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Club Meets Every Monday at Noon at the Yank Sing Restaurant, CTE, Killeen

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Harker Heights Fire Fighter of the Year

The following information was submitted by Fire Chief Jack Collier

Michael Shepherd is a Lieutenants and Firefighter /Paramedic with the Harker Heights Fire Department. Michael has been employed with the department for over 12 years. He has been instrumental in many changes that have increased the capabilities of the Emergency Medical Services of the Department. He was instrumental in the implementation of the Field training process, and is currently re-writing the medical protocol with the Medical Director. He holds numerous certifications including GEMS, ACLS, PHTLS, and is a Critical Care Paramedic.

Michael is the true patient advocate. He always does what is best for his patients even when it directly or indirectly causes him more work. He never takes a "short cut" when it comes to patient care. He regularly checks up on his patients to find out their condition following calls and to make sure they received the proper treatment from EMS as well as the hospital. Michael is an officer with the department and is not required as much time on the ambulance but he makes every attempt to "ride" the box to keep up his skill levels.



Michael and his team responded to a 66 year old male pulse less and apneic patient on April 26th, 2007. He was the lead medic on this call. Michael found the patient in ventricular tachycardia. The patient was worked aggressively under the direction of Lt. Shepherd. The patient received multiple medication administrations, intubation, and cardiac defibrillation. This patient made a complete recovery and was released the following week to go home.

This is just one of the many times that Michael Shepherd's skills and dedication have made a difference in the lives of the community he serves. He is a model paramedic and should be recognized for his commitment.

Harker Heights Police Officer of the Year

The following information was submitted by Police Chief Michael Gentry

The Harker Heights Police Department appreciates your organization and their willingness to recognize law enforcement officers and their efforts in the community. Each year the Harker Heights Public Safety Commission awards the Law Enforcement and Service to the Community award to an officer. The selected officer is then nominated for any awards throughout the year. This year the award was given to Officer Gabrielle Guerra from this agency.

Officer Guerra is responsible for all aspects of K9 operations from training to housing and care in her home, to being on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Officer Guerra has been in this role since 2001 when she took over K9 duties and inherited our K9 "Lando" from another handler. At that time Lando had received some minor recognition but nothing on a national level. Officer Guerra applied for this position, went before the interview board to be considered for and was then appointed to the new K9 handler's position; she had no experience in the K9 arena. Everything she has accomplished and learned and now everything she teaches across the nation has been driven by her desire to do her very best to make the Harker Heights Police Department K9 unit one of the best in the nation. Since she has taken over as K9 handler she has improved Lando's capabilities and refined him to nationally recognized standards. In 2003 Officer Guerra and Lando took 3rd place in the NNDDA (National Narcotic

Harker Heights Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Hoxworth

Harker Heights Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Hoxworth was the guest speaker at our October 15th club meeting. He joined the club in honoring Harker Heights' Police Officer and Fire/Rescue Officer of the Year.



Honorable Hoxworth gave the club a brief overview of the activities that are planned for this year's city budget. He discussed the new library and parks and recreation facilities as well as improvements to the city's streets and infrastructure. Market Heights is proceeding along as planned and will be opening after the first of the year. The movie theatre plans to be open by the Memorial Day Holiday in May.

The budget shows that the city of Harker Heights is continuing to grow and prosper. Honorable Hoxworth advised club members that the population was close to 25,000. Their tax roles continue to grow but the city, like others in the area, is faced with balancing the needs and wants of its citizens with the community's ability to pay. The future looks good for continued prosperity.

Exchange Club of Killeen receives a certificate of appreciation from Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce for our contributions to the Adopt A School Wooden Nickel program. Pictured left back Pat



Kauffman chamber president, club member Paul Brice, chamber immediate past president Bobby Hoxworth, club member Gerald Skidmore, Club Member John Fisher, (front) club Treasurer Becky Holcomb and club President Elect Maureen Jouett.

Dates To Remember.....

Oct 27th Make A Difference Day

Oct 29th Rush Function at the Shilo from 5 to 7—No lunch Meeting

Nov 5th One Nation Under God Prayer Breakfast—No lunch Meeting

Nov 10th Veterans' Day Parade—11 am GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE

Nov 19th Youth of the Quarter

NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

◆ Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2007 (NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH)
22nd Earl Nottingham, Texas
Parks & Wildlife magazine

Photographer
(BOARD MEETING 1 p.m.)
27th Make A Difference Day
29th RUSH FUNCTION

NOVEMBER 2007 (ONE NATION UNDER GOD MONTH)
5th PRAYER BREAKFAST- NO LUNCH MEETING
10th VETERAN'S DAY PARADE - GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE
12th VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY - NO LUNCH MEETING
19th YOUTH OF THE QUARTER (BOARD MEETING 1 p.m.)
26th BUSINESS MEETING

LAURA MATHERLY

New club member Laura Matherly, Ph.D., MBA is an Assistant Professor At Tarleton State University where she teaches Strategy, Statistics and Research Methods in the MBA program. Prior to this, she was an Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania State University. She brings a wealth of experience from Fortune 100 companies such as Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Weyerhaeuser Paper Company, R. R. Donnelley and Microsoft. Plan on having an enthusiastic and challenging session.

Laura agreed to take over as director on the Youth of the Quarter/Year committee and will assist with other community service projects for the club. She was sponsored by Maureen Jouett.



Who's In Charge?



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President.....Ray Davis
President-Elect.....Maureen Jouett
Secretary.....Linda Ellis
Treasurer.....Becky Holcomb
VP/Programs.....Linda Garvin
Americanism.....David Garvin
Child Abuse Prevention.....Sherry Parker Chapman & Lorena Hampton
Community SvcKathy Jones
Fellowship/Inter-Club/Public Relations/Bulletin.....Kathy Jones
Membership.....John Odom
Youth.....Dr. Laura Matherly
Web Master.....Abdul Subhani
Past President.....Jason Pfaltzgraff

HHPD Officer Cont.

Detector Dog Association) Narcotics Nationals and in the Patrol Service Dog Nationals. The NNDDA is the most prestigious police K9 training and accreditation association in the police profession. In 2004 they were ranked #2 in the nation in the Patrol Nationals, 3rd in man work and 5th in obedience. The year 2005 closed with this 10 year old K9 and his partner as the number 1 ranked police K9 team in the Untied States. This title has never been held by a female K9 handler before. Officer Guerra has been so successful with Lando that she is now a highly sought after trainer who takes her own days off to volunteer to train and certify other K9 teams across the country. Students she has instructed have taken their newly trained dogs and recovered 100's of kilos of cocaine and 100's of thousands of dollars in illegal currency. Officer Guerra has also been recognized by the founders of the NNDDA as an outstanding K9 handler, instructor and a standout representative for the Harker Heights Police Department. She accomplishes these tasks while being a mother and wife who is on-call 24 hours a day 7 days a week who keeps Lando and the department's latest K9 addition Elvis (a tracking dog) in her home just like they were part of the family. She and Lando go to our City Library where they are part of a program where children read stories to Lando improving their reading skills and the department's relationship with children in the community.

On September of 2006, Officer Guerra was on patrol and observed a lady standing on a bridge about to jump off into the traffic traveling below. Officer Guerra's quick actions directing responding units while talking to the lady caused her not to jump, mainly because the other units stopped traffic frustrating the lady into coming back down off the rail and running for the other lane of traffic. Officer Guerra tackled the lady as she tried to throw herself off the bridge, saving her life. We believe she represents this years most



outstanding example of Excellence in Law Enforcement and Service to the Community.

Biblical Exchange



Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. (Ephesians 6:18)



Above: Club members participate in the 2006 Veterans' Day Parade. Please sign up today for this year's parade on November 10th.

