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Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo Scheduled as Speaker

EWTG Monthly Luncheon – January 23, 2008



Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo is scheduled to speak at the first monthly luncheon of 2008. Chief Acevedo serves as the eighth Police Chief in the 84-year history of the Austin Police Department and is the first Hispanic to lead the City's police force. With more than two decades of law enforcement experience, he oversees a department that employs approximately 2,000 sworn officers and civilian personnel and has been designated a national model "flagship agency" in its most recent review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Chief Acevedo began his professional career in law enforcement more than 21 years ago. He previously commanded the Planning and Analysis Division of the California Highway Patrol at its Sacramento headquarters. The division was responsible for strategic planning, emergency operations and community outreach. He worked with the highway patrol since 1986, previously serving in Los Angeles County where his community outreach and partnership efforts helped improve relationships between his law enforcement agency and the public.

Chief Acevedo brings that well-established commitment to community outreach and coalition building to Austin. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the city with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the people of Austin and their Police Department. Chief Acevedo leads by example with a strong sense of community involvement through his own personal time and resources.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 9 There will be no mini-course in January. This year's mini-course series will begin on Tuesday, February 12th.

January 10
Retiree Committee Meeting

5:15 p.m. at Mandola's Restaurant.

Contact Jan Ozias for information jwozias@earthlink.net.

January 10 Houston Affiliate Meeting

Noon - 1:00 p.m., in a conference room of the Elias Ramirez Building, 5425 Polk St. Bring your own brown bag lunch and beverage. For information and room location, contact Rosa Wilks Broussard, Houston Affiliate Chair, at 713.748.2816 or email: rmbroussard@hotmail.com.

January 17 Dallas Affiliate Meeting

A.W. Harris Faculty Club, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas (214-688-2653). The regular meetings begin with an informal social at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to receive the Dallas Affiliate monthly e-mail program announcement, or to RSVP regarding your attendance, please call Chris McDaniel at 817.468.7917 or e-mail her at bossynursemom@netscape.net.

January 23 January Luncheon

Austin Women's Club, 708 San Jacinto at noon. Speaker: Austin Chief of Police Art Acevedo. For information and reservations, contact ewtg@ewtg.org or call 512.248.2044.

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President's Corner

My Hope for the New Year

Susan Durso, President

We just finished the holiday season, which offers us many opportunities to enjoy the multi-faceted joy of giving and receiving; and now we step into the New Year, which brings the promise and hope of all the possibilities of the future before us. This point in time made me think of how these feelings of joy and hope and promise relate to EWTG.

Deepak Chopra defines the Law of Giving as: "The universe operates through dynamic exchange ... giving and receiving different aspects of the flow of energy in the universe. And in our willingness to give that which we seek, we keep the abundance of the universe circulating in our lives."

We all know the warm satisfaction of gift exchange. Neuropsychologists' studies of the brain's reactions to giving and receiving show that the pleasure centers of the brain light up when we receive gifts and when we give them. But when we give, we also experience activity in a part of the brain not activated by receiving. When we give, we produce something called the "cuddle hormone" —oxytocin—a hormone released when people feel an attachment.

Participation in EWTG is a chance to trade gifts with others. When you attend an EWTG function, you bring your own unique point of view, experience and knowledge, which you can share with someone who has unique gifts to offer you. Together you can be part of a wonderful exchange. You teach and you learn. You walk away with the satisfied feeling that not only did you gain something of value but you gave something of value.

I received the following comment from a member regarding the gift she received from becoming part of an Executive Success Team. "Networking always seemed like an insincere, manipulative tool to use others for one's gain and the idea of... it made me nauseated... I now see it as simply a way of connecting to people and if it turns out that somehow they can help you down the road, because you've taken time to become friends or at least that they know about you, then wonderful... Being on the Success Team helped me realize this."

EWTG offers lots of these happy opportunities for sharing. When you work on a committee and give your time and talents, you can take pride in your contribution to the group. For example, when you help plan a Community Service Committee event, you can enjoy the feeling of having helped the community *and* having shared your event planning skills. A committee chair offers you the chance to observe her leadership skills of organization, facilitation and guidance—something you can use every day. When you recommend a scholarship recipient, you can be happy in the knowledge that you helped someone reach a goal—like the Shake'n Bake commercial of my youth, when the self-satisfied child beams up at his mother and says "And I helped!"

My hope for this new EWTG year is that I will help every EWTG member, both old and new, see their participation in this organization as a valuable gift they give to themselves — an unrivaled resource for professional development and personal enrichment opportunities. I know that if each of us gives of ourselves to EWTG we will lift this organization's profile in leadership circles to one in which membership alone adds value to your resume. Volunteer, show up, participate, bring a friend. Share your talents with us, so that we can learn from you and get to know you. I promise to show up and to share with you what I have to give. From this exchange I hope you will find the value in being a part of EWTG that so many others have found.

EWTG Donation to Carver Branch Library

The 2007 EWTG Board voted unanimously to make a community service offering donation of \$1,000 this year to the George Washington Carver Branch of the Austin Public Library, in appreciation for their generous donation of meeting space and courteous accommodations of our organization's needs. EWTG 2007 President, Connie Williams, and Program Director, Joelyn Weeks, presented the gift to the Carver staff.

The Carver staff consistently extended themselves by enabling EWTG to gather for learning and social opportunities during the day and at night. In January, the branch's executive team will meet to finalize plans to use the donation to benefit the Austin community.

Diane Palan, Assistant Library Services Manager, Austin Public Library System, Cynthia Charles, Branch Manager/Librarian, Austin Public Library Carver Branch, EWTG Program Director Joelyn Weeks, and 2007 EWTG President Connie Williams.



2008 Luncheon and Mini-Course Schedule

In accordance with EWTG by-laws, which require ten meetings per year, an EWTG Monthly Luncheon is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Austin Women's Club Building at 708 San Jacinto. Each meeting includes lunch, an opportunity to network, EWTG information and announcements, and a keynote speaker.

In addition, EWTG offers a free training opportunity or "mini-course" on the second Wednesday of each month from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Attendees can bring their lunch or purchase pizza and salad while a workshop presenter delivers information on a relevant and timely topic. Each EWTG Monthly Newsletter includes an announcement about the topic and speaker for the following month's luncheon and mini-course.

Mark your 2008 Calendars with the Monthly Luncheon and Mini-Course Schedule as follows:

Mini-Course Schedule	Monthly Luncheon Schedule
None	January 23
February 12*	February 27
March 12	March 26
April 9	April 23
May 14	May 28
June 11	June 25
July 9	July 23
August 13	August 27
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22

* Note: The February mini-course is scheduled for the second Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict.

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Born in Havana, Cuba, Acevedo migrated to the United States with his family in 1968 in search of freedom and the opportunities to be found in America. He grew up in California, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with departmental honors, in Public Administration from the University of La Verne.

He is married to Tanya Acevedo and is the father of two children. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading, traveling, playing tennis, and scuba diving. He is also an avid softball and basketball player.

Appointed Austin Police Chief in July 2007, Chief Acevedo believes in the spirit of our community and the commitment to public safety from the men and women of APD. He looks forward to his new role strengthening a world-class police department for a world-class city.

Make your reservations now by emailing ewtg@ewtg.org or calling 512.248.2044. EWTG luncheons are \$20 and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio Street.

This year in each monthly newsletter, a member of the 2008 EWTG Board of Directors will discuss her role on the board and the committees she oversees. Our first article is from Shannon Kelley, President-Elect.



President-Elect Shannon Kelley

Mentorship and Strategic Planning Committees

The President-Elect is primarily responsible for two committees, the Mentorship Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. The Mentorship Committee is responsible for organizing the Executive Success Teams (ESTs), which consist of groups of five to seven members who meet monthly to discuss topics of mutual interest and concern in a supportive and confidential setting. Teams are formed based on considerations such as desired meeting location and time, emphasis on professional versus personal development, and the assignment of members from the same employer to different teams. The Mentorship Committee is responsible for the annual EST kick off event in May and for following up with teams as needed throughout the year. The majority of the work done on this committee takes place between January and early May.

The second committee under the leadership of the President-Elect is the Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet quarterly to compile the results of the EWTG strategic planning measures, which determine the degree to which the board is succeeding in meeting the organization's pre-stated goals for a variety of areas. The Strategic Planning Committee can also make recommendations to the board for changes to the strategic plan. Most of this committee's work can be conducted through email.

I am extremely excited to be part of both these committees. If either of them sounds interesting to you or if you would like more information, please let me know. I want 2008 to be the best year yet, and only our members can make that possible.

Meet EWTG's 2008 Public Relations Director

Due to an unforeseeable circumstance, Carol Jackson regrettably resigned as the 2008 Public Relations Director. In accordance with the by-laws, the Board voted to fill the vacancy with Liza Chen. December's newsletter introduced the other members of the board, and we would like to introduce Liza.

Public Relations Director – Liza Chen

Liza Chen is the Legislative Receiving Specialist at the Texas Legislative Council. Along with her position at the Legislative Council, Liza has served on several non-profit boards throughout Central Texas and championed several successful fundraisers. Her talents have benefited the women and children of the community by granting them opportunities for education, professional advancement, and personal development. Since joining EWTG in 2006, Liza has contributed to the public relations, professional development, and program committees. Liza holds a BA in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

Call for Committee Members

This year's committees are still in need of members. Serving on a committee is a great way to become more involved in EWTG, get to know other members, and provide a lasting benefit to the organization and to others. Please look over the form on the next page, print a copy, and FAX, mail, or bring it to the next luncheon or mini-course. Descriptions of committee responsibilities can be found on the EWTG website at <http://www.ewtg.org/forms/committeeDescriptions.pdf> or contact one of your board members.

2008 EWTG Austin Board Meetings

The 2008 Austin Board plans to hold its monthly meetings at the Carver Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The agenda for each meeting will be posted on the EWTG website by noon on the Monday before the meeting. In addition, once we have capability to create a member's only area of the site copies of approved minutes will be posted following the meeting at which the minutes are approved will be posted on the web. Until such time as we are able to create the members only area, you may request copies of approved board meeting minutes directly from Jennifer Royster, the Executive Director, at ewtg@ewtg.org.

If you would like to receive the current adopted minutes from EWTG Board meetings, please contact EWTG's Executive Director, Jennifer Royster, at ewtg@ewtg.org or 512.248.2044.



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Meet other members, learn new skills, and make EWTG even better!

Please circle choice(s).

Sign me up! I'll volunteer for a committee.

Affiliates	Community Service
Development	Educational Events
Legislative Issues	Member Services
Mentorship	Newsletter
Public Relations	Retiree
Scholarship	Program
Strategic Planning	Website

Sign me up! I'll volunteer for a conference committee.

Evaluation	Exhibits
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Dallas Affiliate News

The Dallas Affiliate held its monthly meeting on December 13th, which included a gift exchange.

January's meeting will be on January 17th.

Susan Rossiter attended the Annual EWTG Consolidated Board Meeting and the 21st EWTG Annual Conference in Austin on November 18th and 19th.

Houston Affiliate News

The Houston group met on December 3rd for a holiday event and service project and on December 13th for their regular monthly meeting.

Sherbet Mims and Rosa Wilks Broussard attended the EWTG Annual Consolidated Board Meeting and the 21st EWTG Annual Conference in Austin on November 18th and 19th.

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