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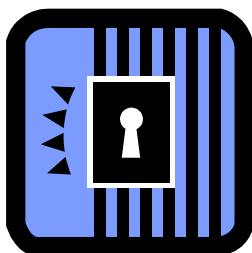
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FUTURE EVENT

**Medina
County
Jail
Visit**
February 16
7:00 p.m.

(See page 3
for details)



411: NEW BCPAAA MEMBERS

Recently, The Division of Police held a 5th Citizens' Police Academy and several participants have chosen to join the Brunswick Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association. THE VOLUNTEER will feature these new members as information becomes available. The introductions begin with...

SHEILA BOND: A 25 year resident of Brunswick, Sheila is a mother to three children, and the adoptive mother of Zoe, a puppy shepherd mix (which she got from the Brunswick Animal Kennel).

Her hobbies include bowling, golfing, knitting, and gardening.

A graduate of Valley Forge HS, CCC, and Indiana Wesleyan, Sheila recently retired from MetroHealth Medical Center as an RN. Her post retirement plans are yet to be determined.

Sheila joined the BCPAAA because her interest in the police volunteers was sparked by her neighbor AAA member Linda Glassburn's accounts of the group's activities. Now that she is retired, she feels that she has time to give back to her community.

Prior to becoming a AAA volunteer, Sheila was a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader through Single Volunteers. She has also helped with Cleveland events such as the NAMI Walk, the soup kitchen, and the domestic violence shelter.

DEANNA DINGESS: Deanna is the mother of two children, Sara, who is 22 and works at Ohio Savings, and Matthew who is a senior at BHS. Her best buddy is Gunner, a 21 month old Catahoula Leopard that she rescued at 8 months. Her grand puppy, Jaxon, is also in residence at her home.

Hobby time finds Deanna spending time with

her family, reading, golfing, or traveling. However, her passion is working her dog. She and Gunner are students in training on the North Coast Ohio Search and Rescue Team. She is currently working on getting SAR Tech III certification. Deanna is a member of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR).

A graduate of Midpark High School, she also attended Avon Lake HS. An attendee of Cuyahoga Community College, Deanna has an Associates degree in Business Management. She works for SGT, Inc., a prime subcontractor at NASA Glenn, as an Office Support Specialist.

Because being involved in search and rescue involves working closely with local law enforcement, in joining the CPA-5 Class, Deanna wanted to get an "inside" look of the police department to get a better understanding of working with law enforcement agencies when called on a search. She also wanted to learn more about the K-9 unit and was awed and amazed by the working dogs at a recent demonstration.

At the present time, Deanna is volunteering with the BDP Communications Department. Previous volunteer experiences have found her at different events and fundraisers, including Relay for Life and Cassidy's Foundation. She portrayed Mrs. Claus at Willowood on December 17th when search and rescue certified dogs visited to spend time with the residents.

GREG ROBERTS: Greg's family includes daughter, Jackie, son Greg, and grandkids, Mykenzee, Peyton, Trenton, and Tyler.

Interested in anything outdoors, Greg is a competitive trap shooter, enjoys target shooting, fishing, hunting, and drag racing.

A graduate of West Tech High, Greg also attended CCC for Business Management and Purchasing Management. He is a full time employee at Deloitte where he is Facilities Manager. He also

holds a second position as a Loss Prevention Officer at Macy's.

Because he has worked for a long time in loss prevention, where he works closely with the police, Greg felt that he wanted to gain an inside perspective on how the Division of Police in Brunswick operates. He notes that his experiences with his CPA class were quite informative. He admits that to being very impressed by the openness of the officers in the BDP and the information gathered at the CPA classes.

During a recent ride-a-long, with Officer Puhac, Greg was exposed to a variety of scenarios including traffic stops, an OVI stop, and assisting the Medina County Sheriff's Department. He was impressed by Officer Puhac's dedication to his job, his ability to make positive contacts with people, and his willingness to thoroughly explain procedures during the ride.

MICHAEL BARTOK: Michael is the father to a daughter who is an RN at the Cleveland Clinic and a son who is in a carpentry apprentice program, but is hoping to enlist in the military soon. The family also includes a mixed breed dog, Oscar.

Employed as a CRNFA at the Cleveland Clinic for 25 years, Michael is a graduate of Admiral King and the University of Akron and Kent State University.

When he gets the time, he enjoys hiking, backpacking, and when the weather is bad reading and viewing movies. Michael is also a member of the Medina Emergency Response Team.

Joining the BCPAAA is two-fold for Michael - He seeks a deeper understanding of the challenges of today's police departments and the training required of police officers to do their job, and he wants the opportunity to give back something to the community he has lived in for 21 years.

Volunteers in Action

During the month of December, BCPAAA'ERS could be found:

Serving at the Weekly Mayor's Court

Providing Services for Project Lifesaver Clients

Helping with the Eagles Christmas Baskets

Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army

January Volunteer Ops

MAYOR'S COURT	Most TUESDAYS
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Members: Your \$12 annual dues, for 2012, are due in January. **CPA-5 graduates:** If you plan to join, you must pay a \$20 initiation fee and the \$12 amount as well.

Upcoming Elections: If you are a member in good standing (meeting attendance + volunteer work + paid dues) you are eligible to run for office. The same criteria applies to voting rights as well. The election will take place at the January meeting. Contact Wendy Linderman if you need more information.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS 2011

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL HOURS	*See note	\$\$\$\$
114	84	97.5	81	321	278	220.5	252	141	137	132.5	105	1963.5	\$19.95	\$39,171.83

*This value, \$19.95, is the average of the national volunteer hour value & that of the volunteer hour value for the State of Ohio.

Year	# of Hours	Dollar Value
2006	1783	\$28,706.30
2007	2809	\$52,724.93
2008	3506	\$68,807.62
2009	3251	\$62,159.12
2010	1829	\$35,958.14
2011	1963.5	\$39,171.83

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BCP3A + BDP = TEAMWORK



Board Meeting
Jan. 19
City Hall
Lunch Room

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Lunch Room

2011 BCPAAA Executive Board

President: Wendy Linderman
V. President: Shirley Schuster
Treasurer: Evelyn Czyz
Secretary: Bill Olhrich

Trustees
Tushar Amin, Richard Atkinson, Sue Esker, Vicky Kirkpatrick, Dave Linderman

Coordinator: Phil Frate



From the desk of the Chief: 2012 should prove to be an interesting year. With the retirement of two long time policing stalwarts, Sergeant Dave Szuter and Officer Bucky Schuster, there will be a loss of organizational history, knowledge, and policing experience that can't easily be replaced. That also means the hiring of two officers to replace these departing veterans and the hiring process can be a challenge when you are in the market to hire the best and brightest for the long-term well being of the community and the organization.

2011 was a good year but we have to hit the ground running in January as the bad guys and the public won't let us rest long. We need to continue to capitalize on the strengths of our officers, communication specialists, and the community groups and partnerships that make our job easier or more effective. A great thanks to the BCPAAA for the continued support and service to the Division of Police and the City of Brunswick.

BCPAAA February In-Service: As has been advertised since fall, the BCPAAA will spend the evening of the 16th of February visiting the Medina County Jail. Because of the serious nature of this visit, **ONLY** (paid) members of the BCPAAA will be allowed to participate. This means that if you have not paid your dues, you cannot show up on the 16th thinking that you can "pay at the door and gain admittance." Please take care of your dues payment **BEFORE** the visit. Evelyn Czyz will be collecting your \$12 dues at the January 22nd meeting. Additionally, Evelyn, who has arranged this trip, will provide the rules and regulations that must be adhered to when visiting the jail. In November, she supplied this information at the Members' Meeting and will do so once again at January's meeting. Directions to the jail will also be provided at that time.



PAN OHIO HOPE RIDE



According to Chief DeForest, *the American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, the A.C.S. fights for every birthday threatened by cancer in every community. They save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after cancer diagnosis; and by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discoveries.*

The Pan Ohio Hope Ride connects the two Hope Homes in Ohio with a four day, 328 mile bike ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati. Cancer patients and their care givers who have to travel long distances for cancer treatments can stay at Hope Homes at no cost. All money raised during the Pan Ohio Hope Ride goes to the American Cancer Society. The 2012 ride runs from July 26th through July 29th and is limited to 500 participants.

Chief DeForest will be a ride participant and is hoping to raise funds for this valuable charity. If interested in supporting our Chief, do contact him about his February Training Fund raiser.