



## Fourth Quarter 2022 Newsletter

### Letter from the SAAGH President



On behalf of your Shell Alumni Association of Greater Houston (SAAGH) Board we sincerely hope you enjoyed a happy and safe 2022 after maneuvering through the challenges that continued. It now appears that the issues we faced during the last couple of years have eased on many fronts and we wish all Shell Alumni members a much happier and healthier 2023.

When I wrote this message last year, Shell Plc ADR shares were trading at just over \$53. Shell's plan to rename and relocate headquarters has been in effect for almost a year and today, Shell Plc continues as a British publicly traded multinational oil and gas company headquartered at Shell Centre in London, United Kingdom. As I write this, NYSE: Shell shares are trading at just under \$57. The price of auto gas has also been more stable this past year with the current average price of a gallon of Regular here in Houston holding at \$2.71 with the national average a bit above \$3.20. California still leads the continental U.S. at \$4.37. The Energy Information Administration says the national average is expected to be about \$3.50 a gallon in 2023 as refineries continue to ramp up production of gasoline after the COVID shutdowns.

While the Greater Houston Area dealt with its typical share of challenges including flooding, heat, humidity, and mosquitoes we did enjoy a very calm hurricane season here. But the coronavirus pandemic continues to affect many aspects of our lives and it has changed, maybe permanently, the way we live, work, travel, shop and interact (we are still donning masks at medical facilities—I don't even know what some of my physicians look like!). And the in-office versus work remotely dynamic continues to evolve and is fascinating to watch. Businesses still struggle with scattered workforces, and they are now dealing with a very active flu season which includes new COVID variants, the influenza virus and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), all highly contagious respiratory infections. I have read that it is possible for a person to be infected with multiple viruses at the same time.

With respect to SAAGH, as I reflect on SAAGH's COVID driven challenges over the past couple of years which included the cancellation and modification of some of our favorite events all over the Greater Houston area, I can again report that your hard working SAAGH Board was able to deliver outings and events with safety protocols together with alternatives to some social gatherings via ZOOM and similar technologies, and provide you with webcasts on matters of interest to retirees.

And let me assure you that your Board and its Events Committee continue the search for relevant and safe activities for 2023. You can again expect our always popular events such as the Spring Luncheon meeting, annual BBQ, Cooking Classes, Field Trips, Theater, Baseball Games, and volunteer opportunities. And we continue to look for new and exciting ways to bring

Shell Retirees together for fun and camaraderie. In addition to Opera, there may be bowling, glass blowing and axe-throwing adventures coming up. We'll see!

Also, your Board remains committed to ensuring that you continue to enjoy fellowship and a Shell USA, Inc. connection in 2023 and beyond. We endured the challenges that COVID presented and have emerged as strong an entity as ever. I am pleased to be serving in the positions of President and Chairman of the Board of SAAGH for another year and I am proud to report that SAAGH continues to be a well-run, healthy, financially stable organization with a dedicated Board of Directors executing its ongoing mission of providing a vibrant, attractive and relevant organization for Shell Retirees to enjoy. We will strive to provide events, activities, services and volunteer opportunities designed to appeal to a wide range of interests throughout the Greater Houston community, and keep people connected to one another.

For 2022, one of our goals was to increase membership by offering attractive, fun events, reasonably priced and convenient to more communities in the vast expanse of Greater Houston despite the challenges COVID presented. Our membership level held up well and SAAGH is presently at a record level of 1,089 members strong. We thank you for your continued support and feedback and encourage you to enlist other Shell retirees for membership.

You should soon receive the mail-out of our annual membership newsletter which includes information on SAAGH events and membership. It serves as the kick-off for our 2023 membership drive, and we encourage you to join or continue your membership again this year. For you former members, we continue to feel that \$10 per year is money well spent to enjoy the social and volunteer opportunities with Shell colleagues. Membership information and an Events schedule can be found on the SAAGH website ([saagh.com](http://saagh.com)). And, we gave the website a modern facelift this past year. It also includes Volunteer Opportunities, a SAAGH Leadership page, and a number of very helpful External Links ...please visit if you haven't done so. In addition to the website, we utilize Facebook posts (SAAGH Group) to provide info on recent events and newsworthy items. Event sign-up is simple and facilitated with a secure on-line payment system via PayPal.

In closing, I want to again remind you that SAAGH is a 501(c) (4) non-profit corporation operated by a diverse Board of Directors composed of Shell Retirees committed to delivering a quality experience for our members. A number of Committees of the Board work tirelessly to make SAAGH function smoothly and to bring you all the activities described above. As stated, we have planned an exciting array of social and virtual events for the coming year to accommodate members in all areas of Greater Houston. We also intend to continue and strengthen our volunteer efforts in conjunction with Shell's company sponsored programs in the community.

For 2023 we want to welcome you as part of our alumni family, and we look forward to participating with you at this year's events. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2023 and let's get together soon.

I'm afraid I have to share my favorite auto gas groaner joke of the year:

"I was robbed at a gas station in Reno last night. After my hands stopped trembling, I managed to call the cops and they were quick to respond and calm me down. I reported that my money was taken. The police asked me if I knew who did it. I said yes..it was pump number 3."

And finally, thoughts to ponder...I ran across these and they are too good not to share:

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand-new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east".
19. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

All the best,

Steve

## 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.

### 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 800-554-7861 or [shellsupport@cybergrants.com](mailto:shellsupport@cybergrants.com). The Shell HERO site is [www.cybergrants.com/shelloilfoundation/hero](http://www.cybergrants.com/shelloilfoundation/hero) and you can also find a link on the SAAGH web site. .

## 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).

## Upcoming SAAGH Events

Upcoming SAAGH events are posted on the SAAGH website on the [Events](#) tab.

## In Sympathy

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

Mike Greer, Retail, [Obituary](#).  
John LeDoux, EP/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Steve Natenberg, Shell Oil, [Obituary](#).  
Lanny Outlaw, EP/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Dennis Schneider, EP/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
Jim Shirley, EP/Upstream, [Obituary](#).  
John Spengel, EP/Upstream, [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)