

March 2021

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant



## Happy Anniversary

Chief Ron Parker has been with BPD a year now; and how the time has flown by. He has implemented some policy changes, led by example, and made many friends. Our CPAAA/COP organization is one of his top priorities. He and his wife Debbie are currently taking CPA Class 35; new Alumni Members?



### Dates to remember this month

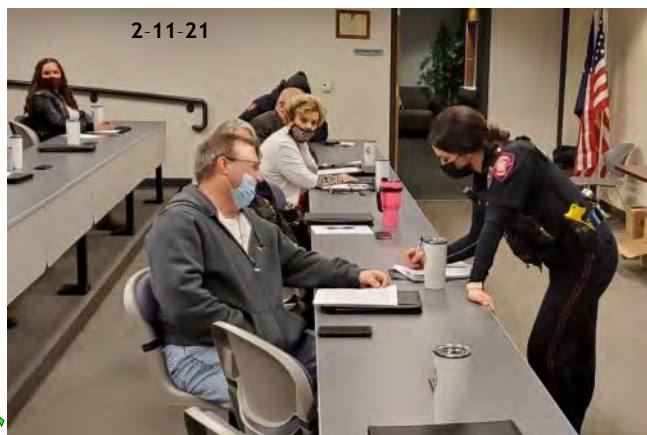
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/11
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/25
- CPA class 6:30pm 4/1
- General Mtg 6:30pm 3/8
- Guns&Hoses9am3pm 3/27

## CPA Class 35 started February 11th

### March Birthdays

- Christi Korth 3/18
- Ofc. Tina Bruno 3/19
- Capt. Dant Lange 3/29
- Ofc. Alex Saenz 4-7

Spring Forward  
Sunday, 3-14 at 2 am



Left: Ofc. Marley Mayo gets a last bit of paperwork taken care of just prior to the start of the first CPA Class of 2021. CPA Class 35 is officially underway with 11 of its 17 students in attendance.

# COP NEWS

Thanks to the following COP's for their help at:

## February COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	36
Wanda Aguilar	19
Dorothy Antkowiak	12
Patricia Badough	16
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	6
Willie Brown	8
Bob Cothern	26.5
Tex Davis	108
Ernest Dever	4
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	22
Albert Green	2
Dale Green	6
Jerry Jares	4.5
Richard Jares	74.25
Wayne Miller	2
Sherry Parker	2
Kay Reichwein	24.25
Jon Siemsglusz	10
Kathleen Siemsglusz	10
Mark Smith	2
Tony Smith	5
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Annette Tiemann	35.75
Ron Upchurch	22.75
Darrell Weed	12
Catherine Wood	19

**TOTAL 497**

2-5-21 First Friday Farmer's Market and Artisan Event: *Richard Jares, and Tex Davis.*

2-23-21 Guns and Hoses Emergency Blood Drive: *Wanda Aguilar, and Rob Aguilar.*

*Starting in February and into March many COPs have donated their time at the Sub-Hub Vaccination Site at the Expo Center (Fairgrounds). Many have worked the site multiple times ensuring that our community and much of Texas gets its much needed Covid-19 vaccinations. They include Dorothy Antkowiak (Dorothy's son Ryan and friend Fiona), Richard Jares, Doug Feist (Doug's wife Maria), Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Dale Green, Patricia Badough, Tex Davis, Wayne Miller, Catharine Wood, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothern. Keep up the important work.*

Right: On 2-23-21 there was plenty of help to prepare and serve the meal to an eager group of students from CPA Class 35. There are still many classes to come, so if you can help with snacks, please let Patricia Badough know. She will be passing around a sign-up sheet at Monday's Meeting.



Left: Dale Green and Wanda Aguilar wait to be seated for dinner after delivering flowers all day.

Right: Waiting for CPA Class 35 to officially start. All COP's present were introduced to the class.





### Swearing-in Ceremony

3-2-20



The “skinny kid” on the left just graduated the Police Academy January 1984. He worked hard, honed his craft and became a great police officer. He worked his way thru the ranks of the LaPorte Police Department and became its Chief in 2018. That determined “skinny kid” is our Police Chief Ron Parker who was sworn-in as the Brenham Chief of Police on March 2, 2020. The photo on the right is of his wife, Debbie pinning on his Brenham Badge. He has a world of knowledge, a calming demeanor and a command presence; making us fortunate to have him as our police chief. Happy One Year Anniversary as BPD’s Chief!!



Right: An old archived photo depicting a Guns and Hoses blood drive activity board. The board showed how many donors came to support the Police or Fire Departments. Left to right: Chuck Wood, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Cpl. Tommy Nettles, FF Tank Neinstedt, Sgt. Bob Armour and Jonathan Hardin. Can’t quite read the board, but it looks like the Police Department won, probably, maybe - who cares because the citizens are the real winners; especially when they are in need of blood products!!



Photos below and right are of Lt. Curtiss Schoen giving double red cell plasma at our **Emergency** Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on 2-23-21. We had a great turnout even though we only had a day or so to prepare. More information about this and other Blood Drives on page 6.



## Happy St. Patrick’s Day 3/17/21



The following is a list of the CPAAA Committees, Committee Chairperson, and what that committee does. This list is for clarification; as some may not know how certain committees function. A better understanding of these committees may lead to more participation by you, the members.

**Media/Newsletter Committee - Rob Aguilar** This committee is charged with public relations for our organization. It places notices, pictures and pleas in the local newspaper. It is charged with putting out our monthly newsletter, the Informant. Rob is always looking for news worthy items to place in the Informant; and for anyone willing to sit down and write articles, as well as submit pictures for publication.

**Speaker Committee - Kay Reichwein** This committee is charged with obtaining a suitable speaker for our meetings on a quarterly basis. They will also provide the Media committee with a brief biography of the speaker so it can be published in the local paper prior to meeting night. They will also introduce the speaker to our group on meeting night.

**Social Committee - Patricia Badough** The social committee puts our social functions together. They secure a proper venue for the type of function we wish to have. They secure a caterer if needed, and music if desired (Band or DJ). They are also tasked with set up, which may include purchasing table cloths, silverware, etc. and making sure the venue is ready for guests. They will also have to make sure the venue is cleaned after use. They will also have to make sure that deposits and bills are paid for all items related to the event. Even the Christmas Parade Float falls under the social committee's purview.

**Fundraising Committee - Annette Tiemann and Richard Jares** The fundraising committee is in charge of our two major fundraisers: the Bake Sale (held the Saturday before Mother's Day) and the Drive Thru Fundraiser (held the first Monday in November). They are tasked with everything related to these fund raising efforts like having tickets printed, printing posters and signs and displaying them. Also, getting volunteers to help and or to bake items. They also have to secure the venues and make sure no rules are being violated as related to the venue. Lastly, they are in charge of the monies collected until which time as the Treasurer takes possession.

**Benevolence Committee - Annette Tiemann** This committee is charged with keeping the membership informed on the wellbeing of its members. They will report on major illnesses or pending surgeries. They will also send out Get Well cards to members that are ill or infirmed, Condolence cards to members that have lost loved ones. On a brighter note, we will also send out Cards for promotions, and other milestones; as well as Thank You cards to individuals or businesses that have treated us or the department well; or to those that have donated time or money to our causes.

**Membership Committee - Sherry Parker Steinfeld** This committee is charged with recruiting new members from the current CPA Class. Seeing that the enrollment forms are filled out properly and that dues are paid. Contacting members if dues are delinquent. And, answering questions about membership and our organization.

**Voucher Committee— Annette Tiemann and Rob Aguilar** This committee will help with determining what can be purchased with your voucher. In an effort to take some of the burden off of our Treasurer we will help with your reimbursements and even with ordering uniform items.

*So if you would like to help or be on any of these committees, or have more questions, let the Chairperson know; I am sure that they would welcome your assistance.*



# Grooming Woes

By Rob Aguilar

Isn't ear hair funny?

But nose hair is so gross.

Removal could cost money,  
but the alternative morose.

How about that blemish,  
and that great big zit.

Makeup is not mannish,

But I have a cream for it!

Are your fingernails too long?

Check your toenails as well.

Use clippers, you can't go wrong.

I'll leave the toes, just don't tell.

Don't forget to comb your hair.

Not today, I just don't care!



Left: Good buddies Darius Smith and Jimmy Ha work an event together. The guy to your right says stay 6 feet apart. Just kidding, I ask them to pose, and that guy can't talk he's an illustration!



Left: Dale Green working at the Sub-Hub doing his part to ensure we all get vaccinated.

Below: Dale Green, Annette Tiemann and Ron Upchurch at the Sub-Hub taking a short break from their traffic control duties. Great Job Guys!!



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**Grooming is a necessary chore!**



Below is a letter that I wrote to the Editor of the Brenham Banner-Press regarding the wonderful turnout we had at our first Guns and Hoses Emergency Blood Drive held last week on Tuesday, February 23rd from noon to 6 pm at the Fireman's Training and Event Center (FTC). Our next Emergency Guns and Hoses Blood Drive will be this Saturday, March 6th from 9 am to 3 pm at the FTC. With our regularly scheduled Spring Guns and Hoses Blood Drive being held on Saturday, March 27th at the FTC from 9am to 3pm. I still need help at these two events, so come on by!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank an incredible Brenham Community for their giving attitude. I was contacted by the Guld Coast Regional Blood Center late Friday, in an effort to have the Brenham Police and Fire Departments (Guns and Hoses) host a couple of Emergency Blood Drives. The Blood Center was in dire need of blood products due to so many of their recent scheduled drives being cancelled because of the unprecedented bad weather, burst pipes, flooded venues, no electricity, etc. Fire Chief Ricky Boeker and myself set up a drive for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fireman's Training and Event Center from Noon to 6 pm. That Monday, just one day before the drive I met with the Brenham Banner-Press, they assured me of an article in Tuesday's paper. I then, met with KWHI and KTEX radio who promptly set up an interview Tuesday morning on both stations with Trail-Boss Troy and Craig Montana as well as PSA information on their website, podcast, and throughout the day on the radio. Next I went to KLITE radio and spoke with Lori who posted it on their website, facebook and a PSA on the radio. Lori also made an appointment to give blood on Tuesday. With virtually one day to put on this drive the Brenham Community came together and made it a success. We had 27 citizens sign-up on line and show up to donate as well as 9 walk-ins. While they all could not donate for one reason or another; the fact that they showed up and tried to donate was wonderful to see. I have been the Blood Drive Coordinator for Guns and Hoses for 11 years and didn't think that this type of turnout was possible given the time constraints. When the dust settled, we had 36 total blood products for our impromptu efforts. That's a great outcome for any blood drive, much less one with no time to prepare. This just shows how great a community that we are blessed to live in; Brenham always comes through. Everyone that came to the drive was in good spirits even though many of them had just had a horrific week. Again, a big thank you to all of the people that came out to donate the gift of life. Thanks for your gift and your giving attitudes. I hope to see more of that giving spirit at our next Emergency Blood Drive on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fireman's Training and Event Center from 9 am to 3 pm.

Thanks again from Guns and Hoses,

Rob Aguilar

Any CPAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department will now be able to do so. This program would not require a front desk volunteer to participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program; nor would they need any COP training. You would be taught, on site, the duties that you would perform which would include greeting citizens, answering and or transferring phone calls, finding, copying and selling accident reports, shredding documents, running errands, etc. You may be asked to perform other tasks, but you will not be asked to do anything you do not feel comfortable doing or have not been trained to do. While a formal uniform will not be furnished; you will be issued a Polo shirt with a Volunteer Corps logo. Anyone interested can contact Tony Smith.



Valentines Day deliveries were a big success again this year!!

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the CPAAA/COP members that came out to deliver flowers Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Your efforts garnered us a nice check, that was a little less than last year, but a great effort by all involved.

Your grateful Fundraiser Committee Chairs,

Annette Tiemann  
& Richard Jares



Sorry, no pictures available from this years event; these are file photos. Thank you to the following members that came out in the cold, wind, and rain in their personal vehicles to help deliver Valentine Flowers - Thursday: Kay Reichwein and Annette Tiemann Friday: Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Bob Cothorn , Dale Green , Kay Reichwein , Kathleen Siemsglusz, Annette Tiemann , Ron Upchurch and Julie Wilson. Saturday: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green , Kathleen Siemsglusz, Laura Sparks, and Annette Tiemann.

Thanks again ,  
Annette Tiemann



Flower deliveries were down this year, due in part to the pandemic and its economic impact on the average consumer. Another factor was that Valentines Day fell on Sunday; what's the point of receiving flowers on Sunday if no one from your workplace will see them? Brenham Floral did raise our delivery fee per order this year to help compensate for us receiving less orders to deliver. When it was all said and done we received a check for \$400. Last year our total was closer to \$500; but that's okay we still look forward to delivering next year or even on Mothers Day!





Left: Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Ofc. Grayson Marburger and Sgt. Terrence Johnson setting their traffic control game plan for this fire scene on Fifth Street. The game plan changes when the IC and Fire Marshal enter the conversation (on right)



Below: Ofc. Grayson Marburger and Ofc. Andrea Guerra pass out bottles of cold water to all of the firefighters trying to rehab after fighting this kitchen fire. Middle/below: We had firefighter Josh Ruemke sprain his ankle on a steep and wet ramp at this fire. PD saw that his truck was taken to PD after Josh was taken to the Emergency Room after applying an ice-pack with little relief. "Buck-up" Josh it'll be okay.





Left: Police Chief Ron Parker is not only the Instructor of this first CPA Class he is also a student. He and his wife Debbie think it is important that they go thru this class to better serve the community and better understand our department and our CAAA/COP organization.



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**Reminder:** Sunday March 14th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. So remember to move your clocks forward ONE HOUR at 2 a.m. (Spring Forward, Fall Back).



Your 2021 Board of Directors wishes to remind all members that membership dues must be paid by March 31st to be kept on the roster.  
***Thank you.***