

Shell Offshore Pioneers,

I hope you are enjoying the last vestiges of Spring as we get ready to roll into Summer.

For those of you who were able to attend the Shell Offshore Pioneers reunion earlier this month, thanks for making the event a great success. Your positive feedback is greatly appreciated. For those who could not attend, you were missed and we hope to see you next time in 2026!

We had over 180 attendees for the 3 days. Peter Velez did a great job hosting the event in my absence while I chased the eclipse in Indiana. Several current Shell employees were at the event – including our speakers, Rich Howe and Bill Langin, as well as some of their staff. We are very appreciative of all of the support, both monetarily and in staff time, that Shell continues to provide us. The addition of the Storytelling was a big hit - thanks to Mike Forrest, Driller Bob Smith, Dan Godfrey, Rich Pattarozzi and moderator Bob Lane.

A link to pictures from the reunion can be found by clicking [here](#). The link will take you to a Flickr site. Several options for viewing the photos, including a slideshow mode, can be found on the upper right corner of the Flickr site. We will soon add some additional pictures Patsy Alexander took and will notify you all by email. We will also be adding the video of the Storytelling in early June to the website and will send an email announcing it.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Golf tournament on Wednesday morning had a good turnout. The scramble format was played by 30 golfers on 8 teams, and all enjoyed the challenging course layout. While the golf was primarily aimed at having an enjoyable day out with colleagues, there were a few small prizes thanks to Shell and a couple of Offshore Pioneers – John Hollowell and Cathy McRae. Two teams carded 5-under-par scores for the round that required a scorecard tiebreaker to determine a winner. Team Perdido's squad of John Hollowell, Greg Andrews, Joe Bulovas and Bill Townsley prevailed with the bragging rights for the first tournament. Steve Hirshblond and Connie Watson won long drive prizes. Connie Watson, Art Morris, Bill Townsley and Peter Velez won prizes for closest to the pin on the par 3 holes. We appreciate the effort that Bob Sheffield, Bill Townsley, and Miles Barrett provided in suggesting and spearheading this event. We hope to get more golfers in the future.

The next Shell Offshore Pioneers Reunion is already scheduled for April 7 - 9, 2026 at the same location - Moody Gardens Resort in Galveston, Texas. We received feedback and suggestions at the end of the reunion from those that submitted their forms. If you have any feedback, please continue to provide it via the Contact section of this website or to Mark Leonard or Peter Velez directly so we can make the next reunion even better. The Coordinating Committee will meet later this year to review the feedback and then begin planning the next reunion. All of your thoughts and ideas help.

We have added more recent retirees to our distribution list, but please let us know if you know of other retirees who worked on or supported offshore operations that would be interested in attending. Our website has some additional historical pictures, videos, interviews with distinguished Pioneers, and links to Shell information interest. We will continue to communicate by email and through the website.

Best Regards and mark your calendars for April 7 – 9, 2026,

Mark Leonard on behalf of the Coordinating Committee