



Louisiana Engineering Society New Orleans Chapter



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Words from Our President
Travis St. Pierre, P.E.

November 1, 2011

November is traditionally a month of Thanksgiving. Traditionally we pause for a day to give thanks and have a feast, **celebrating our ancestors' as they gave thanks to the Harvest.**



Travis St. Pierre, P.E.
President NOLES 2011 - 2012

In that spirit, I invite you to join the New Orleans Chapter in Thanksgiving.

We would like to extend our Thanks to Shell Oil Company for allowing our group to tour their Offshore Training Center and for Mr. Kent Gerhardt, the head of Electrical Training, who conducted our tour. We had a few hours to experience life offshore, including the Food Service. If you ever have a chance to visit, Tuesday is steak night.

Recently the State Engineering Society presented awards to our local Engineers who passed the Professional Engineering Testing and have been welcomed into our Society as Professional Engineers. I am thankful these young Professionals had the dedication and the desire to not only be Engineers, but to persevere and become Professional Engineers. And I am sure they are thankful knowing they will never have to take that test again.

Last month we also conducted our Fourth Annual Golf Tournament, with **proceeds dedicated to our Engineering Scholarship Program.** This year's event was fantastic. And it was possible by the dedication of our Volunteers, Sponsors, Players, and Audubon Park, for their support and dedication to our cause.

November 11 is Veterans Day. It's a symbolic event for something we should do every day: Give Thanks to our Armed Services men and women who protect **the ideals and freedoms we enjoy.** It's recognizing those who have served, those who are serving, and those who will serve to protect our ideals and freedoms. We thank you and salute you for your dedication and sacrifice!

Travis St. Pierre, P.E.
President, NOLES, 2011 - 2012
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Meeting November 16, 2011 [Benedicts Plantation, Mandeville, LA.](#) (985) 626-4557 [Click for map](#)

Registration and Social 6:00 PM, Speaker 6:30 PM. 1 PDH for attending

Menu: House salad, Choice of Entrée below, and Cheesecake Crepe for Dessert.

Pecan Smoked Inside Top Round of Beef, Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes

Chicken and Andouille Sausage Jambalaya, Chef's Selection of Vegetable Side Dish

[Confirm Attendance Online](#) OR Register Using Email [Member \\$25](#) [Guest \\$30](#) [Student \\$15](#)

Confirmed Attendees who are a “No Show”, will be expected to remit your payment.

Registrations at Door are \$35. Emails to PJWilliams “@” mahlengr.com as registration is accepted.

Meeting Sponsorships are Available. Call Bill Collins 504 400-6472 for information.

Speaker: G. Greg Cromer—State Representative, District 90.



Topic: Engineering and/or technical business, jobs and education exposure and influence at the state legislative level of government.

Key discussion points:

1. **Current state of LSU engineering school and it's driving force in high tech industries in La.**
2. Exposure of engineering issues at the legislative level.
3. How to influence or get involved at the legislative level.

Greg is an Engineering Manager with Geocent, LLC, and the State Representative for District 90, which includes St. Tammany Parish. He is a member of the Slidell Noon Lions, the Slidell Northshore Alumni Assoc., the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce, and Country Club Homeowners Assoc. He also belongs to a number of Krew organizations including Krewe of Bilge, Krewe of Dionysus, and Krewe of Perseus. He is a Certified LHSAA CECP Coach -(non-faculty high sch. coach). Greg is a Member of the City of Slidell Board of Zoning Adjustment and the St. Tammany Republican Men's Club.

He is married to Peggy M. Cromer, and they have two children: Niki(27) Clay (23).

MATHCOUNTS 2012 is Scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the UNO Auditorium. Volunteers, Individual and Corporate Sponsors are needed. Contact Becky Johnson, P.E., for details, [bajohnson @ keystoneengr.com](mailto:bajohnson@keystoneengr.com).

October Meeting Recap

We toured The Shell Offshore Training Facility in Robert Louisiana, with our Host, Mr. Kent Gerhardt, the head of Electrical Training. The tour started in the cafeteria where we were treated to an excellent buffet and a wide choice of desserts. After the meal, we became immersed in the world of Offshore Production. We saw equipment which had been in deep water service, and various mock ups of equipment which would be encountered in Offshore exploration and production environments, including a horizontal drill stack from sea floor to the level deck of the drilling rig. We saw some of the instruments which help measure precisely the pressure changes and flow within a stream, and the simplicity of their design. Although brief, we got a glimpse of life offshore, from the work environment to facilities available for rest and relaxation. We also learned Tuesday night is when the facility has the most visitors. Steak night could be a factor.

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Dates and Locations are subject to change.

DATE	FUNCTION	LOCATION
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	Membership Meeting	Benedicts Plantation, Mandeville
Wednesday, December 21, 2011	Membership Meeting	Impastato's or Plimsoll Club
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Membership Meeting	Jefferson Playground Meeting Facility
Saturday, February 04, 2012	Local Mathcounts Competition	UNO
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Membership Meeting	UNO Auditorium
Thursday, March 22, 2012	Membership Meeting	Hornets Game
Thursday, March 22, 2012	State Mathcounts Competition	Pineville, LA
Wednesday, April 18, 2012	Membership Meeting	Abita Springs, LA
Wednesday, May 16, 2012	Membership Meeting	DOTD Office, Veterans Blvd

This is a new feature to our Newsletter. We will post Career / Job Openings from our member companies. If your company is seeking qualified Engineering Professionals, we would like to hear from you. You may email the link to [Bill Collins](mailto:Bill.Collins@bellsouth.net). This is presented as a free service to our Profession. Louisiana Job Openings are presented below:

The [LES State Web](#) has job postings. Please visit our [Careers Listing](#) for Louisiana Positions.

The 2011 Golf Tournament was a success! A Big Thank You is extended to our Corporate Sponsors, our Volunteers, and to our Players. Each of you were a part of helping us raise money for our Engineering Scholarship fund.



Members and Guests attending the Shell Offshore Training Facility Tour, October 19, 2011