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Dinner Reservations

Please make dinner reservations prior to 5:00 PM on Friday, March 10th.

Late reservations will be placed on the wait list for dinner.

To make a reservation, please click the following link: [Dinner Reservations](#).

Once registered, you will receive an e-ticket confirmation that your entry has been submitted.

New Meeting Location

Starting in January 2017 the PASH Meetings will be held in The Whitehall, Downtown Houston. Below is the address and additional information:

The Whitehall, Downtown Houston
1700 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

Drivers access PASH-paid valet-only parking via the left lane of Pease Street or Jefferson Street (both One Way streets)

The hotel is part of the Downtown tunnel system and directly connected via skywalk to buildings having major tenants such as KBR, Chevron, and United Airlines.

According GoogleMaps, these are the Bus Routes having stops on Smith Street at the hotel: Stop ID #679: 085, 151, 160, 161, 162, 214, 216, 217, 219, 261, 262, 265, 269. Stop ID #677: 044, 221, 222, 228, 229, Light Rail has 2 stations: Bell and Downtown TC (both about 5 blocks' walk)

Opened in 1963 in the heart of Houston's Central Business District, "The Whitehall" quickly became known as the city's most iconic hotel. It was designed by Welton Becket and Associates, one of the largest architectural firms in the United States at the time. The Whitehall closed in 1991, and the late 1990s brought about investors that poured \$25 million into the

If you prefer, you can
email: dinner@pashcopas.org
or call 713-526-6070.

redevelopment of the Houston hotel. It reopened in 2001 as the Crowne Plaza Houston Downtown. Sotherly Hotels acquired the property in November 2013 and began a \$4.8 million renovation in 2014 of the guest rooms, public spaces, and food and beverage outlets, including the casual coffee bistro, Buffalo Bayou Coffee, and an outdoor restaurant and bar, Part & Parcel. Many of the original hallmarks of Becket's design remain today, including the spiral staircase connecting the first and second floor public spaces, and the white Italian marble flooring.

Meeting Location

For a map, use the following link:

[Map to Whitehall Hotel](#)

Luncheon

11:00 - Registration - Bluebonnet Foyer

11:30 - Luncheon - Bluebonnet B (speaker around noon)

Committee Meetings

1:00PM - Audit - Ambassador (1st Floor)

1:00PM - Revenue Committee - Bluebonnet A

Driving Directions to Whitehall Hotel

From I-10 E (Katy)

Follow I-10 E toward downtown

Use the left lane to take exit 768B for I-45 S Galveston

Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 47D for Pierce St

Keep left, following signs for Jefferson

Continue onto Jefferson

Use the left lane to turn left onto Louisiana

Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Pease

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From Greenway

Follow 1-69/US-59 keeping to 1-69/US-59 downtown

Use the right 2 lanes to take the Gray/Pierce exit

Merge onto Chartres

Turn left onto Pease

Continue on Pease about 13 blocks

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From I-45 (Galveston)

Follow I-45 N toward downtown

Use the right 2 lanes to exit 45 toward Scott

Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Pease

Continue on Pease about 13 blocks

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From I-45 (Woodlands)

Follow I-45 S toward downtown

Use the left 2 lanes to take exit 47C for McKinney St
Turn right onto Smith
Turn right onto left lane of Pease

From 288 (Pearland/Med Center)

Follow 288 N toward downtown
Follow 1-69/US-59 keeping to 1-69/US-59 downtown
Use the right 2 lanes to take the Gray/Pierce exit
Merge onto Chartres
Turn left onto Pease
Continue on Pease about 13 blocks
Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

Luncheon Speaker

Topic:Decommissioning and Financial Responsibility in the Gulf of Mexico: Where does the Future Lead?

Speaker: Elena Kobrinski Keen

Elena Kobrinski Keen has spent the past 13 years involved in the more intricate details of coastal zone management issues, taking an interdisciplinary approach through law, marine science, and community engagement. She is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Coastal and Marine System Science at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, Texas. Her dissertation research reviews offshore oil and gas decommissioning strategies and rigs-to-reefs programs in the Gulf of Mexico, with an emphasis on financial liability and cost estimation, incorporating international perspectives and global case studies. She holds a Master's Degree in Marine and Environmental Science from the University of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, where she also became an avid SCUBA diver. As a diver, she was introduced to film and its ability to translate information between marine science and the public, and has since co-founded and hosted numerous film festivals. Prior to her time in the Virgin Islands and Texas, she spent six years working in environmental litigation at the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond in Washington, D.C.

This presentation will be accredited for 1 hour of CPE for all Texas CPA's; no prerequisites are required.

PASH Board 2016 - 2017

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PASH Board of Directors-3 new Director Nominees-inquire/volunteer now!

It's that time of year again! The PASH Board of Directors is seeking a few great leaders for the PASH Board of Directors. The PASH Board of Directors is not for the faint-of-heart and is not something just for the resume. It does require a commitment of a considerable amount of time and work, but it is a great opportunity to give back to PASH and the oil and gas industry. Many times it can feel like a second job. A commitment to the "greater good" is a MUST, but it can also be a wonderful opportunity to work with other leaders in our industry.

If you think you are ready for this opportunity to serve on a the PASH Board of Directors and feel you are now ready and have the time to commit to the "greater good" or if you have questions -now is the time to contact your PASH BOD Nominating Committee:

Ken Morris Kenneth_Morris@oxy.com,
Joe Leal joeleal8888@gmail.com
Marjorie Saibara marjorie_saibara@att.net.

Seeking Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your experience and become more involved in PASH? We have perfect opportunities for you! We are seeking to fill the following Chair, Vice Chair and Co-Chair positions:

Audit (Vice Chair) - Larea Arnett larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com
Social Media (Chair & Co-Chair or Vice Chair) - Charlene Lutkenhaus clutkenhaus@altamesa.net
Web (Co-Chair or Vice Chair) - Julie Royce Jroyce@pdsenergy.com

COPAS Accounts Article Submissions

It's me again, Margie Saibara your COPAS Reporter for 2016-2017.

I am here to remind you that you still have 2 more opportunities this year for turning in articles for the PASH portion of the COPAS *ACCOUNTS* magazine.

Please write down these deadlines for submitting your articles to me:
Marjorie_Saibara@att.net

April 17, 2017

Everyone in PASH has a story to tell and I would like to help you tell your story. If you need help in writing your article, I can help but I need the four W's:

Who
What
Where
When

Then if you will add a note or two regarding your observations of the event, we will be off to the presses with your story.

For those who are new or if anyone may have questions regarding what type of information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As an added incentive to our budding reporters, I do award prizes for articles submitted to *ACCOUNTS*.

I look forward to hearing from everyone this year.

Audit Committee Report

Please join the Audit Committee after lunch to preview the upcoming Spring national meeting and make some plans for closing out our AG-10 project. If you have not attended before, we have a fun and welcoming group full of knowledgeable people who engage in lively discussions about topics that will help you understand issues in our industry.

Watch your email for the agenda. Also, if you have an issue that you would like us to discuss in a future meeting, send it in and I will add it to my list.

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Larea Arnett at larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com.

Education Committee Report

The Education committee continues to focus on Education Day for May 25, 2017 and the Scholarship program for the April 20, 2017 meeting.

Scholarships - The committee is always proud to give back to the local schools and their brightest oil and gas accounting students in the form of scholarships, sponsorships and grants. We will be recognizing scholarship recipients at the April 2017 meeting. If you have any questions concerning the scholarship program, please contact Mona Hilliard (MHilliard@lennenergy.com)

Education - Education Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017. It will be held at the Marriott Houston Westchase location (same as last year). Look for registration to be available around the March 2017 luncheon. If you have any questions in regards to Education Day, please feel free to contact Jennifer at (pashjennifer@yahoo.com). If you hear a great speaker and want to recommend them for Education Day 2018, please email Jennifer their topic and contact information. It will be placed on next year's potential speakers list.

Financial Reporting / Tax Committee Report

The Financial Reporting / Tax Committee will not be meeting in March.

If anyone has future topics they are interested in learning more about, please contact me at ttran@altamesa.net.

International Committee Report

The International Committee is planning to meet next in April. In the meantime, contact Karla Bower, karla.j.bower@cop.com, or Lary Sides, larysides@chevron.com, for more information, or if there are topics or speakers you would like to hear. Also, check the AIPN website for upcoming events in Houston, <https://www.aipn.org/Events.aspx>. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Joint Interest Committee Report

The PASH Joint Interest Committee will not hold a meeting in March 2017. Please enjoy the luncheon and see you all in April.

New Professionals Committee

The New Professionals Committee plans on holding a social meeting on Thursday, April 20th at Watson's in the Energy Corridor from 5:30 - 7:00.

If you know of any friends or co-workers who are new to the industry and you believe would be a great candidate for PASH and the New Professionals committee, please feel encouraged to invite them to the next meeting or social.

For information on the New Professionals committee and their activities please contact Chris Mathews at Chris.Mathews@bp.com.

Revenue Committee

The PASH Revenue Committee will hold its monthly meeting on March 16, 2017 at the Whitehall Hotel - 1700 Smith St. See the PASH Newsletter "Meeting Location" for the room and/or hotel "Reader Board" upon entry. **Our committee will meet at 1:00 pm immediately following the 11:30 am luncheon.**

Our meeting will include a presentation on Gas Balancing, given by Ms. Jeanne Warner with Apache Corp. an Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Co. This presentation will be accredited for 1 hour of CPE for all Texas CPA's; no prerequisites are required.

We are glad to welcome the Midstream/Downstream Committee members who will be joining us again this year. 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.

Also see the PASH Newsletter for the COPAS Energy Education (CEE) Webinars topic, speaker and time for this CPE class. We strongly encourage you to attending these classes as a source of your CPE. Please note, PASH has purchased these classes and there is no additional cost for you to attend. **Additionally, please see Shari Sanderford and/or Wade Hopper about viewing these Webinars at your Company at no cost to you or your company.**

COPAS Member Benefits

Did you know that as a COPAS member you are entitled to reduced rates from several rental car companies? Use the following IDs to get discounts with:

Avis: AWD - L039224

Hertz: CDP - 1970958

National: Contract ID - ESHB51C (includes Loss Damage Waiver)

Enterprize: Customer Number - SB00001, Pin - ENT

For more savings opportunities go to the COPAS website:
<http://www.copas.org/memberbenefits>

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.

Contact Charlene Lutkenhaus (clutkenhaus@AltaMesa.net) 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.

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

WWW.COPAS.ORG

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