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MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: RICHARD DERK



LCPAAA Bylaw Committee Chairperson

Richard Derk was born in Williamsport, PA and moved to Lakeland in 1981 after spending 6 years in North Carolina and Tennessee. He graduated from Palm Beach Junior College in 1968 and Florida Atlantic University in 1971. In his professional career, Richard worked as an IRS Revenue Agent from 1975 to 1981, as well as Polk General Hospital, and has been the owner of Richard Derk CPA, PA since 1983. His reason for attending the CPA classes was to broaden his knowledge and to gain better understanding of how the LPD operates. He found most of the classes informative and enjoyable and in particular those dealing with the SWAT Team, Firing Range and K-9 Unit. Richard is also a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and the Lakeland Shrine Club and serves on the board of directors for both. Outside interests include his grandchildren and reading. We're proud to say that Richard has been an active member of the LCPAAA and he is our current Bylaw Committee chairperson and was recently nominated to be our Treasurer for 2009.

Thank you, Richard, for your dedicated service!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please submit your new or renewal application with your dues payment by the end of this month. All money collected will go towards our operating expenses for 2009. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 13th:
CPAAA General Membership Mtg
Election of New Board of Directors
LPD 2nd floor @ 7pm

January 27th:
CPAAA Board of Directors Mtg LPD
3rd floor @ 7pm

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President
Stan Martin
834-6906

Vice President
Robin Tillett
604-5450

Secretary
Susan Herbolsheimer
665-5695

Treasurer
Sharon Munson
647-3131

Directors
Stacy Herbolsheimer
619-2718

Steve Jones
688-8787

Dave Munson
647-3131

Elaine Rosson
686-5686

LPD Liaison
Captain Harry Katt
834-6908

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President's Message

Greetings from Stan Martin

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- 01/20 Ellis Hirsch
- 01/21 Eugene Lyon
- 01/22 Joan Kuver
- 01/23 Ricky Shirah
- 01/27 Bob Clifford
- 01/29 Robert Clarke

I'm writing this column on Friday the 19th of December...the morning after our successful support of LPD's Cops for Kids program and six days before Christmas. Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and support of the association in 2008. You did a great job and 2009 will be even better.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at LPD. It is our annual meeting and we will have both the "State of the Association" presentation and the formal election of new officers and directors. The proposed slate of officers is:

President	Stan Martin
Vice-President	Robin Tillett
Secretary	Kim Golotko
Treasurer	Richard Derk

The proposed slate of directors is
 Susan Herbolzheimer
 Steve Jones
 Jim Daniels
 Clarence Willard

Nominations from the floor will be entertained. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. Most important of all, Happy Holidays and see you next year.

Lakeland Gun BuyBack Exceeds Expectations



Over \$20,000 in gift cards were handed out on Saturday, December 13th by officers as The Lakeland Police department held its first ever Gun BuyBack program.

The first customer was waiting about 6:45 a.m., nearly two hours before the program was set to start. By about 12:45 p.m., when the gift cards ran out, more than 400 guns had been turned in. The event was at Northwest Park, 108 W. Third St.

"It was beyond our expectations," said Jack Gillen, a Lakeland Police Department spokesman. "We probably could have saved some lives today."

About \$15,000 for the program came from money taken in criminal cases, and about \$5,000 came from private donations. A \$50 gift card was given for each gun dropped off.

Source: The Ledger Saturday, December 13, 2008

2008 Annual Holiday Dinner



Thank You To All of Our
Talented and Dedicated Members
for Your Service in 2008!



2008 COPS FOR KIDS!

The spirit of Christmas filled the Lakeland Police station Thursday evening as we celebrated Cops for Christmas here. This annual event allows us the opportunity to share the generosity of our community with families who need some assistance during the holiday season.

Approximately 70 families and over 200 children received Christmas presents generously donated to the police department by various individual donors and civic groups. Each family received a bag of toys to meet their children's needs along with a meal from Texas Cattle Company, and of course holiday cake! Photos were taken with Santa as well.

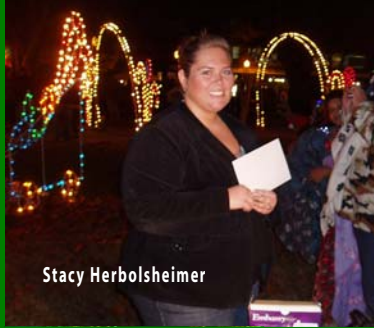
Our efforts for the evening would not have occurred if it were not for the volunteers of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association who helped in a variety of ways. Our alumni served as Santa's helpers, guides, and anything else needed to be done. **We appreciate our dedicated volunteers more than we can ever express to them.**





Special THANKS to Mark Herbolsheimer who was the perfect Santa for this special night.

Photos with Santa
December 12th - Fundraising for 2009



Stacy Herbolsheimer



Robin Tillett



Shirley Mobley

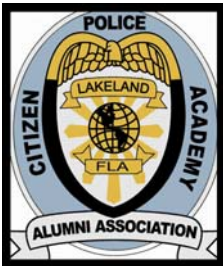


Susan Herbolsheimer & Kim Golotko

Our thoughts and prayers are with Faye Beyer and her family. Faye's husband, Gerd Beyer, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2009.



Our Deepest Sympathy



Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
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"Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort."