to start on February 9, and we should have around 20 people in the class. I wanted to end the roll call by talking about Ms. Dolores Gant. Ms. Dolores passed away recently while under Hospice Care. Prior to her passing she was able to attend the PD Christmas Luncheon and say what would be her final goodbyes to so many officers she has known for decades. This was the last time I was able to see and talk with Dolores. She was a pistol, such a witty sense of humor and almost mean at times, but I knew it was because she loved us. She considered us family and loved helping volunteer with the PD. I have so many memories of Ms. Dolores, from the time she got mad that I took two hamburger patties in the food line at the PD during Hurricane Harvey, to the time she kept bringing me margaritas while I waited in line to check in at the CPA State Conference. I will miss her dearly, but I know we are all better for knowing Ms. Dolores.

Stay Safe and Stay Vigilant!!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Judy Reed Gaudin, PCPAAA President

As most of you know, we lost one of our most dedicated members in January, Dolores Gant. I have never met anyone so dedicated to volunteering to support our officers as Dolores was. I first met Dolores when I joined the Board back in 2018. I walked into my first Board meeting; I was feeling a bit awkward. I didn't know anyone and well just felt out of place. Dolores introduced herself and explained things to me. After a few minutes she said we need to get you introduced to everyone, you never know someday you might be our President. We both laughed and I replied, "you must be out of your mind, I will never be President." She Made me feel right at home. I quickly learned to watch and learn from her. I also learned she had no problem telling you if she didn't like something you did or said, lol. One look from Dolores and you had a flash back of a look you got from you mom that said one of two things, "Great job, I'm so proud of you" Or "Wrong Answer, try again". I may have seen one or both of those looks from her on occasion. Well, as it turned out Dolores was right (as usual) in November 2022 I did become President. The only thing that went through my mind at the time was "How did she know?" I am so thankful that she was still here for that. I was Planning to go and visit her, but I got sick and could not even talk on the phone. I finally got the ok from my Dr and Cindy said Dolores was up for visitors, so I was making plans to go see her that weekend when I received word that she had passed away. It broke my heart that I did not get to hear her say "I told you so". I thank God for the blessing of meeting and learning from Dolores. She knew how to make you feel welcomed and she taught us that giving of yourself was the best gift that you could ever give anyone. We will all miss you Dolores, you were an angel among us, now you are an angel in heaven. May you Rest in Peace.

DOLORES GANT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date : **Saturday, February 11, 2023**

Time : **2:00PM**

Location : **Peevey Funeral Home**

12440 Beamer Rd. Houston, Tx.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association:

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OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

by Charles Gougenheim II

The main Officer for this article is Arko, who is a Belgian Malinois K9. The second is Officer John Harton in the K9 Division who is Arko's partner.

Arko, is an eleven-year-old Belgian Malinois who is trained in narcotics detection and tracking. Arko was purchased from USK9 in Kaplan, LA and arrived in the US from the Netherlands. Arko has been Officer Harton's partner for nine of those years. Arko is a very sociable K9. Always speak to the handler and ask if you may pet their partner. All K9s have teeth and all K9s bite so better to be safe than sorry. In Arko's off time, he enjoys walks, play time and belly rubs. Arko's partner in crime at home is a five pound Yorkie named Sparrow. They enjoy getting their bellies rubbed and stealing each other's toys. Arko also frequently visits with children at schools, scout meetings and birthday parties for demonstrations and loves meeting new people

Now for Arko's partner, who is John "Eric" Harton. Eric was born in January 1972 in Virginia and grew up in California where he graduated from California High School in 1990. He also attended Diablo Valley College and Cal State College Harvard. He attended Alvin Community College Police Academy and started with Pearland Police Department in August of 2005. He is also the senior K9 handler and certified K9 trainer for Pearland Police Department. Eric has been in law enforcement for seventeen years with the Pearland Police Department. He is married to Heather Harton and they have two grown kids, Chandler and Brodie.

Eric went into law enforcement because he always wanted to be a police officer, and never met a bad officer when pulled over while growing up. He enjoys the interactions with people whether he is assisting them or arresting them as the situation requires.

His future plans include retiring in 10 years and deciding where to retire to.

Eric's impact moment is anticipating the day when Arko will have to retire from his K9 duties. It will be the longest and saddest day in his long K9 career.

K9 : I will lay down my life for you and expect nothing but love in return. I will protect my officer with my life, and would gladly take a bullet in his place. I am sent in to find lost children and fugitives on the run.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

15 - Board Meeting (Wednesday)
18 - General Meeting

March

14 - Board Meeting
20 - General Meeting
31 - Last day to renew annual membership - pcpaaa.com/renew

April

11 - Board Meeting
15 - General Meeting





DOLORES VIRGINIA GANT 1931 - 2023



WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT DOLORES GANT?

She was quite the character! She was a “fierce” five feet tall, had a strong personality, was funny, if you were friends with her, you were truly friends with her for life and you knew it.

Dolores was in PCPAAA class 17. Unfortunately, you won't see her picture in the class photo in the Pearland PD, CPA hallway. For some reason, she missed the picture that day. In her lifetime, Dolores was awarded CPA volunteer of the year twice, she was also awarded CPA of the year at the Texas CPA once. Dolores sat on many CPA boards over the years, many committees, volunteering whenever/wherever she could. She was known for putting in over 500 volunteer hours a year, for several years. She was an amazing CPA member. She was a member every CPA organization wanted. Hard working, dependable, trusted, and compassionate.

Dolores took pride in raising money for the PCPAAA because she knew something was going to the Officers. She loved helping with training officers the most. Dolores was fiercely protective of “her” Officers. Dolores taught me how to watch over Officers at funerals with dignity, grace, respect, and most of all, to protect them during those vulnerable times. She would say, Officers needed to grieve like anyone else, but she wanted to keep them safe from prying eyes as best she could, and she felt like that was her responsibility while she was there. She watched over services for Pearland PD Officer Endy Ekpanya, Pearland PD Chief JC Doyle and other Officers from other agencies when we were asked to help. She watched over all of them from afar, but most of all, she was there to show her respect on their final journey. It was important they had the best send off with dignity and honor.

One year, when the PCPAAA was asked to donate to the Pearland PD's High Water Rescue Team, Officer Morton was the one that came to make the request to the board. He showed us what he was looking for. He wanted to only ask for the bare necessity. Dolores spoke up at the board meeting and insisted he get as much equipment as he needed.



DOLORES VIRGINIA GANT 1931 - 2023 CONT.

That equipment would be used for citizens of Pearland but also help the Officers rescue those citizens. Dolores wanted to make sure anyone from one end of town to the other had equipment, to help them out. Officer Morton joked about naming one of the rescue rope bags after Dolores because she spoke up for them the loudest. He joked about "tossing" Dolores rope bag out into the high water...chuckling a little.... picturing Dolores being "tossed" out there. She thought naming a rope bag after her was a wonderful idea.

Dolores wore "Peary," the Pear Run mascot costume, to help raise funds for the PCPAAA. She dutifully went from business sponsor to business sponsor dressed up. She said it was all for the Officers, so it was worth doing. Dolores was in her late 80's back then. It was hard on her, but she did it anyway. During that fund raising, we also talked the Pearland SWAT team into taking a picture with "Peary" (Dolores) that year. She loved that picture with them, and a copy of the picture was in her living room, prominently displayed. That year was the highest fundraising we had ever done for the PCPAAA and the Pearland Police Department, and I like to think it was because Dolores went out of her way to dress as Peary.

Part of those funds went to help fund the Pearland PD Mobile Command Post. She was so proud that we were able to help do our part in getting it for them. If you saw the other vehicle, you understood why. Dolores took great pride in it.

During many Pearland PD retirements you could hear Dolores, sitting in the back of the room, telling other CPA members how she had changed this or that Officers diaper when he was a baby. She always chuckled thinking about that. She knew many of the Officers over the years by name. When she would come into the building, she would greet them with a big, "Hi, how are you?" and a hug. If she saw them in their petrol cars out on the street, she would wave at them with a big smile. They were all special to her. I would quietly watch her and the Officers interreacting. She truly loved them all.

In Dolores last months, I asked her how she would feel about me getting her some CDB Gummies because of her cancer and her discomfort. I wanted to help ease her pain, maybe help her appetite, or help ease her mind. She told me she couldn't. She was afraid she would be called up by the Pearland PD to help drive cars for K9 training or some other "special" assignment. I finally had to break it to her that she was not going to be able to help the Pearland PD out and it was OK to have a CDB Gummy. The day she got her first "1/2" Gummy, she on the phone with her friend Barbra. She told her she was on Marijuana....woo-hoo! I got a laugh out of it.



DOLORES VIRGINIA GANT 1931 - 2023 CONT.

Even in Dolores' last days, she was telling her care team all about the PCPAAA and how wonderful it was and how she used to volunteer with the Pearland Police Department. She never stopped talking about her passion for the Pearland Police Department and the CPA.

I will truly miss my friend. I don't know of a better human being to have learned from, about volunteering. There are many new Pearland PD Officers that Dolores Gant never got to meet in her last year. But know one thing. You were all "her" Officers and she truly loved and cared about each one of you and she loved the PCPAAA organization. Volunteering gave her a lot of happiness.

Goodbye my friend. I will see you again one day and I know you will always surround us and look over us. Thank you for everything you taught me and others about volunteering. You were an amazing person to know.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the PCPAAA in Dolores Gants name please send a check to: PCPAAA C/O Pearland Police Department, 2555 Cullen Parkway, Pearland, TX 77581. Attn: PCPAAA and a note saying in honor of Dolores Gant.

Cindy Bilyeu
PCPAAA Member



HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED? SEND IN YOUR HOURS!

How to Report Your Hours

Email your volunteer hours (inside, outside & COPs) to Crissie at janetcrissie@gmail.com

- **Inside** - volunteer hours that happen inside the Pearland PD building.
- **Outside** - volunteer hours that take place outside of the Pearland PD building.
- **COPs** - handicap parking patrol hours



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TEXAS CPAAA REGION ONE

As a member of the Pearland CPAAA, you are invited to attend any of the monthly Texas CPAAA Region One meetings, and the state convention.

NEXT MEETING:

February 11

Location:

Galveston

Joe Max Taylor Law Enforcement Facility,
604 54th St. Galveston, TX

MARDI GRAS 2023 - REGION ONE CELEBRATION

Get more information about the monthly meeting schedule, locations, topics and the annual State Convention at the Region One website <http://texascpaaa.org/Region1>

VALENTINES EDITION DAD JOKES!!

"WHAT DID THE PAPER CLIP SAY TO THE MAGNET?"

- "I FIND YOU VERY ATTRACTIVE."

"I ONCE FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO ONLY KNEW 4 VOWELS.

- THEY DIDN'T KNOW I EXISTED."

"WHAT DID THE SCIENTIST SAY TO HER VALENTINE?"

- "I THINK OF YOU PERIODICALLY."





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Happy Valentine's Day

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