



# gulf coast safety & training group

# newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

## from the president

Dear GCSTG Members and Friends,

As most of you know, April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Unfortunately, not every driver on the road has safety in mind as they begin their early morning commute or travel on the roadways throughout the day from job to job. In addition, most drivers have not been fortunate enough to attend educational courses on Safe Driving, Distracted Driving, Fatigued Driving, etc. According to preliminary estimates by the National Safety Council (NSC), 2018 had over 40,000 fatal motor vehicle crashes in the U.S., as did 2016 and 2017. NSC reports that more than 90% of crashes are caused by human error, meaning that very likely at least 36,000 of these crashes were preventable. Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of preventable deaths for people ages 5-24 and over 40% of workplace deaths involve a motor vehicle crash. Traffic safety experts partly attribute these grim statistics to cognitive distraction and/or inattention blindness. Cognitive distraction occurs when a person's mind is not focused on driving. Inattention blindness is the failure to notice a fully visible but unexpected object because the driver's attention is engaged on another task.

Drivers experiencing cognitive distraction or inattention blindness could make major errors causing motor vehicle crashes. Driving a vehicle and having a conversation on a cell phone each require a great deal of thought. When attempting to do both at the same time, your brain is unable to do either task very well. Would you find it difficult to read a book and have a telephone conversation? Both of these tasks are cognitively demanding and should be given full attention to be performed successfully. Multitasking is a myth!

Many believe hands-free devices and in-vehicle infotainment (IVI) systems are safe because they are provided by vehicle manufacturers, but research shows these technologies may lead to cognitive distraction and inattention blindness. Ending distracted driving is everyone's responsibility. In order to stay safe, you need your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel, and your mind on driving.

Maria Champagne, CSP, REM  
GCSTG President

## notice of meeting

When: **Friday, May 10, 2019**

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette  
111 Heymann Blvd.  
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$30 for members & sponsored guests  
\$40 for non-members and members not sending an RSVP  
*(We accept cash or checks, and we are NOW set up for credit cards.)*

RSVP **Required by Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.**  
You must RSVP to attend!  
Email RSVP to [ljunter@lusfiber.net](mailto:ljunter@lusfiber.net)

## meeting agenda

- 07:30 - 08:00 **Registration, Continental Breakfast**
- 08:00 - 08:15 **Welcome & Self Introductions**
- 08:15 - 08:30 **Committee Reports**
- 08:30 - 08:45 **Science Fair Winners**
- 08:45 - 09:00 **Networking / Break**
- 09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: *Employee Well-being: Impact on Injury Prevention and Work-readiness***  
**Speaker: *Chris Johnson***  
**Company: *Acadian Companies***
- 09:45 - 10:00 **Networking / Break**
- 10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: *"The New Wave of Employees." The presentation looks at industry employment trends, how millennials are impacting industry safety and how to identify and mitigate risks and hazards with new entrants into the industry.***  
**Speaker: *Shelby Simpson***  
**Company: *PEC Safety***
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Networking / Break**
- 11:00 - Until **Round Table Discussion - Members seek solutions to safety concerns and share experiences**

Door Prize Drawing

Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

## officers & committees

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### Speaker Arrangements

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### Science Fair – Chairman

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### Houston Area Science Fair

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### New Orleans Area Science Fair

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## meeting minutes . . . .

The meeting was called to order on March 8, 2019 at 8:06 a.m. by Maria Champagne, President. Maria reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence for our military, members and families in need. Everyone introduced themselves and any new members were acknowledged. Committee Reports were presented.

Maria reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 155 members currently.
- Finances can be found in the newsletter and balance \$46,880.15.
- Thanks to the members that come on a regular basis.
- Crawfish boil is scheduled for the Thursday, May 9, 2019 before the Friday, May 10, 2019 membership meeting.

#### Science Fair, Leonard Nederveld

The Lafayette Science Fair was held on February 16, with three winners. The New Orleans Science Fair was held on February 18-21, Houma-Thibodeaux TBD. The Houston Science Fair was held on February 23. Information was provided to members with Regional Committee Chair contact information, if anyone is interested in judging.

#### Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

A meeting was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019. The syllabus is done. No oil company-operator participation for past year or more. When SEMS 3 kicks in, including contractors, then they will have equal status.

#### Regulatory Affairs, Laurie Knape

The Regulatory Affairs Report was emailed to members and is posted on webpage ([www.gcstg.com](http://www.gcstg.com)) Click on regulatory affairs then click on a word document. Once the document is opened, the internet link can be found in the far right column.

#### Quality Committee, Nic McCormic

No Report

#### Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield

Nic McCormic's company, Southern Tool Inspection, will donate \$500.00

#### Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

2019 Officer's are in place:

President – Maria Champagne

President-elect- Buddy White

Secretary-Rick Keen

Treasurer-Gene Barfield

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## meeting minutes . . . *Continued from page 2*

### Speaker Arrangements, Maria Champagne

Maria asked the group to send Buddy White any suggestions for future speakers for 2019 meetings.

### Round Table, Maria Champagne

Maria opened the floor for the Round Table Discussion. The Round Table discussion is for members seeking solutions to safety concerns and share experiences.

### Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 01:30PM

### Next Meeting

May 10, 2019

### SafeGulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

The next SafeGulf Advisory Group meeting will be held on April 25th at Delgado Maritime and Industrial Training Center. We will review any open items and SafeGulf.



## Quality Committee

The next ASQ meeting will be held June 13, 2019, 6:00pm at Franks International.

ASQ will be providing the following courses locally:

ASQ's Quality 101	June 10 - 11, 2019	List: \$1499 Member: \$1299
Corrective and Preventive Action	June 12, 2019	List: \$899 Member: \$799
Guide to Process Improvement and Change	August 12 - 15, 2019	List: \$1199 Member: \$999
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Preparation	October 09 - 10, 2019	<b>Early Bird</b> Ends April 07, 2019 List: \$1599 Member: \$1399 <b>Regular</b> List: \$1839 Member: \$1609

For more information contact Nic McCormic ([nic@dutyms.com](mailto:nic@dutyms.com)) or ASQ.org for course details.

## *GCS&TG Science Fair Committee Report May 10, 2019* - Leonard Nederveld

All of the regional Science fairs are completed for 2019. We had several students make excellent project presentations at the March meeting. Hopefully we will several more at the upcoming meetings. Unfortunately work schedule conflicts prevented any judging at the New Orleans fair. Thanks to all of the regional chairs as well as those who assisted with the judging.

Region	Chair	Judges	Winners
Lafayette	Danny Viator	Ryan Lasseigne Rick Keen Danny Viator	Emile Aucoin – Southern Association of Flood and Evacuation Relief Michael Domingue – The effects of bleach on the accumulation of Bacteria Eliana (Ellie) Manual – Multitasking at the wheel William Delatte – 3D printed CTS splint Collin Coon – the APP that aids in Natural Disasters
Houma-Thibodaux	Bill Womack	Bill Womack	Terra Barddaron – Which Speed Limit Sign Works Best? Emani Payne – Structural Triangles Alisa Robichaux – EMF, The Unwanted Roommate
Houston	Maria Champagne	Vidhi Singhal James Bush Maria Champagne	Siddhant Pachipala – Heeding the Herd Emily Valerio – Stress Test Amy Nguyen – Musical Comprehension

# Remember the Fallen.



## 2019 Meeting Schedule

May 10, 2019  
 July 12, 2019  
 September 13, 2019  
 November 8, 2019

## membership report

Category .....	Count
Air Service Companies .....	1
Associations .....	2
Contractor Production Operators .....	3
Diving Service Companies.....	1
Governmental Services.....	27
Independent Safety Consultants.....	13
Industrial Medical Services .....	9
Insurance Companies .....	1
Marine Service Companies .....	1
Oil/Gas Production Companies .....	17
Safety Equipment Suppliers .....	1
Safety/Training Services Companies .....	14
Service Companies.....	36
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training .....	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>

## Welcome New Members

DEWAYNE MISNER, CSP  
 PHARMA-SAFE INDUSTRIAL SERVICES  
 MICHAEL OLIVIER  
 PHARMA-SAFE INDUSTRIAL SERVICES  
 GREGORY DALEY, ASP, CAPT.  
 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONSULTANCY, LLC  
 MITCHELL LEBLANC  
 ECOSERV, LLC  
 RYAN GRANGER  
 SAFETY MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
 MICHELLE RICHARD  
 BXS INSURANCE

## treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

MARCH 31, 2019

General Fund ..... \$48,450.84  
 Scholarship Fund ..... \$ 0.00  
**TOTAL: \$48,450.84**

**R.S.V.P.** In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.

**Email your RSVP  
 by Thursday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m.  
 to: [ljunter@lusfiber.net](mailto:ljunter@lusfiber.net)**

Please include in your email:

**The date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).**