



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

Summary of March 23, 2015 Meeting

DPCAC Celebrates 25th Anniversary

In late March, nearly 80 Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) current and former community and plant members, special guests—and their spouse or guest—gathered at the Houston Yacht Club to celebrate 25 years of providing a forum for dialogue between the local community and 15 Deer Park industrial facilities.



Joining most of the 29 current community and 20 plant members in attendance were two of the original organizers: Lubrizol retiree Joe Hodge and former Deer Park Mayor Jimmy Burke. Hodge was one of the original 4 plant managers who created the group. Burke served with them on the steering committee and then as one of the charter members. With him when DPCAC met for the first time on March 26, 1990 at the Shell Gatehouse Training Building were four other banquet attendees. Ken Donnell, Russell Elfstrom, and Norma Hysler remain active members. Margaret Moore returned for the festivities.

Other former community members who came to celebrate were Barbara Lewis, Billie Mann, Karen McCarroll, Sam Pipkin, Malcolm Swinney, and Kay Urban Renkel. Former plant members in attendance were Phil Anastasio, retired from Oxy Vinyls; David Reel, retired from Lubrizol; and Dennis Winkler, the Shell community relations manager when he was part of the DPCAC. Two former secretaries, Cynthia Wotipka Boland and Victoria Smith joined current secretary Anne Gowan at the party.

Congratulatory remarks were offered by Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton, a former DPCAC member; Bob Pennacchi of Intercontinental Terminals, the longest serving plant manager today; community relations manager Chris Hext of Lubrizol, the longer serving plant member; and charter member Ken Donnell.



David Wade, Harris County Industrial Liaison and frequent participant, was made a member. Wade is a Deer Park resident and firefighter.

Serving on the 25th Anniversary Planning Committee were DPCAC community members Roy Roberts, Norma Hysler, Jule' Adcock, Ruth Boyd, and Steve Horton, and Texas Molecular's Christina Perez. The committee compiled information for a 25th Anniversary booklet given to all attendees, which Perez designed and Texas Molecular printed. The event was organized by DPCAC Facilitator Diane Sheridan, who has served in that role since the first meeting in March 1990. Thanks to the generosity of DPCAC plants and members, the evening ended with a drawing for door prizes.



The next regular DPCAC meeting will be held on June 1. In April, members will take plant tours in lieu of a regular meeting.

For information about DPCAC, contact facilitator Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253. Visit www.deerparkcac.org to read recent meeting topics, find links to useful resources on emergency communications and the environment, see lists of DPCAC community and plant members, and read our mission and purpose statements.