

Gulf Coast Chapter Quarterly

JANUARY

2014

Coming up...

January 16th:

CEFPI Member Mixer

Detail Inside

February 20th:

CEFPI Monthly Chapter Meeting-TBD

CEFPI Gulf Coast Sporting Clay Outing

TBD

November 10th:

Gulf Coast Chapter Golf Tournament-

Northgate Country Club



The President's Pen

I would like to begin by saying Happy New Year! I hope that 2013 was good to you as it was to me. I have always liked this time of the year where you can stop, take a break and spend some quality time with family members. Before I left for the holidays, we had a visit from carolers from one of our elementary schools. They were amazing! I was reminded at that moment on how important it is for us to continue providing a safe educational environment for the future of our children. I strongly believe that we must think of the students as our client's and listen to them. We all may be surprised on their inputs.

I also want to take this time to say thank you to Deborah Yocham for her great leadership as president this past year. I will strive to continue the great effort that she put forth for the chapter. Her passion for providing the best educational environment for children is nothing short of amazing.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Gulf Coast Chapter golf tournament last November. If you get a chance, please give Todd Lien and David Kaczynski a very big thank you for their efforts in organizing the tournament. They did a great job and it was a big success. I also want to thank Terry Bell and David Pruitt for their efforts in organizing the 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Chapter Sporting Clay outing that was held last November. They also did a great job and it too was a big success. Due to the success of these two events, we will be able to provide needed funds for scholarships. Thank you all for your support.

Our next event will be the "Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Mixer" which will be held at St. Arnold's Brewery at 2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020 on January 16, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please plan on attending and try to bring at least one prospective person who can be part of a great organization.

In closing, I want to thank CEFPI and everyone involved for a great 2013 year. I especially want to thank the Gulf Coast Chapter board members for everything they do for the organization. It is the dedication and support of the board and the members that make everything possible for us to continue in providing the best for our students.

Allan Patrick

President, Gulf Coast Board of Directors

Gulf Coast Chapter Quarterly

2013 Gulf Coast Chapter's 13th Annual Golf Tournament

The Gulf Coast Chapter's 13th Annual Golf Tournament was held at Northgate Country Club on November 21, 2013. The overcast sky and a few rain drops during a brief rain didn't prevent 13 teams (51 players) from participating in a successful fund raising golf tournament. The tournament netted over \$4,000 for the benefit of the Southern Region Foundation and Gulf Coast Chapter.

The event was coordinated by David Kaczynski from Lone Star College System with help from Todd Lien of VLK Architects. Thank you to Hector Garcia of Unify Energy Systems for operating the beverage cart, serving to keep everyone hydrated. Extra special thanks to all of the event sponsors, many who offer significant financial and other support year after year. Tournament sponsors for 2013 included the following firms:

Sponsorships:

Lunch	Bay-IBI Group, SHW Group, Tandus Centiva
Beverage Cart	PBK Architects, Pfluger Architects
Awards & Door Prizes	VLK Architects
Hole Sponsors	Alpha Testing, Pfluger Architects, Raba Kistner, VLK Architects

Winning Teams:

1 st Place Team	Tom Wells, Quanah Martin, Josh Searcy, Joe Hartley
2 nd Place Team	Patrick Beecher, Allan Patrick, Bill Stice, Jeff Windsor
3 rd Place Team	Scott Brady, Steve Cooper, Jody Doebele, Elise Putnam



Gulf Coast Chapter Quarterly

The CEFPI Fall 2013 Sporting Clay Event

On November the 15th, the Gulf Coast Chapter hosted a Sporting Clay Tournament at the American Shooting Range. We had approximately 115 individuals that came out to shoot and support the local chapter.

Durotech, Brookstone, and Hydro-Stop donated three (3) guns that caught every ones' eye. We would like to also thank Brookstone Corp, Rice Gardener Engineering, and Brooks and Sparks Engineering for their continued support with their \$1000 sponsorships.

Gratitude also goes out to our station sponsors - EFI Global, Tandus / Centiva Flooring, Pfluger Architects, Lorance & Thompson Law Firm, EAB Engineering, Brooks and Sparks Engineering, and Prime Contractors.

Please congratulate Doug Gregory who received the high score for the men and Lisa Lake for the high score for the women.

Thanks to the Planning Committee members; Danny Brewster of Bay-IBI Group Architect, David Pruitt of DBR engineering, John Robertson of RWS, Eric Smith of PBK, and Terry Bell of Spring Branch ISD.



Gulf Coast Chapter Quarterly

Katy ISD October 2013 Chapter Meeting

The new Katy HS West Campus was the host site for the October 17th Gulf Coast Chapter meeting. A large turnout of guests were welcomed by Katy ISD District Architect, Peter McElwain and Project Manager, Lisa Kassman. VLK Architects, along with Kalmans Marshall Engineering and Tellespen Builders, who were responsible for the design, engineering and construction of the building, provided a great lunch for all those in attendance. Dr. Steve Robertson, Principal of Katy High School, gave an enthusiastic tour of the new facility, which replaces the old Katy HS West Campus and provides a new home for the 9th Grade students of Katy High. The tour began in the new dance gym and ended with a presentation in the Learning Commons by Todd Lien, Principal with VLK Architects. Todd described the collaborative design process and extensive reuse of materials from the old building throughout the new facility. Thanks to Peter, Lisa and Dr. Robertson for allowing us to tour their great new building.

Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting Update

Since there was no meeting in December, CEFPI will be having a **Member Mixer** at St. Arnold's Brewery on **January 16th** from 6-8pm.

Hors d'oeuvres & St. Arnold's beer will be provided.

Dress attire is business casual.

Bring a friend or colleague!

*Please RSVP to Carla Terian at Carla@cefpi.org by January 13th.



Gulf Coast Chapter Quarterly



2014 Gulf Coast Chapter Officers

PRESIDENT- Allan Patrick (Spring ISD) Spring, TX

Phone: 281.891.6430 / apatrick@springisd.org

PRESIDENT ELECT- Gary Hutton (Tomball ISD) Tomball, TX

Phone: 281.357.3170 / garyhutton@tomballisd.net

PAST PRESIDENT- Deborah Yocham (Humble ISD) Humble, TX

Phone: 281.641.8116 / deborah.yocham@humble.k12.tx.us

SECRETARY / TREASUER - Todd Lien (VLK Arch.) Houston, TX

Phone: 281.671.2300 / tlien@vlkarchitects.com

PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - Randy Curry (DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc.) Houston, TX

Phone: 713.914.0888 / rcurry@dbrinc.com

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR- Erin Machac (SHW Group) Houston, TX

Phone: 713.877.0900 / emachac@shwgroup.com

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - Jeff Newman (Tandus Centiva) Houston, TX

Phone: 713.824.4812 / jnewman@tandus-centiva.com

HIGHER ED COORDINATOR - David Kaczynski (Lone Star College System) The Woodlands,

TX Phone: 832.813.6619 / david.a.kaczynski@lonestar.edu

