

**November 2025**

**Shell Offshore Pioneers,**

**I hope you are enjoying the weather and are ready for Thanksgiving! 2025 is flying by.**

**The Coordinating Committee met in October to discuss plans for the Shell Offshore Pioneers Reunion that will be held from April 7 - 9, 2026 at Moody Gardens Resort in Galveston, Texas. We have added some new members to the group, but can always use more help, so please let me know if you are interested in joining the Coordinating Committee.**

**As noted in the last update, Shell will again be a sponsor of this milestone reunion (Thank you Shell!) as we celebrate the many contributions made by the early Pioneers in shallow water and those which have now made significant accomplishments in the Deepwater.**

**We have had a number of requests by Pioneers who are ready to register for rooms at Moody Gardens for the April 2026 reunion. Moody Gardens has created a link to facilitate booking rooms at our contract fixed rate of \$176 per night. You can also book the room by calling Moody at (409) 744-4673. This information will also be posted to the website soon. The link is:**

**<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1722&skipfirstpage=true&page=131209>**

**The registration form for the Reunion will be emailed in early January 2026 and also posted on the website. Details on the Reunion speakers, activities, and other relevant information will be included.**

**Please continue to access the website: [www.shelloffshorepioneers.com](http://www.shelloffshorepioneers.com) for updates and new content. A new Pioneer interview has just been added. Steve Pontious, Peter Velez and I had the privilege in interviewing Gordon Sterling about his career at Shell. Check it out. Steve did an excellent job editing the video and Mitch Winkler has done a fantastic job of creating and maintaining this website for all of us to use. The website has some additional historical pictures, videos, interviews with distinguished Pioneers, and links to Shell information. We will continue to communicate by email and through the website.**

**We have added recent retirees to our distribution list, but please let us know if you know of other retirees that would be interested in attending by sending an email from the website or to Peter Velez.**

**If you have any questions, please use the link in the website (<https://shelloffshorepioneers.com/contact>) which we monitor regularly.**

**Best Regards,**

**Mark Leonard on behalf of the Coordinating Committee**

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