

Texas Hill Country Dow Alumni 2009 Annual Reunion

The Texas Hill Country Dow retirees held their 2009 annual reunion luncheon on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at the TbarM Resort and Conference Center in New Braunfels TX. Our attendance was the lowest we have ever experienced with only 65 in attendance. We were blessed this year with the attendance of TDECU invited guests Janice Arizmendi and Lydia Mobley and their spouses. We were also joined by Aetna Insurance rep. Rita Jones. All were on hand to answer questions.

Bill Neely again did an outstanding job of moderating our meeting. Chuck Schwartz introduced our guest speaker, Gary Hockstra, Vice President & Site Director – Texas Operations. Gary delivered a very positive speech, and we all came away knowing that we can be proud and feel good about Dow. Leslie Sosebee spoke about retiree health, new health programs, and gave us tips to avoid getting H1N1. Lou Toussaint was the site contact and worked out all the details with the TbarM staff and we greatly appreciate his effort. Everyone enjoyed a delicious and plentiful lunch of either Roast Beef with natural gravy or Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce, Oven Roasted Red Potatoes and Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Caesar Salad, White or Wheat Dinner Rolls; Peach Cobbler or Cheesecake with toppings; Coffee, Tea and/or Water. A Vegetarian and/or Vegan (no dairy) menu choice was also available. Thank you to everyone for making our luncheon a success.

Those present voted on whether to hold our 2010 reunion again at the TbarM in New Braunfels or to select another location. TBarM won overwhelmingly because everyone enjoys the location, the food, and the reasonable price. Therefore, our next reunion is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2010, at the TbarM Resort and Conference Center in New Braunfels TX. The THCDA Board will meet in February to work out the details and assignments. Next year we hope more Dow retirees can make the trip to New Braunfels and join us. We are considering a change of location in 2011 to possibly Kerrville or Austin. Karen Robert will get prices in Kerrville and Anita Knight will check on Austin.

Those in attendance were: Gary Hockstra (our guest speaker), Rita Jones (Aetna Insurance), Janice and Adrian Arizmendi (TDECU), Lydia and Darren Mobley (TDECU), and Leslie Sosebee (Dow). Dow retirees attending included: Mary Lou and Sid Brunson, Gladys and Samuel Culpepper, Betty and Ben Dolezal, Jan Eike, Joyce and Hank Ferguson, Eunice and Bill Gary, Ruth Jacko and John Haakman, Paula and Jim Haddox, Flora Alyce and Gene Hamilton, Sandra and Joe Hegyesi, Lila and Hunter Henry, Esther and Ray Hruzek, Teresa and Ray Janiczek, Anita and Don Knight, LaHoma and Gene Markley, Pat and George Matula, Guy Meaders, Darlene and Hank Melnar, Ruth and Bill Neely, Maxine and Don Rikard, Karen and Larry Robert, Jettie Sherrier and Charlie Royalty, Vera and Chuck Schwartz, Ruby and Homer Spears, Nelda and Duffy Stelly, Liz and Lou Toussaint, Pat and Cecil Vance, and Lorene and David Visser. We missed seeing and visiting with Maureen and Allan Meath and Ellan and Henry Milligan who had made reservations but were unable to be with us.

Reminder: Mark your calendar now for 2010 – Thursday, September 23 – at the TbarM in New Braunfels. We hope you can join us!