

THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Established: 1965

NORTHERN LOUISIANA CHAPTER

On April 22, 1965, the Northern Louisiana Chapter held its first meeting in Monroe, Louisiana. President James C. Church installed the following officers: Luther T. Harper (also known as Dick) as President, Tommy A. Semmes as Vice President, Oma Flemming as Secretary and Hugh Ryan as Treasurer. The 1965 Yearbook listed 19 members in Northern Louisiana and 16 members in Southern Louisiana. The first meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary took place at the same time and Mrs. Luther T. Harper was installed as President, Mrs. Tommy A. Semmes as Vice President, Mrs. Gus Fleming as Secretary and Mrs. Hugh Ryan as Treasurer.

As of 1977 the chapter had 20 members and was planning a membership drive with emphasis on regaining lapsed members.

In 2003, the chapter held six meetings throughout the year with topics of interest to our 26 members, 12 of which were new members.

Our chapter received the 2002-2003 Highest Percentage Increase in Membership Award.

Our regular meetings were held on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Joe Golemi, founder of Gas Technology Consultants, Inc., gave a presentation on *The Storage, Use and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gas Cylinder Safety* at our March meeting. Robert Borne of Energy's Gas Business Development Division and John Tremble of Secor Corporation gave a presentation pertaining to *Gas*

Piping Distribution and Master Metering of Natural Gas at our July meeting. Bill Hudson of Grant & Associates, Inc. spoke about *Tankless Water Heaters* at our September meeting.

Chapter President Dale Dumbleton reported that International President Gerald Phariss and Executive Director Diana Corcoran came to install our officers in May and we were on our way to revitalizing the Louisiana Chapter that has been dormant for the last three years.

THE SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

On January 18, 1966 twelve men met with the intention of forming the South Louisiana Chapter. Herman Clark became President of the chapter, John Greely Jr., Vice-President and Richard Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer. The first chapter meeting was held in March; whereby, ASSE Vice President James H. Shelton presented the Charter to the chapter and installed the officers on March 1, 1966. At that time, there were 26 members in the South Louisiana Chapter. In September, James Shelton and his wife Billie helped organize a Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. Richard Schmidt elected as President, Mrs. James Alexander as Vice President and Mrs. Charles Rigby Jr. as Secretary.

The chapter hosted the ASSE Annual Meeting which was held in New Orleans in 1974.

The Southern Louisiana Chapter is no longer an active chapter.

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