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PASH hopes everyone enjoyed the Holiday luncheon with its festive entertainment.

[Meeting Location](#)

The Houston Club is located downtown at 811 Rusk Ave Houston, TX 77002. For a map, choose "Contact Us" on the club's website at www.houstonclub.org.

WHERE TO GO:

Meeting on the 10th Floor:

Travis Room - Joint Interest - 3:00 PM
Library - Financial Reporting
Gulf Coast Suite - Tech Session 4:30 - 5:30
Travis Room - Picnic - 4:30 - 5:30

Meeting on the 8th Floor:

Capital Room - Revenue - 3:00 PM
Austin Room - Audit - 3:00 PM

Meeting on the 9th Floor:

Member's Lounge & Magnolia Room - Social Hour 5:30 - 6:30
Grill Room - Dinner 6:30 - 8:00 PM

[Dining Procedures](#)

Members and Guests must obtain a ticket to dine. Dining tickets and parking validation will occur at tables located on the 9th floor.

Only valet parking at The Houston Club will be validated.



Karla Bower and Deb Retzloff

A gift basket and a huge "Thank You!" go to Karla Bower for her many years of faithful service as the COPAS Board Liaison to PASH.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please make dinner reservations prior to 3 PM on Monday, January 18th.

To make a reservation, please click on the link:
dinner@pashcopas.org
or call 713-526-6070.

ANNUAL PICNIC/

**GEORGEANNA
SOCKWELL
MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
May 10, 2010**

The PASH Annual Picnic and Georgeanna Sockwell Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 10th. There will be no rain out date this year. In the event of inclement weather, members will be urged to come out in the afternoon to enjoy the barbeque and regular activities normally associated with the Picnic (door prizes, director elections, etc.).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kristin MacArthur at 832-451-7794 or by email to Kristin.MacArthur@Anadarko.com

JOB LINE OPENING

PASH needs a new volunteer to maintain the PASH Job Line on our website. This activity takes one to two hours per week (depending on how active oil and gas accounting hiring is). Training on the process for receiving and creating the postings will be provided.

Please contact Tom Longmire at 281-366-4179 or tom.longmire@bp.com to express your interest in performing this service

SPEAKERS

Dinner Speaker - January 21st
Martha Parker, M.S., CPE
President of M-erg, an ergonomic, an ergonomic consulting firm based in Houston, TX.

Topic: "Workstation Ergonomics - Taking it Back to Your Desk"

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER -

Ms. Parker technically supports customers by offering ergonomic assistance in design, redesign, and retrofit of new and existing office and industrial workspaces. She also provides ergonomic training through seminars and individual workstation evaluations. Previously, she worked for Neutral Posture, Inc. as an ergonomist and was a founding member of the Neutral Posture Ergonomic Engineering Team (NEET). Prior to that, she worked for ALCOA, Tennessee Operations as the smelting safety engineer and for Texas A&M University as a graduate research assistant.

Tech Session Speaker - January 21st

Melvin F. "Trey" Hunt, CPA, Senior Manager, Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, Houston

Topic:

Changes to the Reserve Reporting Requirements for Public Companies

Mr. Hunt will discuss the Securities and Exchange Commission revisions which went into effect December 31, 2009 intended to modernize oil and gas reporting requirements and allow more comprehensive disclosure of oil and gas reserves for publicly held companies.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER -

Trey Hunt is Senior Manager - Audit with the accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwestern United States. The firm has offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Upcoming Speakers (subject to change)

February 18, 2010 Mr. David Armitage, Founder and Chief Executive Office of Cartasiate

General Topic: Real time monitoring remote of assets, personnel, drilling locations, and well sites - a timely topic due to the recent approval of COPAS AG-28 and the increasing amount of technology being used at the wellsite.

March 18, 2010 Mr. Mike Smith, Project Manager for ExxonMobil's Piceance Project.

General Topic: An overview of Piceance Creek Operations & ExxonMobil's technology to access natural gas trapped within rock as dense as concrete.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CPA Ethics Course in February and Education Day in May.

See Education Committee News for details.

UPCOMING COPAS NATIONAL EVENTS

2010 WINTER COPAS CONFERENCE

The meetings will be at the Doubletree Hotel, 15747 JFK Blvd., Houston, TX 77032, near the Intercontinental Airport (IAH). Room rates will be \$129 per night, plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by January 15, by calling 800-222-TREE (8733) and requesting the COPAS rate.

AGENDA:

Wednesday, January 27
COPAS Board of Directors Meeting, 8-5
Materials Subcommittee, 1-5

Thursday, January 28
Joint Interest Committee, 8-12
Emerging Issues Subcommittee, 1-5

Friday, January 29
Audit Committee, 8-12

There is a \$30 fee to attend the JI/Emerging Issues/Audit meetings. Attendees must register for these meetings at

As is our tradition the April 15, 2010 PASH dinner meeting will be reserved for recognition of significant contributions by PASH members (President John Draemer as MC) and awarding our annual scholarships, grants and sponsorships to area universities offering oil and gas curriculum (Education Chair, Marcie Huckabee as MC).

Committee News

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT January 2010

Happy New Year!!!

The next meeting of the PASH Audit Committee will be at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the Austin Room, 8th floor at The Houston Club. The agenda will be forwarded to committee members prior to the meeting.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the Audit Committee should contact Jill Coble at 832-486-2597 or by email at Jill.E.Coble@ConocoPhillips.com.

If you are currently not receiving audit committee emails, please notify Jill with your email address.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT January 2010

CPA ETHICS COURSE

Sponsored by
Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston

Earn CPE credit and obtain the required ethics hours!

Wed. February 24, 2010
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

The course is being offered at the Oxy offices located in the Plaza Conference Room, 5 Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas
by
Dr. Richard Pitre
Texas Southern University

Cost is \$75.00 per person

Registration deadline is February 12, 2010.
No Refunds

Please use this link to access the registration form:
<http://www.pashcopas.org/announce.html>

www.copas.org. Register ends on January 24th.

2010 COPAS SPRING CONFERENCE

April 19 - 23, 2010
Hotel Mar Monte, Santa Barbara, CA
"California...Catch the Wave!"

See the COPAS website www.Copas.Org for more information.

Holiday Lunch Pics



TAX PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PASH was recently contacted by Lauren Duplessis, the Volunteer Coordinator with Neighborhood Tax Centers.

They are a non-profit organization that provides free income tax preparation to low-income families in the Houston area. They are currently recruiting volunteers for the 2010 tax season. Their goal this year is to prepare 21,000 tax returns with the help of at least 500

PASH EDUCATION DAY

The 21st Annual Education Day will be hosted by the PASH Education Committee on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Hilton Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas (phone 713-739-8000). Make your plans now to attend as we are working on an excellent line up of speakers again this year. For information contact Marcie Huckabee at 713-203-9285 or mhuckabee@accretivesolutions.com.

JOINT INTEREST COMMITTEE REPORT January 2010

The January meeting will begin at 3 pm on Thursday, January 21 at the Houston Club - 10th floor, Travis Room. The agenda will be forwarded to committee members ahead of time. Please look for it in your email.

Our November meeting included a session by Elaine Loper, Resource Manager and Mike Ryder, VP of Executive Search & Fulfillment, Accretive Solutions, who provided us with some insight into what the market looks like in the Oil and Gas Industry today, trends they are seeing, and best practices you might use to land your next job or assignment.

We are still looking for a few good folks to volunteer for the following:

- 1) Project team member for either MFI-27 or MFI-37 work. The teams need folks with Benefits and/or ICP experience. If you or someone you know has experience please consider volunteering or asking them to volunteer.
- 2) JI Committee Vice-Chair. If you would like to get more involved in the organization, please consider volunteering.

If you are interested in joining the Joint Interest Committee or would like additional information, please contact Lisa Donnelly at lisa.donnelly@bp.com or feel free to call - 281.366.6243.

PICNIC COMMITTEE REPORT January 2010

The 2010 PASH Annual Picnic and Georgeanna Sockwell Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on May 10, 2010. The Committee will hold its first meeting in the Travis Room on January 21st from 4:30 to 5:30. We will be discussing the 2010 budget, job responsibilities and possible future meeting locations.

For information, please contact Kristin.MacArthur@anadarko.com or phone 832-451-7794.

volunteers! This would be a great way to utilize PASH's knowledge and experience in a way that would give back to the community.

If you would like to learn more about their program you can visit www.neighborhood-centers.org/tax.

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

REVENUE COMMITTEE REPORT January 2010

The PASH Revenue Committee will hold its monthly meeting on January 21, 2010 at the Houston Club at 811 Rusk in downtown Houston. We will meet in the Capital Room on the 8th floor beginning at 3:00 pm. Our meeting will include a presentation which will focus on MMS Royalties - An update on Federal royalty issues including any changes or items of concern for industry in the past year and a look forward, given by Pam Williams. Pam is the Regulatory Compliance Liaison for Shell Exploration and Production Company (SEPCo). Her responsibilities include reporting and payment of Federal and State royalties and taxes, Federal and State royalty and tax compliance to regulations, managing the MMS and State audits, analysis of MMS and state issues and disputes, helping to set Federal and State royalty policy, and participating in negotiating royalty and tax settlements and valuation agreements. This presentation will be accredited for 1 hour of CPE for all Texas CPA's.

We are glad to welcome the Midstream/Downstream Committee members who will be joining us again this year. The inclusion of these committee members has been beneficial to many of our discussions over the past year as so many issues impact both committees.

The Revenue Committee meeting will include monthly updates of regulatory and emerging issues as necessary. We certainly welcome your attendance and participation. We encourage you to bring a guest and introduce them to our activities. Guests are encouraged but are not required to be members of PASH in order to attend our committee meetings.

Websites

WWW.PASHCOPAS.ORG

Please take the opportunity to view the PASH website at www.pashcopas.org.

Reservations for the monthly general dinner meetings can be made on-line by using our website.

You can keep up-to-date on planned events and key contacts for the various activities.

Membership information is available to help with your recruitment for PASH. Membership application forms may be printed from this site.

Check out the job line section for posted job opportunities.

Review the announcements for current PASH activities or other news such as COPAS meeting registration information.

Click on the Links for access to other COPAS Societies and industry organizations.

Contact Tom Longmire (713.366.4179) or David Edwards (281.582.9549) if you have any suggestions. The PASH phone hotline,

(713.526.6070), will continue to be available for those not having access to the internet.

WWW.COPAS.ORG

For COPAS Membership information, you can visit the COPAS website at www.copas.org. To access the membership directory you will need to utilize the username (usually your email address) and the password provided by the COPAS office. If you have not received this information, please contact COPAS at 877-992-6727. Access to this membership area and all related directory listings contain private data and therefore should not be disclosed to any solicitors or non-members. Please safeguard your personal password information.

Meeting Dates for 2010:

Mark your calendars. Following PASH tradition, we will hold our General Meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Please also note our special event dates.

January 21, 2010 - General Dinner Meeting
 February 18, 2010 - General Dinner Meeting
 March 18, 2010 - General Dinner Meeting
 April 15, 2010 - General Dinner Meeting & Awards Ceremony
 May 10, 2010 - Picnic/Board Elections, Monday (No rain out day)
 May 26, 2010 - Education Day, Hilton Americas - Houston

NEW MEMBERS:

NAME - COMPANY

Tonya Leiva	Texon LP
Laura Melton	Statoil Gulf of Mexico
Bill Samuels	Ryan, Inc



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