



Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association 4th Quarter Newsletter



Volunteer Hours

Goal: 4,000 Hours



Remember to log in your volunteer hours!

www.DentonCPAAA.org



Some of us, including yours truly, forget to log our volunteer hours in a timely manner.....then the “brain strain” to recreate them. Looks like we are off to a good start!

Website



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If you are experiencing any problems with the website, please contact MaryBeth Cottingham. She is our “expert.”

Events Report

ANNUAL CPAAA AWARDS BANQUET



The 2017 Awards Banquet was held on October 19th at the Denton Best Western Premier. We all enjoyed being together in a social setting and seeing some people we do not see often enough. There were Association members, police officers, and guests.

The food was delicious and plentiful as always. It was provided to us by Olive Garden and included lasagna, salad, bread sticks and all condiments. We thank the

Olive Garden in Denton for being such a big supporter of the CPAAA. They are more than generous!

Awards were given to the following people, businesses and organizations:

Volunteer of the Year – Betty Peters

Distinguished Alumnus Award – Harry Phillips

President's Award – Susie Mikler

Spirit Awards – RT Sports Bar, Presbyterian Hospital Denton, Cartwrights, Best Western, Marc Hodges, Jupiter House

President's Volunteer Service Awards:

Bronze Level – Roy White, Rodney Shutts, Kathy Massey, Melissa Grissom

Silver Level – Diane Dunn, Karan Buntun, Richard Allen, Mary Beth Cottingham

Gold Level – Betty Peters, Harry Phillips, Wayne Grissom

Congratulations to all!



He takes care of everything else!”

FUNDRAISING



Sales are still going strong for our t-shirts and caps. You may purchase them at any of our events or the Police Training Center.

New pricing: buy one item for full price, and any additional items are \$10 each!

New design coming soon!

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 1, 2017



CPAAA members participated in the much anticipated Holiday Tree Lighting on the Square in downtown Denton. Some of the members manned barriers, some were in our booth selling t-shirts, caps, jackets, etc, and some were asked to walk through the crowds just to make our presence known.

The Holiday Tree Lighting is one of the most loved events near Christmas. The Square may have as many as 10,000 people at this event each year! It is a wonderful tradition by which we open each Christmas season.

If you were lucky enough to sample some of the wassail this year, it was delicious! Many merchants around the Square, and on the streets leading off the Square, participate in Wassail Fest.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECLARING OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY



At the City Council Meeting on December 5, Mayor Chris Watts declared December 14th to be Police Officer Appreciation Day. Many of our members attended, and the Mayor asked us to please come to the front of the Council room and tell a little about what we do. We did! We appreciate that the City Council takes the time to do this each year.

**POLICE OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY
DECEMBER 14, 2017**

At last the day that we work toward all year has arrived. Some of our members were at the Training Center by 5:30 A.M. to prepare for breakfast to be served by 7:00. A group of us came to the Center and decorated for Christmas on the evening of the 13th. Everything was very festive.

Cartwright's catered a delicious array of breakfast foods – biscuits and gravy were a big hit!! There were many, many gift cards, gift certificates, jewelry items, jumper cables, etc, to be given away during the day. We began drawing names and putting the names on the whiteboard, so that officers coming and going during the day could see if they had won an item. It's always fun to look and see your name as a winner.

As officers came and went, they could snack on many different kinds of food, and they did! When lunchtime came, there was brisket from the Smokehouse, fried chicken from Golden Chick (thanks to Frenchy), all kinds of side dishes and Emma's deviled eggs, of course! More names were drawn as winners, and the volunteers tried to keep up with all that was going on. It was very good to see the officers sitting around the tables talking, laughing, joking. Some of our members were able to sit with them. That is one of the best parts of Appreciation Day.



More snacking on chips, queso, salsa, cupcakes, candy as the day passed. More names drawn as winners. Names were drawn during the day until the gifts ran out. There were over 200 gifts, in some form, donated by local merchants, businesses, and individuals. Thanks to the CPAAA members who solicited these donated items!

Dinner was served about 5:00 PM. We had sub sandwiches from New York Subs, box lunches from Presbyterian Hospital, pasta and potato salad catered by Karen Portillo. There was also much left from lunch, so our officers had lots to choose from. It was very gratifying to hear the officers say how much they appreciated all we had done. That's why we do it!

It was a Merry Christmas celebration!

Upcoming Events

NO EVENT DATES YET. We will keep you posted when we receive the dates for events beginning in March.

Board Of Directors 2017

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Contact Information

If you would like to share some information in the newsletter, please send it to Melissa Grissom grissomel@yahoo.com by March 20th.