



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

from the president

Dear GCSTG Members and Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!! I hope everyone is receiving this newsletter after having enjoyed a terrific holiday season with their family and friends. Hopefully none of you have been anywhere around all those mall brawls that have been taking place all over the country. Also, lots of thoughts and prayers go out to all of our military members and their families as they may have faced Christmas and the holidays deployed without the comfort of loved ones nearby. My nineteen year old grandson was one of them. He just finished basic training at Fort Benning, GA and left for Fort Lewis, WA on December 9, 2016. I am truly grateful for all who serve and have served so that we can enjoy the opportunities in our country that they make possible.

Also, Happy Paraskevidekatriaphobia Day! This meeting on Friday, January 13th may be causing emotional issues for people with a fear of the number 13. Hopefully you're not one of them! Friggatriskaidekaphobia is a fear of the number 13 and Paraskevidekatriaphobia is a fear of Friday the 13th. You can go to Wikipedia and read up on these phobias at "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friday_the_13th". Well, that's enough trivia so let's get down to business.

I would like to take this opportunity to address our GCSTG members and thank everyone for their support during my role as GCSTG's 2016 President. It has been an absolute honor to serve all of you as GCSTG President. It is now time to turn GCSTG over to our new leaders. Every year several GCSTG members are nominated for Officer roles and our members cast their votes to elect their officers. Our By-Laws state that the GCSTG President is succeeded by the President Elect. Our current President Elect, Pete Goodman, will not be able to ascend to President due to upcoming professional opportunities. The GCSTG Executive Committee has asked and subsequently nominated Jim Gunter to be the 2017 GCSTG President. Jim has had a long and respected career in our industry and he has graciously come out of retirement to accept and guide our organization through

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notice of meeting

When: **Friday, January 13, 2017**

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$15 for members & sponsored guests
\$40 for non-members and members not sending an RSVP
(We accept cash or checks. We are NOT set up for credit cards.)

RSVP Required by Thursday, January 12th, at 11:00 a.m.
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@bellsouth.net

meeting agenda

07:30 - 08:00 **Registration, Continental Breakfast**

08:00 - 08:30 **Welcome & Self Introductions**

08:30 - 08:45 **Committee Reports – Officer Installation**

08:45 - 09:00 **Networking / Break**

09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: "Overview of Louisiana Fire Marshall Office and The Agency's Interaction with Industry"**
Speaker: H. "Butch" Browning, La. State Fire Marshall
Company: Office of Louisiana Fire Marshall

09:45 - 10:00 **Networking / Break**

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: "OSHA Recordkeeping"**
"Hazard Recognition and the Limits of Human Perception"
Speaker: Chuck Simpson, CSP
Company: WorkSafe International

Note: We have invited Dr. Tina Stefanski, to give us an update on the 2017 Flu Season, Zika etc. We are waiting on her response. We may have to change the agenda.

10:45 - 11:00 **Networking / Break**

11:00 - Until **Round Table Discussion - Members seek solutions to safety concerns and share experiences**

Door Prize Drawing

Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

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The meeting was called to order on November 11, 2016 at 8:04 AM by Gordon Ganaway, President 2016. Gordon reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The pledge of allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of Veteran's Day. Committee Reports were presented then everyone introduced themselves.

Gordon reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed. Gordon also reminded the group that GCS&T is always looking for volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 212 members currently
- Finances can be found in the newsletter.
- Crawfish Boil is planned for March 2017.

Science Fair 2016, Leonard Nederveld

Looking for volunteers to judge 2017 Science Fair. Please contact the regional chair person in your area for more information.

Safe Gulf, Edie Tranchina

- Last meeting was October 27th at PEC in Houston.
- Guidance documents were reviewed.
- Curriculum will be reviewed annually.
- Conference call / meeting for committee members on November 16th.
- In person meeting at Shell Robert Training & Conference Center scheduled for January 26th.

Regulatory Affairs, David Dykes

David was not present however Gene advised that the Regulatory Affairs Report is posted on webpage (www.gcstg.com) and will not be emailed; on the webpage click on regulatory affairs then click on a word document. Once the document is opened, the internet link can be found in the far right column.

Quality Committee, Nick McCormick

Next ASQ meeting is December 8th at Forum Frank's Manufacturing. SharePoint and Office 365 will be the topics and meeting is from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield / Tiffany Hebert

There are four recipients for 2016. This round of scholarships will deplete the fund / reserve.

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Nominations & Elections, Gordon Ganaway
All positions for 2017 have been filled.

Speaker Arrangements, Gordon Ganaway
Gordon asked the group to send him any suggestions.

1st Guest Speaker – Eric Reutling, ITP Global, “SEMS / QMS”

- Does safety influence quality or does quality influence safety?
- PDCA Cycle (Plan, Do, Adjust, Act)
- QMS is different from QA/QC.
- Close comparison between SEMS and ISO 9001:2008.
- Two standalone systems are not necessary as they can be intergrated.
- Both programs run in parrell.

2nd Guest Speaker – Ben Broussard, LOGA “Status of the Oil & gas Industry in the GoM”

- Legal climate continues to plague the industry.
- Currently over 400 Legacy Lawsuits in LA.

Round Table, Gordon Ganaway
Gordon opened the floor for the Round Table Discussion. The Round Table discussion is for members seeking solutions to safety concerns and share experiences.

Meeting Close
The meeting closed at 11:25 for lunch.

Next Meeting & Crawfish Boil:
January ???.



SafeGulf Report

SafeGulf will be meeting at the Shell Roberts Training Center on Jan 26th for our next Safe Gulf Meeting. Our mission this year is to review and create guidance documents. We are going to be giving a final glance at our membership requirements document and starting the audit protocol document for the accrediting providers. Also, we have discussed the new T8 RP with API, they are in agreement that this is a good RP to move forward with. We are creating a guidance document on training requirements for offshore operations. We will be reviewing and combining T-1, T-4 and T-7. Apache is the chair and Chevron is the co-chair.

2017 Meeting Schedule	
Friday, January 13, 2017	
Friday, March 10, 2017	
Friday, May 12, 2017	
Friday, July 14, 2017	
Friday, September 8, 2017	
Friday, November 10, 2017	

membership report	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Count</u>
Air Service Companies	1
Associations	2
Contractor Production Operators	12
Diving Service Companies	2
Drilling Companies	2
Governmental Services	27
Independent Safety Consultants	14
Industrial Medical Services	10
Insurance Companies	1
Marine Service Companies	2
Oil/Gas Production Companies	38
Safety Equipment Suppliers	1
Safety/Training Services Companies	22
Service Companies	74
Support Services	3
Universities-Safety Training	2
Total	213

from the presidency

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2017. Jim's 2017 term will be his third term as President so he will be bringing beaucoup experience to the group.

In addition, we have Tiffany Hebert returning as Treasurer. Tiffany will begin her sixth term in her Officer role and has been an invaluable resource to all of us. We are also extremely fortunate to have two new Officers that will serve as GCSTG Officers for the first time. They are President Elect – Edie Tranchina and Secretary – Nic McCormic. Edie and Nic have volunteered and participated in various GCSTG committees and will no doubt excel in their new GCSTG Officer roles. Installation of new officers will be the morning of the January 13, 2017, meeting and they will be:

- President Jim Gunter, CSP
- President Elect Edie Tranchina
- Treasurer Tiffany Hebert
- Secretary Nic McCormic

All in all, I think our GCSTG has had a pretty good year. I have had the easy part. It is with the support and guidance of the Officer team and the Executive Committee that made my term as President truly enjoyable. Another item that made my term as President enjoyable was the many emails, calls, and suggestions from all of you on what GCSTG could do to advance our organization. It is your involvement and support that has made GCSTG such a great organization over the years and I truly believe GCSTG is in capable hands with the new Officers group.

2017 is shaping up to be a great year for GCSTG. We've barely had time to pull the election campaign stickers from our cars and box up the holiday ornaments and we're already having our first GCSTG meeting of the new year. As we enter a new era in professional politics, i.e. President Elect Trump, we can all make 2017 a great year for "firsts." President Elect Trump will, for all facts and purposes, be our first non-professional politician to assume the Presidency of the United States. I have a feeling that Trump's Presidency is going to generate numerous "firsts" for all of us. Hopefully there will be a lot more good "firsts" than bad "firsts."

As far as "firsts" go, maybe you can have that "first" breakthrough with a recalcitrant employee and guide them on bettering their EHS practices. It's possible you could have that "first" meeting with senior managers when everyone realizes and supports the intrinsic value of a well-thought out and management supported EHS strategy. Perhaps you have been hesitant about taking that "first" step to enhance your professional career by seeking EHS certifications and expanding your industry knowledge. Better yet, maybe you

Welcome New Members

BEN BROUSSARD
LOUISIANA OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

can take that "first" step to volunteer for GCSTG Committee and Officer opportunities. You may be the person that comes up with the idea that helps raise funds and reinstates the GCSTG scholarship fund. I encourage all of you to take that "first" step and put forth the effort to make a positive impact on your career, family, friends and community.

Hopefully my term as President has been at least semi-successful in your eyes also. Our petroleum industry has had some seriously trying times in 2016 and I would like for our membership ranks to start growing again. As with most volunteer groups, membership tends to diminish as times and budgets get tight. I encourage you to invite potential new members to attend the meetings with you. I still personally believe that it would be difficult to find a better way to network with as many industry professionals at a fairly minimum expense as when you attend the GCSTG meetings.

Again, it has been a privilege to serve you as the 2016 GCSTG President. I never cease to be amazed at how blessed I am to be surrounded by so many truly great professionals and even better friends.

Everyone have a safe trip to our 1/13/17 GCSTG meeting and bring a friend. New faces and active current members keep GCS&TG a vibrant and relevant organization.

Gordon Ganaway, CSP
President, Gulf Coast Safety & Training Group

treasurer's report	
<i>Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP</i>	
November 2016	
General Fund	\$79,546.97
Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL: \$79,546.97	

R.S.V.P. *In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.*

Email your RSVP
by Thursday, January 12th at 11:00am,
to: genebarf@bellsouth.net

Please include in your email:
The **date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).**