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Chairman's Column

Last month we heard an informative and interesting talk by State Rep. Neil Abramson relative to the "Legacy Lawsuit" situation. I get the impression that if we had more legislators like him, we could accomplish a great deal more in State government.

On a somewhat related topic, our speaker this month will be Marc Ehrhardt, the executive director of the "Grow Louisiana Coalition", a group started last year to raise awareness for all the benefits the oil and gas industry, along with other traditional industries, bring to the state.

In the past several months, we lost a number of members and former members, including Jim Echezabel, A.T. Green, John Petrocco, Dick Edmund, and Gene Brumbaugh. Take care of yourselves!

Spring dues are due – check and make sure you are current.

We are continuously looking for good speakers; any suggestions will be appreciated. Also, if you know of someone who would qualify as a SIPES member, invite them to a future meeting as a guest.

Louis E. Lemarié

Tuesday, February 24th

Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

Marc Ehrhardt

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROW LOUISIANA COALITION

Marc Ehrhardt has served as executive director since the Grow Louisiana Coalition's inception in January 2014. In this position, he represents the Coalition as its spokesperson and works with its board of directors to develop and execute a plan to fulfill its mission of enhancing the value of Louisiana's oil and gas industry and affiliated industries.

In previous positions, he managed public affairs, corporate image, national media relations, issues management and crisis management programs in the economic development, retail, financial and manufacturing industries.

MEMORIALS



Richard A. "Dick" Edmund passed away January 15, 2015. He was born in Jefferson Co., Iowa on January 14, 1927. Dick is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dot," three children, and three grandchildren. After graduating from high school in 1945, Dick enlisted in the Army Air Corps., and eventually served one year in the Army of Occupation in Japan after WWII. Following service, Dick graduated in 1950 from Augustana College with a BA in Geology. In 1951, he received his MA in Geology from the University of Iowa. He was an exploration geologist for the next 45 years working in Shreveport, Oklahoma City, Jackson, and finally New Orleans (1965-98). Dick was a Past-President (1986-87) of the New Orleans Geological Society. He was a member of AAPG since 1952, a Certified Petroleum Geologist and a member and Past-Chairman of the SIPES-New Orleans Chapter. He retired in 1998 and in 2006 moved from New Orleans to The Buckingham retirement community in Houston, TX. On January 22, 2015, a memorial funeral service was held at the Geo. H. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home in Houston. Memorial donations may be directed to The New Sweden Chapel, care of Marilyn Quick, 1014 Hillcrest Drive, Fairfield, IA 52556, for preservation of the Edmund family's original church and cemetery, a historic site in Iowa.



Eugene 'Gene' Brumbaugh was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1924. He was married to Miriam "Mim" Brumbaugh. (See below) In 1942, he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet in Pensacola, Florida, completing flight training just as World War II ended. He returned to Juniata College, graduating in 1946 with a BS in Physics and Mathematics. His work toward an MS in Geology at the University of Colorado that was interrupted when he took a job with Shell Oil in 1946 where he soon became party chief of seismic crews in California and Montana. He supervised crew operations and interpretation in several basins and locations in the western US. In 1968, he was assigned to New Orleans working the GoM, Atlantic offshore, and Gulf Coast onshore. He retired in 1981 and for the next 40 years, Gene consulted on data acquisition, processing, and interpretations.

Gene was a Past-President of NOGS (1999-2000), the SEG (1982-83) and the SGS; Technical Program Chairman of the 40th and General Chairman of the 49th annual SEG meetings. He was also a member of the AAPG, SIPES, and EAGE.

Gene always made quality time with family and friends a priority. Gene and Mim loved to entertain. Gene was always up for an adventure. He loved to learn something new and make new friends. Gene was a mentor to many young people. Memorial donations for Gene may be directed to the National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018

Sadly and unexpectedly, Miriam 'Mim' Brumbaugh, Gene's wife of 68 years, passed away on February 6th, four days following a memorial service for Gene in Pensacola. Mim had been active in NOGA, and served as an officer in several capacities.

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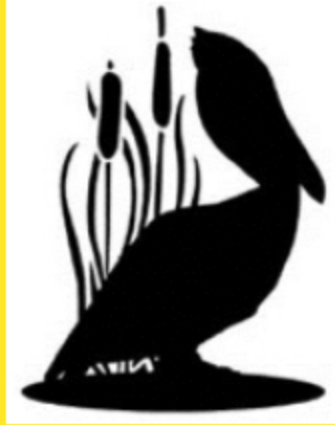


A T Green, Jr. of New Orleans, LA, passed away January 10. He was 82. Born in Joinerville, Texas, He is survived by his wife, Sandra Carter Green, and three children by his late wife Annette Green. He attended Texas A&M University where he was in the Corps of Cadets, and graduated in 1955 with a BS in Geology. He was an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. An independent geologist for 44 years, he began his career with UNOCAL and was with Superior Oil before forming Green Exploration (GEX), specializing in South Louisiana prospects. He was a member of the New Orleans Geological Society and the AAPG. A T was instrumental in establishing the national Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists and former national president of SIPES. He was a frequent participant in the New Orleans Chapter of SIPES. In 1984, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the GCAGS for his contributions to the oil and gas industry. On January 17th a funeral mass was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans. Memorials may be directed to: Wounded Warrior Project, P O Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



John Petrocco passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2014, at the age of 89. He was the husband of the late Mary Petrocco. Born and raised in Colorado, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. John was awarded a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster (ETO). He graduated in 1950 from Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Geophysical Engineering, where he played football. John worked for SOHIO, Kerr McGee, Florida Gas Exploration, and Ansythe Exploration. He was a member of the New Orleans Geological Society, the SEG, SIPES, and SGS. A private memorial service was held in Marble, Colorado.

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