



**Houston Gulf Coast Alarm Association**  
**Minutes of HGCAA Meeting & Luncheon 03/08/2018**  
ADI Pinemont

Meeting called to order at 11:48 26 attendees

**2017-2018 HGCAA Officers / Directors:**

President – John Helweg  
Vice President – Van Mayorga  
Secretary – Mary Edmonson  
Treasurer – Penny Mayorga  
Sergeant at Arms – Amanda Jackson

Editor – Steve Carr  
Parliamentarian – Calvin Stewart  
Education Director – Van Mayorga  
General / Regional Director – Dennis White

**Standard Business:**

Benediction/Pledge – led by Van Mayorga

Roll call of Officers – Sgt at Arms & Editor not in attendance – quorum met

Recognized associate members in attendance

Recognized guests – Robinson & Nelms with HPD alarm detail – Want info regarding Verified Response. Joe Moreno - DPS

Meeting Minutes – Not sent – will address next month

Treasurer's Report – Not sent – will address next month

**Director's Reports, Committee Reports, & Old Business/Discussion:**

- John went to UCC 8 hour class with UCC and other presenters (Agemini, It's PaidM & My Studio Pros)
- TOPS working well
- MSecure – great way to keep passwords that is not backed up to internet.
- TBFAA Board meeting – Mike Samulin spoke about DPS and sunset coming up. Keeping an eye on this situation because while we all feel like it needs to be there, sunset could change some of this.
- Discussed upcoming meetings and guest speakers

**New Business:**

- NFPA 72 2016
  - Can't use 2 POTS lines.
  - Addressable Systems – 50 points on protected circuit.
  - Make sure to check with AHJ on what codes they are using and if there are any amendments.
  - Many jurisdictions are considering living room a sleeping room and require proper devices for that.

**Guest Speaker: Mitch Reitman w/ Reitman Consulting Group**

First Responder Scholarship participation growing every year.

Benefits to being S Corp and not C- Corp

Depreciation & Bonus deductions (Section 179) have changed

Entertainment expenses have significantly changed.

Changes for individual – Itemizations giving \$24K taking property taxes under \$10K. Sales Tax deduction gone.

Me Too movement buried. If you pay any damages not deductible.

**Raffles: Larger prize first except the PAC Fund:**

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| • \$25 Amazon (HGCAA) – Calvin Stewart               | \$25 Pappas (HGCAA) – Tina Turner                   |
| • \$25 Academy (HGCAA) – Van Mayorga                 | \$25 Target (HGCAA) – Debi Ulmer                    |
| • \$25 Darden (Southwest Dispatch) - Russ Van Sickle | \$25 Academy (UCC) - Tony Randall                   |
| • \$50 Darden (Tutor Security) – Danny Little        | \$25 Academy & Notebook (Affiliated) – Dennis White |
| • PAC \$85 \$42/\$43 – Penny Mayorga                 |                                                     |

Meeting Adjourned 1:35

Next meeting is April 8, 2018 @ ECD