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## President's Message

By Jay Gallet

### *Member Appreciation Mixer & Technical Dinner*

Last month we listed some of the Scholarship and Community Programs that our Lafayette AADE Chapter supports. As stated, it is only through the continued support of our Sponsors and volunteers at our events that we are able to maintain these programs.

In appreciation for your support over the years, we will be holding a **FREE Membership Appreciation Mixer and Technical Dinner Presentation on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:20 PM at the Petroleum Club.** Attendance will be limited to the first 100 AADE members and their guests. This will take the place of our regularly lunchtime meeting.

Our Keynote speaker for the evening will be Mr. Reese Mitchell, Vice President – Drilling and Construction, GOM and International Operations for El Paso Production Co. Reese has held numerous onshore and offshore, domestic and international Drilling and Production management positions since joining the company in 1997. Previously Reese spent 16 years with Mobil Oil. He holds a BS degree in Natural Gas Engineering from Texas A&M University. Mr. Reese's topic will be **"GOM Deepwater Shelf – The Potential and the Challenges"**.

Registration for the event is required and your yearly AADE dues must be current. If you have not yet paid up, the Membership Committee will have a table set up at the meeting for you to renew your membership at that time. To register for the event please call Peggy Meynard or Camille Trahan @ 837-1877.

As this is something new, we would appreciate any feedback you might have.

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*Something to Think About:*

“Many people take no care of their money until they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.” – Goethe

“The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.” – Anonymous

“Goodness is the only investment that never fails.” – Henry David Thoreau

“It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.” – Samuel Johnson.

“Pain is inevitable. Misery is a choice.” – Christopher Reeves

*Say What?*

“You can observe a lot just by watching.” – Yogi Berra's Law

“I want nothing to do with natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get.” – George Burns.”

**AADE Annual Membership Renewal**

Haven't renewed your AADE Membership yet, bring this application to the next AADE General Meeting on October 6th or mail it to AADE, P.O. Box 80023, Lafayette, LA 70598-0023.



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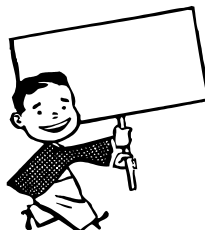
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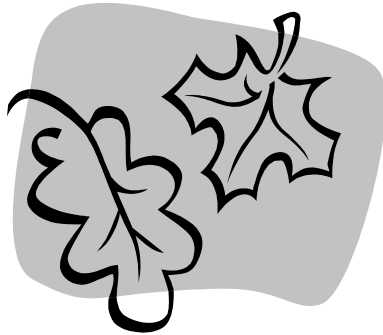
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November 16, 2004  
December 1, 2004  
January 5, 2005  
February 2, 2005  
March 2, 2005  
April 6, 2005  
May 11, 2005

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**MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** October 6, 2004  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Petroleum Club of Lafayette  
**SPEAKER:** Reese Mitchell, El Paso Production Co.  
**RESERVATIONS:** Peggy Meynard @ 837-1877  
or e-mail [peggy.meynard@weatherford.com](mailto:peggy.meynard@weatherford.com)  
by Thursday, October 1st

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Registration **IS** required.