



January 2019

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Dates to remember

- Board Meeting 6:30 pm 1/7
- General Meeting 7pm 1/14
- COP Banquet 6:30 pm 1/24
- Class 33 begins 2/7
- Blood Drive @ City Hall 1/25
- @ Fireman's Trng Cntr 1/26



Above: Annette, Dorothy, Corina, Mark, Dale, Rob and Wanda pose with our "Blue Santa" - Albert Green on December 21st when we distributed toys to our "Officer Santa" Families. A BIG THANK YOU to Albert for, once again, donning the Red and the Blue Santa Suits this Christmas Season. (more on Page 7)

January PD Birthdays

- Eddie Ortega 1/9
- David Dudenhoeffer 1/12
- Res. Off. Billy Rich 1/18
- Jared Campbell 1/25
- Sierra Newell 1/27
- Trey Gully 1/28

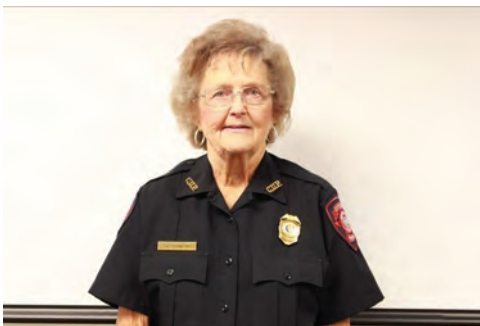
Below Left: Two old friends at a Holiday Concert. See Page 6  
 Below Right: The Chief telling stories at the Dec. BPD Potluck celebrating PD's December Birthdays; it was fun. (more on Page 5)



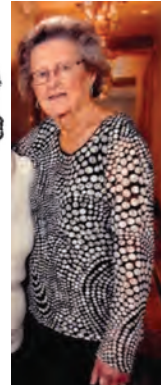
Our dear friend and long time COP, Jean Winters passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2017; at the age of 84. Jean was born in Houston, Texas on October 22, 1933. She married Leonard Ray Winters on September 25, 1952. She helped her husband with their dairy business and raised two sons, Maurice and Randy. They moved to Brenham in the mid 60's and Jean became involved with many community endeavors. She was a member of the Zionville Lutheran Church, the Bluebonnet Garden Club, the Cypress Alumni, the William Penn Home Demonstration Club, and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program. Jean was also a hospice volunteer for many years. Of course we know her best for her dedication to the CPAAA/COP program. Since graduating from Class 20 in 2006 she has been a tireless worker and true asset to our programs and this community. Where did she find the energy to do all that she did for us. There have only been a couple of CPAAA parties that she didn't transform with her gift of interior design. She touched many lives through the organizations that were lucky enough to have her as a member. Her great sense of humor and smile will be dearly missed; especially by her "After Meeting Applebee Buddies." Having spoken to several members about her, they have all said one thing *"heaven is getting a special angel"*.

*We still miss her greatly!*

P.S. The church was packed with family and friends for her memorial service. And BPD was well represented with about 20 officers and COPs on hand for our dear friends' final farewell. Our "Special Angel" will be missed!



*Jean Winters  
2009 CPAAA Member of the Year*



### Pray for Our Troops

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask You to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world. In these times of peril and war against terrorism, listen to our prayers for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air. Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the enemy. Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction. Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. Amen.



A Big Thanks to **Albert Green** for donning the Red and the Blue Santa Outfits this Christmas Season!

## COP Activity

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

**12-15-18 Lake Loons Toy Run Escort:** *Tex Davis*

The only other thing happening in December was the Officer Santa ("Blue Santa") Program; which was a **BIG SUCCESS**, due to the great participation of our membership and the diligent work of a few key players; hats off for a great effort and **TONS of HARD WORK !!!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Make plans to attend the Annual **COP Awards Banquet** on Thursday, **January 24th** at the Blinn Student Center/Janis Sneed Banquet Room at 6:30 pm Dress is Business Casual or your Uniform. Please **RSVP** to Todd Ashorn at 979-337-1188 or email him at [tashorn@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:tashorn@cityofbrenham.org) Or you can RSVP Rob Aguilar at 979-451-2612 or email him at [robandlei@att.net](mailto:robandlei@att.net).

**Hope to see everyone there!!**

### Dec. COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	43
Wanda Aguilar	11
Dorothy Antkowiak	46
Patricia Badough	33.25
Kevin Braun	3
Sue Braun	15.25
Willie Brown	10
Bob Cothorn	35.5
Michael Cowan	12
Tex Davis	264.25
Doug Feist	22
Stan Ford	24.75
Albert Green	48.75
Dale Green	15
Jerry Jares	26.75
Richard Jares	74.25
Dick Klein	9.5
Monroe Petzolt	4
Corina Smith	14
Mark Smith	12
Tony Smith	6
Laura Sparks	3
Annette Tiemann	48.75
Ron Upchurch	174.75
Lori Walker	7
Darrell Weed	8
Catharine Wood	12

**TOTAL 983.75**

**Yearly Total 10,525.75**

**Awesome 2018!!**



## *My New Year's Prayer*

*A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar*

*My prayer is simple; I just want to say,  
that I want to enter your kingdom someday.*

*With you I would love forever to stay;  
but, you know how easy it is to stray.*

*I won't waste my prayers on decadent wealth;  
because we both know, I'd settle for health.*

*I will try harder to do your work, O'Lord;  
with my heart and my mind, not my sword.*

*You can count on me at every turn;  
because in Hell, I surely would burn.*

*I lost a few friends and loved ones last year;  
could you cure a few, and give me some cheer.*

*You know that I want to see you one day;  
but postpone it a while, is all that I say!*

## *New Year, New Board*

Our first general meeting for this new year will be on Monday **January 14th** at the PD beginning at 7pm.

NEW Board members will be sworn in at the January meeting. We welcome *Mark Smith, Albert Green, and Tony Smith* to the board.

Right: COP Michael Cowan checks out all of the Christmas Cards we received from the children at Brenham Elementary who were thanking us for doing school traffic there. Bob Cothern arranged them on this board and I helped him carry it out to the BPD Lobby. Just in time for our guest who were meeting Blue Santa, to enjoy them as much as we did. That proves that we are appreciated!!



## *A New Year's Sonnet*

*By Rob Aguilar*

*The Lord has given all of us a new year;  
countless reasons to rejoice and to cheer.*

*What we do with this gift should be quite clear;  
make a resolution to hold each and every one dear;*

*And please don't listen to all that you hear!  
When you're up against something you fear.*

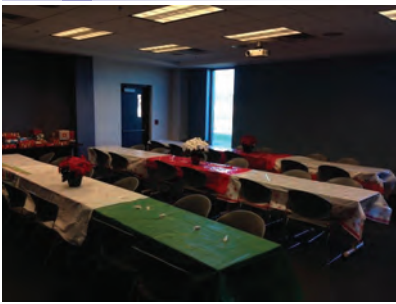
*Do not be afraid to show others a tear.  
Let's step out in front, instead of the rear;  
and share the load with a deserving peer.*

*Although we not always be near,*

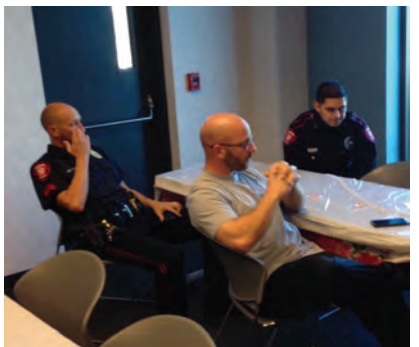
*You know that in spirit, we'll always be here.*

*You know he has given you all the right gear,  
stay steady on course, but if you happen to veer;*

*Your friends and the Lord will help you to steer!*



Preparation...Participation...Anticipation...  
Food...Fellowship...Fun...then clean-up...



## Holiday Concert

I ran into an old friend at a Holiday Concert. It was the Brenham Children's Chorus (BCC) rendition of " Joy to the World - Christmas in Every Language" held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, December 16th. Wanda and myself had just arrived and had taken our seats in the third row of the church; and low and behold, in the row just in front of us was our old friend, Keith Twiggs. I hadn't seen Mr. Twiggs in quite sometime, but had just spoken to him on the phone in November, when I wished him a Happy 95th Birthday.

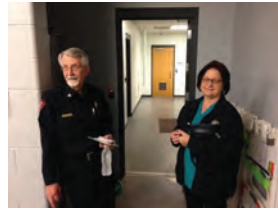
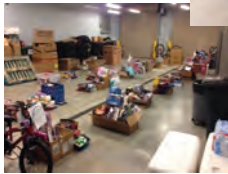
I moved down and we began to chat; as we had at least twenty minutes before the concert would begin. We caught up on all things CPAAA and COP. Keith told me that he looks forward to reading the Informant every month and keeping up with his old friends at BPD. He reminded me that he had attended the very first CPA Class and had loved serving as a COP, and in later years, working the front office. We laughed as he reminisced about patrolling in our first old broken down COP car; not knowing if he would make it back to PD or have to call for a tow. His wife, Elizabeth, is also a Lifetime CPAAA member, but is in poor health, and did not attend the concert. We also spoke about his daughter, Oma Mills and his grand daughter Jenny Mills, who were both CPA Alums', Class 24. He said that Oma is retired and doing well. His grand daughter Jenny was replaced in her position with the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Bureau; and has returned to college for another degree and a change in direction. We wish Jenny good luck in a new career, yet to be determined. Keith was accompanied by his son-in-law Dick Waters, who had doubled as his driver for the day. Keith looked great and was happy to be in good health; minus a slight mobility issue. He said he wishes he could get back to the front desk at PD; but, he is his wife's primary caregiver, and can't leave her side. How sweet is that; Liz is one lucky lady.

The concert was wonderful; and their songs and Christmas Carols in several languages was quite entertaining. I'd look over at Keith, and could tell he was enjoying the melodious sounds from these talented young people; one of which was my grandson Luke. The Brenham Children's Chorus has kids from 3 to 18; in several different programs. The programs under the BCC umbrella are Karussell Kids, Singen-Spiel, Encore, Brenham Broadway Kids and Brenham Broadway Chorus. The concerts and plays that they put on throughout the year for the Brenham Community and beyond are outstanding entertainment; plus you get to see your kids and grand kids perform. BCC is currently looking for new young singers; the enrollment period starts in January ([brenhamchildrenschorus.com](http://brenhamchildrenschorus.com)) in case you know of some young person that might be interested. It was a very enjoyable concert, but I don't know which I enjoyed most, the singing or the nice talk I had with Keith!!

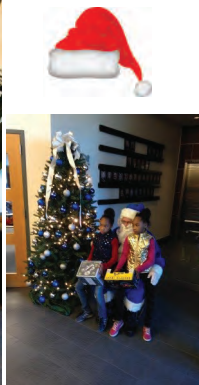


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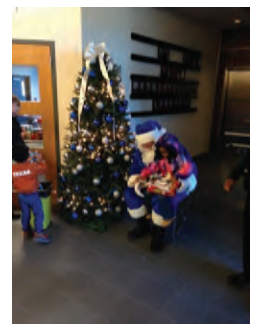


Above: Chief Barrow and his lovely wife stop by to pass out some gifts and support.



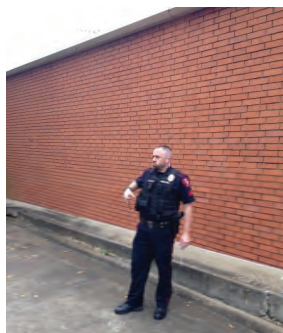
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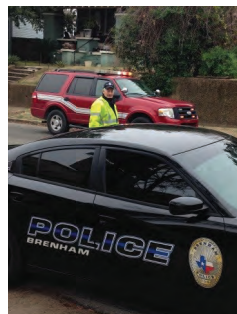


# Community Service Is Our Top Priority

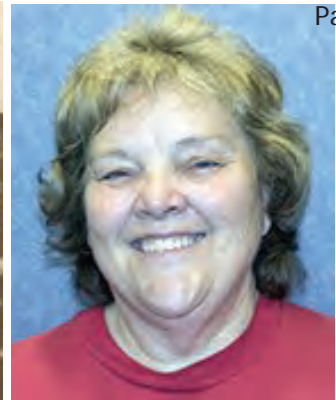
Again this year, The Brenham Police and Fire Departments have partnered together to adopt an Adam's Angel Family for Christmas. The lucky family to receive all of our attention was the Martinez family. Adam's Angel founder, Donna Culiver, was on hand for the gift giving; but did a good job of avoiding the camera. It looks like the Police Officers and Firefighters had a great time doling out presents, making everyone smile, and receiving those great hugs!! They can't wait to do it again next year, right Guys!



Left: Cpl. John Snowden has to figure out how he will right up this report on a car vs house near downtown. While Tex Davis directs traffic (or just makes faces at me when I walk by); no one hurt.







Above: CPAAA/COP  
Robbie Gail Charette  
Left: Photo by Melissa  
McCaghren/Banner-Press

## “No Shave November” was extended thru January 1st!

“No Shave November” proved to be very popular with the officers; and a great benefit to Adams Angels Ministries. The officers presented a check to Adams Angels founder, Donna Culiver on December 27th in the amount of \$14,574. The fundraiser actually raised \$7,287, which local Attorney and COP - Robbie Gail Charette matched. Thanks Robbie, for the generous gesture! The officers are very proud of their efforts; and they look forward to next year!



## Todd’s Corner

By Sgt. Todd Ashorn

Today’s lesson is a cautionary tale about safe driving practices for COPs. When on patrol or on assignment COPs should be hyper vigilant, especially when the patrol vehicle is in motion. The COP and his patrol vehicle should avoid all stationery objects; especially those placed there for their safety. A good example would be the bright yellow and black directional safety signs as in figure 1 below. These signs, though stationery, have been known to move suddenly in the path of oncoming vehicles with little to no warning. The consequence for failing to see the inherent danger that these menacing signs possess can be seen in figure 2 below. The other major problem that arises is the mountain of paperwork and reports for these types of incidents. Not to mention the hurt egos and new nicknames that can come out of these scenarios. Ah, no big deal *it could happen to anyone, and it often does!*



Figure 1



Figure 2

Not to worry, it will buff right out!

Give me a hammer and 5 minutes; you’ll never even know it was bent!

It gives the car character!



Photos by Todd Ashorn

The Annual Lake Loons Toy Run was held again this year and Brenham was one of its stops. While they only serviced one family here in Brenham; their stop was greatly appreciated by the lucky family. Thanks to Tex Davis for helping with their escort; it was smooth sailing (or biking) through Brenham. The Somerville Lake Loons Motorcycle Club do great work in and around Brenham.



### Happy New Year!

With a new year comes a new Citizen Police Academy Class. Class 33 begins February 7th. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Sgt. Todd Ashorn for an application, download online or stop by the Police Dept.

Archive photos



Members of the Alumni Association are encouraged to volunteer to assist during this 12 week period. There are many ways you can help. Signing up is easy! Just contact Sgt. Todd Ashorn. For helping with snacks contact our Social Committee Chairperson – Patricia Badough

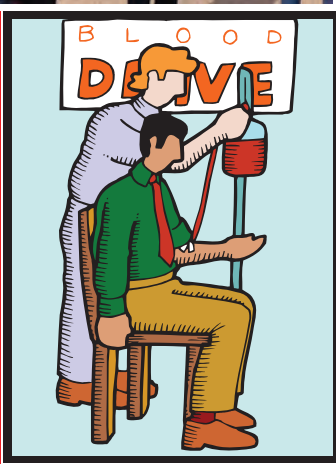
## BFD Appreciation Night

Thursday, January 17th at The Fireman's Training Center

Fire Chief Ricky Boeker and myself would like to invite BPD and COP's to it's annual Appreciation Night. It is open to anyone that helped the BFD in the past year. All first responders, including Police, EMS, COPs, SOs, DPS, Utility personnel, TxDOT, etc. We will be serving chili and cornbread; tea, sodas and beer; fellowship and fun from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Fireman's Training Center!



**Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two-Day Event :**  
**Donor Coach at City Hall on Friday January 25th**  
**from 9 am to 3 pm. Then on Saturday January**  
**26th, the Drive will be at the Fireman's Training**  
**Center from 9 am to 3 pm.**  
**Please come give the Gift of Life!**



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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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