



Lakeland Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Lakeland Beat

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: STAN MARTIN

It's about 6 in the morning as a man who has been out partying all night with a bunch of college friends opens the door to his house and finds his wife standing in the kitchen with a non-too-pleased look on her face. "Where have you been?" she asks. Thinking fast he answers, "Out with my friends. I got home about 11:30 and, not wanting to wake you, spent the night in the hammock in the backyard." She gives him the evil eye and then says, "I threw that hammock away a year ago." He pauses for a moment and then says: "That's my story and I'm sticking to it."

After the very busy month of March it was kind of nice to have a relatively quiet April. At our meeting on the 8th Mrs. Margaret Parry from the Peace River Center gave us an overview of the center and its many wonderful programs. She's a marvelous speaker and we'll have her back to talk to us again. We reluctantly accepted Justin Troller's resignation as Vice-President. He's done a great job for us and will be missed (he has promised to assist us when he can and we'll always be glad to see him.) As of the writing of this message Robin Tillet has agreed to serve. She brings a lot of skills and enthusiasm to the table and we're really glad to have her aboard.

Much of April was spent meeting and planning for the budget cuts mandated by Amendment 1. To say it is a daunting task is an understatement but we'll get through it. These cuts will provide the CPAAA with even more opportunities to serve the department and the community. More to come later.

Finally, our next meeting is Tuesday, May 13th in the community room at LPD. Come join us and bring a friend – we always have a good time. Also, don't forget the Police Memorial Day Services at the memorial site just west of the Lakeland Center on May 8th.

Thanks again for all you do and see ya soon.

Upcoming Meetings

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

June 10th: General Membership Mtg LPD 2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

June 24th: Board of Directors Mtg LPD 3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

Check out the event Calendar for more upcoming events!

UPDATE ~ OPERATION: OVER THERE

Project "Operation Over There" met its objective in sending (two) "care packages" to our LPD Officer serving in Iraq according to our LPD contact. Our contact also advised us not to send our intended third box as that Officer was homeward bound this month. Thanks to all who contributed to this project. LPD has four other Officers who have been recently called up, but who remain in at US bases with no word about deployment to overseas areas. Whether to send them "care packages" prior to deployment is a question to be put to the general membership at the May meeting.

-Bob Chandler, CPAAA Director

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SARA HOWARD-PADGETT



Sara was born in Savannah, GA., lived in Midway, GA and attended grammar and high school in Hinesville, GA. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Miami. Her employment includes 20 years with Watson Clinic Radiology and Imaging Specialists. After a brief retirement, she elected to return to work at the Geneva Classical Academy where she has been for the last 7 years. She is a recent CPA graduate (Class 22) where she was inspired by the classroom presentations. She was also very impressed with the subject matter which was given by very talented professionals. She came away from the CPA program with an awareness of crime prevention and self defense. The classes also provided information on how to protect her students in the event of an emergency. Sara enjoyed all of the classes, however, hands-on target practice with the SWAT Team was her favorite. Membership in other professional organizations include American Business Women's Association, United Women's Club, and Coordinating Council for the City of Lakeland. What little free time Sara has left is spent with family activities, traveling, bird watching, yard work, shopping and reading. She has a son and a daughter-in-law who have three children. One grandson is in ministry, another will graduate Lakeland High School this year and her granddaughter will graduate radiology school in June. Sara looks forward to getting to know all of the CPAAA members well as participating in more events. She credits Patty Strickland for convincing her to attend the CPA classes and we're certainly happy to have her as an energetic and dedicated member of the CPAAA!



Happy May Birthdays to the following CPAAA members!

5/8 Susan Brafford

5/12 Eleanor Lang

5/31 Charlie Burdette

5/10 Patricia Blalock

5/25 Sara Howard-Padgett

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★ Officer of the Month: Detective Loretta Jackson ★

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This month's spotlight shines on a special lady who, truth be told, loves to pick on your poor, innocent, long-suffering president Stan Martin!

Detective Loretta Jackson was born in Orlando and raised in Bartow. She joined the Lakeland Police Department in May of 1993 after graduating from the police academy at Polk Community College. She has served the department in a variety of positions and is currently assigned to the Operations Review Section as the person in charge of staff inspections and asset forfeitures. She performs inspections of the various units and sections that comprise LPD and works closely with the department's legal counsel in handling asset forfeitures.

She began her career assigned to the patrol division. Shortly after she was assigned to the Community Oriented Policing squad and for the next three years served the Washington Park, Lake Ridge, and West Lake communities in that capacity. She then took her special skills and talents and applied them as a School Resource Officer at Southwest Middle School, Southwest Elementary, Blake Elementary, Dixieland Elementary, and Lakeland BEST.

Loretta was then promoted to the Criminal Investigations Section where she served as a Burglary Detective for 6 months and a Crimes Against Children Detective for seven years.

Loretta has been a pioneer in the department and was the first black female to serve as a COPS Officer, School Resource Officer, and Detective.

She is married to LPD Motor Officer Tommie Jackson and has three children: Crystal, a staff sergeant in the United States Air force; Jessica, a CNA at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, and her son Jakouri, a fifth-grader at Valley View Elementary School. She loves puzzles of any kind – especially crossword puzzles – and really enjoys spending quality time with her family.

Thank you Loretta and keep up the good work!

UPCOMING MEETING: MAY GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for May 13 will be Bob Lattig who recently retired from the Lakeland Probation and Parole Office. In addition to information on probation, his presentation will also address the procedures for tracking sex offenders.



April Guest Speaker: Margaret Perry



A special thank you to our guest speaker on April 8, 2008, Margaret Parry, who is the Director of Community Relations for the Peace River Center.

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IN THE NEWS...

K-9 Unit Wins Top Honors



Congratulations to the K-9 Unit who won top 4-man team honors in the United States Police Canine Association Region One trials held in Pensacola. This is the third year in a row the LPD K-9 Unit claimed the top 4-man team award. Officers who comprised the team included Officer Charlie Dallas (K-9 Dynx), Officer Ted Sealey (K-9 Bodo), Officer Jeff Barrett (K-9 Beno), and Officer Rob Manrow (K-9 Bask). Three officers finished in the top 10 individual standings. Officer Dallas came in 6th, Officer Sealey was 7th, and Officer Barrett was 9th. We're all very proud of the dedication and accomplishments of our K-9 Unit!



Sheriff Honors Seniors vs. Crimes Program

Mr. Dick Fearnow who is the office manager for seniors vs. Crime has received special recognition from Sheriff Grady Judd for his volunteer service. This important program investigates reports of crimes against seniors such as scams and other such illegal schemes. A total of 540 hard working volunteers were honored at a special luncheon in Winter Haven. This massive work force accumulated over 50,000 volunteer hours over the past year. The seniors vs. Crime office is on Wabash Avenue and a second office will soon be open in Davenport. Dick has been a member of the CPAAA since 1998 and we're very proud of his service to the community!



Questions or comments?
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Event Calendar

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 7:00pm @ LPD 2nd floor	14	15	16	Armed Forces Day 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Memorial Day 26 	Board Meeting 27 7:00pm @ LPD 3rd floor	28	29	30	31

June 2008

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