

The Informant



Dates to remember this month

- General Meeting 7 pm 2-9
- 1st CPA Class 6:30 pm 2/12
- Flower Deliveries 2/12
2-13
2-14
- CPA class 6:30pm 2/19
- CPA class 6:30pm 2/26
- Pipeline Safety 11 am 3-5

Cpl. Chris Jackson and Chief Rex Phelps flank this year's COP and CPAAA Member of the Year Award recipients. **Albert Green**, who also took home the 2014 Officer's Choice Award, was named COP of the Year at this years' COP Banquet held at Blinn College on January 22nd. **Annette Tiemann** is the 2014 CPAAA Member of the Year. Thanks for all the hard work and **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

February PD Birthdays

- Eddie Ocanas 2/4
- Carl Wiesepape 2/6
- Debbie Northrup 2/10
- Lloyd Powell 2/20

Once again this year we will be delivering flowers for Brenham Floral on Valentines Day. CPAAA members are needed to help with the deliveries. We will be delivering on 3 consecutive days, 12th,13th, and 14th. If you can help please contact Annette Tiemann at 277-8444

January COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	72
Wanda Aguilar	14.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	21
Clyde Averitt	2
James Bassett	32
Scott Boll	9.5
Sue Braun	11.5
Wayne Brown	20
Willie Brown	12
David Clinkenbeard	30.75
Sandra Clinkenbeard	2
Bob Cothorn	51.75
Michael Cowan	13
Glen Daugherty	27
Tex Davis	65
Peter Emerson	2
Stan Ford	88.5
Albert Green	27.5
Dale Green	6.5
Juanita Hickey	14.5
Helen Jordan	9
Millie Keller	17.5
Cathy Langan	7.75
Charles Lewis	8
Jack Murski	12.25
Jerry Ondrias	4
Xochitl mari Rangel	5.5
Corina Smith	9
Mark Smith	4
Tony Smith	12
Clarence Steinfeld	57.5
Annette Tiemann	16
Ron Upchurch	43.25
Manija Whitman	2
Jean Winters	8.5
Ron Wise	6
Catharine Wood	2
Chuck Wood	2
Billy Yawn	8
TOTAL	761.25

Thanks to following COP's for their help:

1-10-15 at the Uptown Swirl: Albert Green, James Bassett, Ron Upchurch, David Clinkenbeard, Clarence Steinfeld

1/23-24/15 at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: Jean Winters, Millie Keller, Juanita Hickey, Ron Wise, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar

1-27-15 Jackson Drive Thru Fundraiser at KC Hall: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Bob Cothorn, Stan Ford, David Clinkenbeard

2-5-15 New Beginnings Fundraiser at the FTC: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Rob Aguilar, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Stan Ford, Annette Tiemann, Billy Yawn, Albert Green, Mark Smith



Above: **Cathy Langan, Xochitl mari Rangel, Manija Whitman, Stan Ford, Billy Yawn, and Billy Sutherland** received their COP Badges from Chief Phelps at our Annual COP Awards Banquet

At Left: Chief Phelps presents the COP of the Year Plaque to a very deserving **Albert Green**.



Badges, Certificates and Plaques were presented at our Awards Banquet



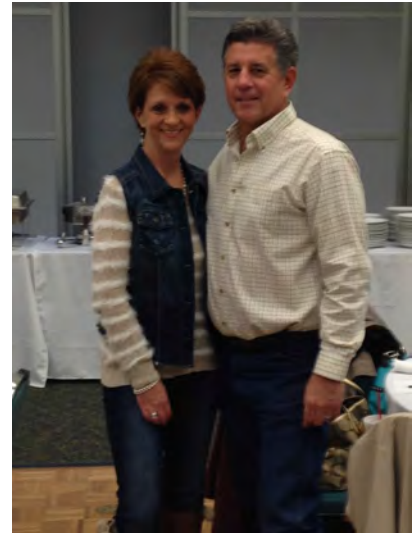
COPs are off to a good start, serving the Brenham Community in 2015!

2014 Annual COP Awards Banquet

Say Cheese Please!



More Banquet Pics

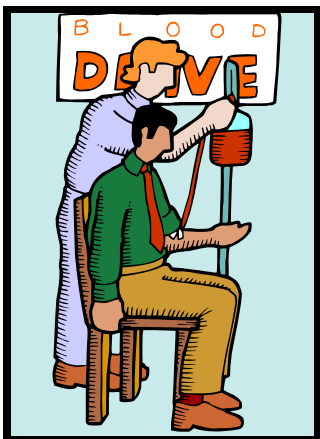




Our Officers' for 2015 are sworn in (clockwise): President Bob Cothorn, Vice President Ron Upchurch, Secretary Wanda Aguilar, and Treasurer Mark Smith. I am confident in our leadership for 2015. **CONGRATS!**



Our first Guns and Hoses Blood Drive in 2015 and it was a big success. On Friday the Donor Coach at City Hall had 28 Total Units. Saturday's Drive at the Fireman's Training Center had 13 deferrals, and 58 Total Units. Chuck, James and Stan (below) were not the only COPs to donate, thanks also to Catharine, Clarence, and Rob; also to all who came to help me: Juanita, Jean, Ron Wise, Millie, Wanda, Annette and Clarence.



Progress

In the January 30th Edition of the Brenham Banner-Press; in its Progress Section, subsections: Community and Neighbors you will find a couple of very interesting articles submitted by Angela Hahn. The first article Angela submitted was titled "Protecting the streets – Meet the women of the Brenham PD". Angela's article gives us a glimpse into the lives, both professional and personal, of BPD's four women officers: Cpl. Casey Thumann, Ashley Burns, Heather Sowders and rookie officer Sierra Newell. Angela did a great job interviewing these ladies and putting their views and quotes in print. The article was complete with photos of our "better looking" officers.

Angela had another article in the same publication titled "Police department focused on ensuring safety in schools". She starts her article by talking about BPD's efforts in keeping our schools safe, "providing a sense of well-being for parents and teachers, enhance safety and security at all campuses, and build a good rapport with the kids in the elementary schools". She quotes Chief Phelps as saying "we believe if we can build and maintain a good relationship with our youth, we can prevent some of the juvenile crime we saw this past summer".

Her article then shifts gears to crime statistics, then traffic concerns, STEP grants (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program), and how those efforts showed great results. The article goes on with very interesting stats and even states what we (BPD) will be doing in 2015. We will be instituting "Geographical or District Policing" (**Chief Phelps will explain the aspects of District Policing at our next General Meeting, February 9th**). We will also be "utilizing an experienced, retired crime analyst who will be working with officers to ensure that our intelligence is gathered, analyzed and shared throughout the department". Chief Phelps was also quoted as saying that our COP program, and its dedicated COPs, played a very important role in the accomplishments of the department in 2014 and into the future.

Finally, Angela's article spoke about Chief Phelps' strides in getting a much needed new Animal Shelter for the community, and the work still left to do. Chief Phelps's final quotes closed the article, emphasizing how fortunate we are "to continue to have the support of our Mayor and Council; of the City administration and staff; of the Sheriff and his department; and the County and District Attorneys' offices. And most important, to have the support of this community".

Thank you Angela for putting the BPD in such a good light with our constituency. I know that it's the job of the Public Information Officer, but **THANKS for doing your job so well!**

P.S.: That same Edition on page D11 had a nice article (with photo) about our long time CPAAA members Keith and Elizabeth Twiggs and their first Sonic Restaurant. Keith and Elizabeth brought the first Sonic to Brenham some forty years ago; it was located on Market Street. Their second location opened a few years ago on Day Street; its success and the fact that refurbishing was cost prohibitive led to the closure of the

Market Street location.

P.S.S.: Keith and Elizabeth gave the CPAAA a generous donation of \$1,000 this past December. So if you see them around, please say THANKS!!

Our 2014 COP Banquet

By Rob Aguilar

If you didn't get to attend our 2014 COP Banquet, this past January 22nd, you missed a great evening and classy affair. Xochitl mari Rangel headed up the team of decorators which included Social Committee Chair Corina Smith, Dorothy Antkowiak, Wanda Aguilar; and I even helped a little. The Banquet Hall looked very classy; then Design II arrived and set up, and the place developed a very pleasant and savory aroma. The guests began to arrive and mingle, the quiet calm turned into a mild roar. Secrets were probably exchanged, and the truth was stretched to its limits; the hall was full, and it was time to begin.

It was my pleasure to welcome everyone to this event, which was sure to please. I turned the podium over to Ron Upchurch for the Invocation and Blessing of the meal. Chief Phelps gave the opening remarks which thanked, informed and inspired those in attendance (he has a gift). Chris Jackson spoke briefly and invited everyone to partake in the meal; which, tonight, included a choice of roast beef or stuffed chicken breast or both, with all the trimmings. The meal was excellent; and there was coffee and cake for dessert.

It was time for the awards to be presented. Chris, who was substituting for Ashley Burns, started with the 100 Hours and Under Awards. Det. Todd Ashorn continued with those awards, after a few words of praise for the COPs. Midway thru, Todd relinquished the podium to COP Clyde Averitt who wanted to address the crowd. Clyde delivered a heartfelt story about what family means; and it brought a tear to many an eye in that auditorium. Det. John Snowden took over to finish that category. Next Inv. Joe Merkley presented the 100 Plus Awards, but not without an anecdote first. Capt. Trey Gully was next up to the podium; and he offered us many kind words before presenting the 200 Plus Awards. Capt. Dant Lange addressed the crowd with praise and presented the 300 to 500 Plus Awards. Capt. Billy Rich was at the podium now handing out the 500 Plus Chief's Elite Club Awards. One would think it was open mic night at the comedy club. The much awaited Badge presentations were next on the agenda. It was Chief Phelps pleasure and duty to describe the significance of a badge, how it is made, what it stands for, and how we should treat it. Those on hand to receive their badges were **Stan Ford, Manija Whitman, Cathy Langan, Billy Yawn, Billy Sutherland, and Xochitl mari Rangel**; Jerry Ondrias, Vanessa Martinez and Dairius Smith were unable to attend.

Chief Phelps had the full attention of all present as he read the bio of the COP of the Year. The suspense was palpable, **Albert Green**, the 2014 Officer's Choice Award winner is also our 2014 COP of the Year!! Albert, being a man of very few words, said THANKS! You would have thought that the night was over, but Chief Phelps had a Special Presentation to make; and he made it even though the recipient was not able to

attend. It was a shadow box for retired, long time COP and Lieutenant, Darrell Weed. The Chief spoke very highly of Darrell and appreciated all he did and all his years of service to our organization. It was a lovely tribute and fitting gift for our retired friend Darrell. (Incidentally, it was presented to Darrell a week later at Max Donuts, see the photo below). The only thing left were my closing remarks and a few photos of the major award winners. Yes, those of you that could not attend, missed out on a great evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship; not to mention the Awards, Certificates and Badges!



At left retired Lt. Darrell was presented a Shadow Box Award in an impromptu ceremony (at 5:30 am) complete with coffee and donuts, courtesy of Dale Green and Max Donuts. From left to right: Cpl. Chris Jackson, retired Lt. Darrell Weed, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch (not pictured but on hand for the presentation were Dale Green and Dorothy Antkowiak). I was told that Chris did his best to coax Darrell back into the fold; time will tell. We all miss you Darrell; come back!



Above: Corina Smith receives her 4th Quarter Office Angel Award from Rob Aguilar

CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR NEW DIRECTORS



Above: New CPAAA Board Members are sworn in by President James Bassett. From left to right– Corina Smith, Clyde Averitt, Clarence Steinfeld, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn and James Bassett



Above: James also passes Bob a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, in hopes Bob can keep us in line.



Above: New CPAAA President Bob Cothorn presents Out-Going President James Bassett a plaque in recognition of the fine job James did this past year.



James passes Bob the Presidential Gavel. A New Presidency begins!



Note from Rob: BES Principal Robert Fleming, in an open letter in the January 9th Banner-Press, stated his New Year's Resolution. Which is to do a better job of acknowledging those individuals and organizations that help BES run so smoothly throughout the year. Mr. Fleming recognized BPD and COPs when he stated "Thank you Citizens on Patrol for helping us get safely to and from school. Thank you Officer Chris Jackson and all the Washington County Peace Officers for working in our school on your days off. Thank you for keeping us safe. Thank you for building relationships with our kids." Well Thank You Principal Fleming for recognizing the fact that we are all in this together for the good of the community and the safety of our children. It is always nice to receive a pat on the back once in a while, even if you love what you do. And I am glad that you recognize we not only keep the children safe, but also bond with them in a positive way which will make them better students and better adults. (I personally thanked him for his article)

2015 Board of Directors

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Annual membership dues are collected beginning in January.

**Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association
Annual Membership Registration**

- Adult Membership \$20.00
- Student (12-hours) \$5.00
- Couple Membership \$30.00
- Senior Citizen's Membership \$5.00
- Lifetime Membership \$200.00
- Couple Lifetime Membership \$300.00
- Senior Citizen's Lifetime Membership \$50.00

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