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The Lakeland Beat

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STAN MARTIN

It's back in the days of ancient Rome and the scene is aboard one of those ships (like in the movie *Ben-Hur*) where the slaves that do the rowing are below decks. The executive officer walks downstairs and says, "May I have your attention, please?" Everyone stops rowing. "I've got good news and I've got bad news," he said. "The good news is that the captain is really pleased with your work and plans to set you free when we reach port." Everyone cheered, hugged each other, clapped, and generally celebrated the good news. When it finally died down a timid voice was heard from the back, "What's the bad news?" The exec smiled an evil grin and said, "The bad news is the captain wants to water ski all the way to port."

Wow! What a month! March came in like a lion and went out like King Kong. From start to finish we had a variety of events involving the department and its personnel. Those events would not have been successful without the assistance of the members of the CPAAA.

It began with department's open house on the 15th. We couldn't have done it without the help of the many volunteers who worked from "can to can't" to cook, serve, and guide the visitors through the department. Special thanks to Tina and her crew for the excellent food.

Less than a week later, on the 20th, we had our annual awards ceremony in the Community Room. Department personnel, sworn and civilian, were honored for their work and achievements and the CPAAA was there again, providing refreshments to all.

Finally, on the 26th, we hosted the City of Lakeland's Citizens Academy. I'm proud to announce that at least one of our members is a member of the COL/CA and he actually behaved. We also used this opportunity to talk up the Citizens Police Academy. It's never too early to start recruiting for the next class.

All of that was on top of our usual meetings on how to deal with the financial effects of Amendment 1.

Thank you for all you do. You are a wonderful group to be associated with and I treasure the friendships I've made and continue to make. We've got some good things to talk about at the next meeting so I hope to see all of you on April 8th at 7 pm in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

So far, so good.

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PATTY STRICKLAND



Patty Strickland was born in Eustis, FL and raised in Savannah, GA. After graduating from high school, she returned to Lakeland

where she earned an associate degree in Business Administration at PCC. She then attended the University of Central Florida where she received a degree in Healthcare Administration. Her professional career started at Radiology and Imaging Specialists where she worked as the administrator for 23 years. A desire to use her talents in a more challenging field led her to a position of healthcare consultant where she worked for 2 years. A friend of hers told her about an opening for the Manager at the Center for Cancer Care & Research with the Clark & Daughtrey Clinic, which is where she has worked for the past 5 years. Her basic function is to oversee oncology treatment which includes both chemotherapy and radiation. She also serves on a sub-committee for both Clark & Daughtrey and Watson Clinic where she is responsible for the accreditation program. She proudly states that the Center for Cancer Care & Research is one of only two freestanding clinics in the USA to be accredited by the College of Sur-

geons. They are also an affiliate of the Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute.

Health administration of cancer patients certainly requires unique talents. Dealing with life and death situations on a daily basis can be very emotional and requires dedication, maturity and faith. Patty helps patients make practical decisions about daily life, supports their spiritual needs, and provides comfort to those trying to cope with considerable stress that often accompanies a serious illness. She explains that patients will mentor to one another as well as to the ever growing number of younger patients. Patty happily states that the patients are most inspirational which makes her job very rewarding.

Much of Patty's non-office time is dedicated to her ailing mother as primary caregiver. Her volunteer work includes several healthcare related organizations and numerous events throughout the year. Besides helping out with her church, she works with the Polk County Health Department and Watson Clinic Foundation where she promotes "freedom from smoking" to both adults and young people. She also volunteers time assisting local businesses on how to have a smoke free workplace. If there is any time left after a busy week, she will curl up with a good book.

Sgt. Spade can be credited for bringing Patty to the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). The Crime Prevention Unit conducted a safety audit of the Cancer Center after which Sgt. Spade challenged her to attend the CPA classes. Patty took the challenge and was very happy that she did. We're also very happy that she joined the CPAAA and we look forward to her assistance with our events. Patty, you are truly a blessing to our community and we congratulate you on all of your accomplishments!

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Upcoming Meetings

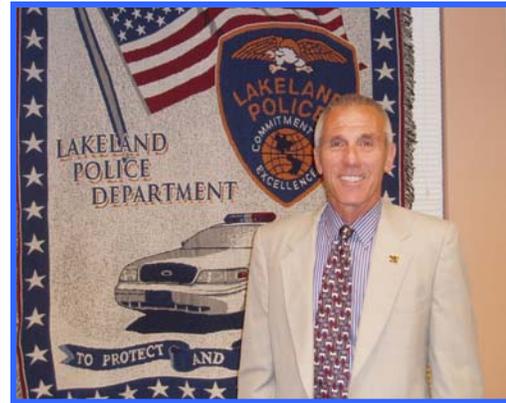
April 8th: General Membership Mtg LPD
2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

April 29th: Board of Directors Mtg LPD
3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

May 13th: General Membership Mtg LPD
2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

May 27th: Board of Directors Mtg LPD
3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

Check out the event Calendar for more upcoming events!



A special thank you to our guest speaker on March 11, 2008, Mr. Nick Sudzina who is a Court Administrator for the Polk County Courthouse.



Happy April Birthdays to the following CPAAA members!

4/01 Sheila Diedrich

4/02 Tim Musgrave

4/03 Ronda Zucco

4/12 Michael Fellingner

4/25 Carol Hunt

4/27 Dave Munson



UPDATE ~ OPERATION: OVER THERE

We sent a second package 3/12 to our LPD Officer serving in Iraq. However, no response received from him for either package for which there are a "hundred reasons" for the absence of a reply being in a combat zone. I plan to send a third and final box to him on 4/9 as he is due to return home sometime in May.

I would appreciate members bringing "thank you" or "humorous" cards, hard candy, gum and other specified items, or a dollar or two, and dropping them in the box at our 4/8 General Membership Meeting. Thanks. -Bob Chandler, Director

LCPAAA Joins the Florida Citizens Police Academy Association

The LCPAAA Membership at its February General Membership Meeting voted favorably to join the Florida Citizens Police Academy Association (FCPAAA). The Board of Directors then voted at their meeting on 2/26/2008 to revise the 2008 Budget to accommodate the organizational membership fee of \$25. The mission of the FCPAAA is to provide education and support to Citizens Police Academies and Police Volunteer Programs throughout the State of Florida through information sharing, training and networking. The FCPAAA conducts an Annual Training Conference where numerous courses are available. Its web site, << <http://www.fcpaa.org/> >>, is designed to be a resource for CPA Program Coordinators, Volunteer Program Coordinators, CPA Alumni Association Board Members, Alumni Members, and Police Volunteers. The FCPAAA was founded to assist in opening up a dialog between the individuals, both civilian and sworn, who are responsible for making these programs a success in their agency. To this end, membership is open to individual members of Florida's CPAAAs, Information on personally joining FCPAAA may be obtained by E-mailing << BUnmisig@pinellas-park.com >> and requesting membership info, (or see me at the next monthly General Membership Meeting and I'll have some forms handy.) Presently, Annual Dues for individuals are also \$25. - Bob

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LPD ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY



OFFICER OF THE YEAR ~ MICHAEL CARDIN - Lakeland Police Department Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Michael D. Cardin for extraordinary service beyond the ordinary call of duty, and performed in the spirit of the law enforcement code of ethics. On March 23, 2007, Officer Cardin was called to an accident where an vehicle was on fire and the occupants were trapped inside. The vehicle had flipped upside down and was resting against a utility pole. The driver of the vehicle had been pulled from the wreckage; however one of the passengers was still trapped inside. Without hesitation Officer Cardin crawled into the burning vehicle and was able to drag the trapped passenger to safety. Officer Cardin's actions attest to his professional competence, dedication to duty, compassion for others and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Lakeland Police Department - Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Excellence. Congratulations!



Lakeland Police Department, **Detective of the Year was presented to Detective Nick Morolda.** With the help of several agencies you were able to investigate information from several states which led to the identification and arrest of four subjects involved in trafficking cocaine here in Polk County. Detectives were able to secure the original container from Georgia and repack it with 5 kilograms of cocaine and a GPS tracker. While an anticipatory search warrant for the Winter Haven location was completed, you assembled members of the DEA Crack Task Force, and other detectives. Once the container was opened, units moved in and took all subjects (4) into custody. This fine investigative work on this case was furthered by conducting detailed follow-up interviews and consent searches, both of which gathered additional compelling evidence on those involved in this trafficking organization. Great job Detective Marolda, not only for your fine investigative work but also for your ability to use the teamwork concept to bring a number of agencies and jurisdictions together to complete this high impact case.



GREG ROBINSON, CPP CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR - Greg's combined contributions to the Crime Prevention Unit and the citizens of the City of Lakeland have earned him this year's title of "Civilian of the Year". During 2007, Greg has organized the Third Annual "Cops for Kids" Christmas Party which brought in more than \$6,000 worth of donated gifts which were distributed to 65 families and 169 children. He also was the coordinator on the "Back to School Bash" in conjunction with Family Fundamentals. Greg used he contacts to organize the LHA Red Ribbon March, plus other numerous LPD and civic projects. Greg's dual role of a certified Crime Prevention Practitioner and LPD Chaplain has set an example of the Police Community partnerships we strive to achieve. Your actions attest to your professional competence, dedication to duty, compassion for others and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Lakeland Police Department. We congratulate you for receiving this Civilian of the Year Award.

LPD "Cops & Kids" OPEN HOUSE

2008
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Thanks to all our hard working volunteers: Faye Beyer, Charlie Burdette, Bob Chandler, Tina Davis, Mickey Edgar, Michael Fellingner, Sara Howard-Padgett, Carol Hunt, Joan Kuver, Stan Martin, Fern Maturo, Dave Munson, Sharon Munson, Karen Musgrave, Elaine Rosson, Celia Roustio, Debbie Sloan, Darleen Stark, Patty Strickland, Clarence Willard, Janice Williamson, Nathan Williamson, and Margaret Young.

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Event Calendar

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Gen'l Members 8 Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD 2nd floor	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	Passover Begins 19 Sundown
Passover 20 	21	Earth Day 22 	23	24	25	26
27	28	Board Meeting 29 7:00pm @ LPD 3rd floor	30			

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day 11 	12	Gen'l Members 13 Meeting 7pm @ LPD 2nd floor	14	15	16	Armed Forces 17 Day 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Memorial Day 26 	Board Meeting 27 7:00pm @ LPD 3rd floor	28	29	30	31