



# Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation

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## President's Message

We are announcing our annual membership and fundraising drive for this year. As you know, we have been in existence since 1988 and have given over \$300,000 in grants, gifts and scholarships to local law enforcement in Kern County. In the last three months alone, we have given over \$6,800 for law enforcement purposes.

Our scholarship committee has given over 20 law enforcement scholarships to local students pursuing a career in law enforcement. We are pushing this year to grow the membership and sponsors and recruit young new members as well. New Board Members, Jon Busby, Greg Sturges, Angela Barton and Mike Larsen have already made their presence known by attracting many new members and new sponsors. Commitment has been given for several public service announcements to broadcast our goals and objectives and further inform the public of the positive things law enforcement does in Kern County. Sometimes new members bring new ideas and "fire up" our longstanding members to try new projects; which we are announcing first in this letter.

Saturday, April 28, 2007, will be the date of our new improved Clay Shoot at Five Dogs Range with more law enforcement teams, a firing demonstration and fine BBQ luncheon, (go to our new web page [www.kernlaw.org](http://www.kernlaw.org) for information and applications)

On June 13, 2007, we will host the annual Law Enforcement Officer of The Year Awards Dinner. Yes, this year it will be a dinner at the Stockdale Country Club, which will be a first class awards presentation. Seating is on a first come, first serve reservation basis and we are expecting over 300 people who support law enforcement to attend; the website also has information on this event.

If you renewed your membership after September 1 of 2006, your membership is for 15 months. We encourage all of to renew or join now; an application is enclosed for both and you may reproduce copies for people you would recommend or encourage to join. In addition, we offer business and group memberships for larger donations. For \$1,000, you now can have up to five friends or employees as members, receive a beautiful badge plaque for your wall and also be placed on our sponsorship site on our web page. Any donation given is tax deductible as we are a 501(3) c foundation.

Finally there are many other sponsorship opportunities, so if you just want to give a donation please free to do so. There is no overhead or salaries; all money goes to local law enforcement projects. We need and want your help and participation in any and all ways, so join now and help Kern law enforcement thrive and enjoy our continued support. Single personal memberships are only \$100 per year per person.



**Tom Sheets**

## Mary K. Shell to Receive Life Time Achievement Award

Mary K. Shell is a native of Bakersfield and is a product of Bakersfield Schools, including Washington Junior High, East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. While at Washington Junior High, a teacher, Dorothy May Gibson, inspired her interest in journalism as a career. She served as editor of the school newspaper there and later became editor of the East High paper. She later worked as a general assignment reporter for the Bakersfield Californian, a job she left to continue her education.

From 1946 to 1948 she worked as flight dispatcher at the La Cresta Airfield where she also earned her private pilot's license. In 1965 a semi weekly newspaper came to town, The Bakersfield News Bulletin, which she served as reporter photographer for two years. In 1969 she became editor of the News Bulletin.

In 1970 Mary married Joe Shell, an oil man and former assemblyman and former candidate for governor. They moved to Sacramento where she became a columnist for the Bakersfield Californian and Capitol News Service reporting on the legislature and state government. During her almost ten years in Sacramento, she also wrote several articles for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. Along the way she picked up several awards for her reporting, such as the 1972 Excellence in Reporting Award of the California Trial Lawyers Association and the 1975 California Taxpayers Best Reporting Award.

The Shells moved back to Bakersfield; and in 1980 Mary began her political career when she ran for mayor of the City of Bakersfield. She won the race and became the



first and only woman in the City's history to have held that office. As mayor, she founded the Bakersfield Beautiful Committee which revived the annual Christmas parade and created the Beautiful Awards that have been presented annually since 1983. She also initiated a study that culminated in the formation of the Historic Preservation Commission. In 1981 she spearheaded efforts to recognize local veterans who had served in Vietnam. In particular, Kern County's Sgt. Larry Pierce was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor. This memorial was one of the first in the nation which honored Vietnam veterans. This memorial is located in the lobby of the Kern County Courts Building.

After four years as mayor, Mary ran successfully for the fifth district seat on the Kern County Board of Supervisors where she enjoyed tremendous popular support. She served three four year terms and decided to retire at the end of the third. During her tenure on the board of supervisors,

she held membership in the California State Association of Counties in which she was a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee in 1993 and 1994. She was a board of directors member of the National Association of Counties where she chaired a sub-committee of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for three years and she was vice chair of the Trade and Food Safety Sub-Committee. She was also a member for one year each of the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Unified Valley Air Pollution District and of the Kern Council of Governments.

Among the many local civic organizations with which she has been actively involved, Mary K. has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation for the last three years. Regretfully, she has found it necessary, because of the press of other duties, to resign from her board position with the Foundation. She is a multi-talented person and will be sincerely missed.



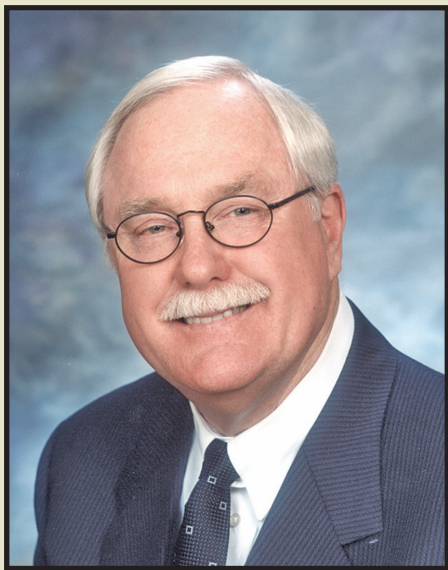
## Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation Scholarship Update

Over the past thirteen years the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation has proudly sponsored over \$20,000 in scholarships to deserving students in Kern County. To qualify for the program, you must be enrolled as a full time student in a Law Enforcement or Criminology program at Bakersfield College, Cal State University Bakersfield, Taft College or Cerro Coso College. The student must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average, have lived in Kern County for the past five years and plan on working in a local law enforcement organization.

Each scholarship awarded is a total of \$4,000 paid each semester or quarter based on proof of eligibility. Past recipients have been high school students entering college or students already attending college.

This program is exceptionally rewarding to our Board of Directors, reinvesting in our future Law Enforcement leaders is a goal of our Foundation.

Applications are currently being sent to all local High Schools if you know a student that meets our criteria, please contact Sharon Scoggins of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., phone number (661) 322-1625 - or any Board Member for additional information. We look forward to introducing you to the recipient of our 2007 Scholarship at our Peace Officer of the Year dinner on June 13th.



Harvey Hall

## Officer of the Year Awards

The Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation is proud to announce the new OFFICER OF THE YEAR Awards Dinner at the STOCKDALE COUNTRY CLUB on June 13, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A no-host cocktail hour with entertainment by Classic Sax (retired Deputy Dennis Wilson) will begin the event.

For the past 18 years, we have held this event as a luncheon and often ran short on time. This year, a special committee was assigned the duty of improving the event and exposure to the public. Committee members; Vice President Lisa Boydston, Marketing Chair Angela Barton, Past President Frank Williams and new Board Member Greg Sturges have planned the best event ever at the beautiful refurbished Stockdale County Club. Seating is limited to approximately 300 people and we expect a sell-out. Call Pauly Wren at the Law Offices of Young and Nichols for reservations and table sponsorships at (661) 861-7911. Sponsorships are \$3,500.00, \$2,000.00 or \$600 per table, \$50.00 per person and \$35.00 for officers and their spouses.

Officers from all over Kern County are nominated for acts of valor and heroism to exceptional contributions to the community. We usually select a citizen or two from the past year to recognize for getting involved by an act of heroism or contribution to the community. Categories are selected by KCLEF members for the following categories:

### Outstanding Contribution by a Citizen Award

### Exceptional Officer Award – Community Service Award

### Citizen of the Year Award

### Exceptional Officer Award

### Medal of Valor Award

### Lifetime Achievement Award

### Officer of the Year Award

The dinner allows deserving officers the chance to be recognized by their peers and the public for a job well done. There are now 18 agencies that belong to the Kern County Chief of Police Organization that select applicants. A special Lifetime Achievement presentation will be made to retiring KCLEF Board Member, KCLEF Marketing Chair, former Bakersfield Californian reporter, former Mayor Of Bakersfield and former Kern County Supervisor, Mary K. Shell. The award will be presented by Mayor and KCLEF Board Member Harvey Hall.

The Stockdale County Club has long been known for their service and quality and we are thankful to Greg Sturges and his committee for their efforts to raise awareness and quality of this event. We will vote in new board members and officers and announce our student scholarship winner for this year.

We invite you all to come and enjoy the event and support our law enforcement in Kern County. For further information go to our website at [www.kernlaw.org](http://www.kernlaw.org).

## ARVIN'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE TOMMY W. TUNSON (*too-sawn*)

Tommy is a part-time instructor for the University of Phoenix, and is currently teaching at the Bakersfield Central Valley campus where he teaches in the criminal justice program. He holds a Jurist Doctorate Degree from Pacific West Law School, Bachelors Degree from National University, and an Associate Arts Degree from Santa Ana College.

Tommy W. Tunson has 30 years in law enforcement and graduated from the Riverside County Sheriff Academy where he worked as a Deputy Sheriff for many years. Chief Tunson has more than 12 years experience as a police chief. He was police chief in the cities of South Gate, Callexico, Coachella, and is currently the Chief of Police in the city of Arvin. Chief Tunson has worked every aspect of law enforcement from narcotics to traffic to patrol to homicide.

Law Enforcement Training /Education: California Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) certification in; Executive Development course, Management and Supervisory

courses, Southwest Command College course, Executive Intelligence course, and the Role of the Police chief. He also possesses POST advance, intermediate, and basic certificates.

Tommy is a member of the US Army Reserve and his current rank is Lieutenant Colonel. He is presently assigned to Headquarters 63rd Regional Readiness Command, Los Alamitos, CA where he is the Provost Marshal, (military chief of police) for a Division level two-star General command. He has been a Company Commander, Deputy Provost Marshal, and an Operations Officer. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, the first gulf war. Lieutenant Colonel Tunson's military education includes; Infantry Officer Candidate School, Military Police Basic and Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Achievement



ribbon with oak leaf clusters, Southwest Asia Service ribbons, and National Defense Ribbon with oak leaf clusters.

We welcome Chief TUNSON to our county law enforcement team and hope to see him at the Officer of the Year dinner on June 13, 2007 at the Bakersfield Country Club, so everyone can meet him.

## WELCOME: Jack Garren

We wish to welcome retired CHP officer Jack Garren to our at large membership drive. Jack started his career at the Taft substation and worked locally until he retired. He stayed active in law enforcement activities including being a board member and Chief Cook and bottle washer for the 420 club and range.(Jack of all Trades) He is also a lifetime member in the local footprinters chapter and will act as our liaison with them attempt to recruit new members from that organization. Jack will contacting retired and active highway patrol and making them aware of our activities and encouraging them to join our organization. Retired



and Active Officers can join for \$50.00 per year. Welcome Aboard Jack and great hunting for new members. You can get on our website at [www.kernlaw.org](http://www.kernlaw.org) for an application.

### 2007 Nominees For Office

President.....Tom Sheets  
Vice President.....Jon Busby  
Treasurer .....Dale Sinclair  
Secretary ..... Pauly Wren  
All of the above are incumbents, except for Jon Busby, who is moving up from his board position.

### Three Year Board Members

Bill Dolan  
Dave Merritt  
Angela Barton  
Frank Williams  
Dale Sinclair

## IN MEMORIAM

### The Peace Officer Memorials

We feel so helpless when that time happens. When a Law Enforcement Officer pays the price. The price we don't like to talk about. The price of never seeing your family again. Your family carrying on without "Dad".

What a mere pittance we offer in return for the giving of one's life to make sure ours is safe. We all grieve in our own ways. We cry. We tell funny and touching stories about the cop. About the time he tripped over the trash can sneaking "around back" and the bad guy got away. When the cop gave CPR to a 5 year old at the crash scene; saving the life.

We offer our best to them. We eternalize their name, their stories, their life etched in granite. Like the rock that he was, our rock will forever remind us of his greatness. His name will never pass away. He is there for eternity. For us.

The two names we add this time will, hopefully, be the last. But we stand ready to honor them. We have to. It's all we can do. We must do it. And we will.

**In Honor of:**  
**Deputy William "Joe" Hudnall**  
**Kern County Sheriff**

**State Traffic Officer Erick Manny**  
**California Highway Patrol**

May these men rest with the knowledge that we will never let their names or their memories slip away.

## A PEACE OFFICER'S PRAYER

Pausing a moment at the patrol car door,  
And bowing a second to pray  
I begin the shift with a silent request,  
Lord, be my partner this day.

The mile I walk today dear lord,  
Is a mile that's never been trod.  
For the many curves, the winding road,  
I need your direction dear god.

In numbers untold, my brothers and I  
Have walked this road before.  
Its face ever changing, crags rearranging,  
And today, I'll walk it once more.

With all on the line, ready to give  
What ever the duty may be ...  
My single request can best be expressed,  
Lord walk this mile with me.

From us who serve in suits of blue  
And shades of tan and green  
As we go our way on patrol this day,  
Oh lord, may your presence be seen

## New Board Members



### Dale L. St. Claire, CPA

Dale L. St. Claire was born in Omaha, Nebraska just prior to the beginning of World War II. Following the war, the family moved to Bakersfield, California. He went through the grades in the Bakersfield City School system and graduated from Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. He received his BS in Accounting from California State University – Fresno.

He started his professional career in 1964 with the firm of Bradford, Barieau, Stark and McGee, CPAs and spent some time with the County of Kern in the Auditor-Controller's Office – Audit Division. Following that, he worked briefly for Tejon Ranch Company and then went to work for Reischman, Henderson, Penncy and Mays, CPAs. He opened his own CPA firm in March of 1981 and have practiced as a sole proprietor ever since. He spent two years in the U.S. Army in the late sixties.

He has served as the presiding officer of his Kiwanis Club, and is currently the Treasurer of his church and the KCLE Foundation. He is active in the Masonic community and has served as the presiding officer of his Masonic Lodge, the local Scottish Rite bodies, the local York Rite bodies, and the Kern County Shrine Club. He also served as the Treasurer of the Kern County Shrine Club Potato Bowl football game during the time it was being presented. He has also served as the presiding officer of the Oasis Patrol, a temple unit of Al Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles. He is currently on the Board of Governors for the Shriner's Hospital for Children – Los Angeles Unit.

### WALTER G. MORTON, Ph.D.

**Webmaster**  
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Walter Morton is an Information Technology Architect, Consultant and Mediator. He was born in Richmond, CA, USA, on November 29, 1946 and moved to Bakersfield in 1954 where he attended Standard Elementary School. After graduation from North High School in 1964, he attended Bakersfield College and Cerritos College prior to joining the U.S. Navy and obtaining an A.A. in 1967. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science in 1970, an M.S. in Computer Management Information Systems in 1973 from USAFI and a PhD in Computer Management Information Systems in 1986. He has attended and present over 2,000 hrs. of seminars and IT vendor training programs. After military service, he served as Director of Information Systems for a paper distributor and global transportation company until 1977; later, he served as VP for a computer manufacturer for one year. He then founded a computer service bureau/timeshare company and developed software from 1978-1985; provided technical assistance as well as software design and development from 1986-1993 as an independent contractor; and has provided IT consulting, system review, design, development and implementation services as an independent consultant from 1984 to present. He has mediated over 300 personal and business disputes.



### PAULY WREN

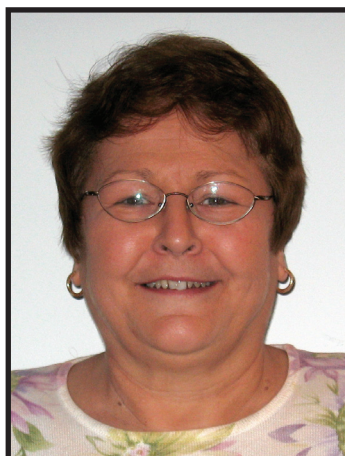
**Secretary**

Pauly Wren was born in Hardin, Montana. She moved to Bakersfield in 1984 as her late husband was involved in the oil business in Bakersfield until 1992. She recently remarried after 13 years of being single and has just celebrated her 2-year anniversary with her husband Walter.

Pauly has been involved in the legal field for approximately 18 years and with the Law Offices of Young & Nichols for the last 7 years. During her time with the Law Offices of Young & Nichols and previously with the Law Offices of Young Wooldridge, she has been associated with the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation working with Tom Sheets when he was previously president. She worked with Frank Williams during his 2-year presidency term and Randy Boggs during his 3-year presidency term. Pauly has a warm personality and is always willing to do what is needed for the Foundation.

Pauly is currently the office manager of Young & Nichols and does accounting for the law firm as well. Her years of secretarial and legal experience in the business world have greatly helped her in her professional career.

We welcome Pauly as our secretary and new board member and look forward to working with her.







## The 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament

Proceeds benefit the foundation aiding in  
Kern County Law Enforcement .

**When:** April 28, 2007

Check in at 7:30am

Shooting 8:00am- 11:00am

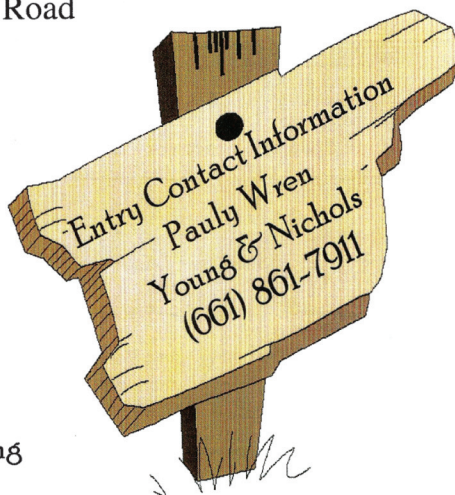
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20238 Woody Road

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## OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER

June 13, 2007



Cocktails beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Entertainment by Classic Sax  
Stockdale County Club

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