



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is a short month but we are very busy with events at the LCPAAA! Please continue to check the website and note the event calendar for these upcoming events. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have resigned as President for the LCPAAA. I plan on keeping active and volunteering when possible. I would like to thank everyone that has assisted me last month.

- Mike Matlick,

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Dianna Felch



Dianna was born and raised in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She moved to Winter Haven with her parents in the early 1970's and recalls seeing a few rare flakes of snow upon her arrival. This was quite a surprise for someone escaping to the south! When she was in her late teens, she moved to Lakeland and attended the Lakeland Beauty College. She then worked as a hairdresser for many years until carpal tunnel made it necessary to find other employment. Her vocation changed to nursing after she passed the Florida State Certified Nursing Assistant exam. Since then she has worked in private duty home health care for both seniors and children. She also spends much of her free time visiting nursing homes and provides assistance to anyone in need. This is a program sponsored by St. Josephs Catholic Church which provides encouragement and support for the elderly and residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Dianna has also taken the Lakeland Citizen Academy course in "Governmentology 101" in 2007 as well as the St. Josephs Respite Ministry program in 2005 and she recently signed up for the LPD Victim's Assistance program. Her outside interests include crafts, snow skiing and walking. She has also coached soccer, basketball and baseball. As a transplanted New Englander, she remains a true sports fan for the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. Dianna has a son who is married and one granddaughter who was born on July 4, 2007. She is a recent graduate of CPA Class 22 and has volunteered to be the new Chairperson of our Fund Raising Committee. I'm certain that with her talent and background we can expect many exciting projects this year. Thank you Dianna for all you do for our community and the LPD!

Upcoming Meetings

February 12th: General Membership Mtg LPD 2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

February 26th: Board of Directors Mtg LPD 3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

March 11th: General Membership Mtg LPD 2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

March 25th: Board of Directors Mtg LPD 3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

Check out the event Calendar for more upcoming events!



WE NEED YOU!

With Mike Matlick's resignation, the Board of Directors are seeking anyone interested in the President's position for 2008. If you are interested, please contact Justin Troller.

Volunteer Opportunity!!

Crime Prevention Training:

The LPD is offering a program in Basic Crime Prevention which will encompass 24 hours of classroom training. It will likely involve two (2) three (3) hour sessions each week for 4 weeks. The schedule is not been established yet, however, it will not start until after the Open House on March 15. The sessions will probably be in the evenings so that those members with day jobs will be able to attend. After completion of this program, members will be issued a Basic Crime Prevention certificate by the LPD. Those members completing the course will then be able to participate in more CPU activities. **Those interested should contact Charlie Burdette or Dave Munson.**



OPERATION: OVER THERE

Your Board of Directors has voted favorably via E-mail on Treasurer Sharon Munson's idea to initiate a "Care Package" project. The resulting project is entitled "Operation Over There" with the purpose of sending "care packages" on a quarterly basis to Lakeland Police Officers would be on active duty overseas. Contributing to this "Care Package" is not a political statement of whether you are for or against the war. It is to show support and appreciation for those standing in harm's way on our behalf. Some of the most commonly requested items are paper tissues w/lotion, hard candy and gum. Additional ideas for items to send may be obtained from any of the 22,700 linking sites connected to <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&ie=ISO88591&q=%22military+care+packages%22&btnG=Google+Search>. I have noted that <http://www.geocities.com/militarycarepackage/practical.html> and <http://www.operationmilitarypride.org/> are quite well organized, concise, and comprehensive. If preferred, a donation by cash/check (payable to LCPAAA) to Treasurer Sharon Munson will be gratefully received and put to good use purchasing shortfall items. Let your conscience be your guide as to the amount donated. By doing this purchasing/packaging ourselves, we can make the "care package" more personal and get more bang for our buck than by using an Internet company. I have ordered (free) some shipping boxes and custom forms from the USPS which will charge us \$8.95 per box for postage. The membership is strongly encouraged to bring their small, nonperishable items, as recommended by the above referenced sites, to our General Membership Meetings on the second Tuesday, monthly. A collection box will be placed near the meeting room entrance. Items needed, but not donated, will be purchased by these cash donations and the Sunshine Committee which will also take care of the postage. If all goes according to plan, we can get off one each package in February and then another one in May. Any member who wishes to add a personal card or note may also drop this in the collection box. LCPAAA will not censor mail. Again, please remember that contributing to this Care Package is not a political statement of whether you are for or against the war. It is to show support and appreciation for those standing in harm's way on our behalf. It really is the right thing to do. Questions to me at 863-858-0996, or RVChandler@AOL.COM.



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- Bob Chandler, Director

SENIORS VS CRIME: RECAP

Seniors vs Crime (SVC) can be a valuable, free resource to a number of people. SVC is a project funded by the Attorney General's Office in partnership with the Polk County Sheriff's Office. It is staffed by volunteers who assist citizens that have been taken advantage of financially. A recent scam SVC has dealt with is companies writing contracts without a cancellation clause. A person has the right to cancel a contract for any reason within 3 working days and a formal cancellation sent by certified letter; however this paragraph is usually overlooked or left out. Additionally, if this statement does not appear in the contract a company can be charged with a violation of the Florida statutes. This clause must appear in contracts signed in location, not in a permanent business setting, such as in consumer's home, in a home show, or in a boat show.

SVC stands up for consumer rights by writing letters and making phone call to try to resolve a consumer's issue and aid in getting the complainant a refund of their money. Senior citizens are the main target of unscrupulous businesses and may be reluctant to tell anyone for fear of appearing foolish.

SVC helps build cases against dishonorable businesses, when they have six complaints against the one company of deceptive practice, the state attorney's office can prosecute. In today's society there are a lot of scams that target the most vulnerable, law abiding, and honest citizens. If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of a financial scam, please contact Seniors vs Crime at (863) 413-3000 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9am-1pm.

- Dick Fearnow, Office Manager SVC

Alumni Members in Action



Charlie Burdette, Margaret Young and Cyndi Clifford were busy handing out literature and DNA kits at the "Operation Kidsafe National Safety Tour" sponsored by Central Florida Eurocars.

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LCPAAA members were busy this month assembling thousands of DNA kits to be handed out at the Kiwanis Pancake Festival and other CPU events. Cyndi Clifford wishes to thank all of the members who volunteered their time to work on this project!

2008 CPAAA DUES

Many thanks to those members who have remitted their 2008 dues!! Your timeliness is greatly appreciated. However, dues are due from quite a few. I know who, and so do you!!!

Please send in your 2008 dues if you haven't already, as we need those funds to operate our Association. Thanks for your cooperation.

Questions or comments?
Let us know!

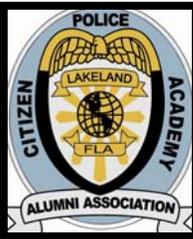
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Lakeland Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

Event Calendar

February 2008

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Gen'l Members Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD 2nd floor | 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 Kiwanis Annual Pancake Festival Need Volunteers |
| 17 | 18 President's Day  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 CPAAA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD 3rd floor | 27 | 28 | 29 | |

March 2008

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| 9 Daylight Savings  | 10 | 11 Gen'l Members Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD 2nd floor | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 LPD Open House Need Volunteers |
| 16 Palm Sunday  | 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Good Friday  | 22 |
| 23 Easter Sunday  | 24 | 25 Board Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD 3rd floor | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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