



## Second Quarter 2022 Shell Alumni Association Of Greater Houston Newsletter

### Letter from the SAAGH President



On behalf of your Shell Alumni Association of Greater Houston (SAAGH) Board, we hope this finds all Shell Alumni doing well and returning to normal after celebrating Independence Day. My wife and I celebrated in Washington, D.C. this year and, while that was a wonderful and moving experience, I can confirm that people are definitely out and about and traveling in full force. Our flights worked out okay but I'm sure you've heard of all the delays and cancellations caused by travelers overwhelming the system, worker shortages and various other issues. As usual, all middle seats were taken! People want to return to normal, get away after all the limitations COVID imposed, and just have fun again.

I am pleased to report that your SAAGH Board feels the same way. We have been working hard to return to our typical array of social activities and we have presented several meaningful virtual events as well. Many of our popular live events such as golf tourneys, dinner gatherings and "non-bus" tours with appropriate safety precautions have returned. Astros and Space Cowboys baseball games have been very well received and more cooking classes with expanded participation and museum events are on the horizon together with the Houston Open Golf Tournament and the ever popular Holiday Event. Our Annual Meeting luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with Paul Goodfellow joining to give us an update on happenings at Shell. The list goes on! And remember...we encourage you to submit ideas you may have to bring Shell Pensioners together for fun outings.

Despite the COVID challenges, our membership has grown and at last count we are well north of 1000 members and going strong! We thank you for your continued participation and support and encourage you to convince other Shell retirees of the benefits of membership.

Again, several activities are coming up and updated event information can be found on the SAAGH [website](#). We also use Facebook posts (the SAAGH Facebook Group has over 800 participants) to provide information on recent events and other items of interest to members. Event sign-up is simple and facilitated with a secure on-line payment system via PayPal, which we encourage you to use.

In closing, I want to remind you that SAAGH's success is due to a lot of hard work by a dedicated Board of Directors 19 members strong. This diverse group of Shell Pensioners is committed to delivering a quality experience for our members including all the activities

described above and volunteer opportunities in conjunction with Shell's company-sponsored programs in the Community. Please visit our new and improved website to learn more about SAAGH and to monitor the [Events](#) page for upcoming activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Steve Paul, SAAGH President**

## **\$10 million Gift from Shell to the University of Houston**

In March 2022 Shell donated \$10 million to the University of Houston. This contribution will allow the University of Houston to launch the new Energy Transition Institute (ETI), a center that will make UH the catalyst and leader in energy transition research. The center will focus on production of reliable, affordable and cleaner energy by leveraging its existing talent in science, technology, engineering and math. To learn more visit [Leading Energy](#).

## **SAAGH Volunteer Affairs**

SAAGH continues its commitment to facilitate and coordinate membership participation in Shell sponsored volunteer projects and related activities.

A Volunteer Affairs focus group has been formed to further that commitment but feedback and input from SAAGH volunteers is welcomed and appreciated.

### **Completed Volunteer Projects**

- SAAGH volunteer efforts are beginning to come online for 2022. The first Shell onsite volunteer project was a tree planting on Earth Day in conjunction with the Houston Park Board. Shell and SAAGH volunteers participated in this event.
- Shell and SAAGH volunteer participation in Emancipation Day (Juneteenth) celebration did not take place since the event did not present volunteer opportunities this year.
- The Freedom Over Texas, Independence Day (4th Of July) celebration was conducted in a similar format, an outdoor concert, and did not present volunteer opportunities.

### **Upcoming Volunteer Projects**

- Tentative upcoming Shell-sponsored volunteer projects include the Back-to-School Fest Backpack Preparation (July 18-20) and the Mayor's Back to School Fest (August 30th). Registration details will be sent shortly.

### **Volunteer Recognition**



This quarter SAAGH highlights **Mark Poindexter** for his numerous volunteer efforts. SAAGH wants to especially recognize his outstanding tree planting project for Earth Day. **Mark**, Great job!

## Shell HERO Program

- The SAAGH volunteer program not only promotes onsite participation, but also virtual online participation. We encourage donations to the non-profit organizations of your choice and recommend use of the Shell HERO Program to further those contributions.
- SAAGH continues to field questions and feedback, but the online support for the Shell HERO Program has proven to be very helpful. The support desk can be reached at 800-544-7861 or [shellsupport@cybergrants.com](mailto:shellsupport@cybergrants.com). The Shell HERO site is ... [www.cybergrants.com/shelloilfoundation/hero](http://www.cybergrants.com/shelloilfoundation/hero).

## Events and Milestones



The newsletter now includes “special events” such as a major milestone wedding anniversary and things like a golf “hole in one”. If you have a special event that you would like included in the newsletter, email [membership@saagh.com](mailto:membership@saagh.com).

John Bowser, Hole in One on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cypress Lakes Golf Club, hole #17. Congratulations, John! John is one of the organizers of the two SAAGH golf tournaments – watch out!

## Upcoming SAAGH Events

Upcoming SAAGH events are posted on the SAAGH [Events](#) website. The following events have been Or being planned:

August 11 – Houston Astros  
August 23/24 – Alley Theatre Summer Chills Series – Clue  
August 13 – Houston Texans Game  
September 13 – SAAGH Fall Luncheon at Pinstripes  
October 13 – Tour of Rice University and lunch  
October 18 – SAAGH Fall Golf Tournament  
November TBD – Special Dinner  
November TBD – Houston Golf Tournament  
December 6 – Holiday Event

## In Sympathy

We are saddened at the passing of the following Shell colleagues:

John Fanta, E&P/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Roger Doyle Hoestenbach, [Obituary](#).  
Ronald Geer, E&P/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Robert Howard, E&P/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Fines Martin, E&P/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Larry Pittman, (Alfred), E&P/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Henrietta Rash, IT, [Obituary](#).  
Robert Merrill Stanfeld, [Obituary](#).

If you want to inform the Shell Alumni about the passing of a loved one or colleague, either post on the Shell Alumni of Greater Houston Facebook page or email [membership@saagh.com](mailto:membership@saagh.com)