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This year’s Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony preceding the Ocean Star Gala honored two Industry Champions, two Industry Pioneers, one Founding Pioneer and four Pioneering Technologies. Libby Cheney with Cheney Energy Partners and Jocelyn “Joy” Hall with ConocoPhillips were co-emcees during the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

Industry Champions inducted into the Hall of Fame this year were Dr. Robert “Bob” Stolt and Anne Grete Ellingsen. Industry Pioneers inducted were Larry Baker, Sr. and Robert C. “Bob” Visser. George P. Mitchell was posthumously honored as a Founding Pioneer. The Pioneering Technologies inducted were: Production Technology: Hydrocyclones for Produced Water Treatment; Health Safety and the Environment: Ocean Ranger Investigation and Reports and Use of Human Factors Engineering in Design and Subsea Technology: Subsea Electric and Hydraulic Flying Leads.

Following a cocktail reception honoring the Hall of Fame Inductees, Ocean Star Gala Chairman and President of Shell, Bruce Culpepper, opened the festivities with the following remarks, “The Offshore Energy Center has done so much through the years to highlight the value that flows from our industry’s offshore exploration, the sophistication of the technology that we apply there, and the tremendous care we take in producing and delivering those resources safely”. Culpepper welcomed guests and gave special recognition “to those who make it possible for that work to continue: the underwriters and the sponsors”.

Culpepper introduced OEC Chairman and Marathon’s Executive Vice President of Operations, T.M. “Mitch” Little. Little presented a brief overview of the OEC’s and the Ocean Star’s missions and initiatives, and presented the Chairman’s Award to a very surprised Libby Cheney, OEC’s Hall of Fame Committee Chairman of Industry Champion, member of the Hall of Fame Advisory Board, and member of Pioneering Technologies committee. Little introduced Cheney by stating that “Cheney joined the OEC Board in 2007, has not only maintained active participation without interruption, but also continued to expand her contributions to the organization. Cheney served as Chairman of OEC from 2010-2011. Libby served as the Mistress of Ceremony of the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for not only 2013, but also 2014, 2015 and now 2017. Through the years, Libby has worked tirelessly in support of OEC. Little said that no one was more deserving of the Chairman’s Award.

After dinner and dessert Culpepper presented the Offshore Energy Center’s 2017 Pinnacle Award to Neil Duffin, President of ExxonMobil Production Company. The annual Pinnacle Award recognizes “outstanding individuals who have taken today’s leading-edge tools and technologies and applied them to real world challenges”. In meeting these challenges, these individuals have greatly advantaged their companies and the industry as a whole. Duffin, currently serving as immediate past chairman of OEC, joined the OEC Board of Directors in 2007 and served two vice chairman posts before becoming chairman in 2014 and serving as chairman through 2016. Sandra Mourton, OEC Executive Director shared this about Neil: “During Neil’s tenure, he worked diligently to support the OEC’s missions and programs and was so generous of his time and talents”.

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Libby Cheney, Joy Hall, Sandra Mourton and Bill Barkhouse at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Bruce Culpepper was presented with a gift to thank him and Shell for hosting the Offshore Energy Center’s (OEC) offices for 15 years and for the continued support and commitment to the OEC and the Ocean Star.

Anne Grete Ellingsen, Industry Champion with her husband Arne Austrud attended the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony in their native Norwegian clothing.

Marion and Bill present Larry Baker, Sr. with his Industry Pioneer Award.

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George P. Mitchell was honored as a Founding Pioneer. His award was accepted by Homer Hershey and Rhea Arnold, both long time colleagues of Mr. Mitchell.

Marion Bone, Chairman of the Industry Pioneer Committee for OEC’s Hall of Fame and Bill Barkhouse, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, present Dr. Robert H. “Bob” Stolt’s Industry Champion Award to Bob’s colleague Dr. Arthur B. Weglein.

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Richard Holmes, representing ExxonMobil, receives the award for Pioneering Technology: Hydrocyclones for Produced Water Treatment from Bill Barkhouse.

Accepting the Pioneering Technology award for the Impact of Ocean Ranger Incident & Investigation are Bevin Ledrew and Dr. Derek Muggeridge.


Bill Barkhouse presents Ian Silk, representing Shell, and Gerry Miller, owner of G.E. Miller and Associates, with their award for the Pioneering Technology: Use of Human Factors Engineering (HFE) in Design.

Earl Shanks receives his 2016 award from Bill Barkhouse for Pioneering Technology: High Strength Pressure Flexible Joints.

Marion Bone congratulations Howard Shatto on his recognition for the pioneering efforts that contributed to the Subsea Technology: Electrical and Hydraulic Flying Leads.
Hall of Fame Pioneers visit the Ocean Star

The OEC Hall of Fame inductees were honored Saturday, September 23 at a ceremony prior to the Ocean Star Gala. On Sunday morning the honorees boarded a bus for a trip to the Ocean Star Museum in Galveston for the unveiling of their plaques where they are permanently on display.

While at the museum, honorees and their family members toured the Ocean Star and enjoyed a small reception in their honor.
Emerald green was perfect for the Ocean Star’s 20th Annual Gala theme color

Enjoying the Gala are, from left, James Blaine, Kate Blaine, Marianne Duffin, Nai Duffin, Susan Luyckx, André Luyckx, Nathalie Newman, Harry Newman, Jo Cousins, Mike Cousins, Gill Malton and Liam Malton

Gala guests included, from the left, Diana Cooley, Aaron Cooley, PennyBUty, John Butler, Suzi Doré, William Doré, Kay Doré and Bill Doré

From left, Thomas Francis, Steve Curry, Marti Popeen, Bruce Culpepper, Marguerita Culpepper, Marlene Gerges, Amir Gerges, Brenda Wahleithner and Jeff Wahleithner

From left, Lisa Honeycutt, Mrs. de Jong, Marno de Jong and Glenn Kliebert

From left, David Russell, Kacey Russell, Leonard Hale, Gabby Hale, Scott McKaig, Marilia Maia, Fernanda Ashwell, Mark Ashwell, Sarah Johnston and Joey Johnston

From left, James McDonald, Rosemary McDonald, Eric Englehardt, Lourdes Nava Garcia, Uzma Babar, Zulquernain Babar, Sonia Castellanes, Marco Suarez, Shari Ross and Donnie Ross

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Under the leadership of Gala Chairman Bruce Culpepper, President of Shell, the 2017 Ocean Star Gala raised needed funds for the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and Education Center in Galveston, Texas. More than 480 oil and gas industry personnel attended the event. The evening continued with dancing to the music of “Jet Set”.

This annual Gala is the major source of funding that allows us to expand the lessons taught at the Ocean Star through the education outreach programs and the teacher workshops. This Gala also enables the upkeep of the award winning Ocean Star to provide a first class visitor experience for all ages.

The 2017 Ocean Star Gala had an emerald theme representing the Ocean Star’s 20th anniversary since the opening of the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum. Sandy Cazemier was recognized and received a thank you gift for her work for the past 19 years as the Gala Planner and Coordinator. Gayle Pratt took over Sandy’s role for this year’s event.

A special thank you to all of the sponsors listed below who made the 20th annual Ocean Star Gala a huge success. It is through your generosity that this important work of educating students and the public on the true value of the offshore industry can continue.

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Thank you to Gary Dante for the generous donation of industrial shelving for our new offices. Gary owns Suit Mart and we are grateful for the wonderful shelves.

We’d also like to thank Kelsey Hulett and NOV for providing 10 five-drawer filing cabinets! Furniture Marketing Group located in Austin, also graciously donated 13 four-drawer filing cabinets. A special thank you to Jes Torben, Vice President & General Manager with Furniture Marketing Group for arranging for the filing cabinets to be delivered from their Houston Warehouse.

We’ve made a smooth transition to our new offices at Marathon Tower and are grateful for the useful shelves and filing cabinets. OEC is grateful to Marathon Oil Company as our host in this beautiful office building located at 5555 San Felipe Street.

2018 Women with Energy Summit

Presented by the OEC SOCIETY
March 27, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1811 Briar Oaks Lane

A SOCIETY EVENT

You’re invited to the Women with Energy Summit on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1811 Briar Oaks Lane in Houston. This dynamic event intends to connect and provide women within the offshore and energy industries with a unique professional development experience. Spend the day among other women... with energy, and make an impact on our industry and your professional development.

The event is presented by the OEC SOCIETY, a volunteer guild that promotes networking and fundraising events which support the mission of the Offshore Energy Center (OEC) and the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum & Education Center. Jocelyn “Joy” Hall, is the OEC SOCIETY Chairman and Director Marine Training with ConocoPhillips – Polar Tankers, has served OEC tirelessly and the OEC SOCIETY. With Joy chairing this event, you do not want to miss it! We are currently seeking recommendations for speakers and presenters. Please email Joy at Jocelyn.hall@cop.com to contribute to the discussions. To be included in the email distribution for this event, please email dknigge@oceanstaroec.com.

By participating in the Women with Energy Summit, you will allow the OEC to expand the public’s awareness about the industries which comprise our livelihood and passion. Learn more about the OEC by visiting our website: www.oceanstaroec.com.

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1 ticket to the Seminar & Luncheon
**Summer at the Ocean Star**

Summer may have ended with a thud, but it started with a bang — and stayed that way until Hurricane Harvey visited our area. Now that the visitation numbers are available, it’s clear to see that Galveston enjoyed a successful summer of tourism with new attractions, strong cruise ship numbers, and events almost every weekend. The Ocean Star Museum witnessed an attendance increase of 15.3% over 2016 numbers with more than 14,500 visitors coming through the rig between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

While Harvey did have a huge impact on all of us, we are very fortunate that Galveston Island was spared major damage and delighted to report that the Ocean Star Museum and gift shop building weathered the storm with nothing more than a little windblown water egress around doors and windows in the Gift Shop. Based on our Hurricane Preparedness plan, museum staff enacted procedures to shut down the site on August 25th. Unfortunately, we remained closed for a full week until area roads were clear and staff could return to open the museum on Friday, September 1st.

With Hurricane Ike still fresh in Galveston memory, the island reached out to neighbors more affected by Harvey; and most Galveston attractions, including the Ocean Star Museum, offered free admission throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend. Frequently regarded as “Houston’s playground,” island merchants want to share the message that Galveston is open for business!

Here are a few of our favorites:

**FOR ADULTS:**

- Wooden Ornaments of the Ocean Star or Galveston: $7.00 (100% made in the USA)
- Beautiful silk ties: $38.95 each (with a sunset background and oil scenes)
- Comfortable “Ocean Star” Caps: $17.50 each (comes in three colors: navy, khaki and camo)
- Beautiful Sea Star Earrings: $6.95 (are accented with “gold” trim and a shiny jewel as well as a tiny “golden” Sea Star)
- Sea Star Necklaces: $6.95 (match the above mentioned earrings with a “gold” chain)
- Flattering new Women’s V-Neck top: $25.00 (available in three colors: black, grey and pink)
- Comfortable men’s tee-shirt: $18.95 (features the Ocean Star logo on the front available in various colors)

**FOR CHILDREN:**

- Oil and Rig/Drill Wood Kit: $11.95
- Plastic Hard Hats with the Ocean Star Logo: $1.00
- Stuffed Turtle Soft Toy: $8.95
- Stress Relief Oil Barrel: $5.95
- Children’s “Rig Kids” Shirt: $15.95
- Robotic Arm Kit: $62.95

**Christmas Gifts from the Ocean Star Gift Shop**

The Ocean Star Gift Shop has a large variety of wonderful gifts for all ages. We offer clothing, jewelry, ornaments, books, industry gifts and age appropriate toys perfect for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

Here are a few of our favorites:

**SPECIALTY GIFTS FOR CHILDREN:**

- Students enjoying a tour on the decks of the Ocean Star with former OEC Operations Chair Board member Bill Rose.

**Tours Update**

The Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and Education Center conducted 13 tours with 394 students from schools such as Angleton Christian School in Angleton, San Jacinto Intermediate School in Pasadena and Tottenberry Elementary, a private school in Pearland.

Over 215 students visited from the following summer programs/education centers: National Student Leadership Conference in Houston, the College Community Career in Sugarland, Texas A&M Sea Camp from Galveston, the Moody School from Galveston, Sea Campus Kids in Galveston, Baytown’s Energy Venture Camp and from Henderson Nevada, Nevada State College.

**21 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts** toured the Ocean Star from Dallas and Houston this summer. A special event was also hosted at the Ocean Star by the Doolin Maritime Careers group based in Galveston.

*Bill Rose conducting a student tour of the Ocean Star.*

Lisa Lisinicchia, Ocean Star museum director, shares this story; “Summer brings about many visitors and the Ocean Star staff was thrilled to have an old friend visit us in July! A tour was booked by Kathy Rose, CEO of the Rose Tour Company. The tour was simply booked for a student group with no details, and when they arrived, they said they had their own tour guide. I then heard this gentleman ask; “Does Lisa White still work here?” and I came around the corner to see an old friend, Bill Rose, OEC’s one time Operations Chair Board member!”

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During the third quarter of 2017, 11 PE³: Expanding Energy Education Teachers’ Guide (PE³) workshops were facilitated with 250 teachers in attendance with the potential impact on 15,728 students. Year to date, 1,100 teachers have attended one of the 45 workshops held, with the potential impact on 175,075 students. Workshop participants obtain a digital version of PE³: Expanding Energy Education Teachers’ Guide through Dropbox, a free digital sharing service or through a bracelet styled flash drive compliments of Schlumberger or they can obtain a hard copy if they prefer. The PE³: Expanding Energy Education Teachers’ Guide has 52 hands-on energy related activities.

The OEC’s very popular and successful MOLU I (based in Houston, Texas) has made 6 school visits since the 2017-2018 school year began, facilitating over 900 students. Schlumberger sponsored a week of school visits in the Denver, Colorado area that included Bear Valley International, Adventure Elementary, Global Leadership Academy, Sixth Avenue School, International School of Denver and Jewell Elementary. Schlumberger also sponsored MOLU I at Energy Day Denver held on September 23.

Due to hurricane Harvey and area flooding, school openings were delayed so OEC rescheduled a week of school visits in the Houston area. The American Association of Petroleum Geologist Foundation (AAPG) is sponsoring one week of MOLU school visits in Oklahoma. Devon Energy is sponsoring another week in Calumet, Okarche, Kingfisher and Watonga, Oklahoma.

MOLU I is traveling to the west coast in the 4th quarter, 2017. Chevron, California Resources Corp, Aera, Providence Strategic Consultants, General Production Services, E & B Natural Resources, Kern Citizens for Energy and Seneca Resources Corporation are sponsoring a 4 week visit to California that begins with the Kern County Energy Day to be held on November 11 in Bakersfield, California.

Due to summer recess and storms, there were no MOLU II visits for the 3rd Quarter in Louisiana. MOLU II has 7 visits scheduled in Lafayette, Louisiana during the 4th quarter. These school visits are sponsored by the Living Legacy Fund. The Living Legacy Fund began in 2016 and is a special group of successful oil and gas individuals who have made an impression in the industry and want to create a lasting legacy with a contribution to energy education. The Living Legacy Fund is a select group of true leaders in the energy sector who want to give back to the industry that has benefited all of us in so many ways. Those in the Living Legacy are former industry executives who want to create a lasting legacy with contributions restricted for use for education outreach programs. OEC’s Living Legacies have each contributed $10,000 and are recognized in perpetuity on a wall panel at the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and recognized in The Star, OEC’s quarterly newsletter.

MOLU = Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit

The Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit (MOLU) is a 1.2 million dollar engaging traveling exhibit. It features six self-contained learning stations with curriculum-based, hands-on activities about energy and the technologies and sciences involved with the oil and gas industry. The curriculum for each of the 24 activities is correlated to the Next Generation National Science Standards – Grades 5-8.

The 2018 “See Hear & Do” education catalog was recently mailed to Texas teachers in both private and public schools. The catalog provides an overview of the Offshore Energy Center (OEC) and the Ocean Star Drilling Rig Museum and describes the education outreach programs in detail. See, Hear & Do is utilized throughout the year to market the OEC, its educational programs as well as the education programs held at the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum in Galveston, Texas. The catalog is distributed to teachers, at all Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit (MOLU-our traveling exhibits for school visits). See, Hear & Do is sponsored by Transocean.
The OEC recognizes the following outstanding donors who have contributed to the OEC “Living Legacy” campaign:

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MOLU II (based in Lafayette, LA) will be at Southwest Louisiana Technical Institute to participate in a high school recruiting fair. This recruiting fair visit is sponsored by Shell. Fletcher Technical Community College is once again sponsoring a 2 week MOLU visit to schools in Houma, Louisiana this fall.

Our 2017 Career Fair will be held on December 7th at the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum and Education Center in Galveston. Over 515 students are scheduled to attend from 8 area high schools/3 districts. Companies, organizations and colleges exhibiting at the 2017 Career Fair include: ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Halliburton, Lone Star College, Noble Drilling, North America Process Technology Association (NAPTA), Remington College, Schlumberger, Shell, TechnipFMC and Texas A&M University Galveston.
Spotlight on Kali Ellis

Kali Ellis joined the Ocean Star Museum staff in June of 2017 as our new Retail Manager after the retirement of Margi Peterson. With her family's Navy background, Kali has lived all over the United States, eventually settling in Connecticut where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in History with a focus in museum studies and a minor in English from Albertus Magnus College. While working for Premier Exhibitions, she travelled to Galveston in 2014 to install a temporary exhibit and retail store for Moody Gardens. While in the area she married, started a family, and now calls Texas home. We are glad to have her aboard!