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2 FOR 1 PRICE – BUDDY NIGHT

**DECEMBER 11TH
HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

“WILDFLOWERS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY”

**BY
OLIVER OSBORN**



After spending his entire career in Research as a Chemical Engineer, Oliver Osborn retired from Dow Chemical Co. For retirement, his co-workers gave him a camera. Oliver set a goal for himself to photograph every type of wildflower in Brazoria County.

He is a Texas Master Naturalist and is very active in the Brazosport Garden Club.

Oliver is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Oliver’s presentation will include framed photos of wildflowers and will increase our awareness of these beautiful wonders of nature.

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Meeting Time and Location

When: December 11, 2007

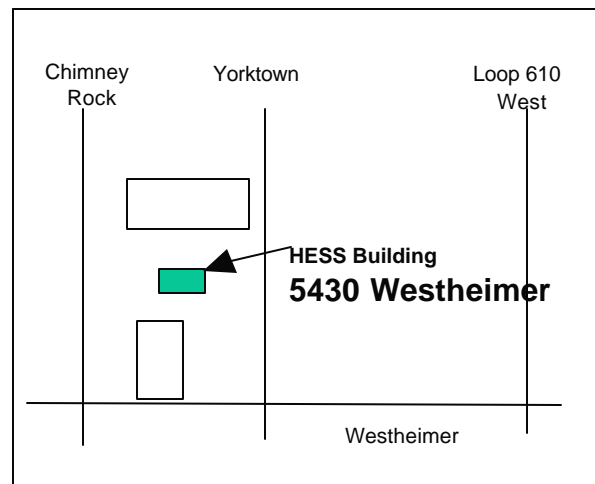
Time: 5:30 pm Registration

6:15 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program

8:00 pm Adjourn

Location: HESS Club Building
5430 Westheimer



Cost: \$25 2 FOR 1 PRICE
Cash or Check
No credit cards, please

RSVP: by end of business Monday,
December 10, 2007
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by
MARTIN DARLEY

Our technical 2007-2008 technical program has gotten off to a flying start. Our presentations have been from esteemed speakers from around the globe. Topics have included "Successfully Delivery of Lump Sum EPCI Contracts", "Value Engineering", and "Estimating Methodologies".

On January 15th we will start the New Year with a speaker from the CII (Construction Industry Institute) informing us on the benchmarking and metrics the CII is developing on behalf of clients in the Energy Industries. We also have ambitions to hold a couple of meetings in the Clear Lake area in 2008, and to re-run by popular demand the classes on the Project Controls; Skills and Knowledge Book.

At our meetings we have acknowledged the award to our own Vic Bhat, Past President, for making Houston Gulf Coast AACEI's most successful section and Bonnie Halkett for her highly valued contribution to the section, and 'Women in Project Controls'.

The section is hosting certification examinations in early December, so we wish our candidates well with their pursuit of AACEI qualifications.

The holidays are with us, so it is time to relax just a little and enjoy a change of pace with our 2 FOR 1 PRICE buddy night. Bring along a colleague, co-worker, friend, associate, or significant other at no additional cost. Our speaker is Oliver Osborn, a retired Chemical Engineer with a quest to photograph every species of wild flower in Brazoria County.

The meeting is on December 11th and is made available to you at 'two for price of one'. There is also a strong rumor that Santa may be paying us a visit.

We have been enjoying record numbers at our events, so if you have been to meetings recently please come again. If you have not visited us for a while, or are new to the section or are just wondering what we are about, come and check us out.

I look forward to meeting to you all.

Happy holidays

Martin Darley CCC FRICS
President AACEI - HGCS

2007

- Sept 11 – Nick Routledge – HFG Engineering
“Managing Cost and Schedule on an EPCI Lump-sum Project”
- Oct 16 -- Robert Orlean
“Value Engineering – A Potent Tool for Delivering Excellent Projects”
- Nov 13 -- Werner Pehlke – BASF
“Cost Engineering Methods for Chemical Plants
Independent on the Engineering Progress”
- Dec 11 -- BUDDY NIGHT HOLIDAY MEETING
“Wildflowers of Brazoria County”-Oliver Osborn, Retired Dow Chem

2008

- Jan 15 – Stephen P. Mulva, PhD – CII
“Oil & Gas Benchmarking”
- Feb 12 - David Horn – The Turnaround Management Company
“Working in an Enterprise Environment”
- Mar 11 - John Musgrove – Bechtel
“Subcontract Evaluation”
- Apr 15 - James Arrow – RICS/ KBR
“A Guide to Risk Management Maturity”
- May 13 - Richard Stack – Chevron
“Planning Lessons Learned the Hard Way”