

**September 13, 2025**

**Shell Offshore Pioneers,**

**I hope you had a relaxing Summer and are ready for a crisp and cool Fall.**

**The Coordinating Committee met in August 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.**

**Diana Gittelman, Peter Velez, and I traveled to Galveston on September 11 and met with the Moody Gardens event staff to begin the detailed planning for our reunion. Most of the format remains the same with some excellent speakers and some important tweaks such as more time and a larger space for the Storytelling session. We developed a first pass food menu and Moody Gardens will get back to us with proposed costs so we can plan our budget over the next several months. We are fortunate to be working with the same staff that have been there for several of our events because they know exactly what we want and need.**

**The Golf subcommittee is actively planning another tournament for the final morning at the Moody Gardens course, and for those not interested in playing golf we are exploring the possibility of a Galveston tour to be held at the same time. We will be sending out a survey in the next update to determine the interest in these tours once we have the information and costs.**

**Please continue to access the website: [www.shelloffshorepioneers.com](http://www.shelloffshorepioneers.com) for updates and new content. I encourage you to check out all the content under "Links" which I know many of you will find interesting. 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 and be added to the distribution list.**

**If you have any questions, please use the link in the website (<https://shelloffshorepioneers.com/contact>) which we monitor regularly or email [marksleonard@comcast.net](mailto:marksleonard@comcast.net) or [petervelez22@comcast.net](mailto:petervelez22@comcast.net).**

**Best Regards,**

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