

**ASIS**  
**HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**1/20/10**

The luncheon meeting was held at the Hess Club with Chapter Chairman Tom Hamilton presiding. We had 63 paid attendees and 3 guests for this month's luncheon.

The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon.

**Butch Roberson-Chaplin**-Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

**Tom Hamilton-Chairman**-asked for any guests to introduce themselves

**Announcements:**

- \* Mike Mason was appointed as ARVP for Region 6 to replace Matt Silcox who's on assignment in the middle east for the next nine months
- \* Error in scholarship awards - Correction and awards increased
- \* Allen J Cross Award winner for Houston - Carlos Martinez - City of Houston
- \* Chapter Scholarship to be awarded this year to Chapter member - Bill Ewing's committee working with Randy Simpson - ASIS Foundation will establish criteria
- \* Timothy J. Walsh API Award for five nights - tuition and transportation to San Francisco - See me or Mike Mason after the meeting for more information
- \* Pending award applications: Web site of the year- Newsletter of the Year
- \* Chapter of the Year - Will announce outcome as soon as we hear

Chairman Hamilton announced that there was an error made in the issuance of checks for our Scholarship awards in that the check amounts for both Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston Downtown were reversed. In order to correct this error, the Executive Committee was immediately polled and the unanimous decision was made to allow Sam Houston State to keep their check and a corrective check was made out to the University of Houston for the corrected amount. Sam Houston State was made aware of this error and advised that our contribution for 2010 may not equal this amount. Thus, the following scholarship and charity donation awards from the Chapter were as follows:

University of Houston Downtown - \$8,000.00  
Sam Houston State University - \$8,000.00  
Assist the Officer - \$2,000.00  
Lone Star College Law Enforcement Academy - \$1,000.00  
Chapter Scholarship Award - \$1,000.00

**Treasury Report**-Copy on the table for anyone who wants a copy

- We are very healthy
- We have 106 paid members already for 2010

New Committee Chairs for 2010 - For the sake of consistency all committee chairs will remain in place except for the following changes:

- New Chairs of 2010 include - Susan Casis - Media Relations
- Chuck Andrews - Public Safety and Benevolence Committee - Taking over for Mike Mallon - Mike will be stepping in to fill the vacancy by Darin Dillon who asked to step down from the Golf Committee
- Darin will assume a new role as Social Committee Chairman
- Dave Parker will step into the Committee Chair for Legislative Affairs

For a complete listing of all the committee chairs please see the Chapter's web site or newsletter

Tom called for committee chairs for their reports:

- **Web Site**-Roger has already sent out a lot of emails encouraging membership so please consider it if you are not a member already.  
Renewal sponsorships will be going out soon.
- **Membership**-Greg challenged each and every member to bring a guest to the meetings every month to encourage membership

## **BREAK**

**Chuck Andrews** announced the Public Safety Committee Chair to recognize this month's honoree Constable Vernon Matthews.

*On Thursday, October 30, 2009, at approximately 6:30 PM, Dr. Stephanie Wuest, 28, after shopping, was in the parking lot of the Kroger's Store at Old Spanish Trail @ Cambridge. A suspect, later identified as Anthony Jerome Bell, 40, approached her next to her vehicle in an attempt to rob Dr. Wuest. A struggle ensued before Bell pulled a pistol and shot Wuest several times, including once in the neck.*

*Harris County Precinct 6 deputy constable Vernon Matthews, who was working off-duty security at the store, was alerted and directed to the scene by witnesses. Matthews arrived and was quickly able to arrest Bell without incident and hold him until on-duty Houston Police officers arrived. Bell was charged with attempted capital murder and remains held without bond in Harris County Jail. Bell has a criminal history dating back to 1989.*

*Dr. Wuest was transported to Ben Taub Hospital emergency room in critical condition, but later recovered and is listed in stable condition, recovering from the incident. She is*

*a doctor at Ben Taub Hospital and a first-year medical resident at Baylor College of Medicine.*

*Deputy Matthews is a former public school teacher and has been a full-time deputy with Precinct 6 under Constable Victor Trevino for four years.*

*Deputy Mathews' alertness, as well as his quick and decisive actions, was key in effecting the arrest of an armed suspect during the commission of a felony. His courageous actions reflect highly upon his department and the law enforcement profession, and are worthy of recognition.*

**Tom Hamilton** introduced the Speaker for the Month, Constable Precinct 6, Victor Trevino.

*Constable Trevino recognized other family members who are in law enforcement.*

- *“Some people ask me ‘well Victor I understand you’re a family of law enforcement’ that’s because my wife’s cousin is one of the majors in the Sheriff’s Department. My wife’s uncle was one of the first that started in law enforcement back in 1958 with the Houston Police Department. My wife’s little brother is a Deputy Sheriff with the Harris County Sheriff’s Department. My little brother’s wife is a Lieutenant with the Houston Police Department Robbery Division and my little brother is an Assistance Chief with the Houston Police Department. So people say well ‘what about your kids?’ I say, ‘nah!!! Well they did the smart thing they got into private security. Yes my daughter works for a security company. My son Thomas Trevino works for Day and Zimmermann. My other son also did the smart thing, he became a school teacher.”*
- *“The opportunities that we get in this country are just sometimes beyond explanation. Each and every one of you is a prime example. Whether you started in law enforcement or you went straight into security or formed your own company. Whatever your involvement is, each and every one of you has a story. So when I tell you my story it’s not just to tell you about look at me, look at what I’ve accomplished, I hope that you can look at yourself and see what you’ve accomplished and the opportunities we have in this beautiful country.”*
- *“So I think the grass-root involvement is very critical to us making a difference, not just within our city, our state, our county but the world... The concept of just being considerate, the concept of being understanding, the concept of wanting something to work. That’s the bottom line, we want this to work. I think we can. We can come together”*

- *“...That one word should be respect. Ladies and gentlemen we may not always agree with each other. We may come from different backgrounds. We may come from different religions, different communities. We may come from different political parties. But I don't think it matters. That's what makes this country great that we're not walking alike and thinking alike. We all are different, we look different, we sound different but one thing this country can be proud of is that respect we have for each other. It is the envy of the rest of the world. Because we can differ and still respect each other. And that's why I believe this is the most beautiful country in the world.”*

Tom awarded Constable Victor Trevino with a plaque of appreciation.

Tom asked if there was any New Business or any Old Business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.