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Start of the 2019/2020 Meeting Session Next Meeting – Monday, August 12

Well another summer has come and gone and it is time to start the Pipeliners 2019/2020 Club meetings. The next Club first meeting of this session is scheduled for **Monday, August 12, 2019 at 11:30 am at Maggiano's Restaurant at Perimeter Mall on Ashford-Dunwoody Road** in the Capri and Bellagio Rooms (downstairs—first and second rooms on the right as you enter Maggiano's). Our topic and speaker for the August meeting will be:

TOPIC

THE CHANGING TIMES IN PIPELINE SECURITY

SPEAKER

Tommy Sipsy

Tommy Sipsy is the Chief Fire & Explosion Investigator for Corporate Security Southern Company Gas where he has been employed for the past 34 years. Tommy worked most of his time in the field performing service work, managing operations, and Managing Construction, before moving over to his current role. Tommy is in his final year of working on a bachelor's Degree in Fire Science, with a major in Fire, Arson, and Explosion from Eastern Kentucky University. In his current role as Chief Investigator he spends much of his time investigating fires and explosions with public sector and private sector investigators, along with assisting with the testing of the natural gas systems in or around a premise. Over the last 34 years he has been able to obtain valuable knowledge on NFPA 54 and CFR 49.192 fuel gas codes & regulations. Tommy has obtained Georgia Certified Arson Investigator Level I & II, National Association of Fire Investigators CFEI, International Association of Arson Investigators CFI, FIT, & ECT certifications and is currently a Fannin County Volunteer Firefighter. Mr. Sipsy teaches a 4-hour block on Fuel Gas Investigations at Arson Level II conducted at The Georgia Public Service Training Center in Forsyth Georgia.

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$30 for the first meeting of the session. Please note that members typically start arriving at 11am and lunch will start promptly at 11:30am. If you plan to



attend, please **RSVP** to the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by **COB Wednesday, August 7.**

As a note to our members who are Professional Engineers, attendance at our monthly meeting presentations can be counted towards your continuing education requirements.

What's New? - Important Changes – Please Read

In November the Club will raffle two (2) \$50 prizes to current members of the Pipeliners Club! All you have to do is become/renew your membership on or before the November 11th meeting to have your name entered into the drawing.

Membership for students and interns are now ***FREE***. You must register to attend the lunches. Lunch for our student and intern members will cost \$30.

As last couple of years, beginning in **September** the cost of lunch for non-members will be \$40, and the cost of lunch for members will remain \$30.

Club Meetings 2019/2020 Session

Please mark your calendars for the meetings to be held during the 2019/2020 session. The Club meets the **second Monday** of the following months.

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

No December Meeting

January 13

February 10

March 9

April 13 (Joint Meeting w/ NACE – Hosted by NACE this year)

2019 Golf Tournament

The Club's golf tournament, held May 20 at Summit Chase Country Club, was a **complete sellout** (144 players registered) well ahead of tournament date. This continues to be a trend of "early registration" for our tournament.

As for our Financial results, the Club realized a Net Profit of \$15,260. This was accomplished due to another full field of players coupled with a strong field of sponsorships (25), down slightly from last year, which totaled \$13,100 in sponsorship revenue. The Club cannot say enough about the generosity of the sponsors who participated in the tournament. A list of the sponsors will be in next month's newsletter and posted on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com.



Thanks to all of you for your participation and support of this year's tournament. Special thanks go to the event Chairman, Jerry Brown, Co-Chairman, Todd Cape, and Stan Pitts for all their help and assistance with this year's Tournament.

Details about the next golf tournament will be provided some time in March or April 2020.

Membership Drive

We continue to make good progress improving our membership and want to continue to improve the Club's value to its members. So please, talk it up to your colleagues and business associates. A larger Club makes for more networking opportunities. As mentioned above, in September our non-members will be required to pay \$40 for lunch each month. We would like for this increase to be an incentive for non-members to join to increase membership, keep our member's luncheon at \$30 and compensate for what the Club has to pay in addition to the \$30 for member's each month.

Please note that we will be using our modified membership process again this year. We no longer are requiring an annual enrollment. Instead, if you were a member last year, or the previous year, you will receive a notice for payment of dues (\$55) via e-mail. If your contact information has changed you will need to register again on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com to update your information.

For new members, please register online at www.atlantapipeliners.com and either bring to the next meeting or mail a check with your membership dues to the:

Club Treasurer, Stan Pitts
Southeast Connections, LLC
2384 Georgian Terrace
Snellville, Ga 30078

Please invite your co-workers, clients, vendors, suppliers and contractors to participate. If you have any questions about membership, please contact the Club's Membership Chair, Ben Grove at 678-327-2963.

Meeting Presentations

In an effort to remain as relevant as possible to our Membership, we are always interested in your comments regarding our presentations or your suggestions for future speakers. If you have someone or some topic in mind that would be of interest to you, please drop a note to Kimberly Lawson/Southern Company Gas the Club's Vice President and Program Chair. You can reach Kimberly at 404-584-3246 or at klawson@southernco.com.

Club Officers

For anyone with questions about Club activities or who is interested in serving as an officer in the Club, please contact one of the Club's current officers. The current officers for the Club include:

President: Ralph McCollum/Southern Company Gas, rmccollu@southernco.com, 404-584-3733
Vice President/Program Chair: Kimberly Lawson/Southern Company Gas,
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